

2009-11 REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

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I became vice president in 2009 and it took some months before I could fully realize what my duties were.

During the biennium 2010-2011 my main tasks, besides giving some advice about the site, which I did, was to contact associations around the world sending them a letter to introduce FIPLV and propose them to contact us. The outcomes of this activity were described in the 2011 report and were not very encouraging: most associations are unilingual, above all concerning English – but most of them are local branches of Tesol; some of the French Teachers Associations are members of FIPF and many Italian Teachers Associations are members of ReteAIM – which makes it difficult to ask them to pay also the FIPLV fee.

As I reported in Prague to the Executive Committee, the most astonishing fact was that I had practically no answers, not even formal thanks for the contact.

The rest of my activity was carried out together with the colleagues of the Executive Committee, concerning:

- a. New expansion policies for FIPLV, above all as concerns offering our members something more, which means more information, more official documents, more high level formation;
- b. The possibilities of using ICT to increase interaction among members: videoconferencing seems to be the cheapest and more efficient instrument to organize intercontinental meetings;
- c. The new website;
- d. The possibility of having a more substantial newsletter, involving active participation of members;
- e. A different fee policy to help small associations, above all when they are already members of an international monolingual association.

I thank all the members of the World Council and of the Executive committee for trusting me with this prestigious position, which I honoured as well as I could, although not as much as I should have wished to.

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