WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL CO-OPERATION

Report by M. Brand, and Resolutions adopted by the Council on September 9th, 1925.

The International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation met at Geneva from July 27th to 30th, 1925, and sat both as the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation and the Governing Body of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation.

For the first time since he has presided over the Committee, M. Bergson was unable to be present. His colleagues sincerely regretted the absence of their President, who has always taken so active a part in the Committee's discussions and work, and to whom is largely due the success which, with the limited resources at its disposal, the Committee has been able to achieve.

The Committee, sitting in its capacity as Governing Body of the Institute of Intellectual Co-operation, under the Chairmanship (in M. Bergson's absence) of M. de Jouvenel, had first of all to draw up the internal regulations, the staff regulations and the financial regulations of the Institute, following upon the approval given by the French Parliament to the agreement concluded between the Council of the League of Nations and the French Government. This approval, which, I am happy to announce to the Council, has recently been notified to the Secretary-General in conformity with paragraph 10 of the French Government's letter of December 8th, 1924. The Governing Body was greatly assisted by the drafts drawn up at Brussels in June by a small drafting committee, along the main lines laid down by the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation at its meeting in May last.

The Council will find these three regulations in Document C. 432 (Annexes 795 a, b and c). The Statute regulating the question of the staff is communicated to the Council in conformity with Article 7 of the Organic Statute of the Institute. The financial regulations, which were drawn up in accordance with the views of and in co-operation with the Financial Section of the League of Nations, are submitted for the approval of the Council in conformity with Article 12 of the Organic Statute.

Now that these regulations have been drawn up, the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation in Paris may be regarded as definitely constituted. I feel sure that I am interpreting the views of my colleagues on the Council in congratulating the Committee on the manner in which it has carried out its difficult task.

According to Article II of the Organic Statute, the Governing Body must decide what categories of the Institute's staff shall enjoy diplomatic privileges and immunities, as provided for in Article 7 of the Covenant. The Governing Body thanks it would be desirable for the Director, the Chiefs of Sections, Chiefs of Services and their principal assistants to enjoy these privileges. This decision is subject to approval by the Council. Finally the Organic Statute provides, in conformity with the decisions of the Council and the Fifth Assembly and with a view to ensuring the international character of the Institute, that five members of different nationalities shall form a Committee of Directors. The Governing Body has appointed five of its members to constitute the first Committee: M. Destree, M. Lorentz, Professor Gilbert Murray M. de Reynold and M. Ruflini. The Chairman of the Governing Body will also take part in the meetings of the Committee of Directors.

The Governing Body has carefully examined the applications for situations in the Institute it has appointed the officials, the nomination of whom is subject to its approval in conformity with Article 6 of the internal regulations.

Before terminating its session, the Governing Body adopted the budget of the Institute for the year 1926. This will be found as an annex to the report submitted by the Committee to the Council and the Assembly.

The Institute will be able to begin work this year.

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After completing its work as Governing Body the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation proceeded to examine the various questions on its agenda.

On one important point it felt that it would not be able to take a decision without very careful preliminary study.

The point in question was the organisation of an international university or an institute of international studies, under the auspices of the Committee.

While it felt that it was impossible at present to consider the organisation of an international university the Committee has instructed the Paris Institute to examine the question.

As regards the elimination of errors of fact which may be printed in books concerning foreign nations, the Committee decided, on the proposal of M. Casares, to appeal to the National Committees. By a direct exchange of views between these committees, the International Committee hopes that most of the complaints which have been made in various quarters will be met.

The Committee also examined a proposal by M. Puscanu, the Roumanian delegate to the Fifth Assembly concerning a loan for mutual intellectual aid, to be floated under the auspices and supervision of the League of Nations, on behalf of States which may so desire. The Fifth
Assembly, happy to note that the principle of solidarity was being extended to the domain of intellectual activities, had invited the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation to study this question. The Committee, after hearing the delegate of the Roumanian Government, stated that it was in favour of the proposal and was prepared to assist in putting it into effect.

Last May the Committee decided to establish in the Institute an Art and Letters Section, and also a Sub-Committee for Art and Letters, to draw up the scheme of work for this section. As in the case of the Sub-Committee on Bibliography the Committee wished to obtain the views of highly qualified persons, other than its own members, chosen to study the problems concerned with art and letters. It has also thought well to follow out its decision of July of last year by appointing three Correspondents to the Committee — for China, Roumania and Czechoslovakia.

The Committee also considered the work of its three Sub-Committees.

As regards scientific property the Committee is of opinion that, pending the receipt of replies from the Governments interested, the question should be further investigated by the Institute, and that industrialists should be consulted by the Institute before the meeting of experts, which was decided upon last year, takes place.

As regards inter-university relations, the Committee has approved the scheme for international student cards, which was asked for by the President of the International Confederation of Students for a view to facilitating study tours and the exchange of students of all countries. It was also decided to hold a meeting of representatives of the various committees of the International Students' Associations; this will take place under the auspices of the Sub-Committee on University Relations, its object being, by means of an agreement, to avoid waste of time and overlapping and to co-ordinate the individual activities of these Associations.

On the proposal of the Sub-Committee concerned, certain recommendations have been made as to the loan of books as between libraries and of documents as between archives, with a view to offering the greatest possible facilities to those requiring them. Similarly the Committee, which can congratulate itself on the success obtained in co-ordinating the bibliography of the physical sciences, will now endeavour to obtain the same result as regards Greek and Latin antiquity and the economic sciences. Every bibliographical improvement will be one more service rendered to science.

Despite the lengthy and complex studies and investigations necessitated by the establishment of the Institute, the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation has continued the useful work it has done in the preceding years: it has continued to work on the problems to which it has already devoted so much activity and has also applied itself to the consideration of new problems. This work will be greatly facilitated by the preliminary researches which will be undertaken by the Institute.

Accordingly after complimenting the Committee on its work and on the way in which it has carried out the decisions of the Council and of the Assembly regarding the Institute, I propose that we approve the Committee's report and forward it to the Assembly.

I would also propose the following resolution.

"1. The Council approves the financial regulations for the financial administration of the Institute established, in accordance with Article 12 of the Organic Statute, by the Governing Body after consulting the Financial Section of the League of Nations.

2. The Council approves the nomination by the Governing Body of M. Destree, M. Lorentz, Professor Gilbert Murray M. de Reynold and M. Ruffin, who, together with the Chairman of the Governing Body will form the Committee of Directors of the Institute.

3. The Council approves the decision of the Governing Body to the effect that the following categories of the staff of the Institute shall benefit by diplomatic privileges and immunities, as laid down in Article 7 of the Covenant: The Director, Chiefs of Sections and of Services, and their principal assistants.

4. The Council approves the constitution of the Sub-Committee for Arts and Letters, and also the appointment of the correspondents nominated by the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation."

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Annex 795a.

INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INTELLECTUAL CO-OPERATION.

Article I.

The object of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation is to promote intellectual co-operation between all the nations of the world in conformity with the Covenant of the League of Nations.

Article II.

The Institute is placed at the disposal of the League of Nations for the use of the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation, as the working instrument of this Committee.

It shall act as a liaison and information centre for everything which concerns international intellectual relations.
Article III.

The main lines of the aims, programme and organisation of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation are determined.

(a) By the Report of the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation dated July 29th, 1924, approved by the Council of the League of Nations;
(b) By the Council's resolution of September 9th, 1924,
(c) By the Assembly's resolution of September 23rd, 1924,
(d) By the letter of December 8th, 1924, addressed to the President of the Council of the League of Nations by the Government of the French Republic;
(e) By the Organic Statute annexed to the aforesaid letter.

Article IV

The seat of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation shall be at Paris.

Article V

The Institute shall be directed. (a) by a Governing Body composed of the members of the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation in office at the time and presided over by a French member of this Committee, (b) by the Committee of Directors appointed by the Governing Body with the approval of the Council of the League of Nations.

Article VI.

The Governing Body shall draw up the Budget of the Institute and determine its programme of work. It shall approve the report of the Committee of Directors. It shall make the report provided for in Article XIV of the Organic Statute.

It shall appoint the Committee of Directors, the Director-General and, in consultation with the Director-General, the chiefs of sections and of services. It shall approve the appointments made by the Committee of Directors.

Article VII.

The Committee of Directors shall consist of five members of different nationalities, besides the Chairman of the Governing Body who, in this capacity will be entitled to take part in and vote at its meetings.

The Governing Body may appoint one, two or three deputy members.

The Secretary-General of the League of Nations may attend the meetings of the Committee of Directors in an advisory capacity either in person or by delegation. The same applies to the Director-General of the Institute.

The Secretary of the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation shall act as Secretary of the Committee of Directors.

Article VIII.

The members of the Committee of Directors shall be appointed for five years. Nevertheless, one member of the Committee shall be replaced every year beginning at the end of the first year. During the first five years, the member to stand for re-election for a further period of five years shall be determined by lot. No member may be re-elected for more than one term.

In case of resignation or decease, the vacancy shall be filled at the next meeting of the Governing Body for the remainder of the term of office. Pending such appointment, the Committee of Directors shall continue to have valid executive powers.

Article IX.

The Committee of Directors shall meet every two months at the seat of the Institute, except in August and September. It may also be convened at any time by the Governing Body. In cases of urgency the Committee of Directors shall be convened by its Chairman on the proposal, accompanied by a statement of reasons, of the Director-General of the Institute or at the request of two of its members.

Article X.

Each year the Governing Body shall fix the general programme, whose application is to be supervised by the Committee of Directors. It shall confer the necessary powers on the Committee of Directors for this purpose.

The Committee of Directors shall make such proposals to the Governing Body and shall take such steps within the limits of its powers as it may deem useful to the work of the Institute.

The Committee of Directors shall, after hearing the Director-General, appoint the assistants and officials other than those whose appointment is in the hands of the Governing Body and of the Director-General (in conformity with Article 7 of the Organic Statute).

Article XI.

The members of the Committee of Directors shall not be remunerated. They shall not, during their period of office, perform for payment as experts or collaborators any work for the Institute. They shall only be compensated by the Institute for their travelling, subsistence and other expenses at the rates in force for the members of Committees of the League of Nations.
Article XII.

Members prevented from attending may be replaced by a person of their choice subject to the approval of the Governing Body.

Article XIII.

The Committee shall have power to discuss the questions on its agenda and urgent questions, whatever may be the number of members present.

Article XIV

The Director-General of the Institute shall be appointed by the Governing Body. His term of office shall be seven years. He shall be re-eligible for one further term.

To ensure the international character of the Institute, it is desirable that the successor of a Director-General whose place falls vacant through death, resignation or failure to secure re-election should not belong to the same nationality as the previous Director-General.

The Director-General shall undertake, as soon as he enters upon his duties, to devote his full time to the work of the Institute, to direct it with complete impartiality in the same spirit as inspires the work of the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation and to ensure its international character.

Article XV

The Director-General shall ensure the unity of the Institute’s work and the co-ordination of its efforts. His authority shall extend to all the sections and to all the services, among which he shall distribute the work in such a way as to avoid loss of time and duplication.

He alone shall have the right, which he may delegate, of signing the correspondence of the Institute.

The Director-General shall ensure the execution of the programme drawn up by the Governing Body and worked out in detail by the Committee of Directors.

The Director-General shall make such proposals to the Committee of Directors and shall take such steps within the limits of his powers as he may judge useful to the work of the Institute.

The Director-General shall appoint and dismiss minor officials and employees. He shall determine their number according to requirements and with due consideration to the budget. He shall fix their salaries or wages.

Article XVI.

When prevented from performing his duties, the Director-General shall appoint, with the approval of the Committee of Directors, the chief of section who will take his place.

Article XVII.

Whenever he thinks fit, the Director-General shall hold a meeting of his colleagues to discuss all questions affecting the Institute’s activities.

Article XVIII.

The International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation shall be divided into sections and services. The sections shall correspond to the various fields of activity of the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation.

The services shall fulfil technical and auxiliary duties of use to all the sections or of a temporary character.

Article XIX.

The sections of the Institute shall be as follows:

1. General Section,
2. University Relations Section,
3. Bibliography and Scientific Relations Section,
4. Artistic and Literary Relations Section,
5. Legal Section,
6. Information Section.

Article XX.

The General Section shall deal with questions of a general nature which do not come within the sphere of action of other sections.

Article XXI.

The University Relations Section shall deal with questions concerning relations and interchanges between universities and other higher educational establishments. It shall continue the activities of the International University Information Office and the publication of its Bulletin.

Article XXII.

The aim of the Bibliography and Scientific Relations Section shall be to promote intellectual relations by developing the international organisation of bibliography and by studying questions relating to international co-operation in the domain of science.
Article XXIII.

The Artistic and Literary Relations Section shall deal with questions concerning international co-operation in the field of art and literature. The Artistic and Literary Relations Section may be divided into two sections, of which one shall concern itself specially with literary questions and the other with artistic questions. The two sections would carry on their work in contact with the Sub-Committee of Arts and Letters.

Article XXIV

The Legal Section shall study the problems of law raised by the Institute's work or connected with international intellectual relations. It shall deal with the protection of intellectual workers apart from points concerning labour contracts proper, which shall continue to be within the attributions of the International Labour Office.

This section shall keep in close touch with the International Labour Office.

Article XXV

The Information Section shall keep the public informed regarding the work of the Institute. It shall deal with technical questions relating to the international diffusion of knowledge and ideas (problems connected with books, the circulation of printed matter, etc.)

Article XXVI.

Each Section shall pursue its work in close touch with the corresponding Sub-Committee of the International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation.

The Chief of Section shall attend the meetings of the Sub-Committee in an advisory capacity. The expenses of meetings of Sub-Committees shall be borne as in the past by the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation, only the expenses of the Chief of Section shall be borne by the Institute.

The Sub-Committee may appoint each year one of its members to follow with special attention the work of the Section. Any allowances due to him shall be charged to the Institute's budget.

Article XXVII.

The Chiefs of Section shall make such proposals to the Director-General and shall take such steps with his approval and within the limits of their powers as they may judge useful to the work of their Section.

Article XXVIII.

The Committee of Directors, subject to the approval of the Governing Body shall create and organise the auxiliary services. The first of these services shall be the Intellectual Assistance Service. Its purpose shall be to promote and organise intellectual interchanges between countries in which intellectual life encounters special difficulties and countries in a more favourable position.

Article XXIX.

A service shall be created for the records, the distribution of documents and the library and another for the keeping of accounts and the internal services.

Article XXX.

A financial comptroller shall be appointed by the Governing Body which shall fix his remuneration.

Article XXXI.

The reorganisation of the sections and services of the Institute may at any time be decided upon by the Governing Body. The Committee of Directors can make proposals to it on this subject after hearing the Director and the officials concerned.

No post in the Institute may be maintained after the purpose for which it had been created has been accomplished.

Article XXXII.

The Governments may appoint representatives accredited to the Institute. These representatives may submit to the Committee of Directors any suggestions which they consider useful and keep themselves informed in regard to the work of the Institute. The Institute will endeavour to maintain the most cordial relations with these representatives and obtain their co-operation in carrying out any projects in which their countries may be interested.
STAFF REGULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INTELLECTUAL CO-OPERATION.

Article I.

On all points not provided for in the present Regulations, reference should be made to the Staff Regulations of the League of Nations.

Article II.

The staff shall be appointed.

(a) By the Governing Body in conformity with Article 7 of the Organic Statute and Article VI of the Internal Regulations, in the case of the Director-General, Chiefs of Section and of Service, and the Financial Comptroller.

(b) By the Committee of Directors, in conformity with Article X of the Internal Regulations, in the case of assistants.

(c) By the Director-General, in conformity with Article XV of the Internal Regulations, in the case of secretary-shorthand-typists and minor officials and employees.

Article III.

The staff of the Institute shall be selected from different countries, due account being taken of each candidate's qualifications for the work in question.

Article IV.

During the first financial year of the Institute, all appointments, including that of the Director, shall have a provisional character.

Subsequently all posts shall only become final after a period of probation of six months.

Article V.

Candidates must state in which section or service they desire an appointment and must submit a detailed statement of their qualifications and experience.

Article VI.

No official of the Institute may, during the term of his appointment, accept any honour or decoration except (a) for services rendered before appointment; (b) academic distinctions.

Article VII.

Except in the case of the Director-General and Chiefs of Section, temporary appointments may always be made provided the services of qualified specialists can be obtained.

It is recommended, whenever possible, to engage specialists temporarily as experts at a small stipend but without asking them to enter into the contract required for an official of the Institute.

Article VIII.

The methods of work of the Institute should be as far as possible scientific rather than bureaucratic. Every effort shall be made to secure the maximum of continuity and of efficiency by encouraging individual initiative by leaving a large degree of independence to the sections and services and by allowing each official as far as possible to arrange his work in his own way.

Article IX.

The normal duration of contracts shall be three years. They may be renewed.

Article X.

The authority making the appointment may cancel it on payment of compensation equal to six months' salary. Such compensation is not due in the event of a serious offence. This stipulation shall be signified to the official at the time of his appointment.

Article XI.

Notice of resignation must be given three months in advance.

Article XII.

The Governing Body shall consider in due course the question of pensions or retired pay. It hereby expresses its preference for affiliation to an insurance fund whose premiums could be paid by the Institute as long as the official was in the service of the Institute, the official being free to continue paying the premiums thereafter.
Article XIII.

The salaries shall be fixed as follows:

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These salaries shall be increased by 2,000 French francs in respect of a wife, 1,000 French francs in respect of each child under age, and 3,000 French francs for lodging allowance.

All officials appointed to the Institute and not living at Paris shall be entitled to the reimbursement of their actual removal and travelling expenses.

Article XIV

When it is desired to secure the services of a temporary assistant for a particular purpose, the Committee of Directors shall have full freedom to conclude special arrangements.

Article XV

Salaries shall be payable at the end of the month.

Article XVI.

The emoluments of minor officials and employees shall be fixed by the Director-General on the basis of those paid for the same duties at Paris. Family circumstances shall be taken into account on the same lines as in Article XII.

Article XVII.

A general fund shall be formed for the entertainment and travelling expenses of the permanent and temporary staff of the Institute or of any person carrying out a mission on its behalf. A statement of such expenditure shall be included each year in the accounts. The Committee of Directors shall determine the scale of travelling and subsistence allowances for officials.

Article XVIII.

Officials of the Institute may not have a regular occupation apart from their work at the Institute. Nevertheless, assistants, chiefs of services and minor staff may ask the Director-General for a special authorisation to this effect which he shall be entitled to cancel at any time if the work of the Institute appears to be adversely affected.

Article XIX.

Diplomatic privileges and immunities as provided for in Article 7 of the Covenant shall be enjoyed by the Director-General, Chefs of Sections and of Services, and assistants.

Article XX.

Officials of the Institute shall be entitled to six weeks' annual leave, a week being reckoned as six working days. The lower-grade staff shall be entitled to four weeks. The Institute shall be closed on all public holidays in Paris. The dates at which leave may be taken shall be fixed by the Director-General. The officials of the Institute may be called upon to perform extra work if this is necessitated by the absence on leave of a colleague.

Article XXI.

Absence caused by slight illness may be deducted from annual leave if the Director considers it advisable. In case of serious illness the appointment may be terminated on payment of compensation equivalent to six months' salary.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INTELLECTUAL CO-OPERATION.

Approved by the Council on September 9th, 1925.

Article I.

On all points not provided for in the present Regulations reference should be made to the General Financial Regulations of the League of Nations (Documents C.663.M. 226. 1925. X and Special Circular 25 (x) 1924).
Article II.
The budget year shall be the same as the calendar year.

Article III.
The funds of the Institute shall be composed of:

1. The sums granted by the Government of the French Republic;
2. Any other gifts or bequests which may be offered to it and accepted by the Governing Body;
3. Any receipts arising out of the Institute's activities;
4. Income from its property.

Article IV

The Director-General and the Accountant shall give receipts on behalf of the Institute for all sums paid in. Should they be prevented from doing so, the Director-General may be replaced by a Chief of Section and the Accountant by a deputy.

Article V

The Committee of Directors shall decide on the bank or banks in which funds received shall be deposited. It shall determine the conditions of deposit with a view to the maximum of security and productivity.

The bank in which the grant made by the French Government is deposited shall be chosen by agreement between the Secretary-General of the League of Nations and the Government of the French Republic.

The Institute shall also possess a postal-order account.

Article VI.
The Governing Body shall determine the conditions in which the property and securities belonging to the Institute shall be administered.

Article VII.
The Institute is only bound by the signatures of its Director-General (or of the Chief of Section replacing him) and of the Financial Comptroller. In the event of the Financial Comptroller being unable to sign on behalf of the Institute, the Committee of Directors may be asked to appoint a deputy.

Article VIII.

Before July 1st of each year, the Director-General shall draw up the preliminary general budget estimates on the basis of the reports of the various Chiefs of Section and of Service. It shall then be submitted to the Committee of Directors, adopted by the Governing Body and communicated to the Council and Assembly of the League of Nations and to the Government of the French Republic.

Article IX.

In the event of corrections in the Budget being necessary the Director-General shall submit these to the Governing Body in July. In this draft, drawn up on the plan of the ordinary budget, the balances of the previous year and the moneys received since the adoption of the ordinary budget may be entered, together with the corresponding expenditure. Transfers between the various chapters of the Budget may also be authorised.

Transfers between the various items of the same chapter may be authorised at any time by the Committee of Directors on the proposal of the Director-General.

Article X.

Chiefs of Section and of Service shall enter the estimated expenditure of their department on a form, accompanied, if necessary by documents giving reasons for such expenditure, and indicating:

(a) The name and address of the creditor;
(b) The sum due;
(c) Object of the outlay;
(d) The item of the budget to which the expenditure must be charged.

Article XI.

The Director-General shall approve of the proposal if he thinks it desirable and, after consulting the Financial Comptroller, shall sign the order for payment.
Article XII

The Accountant shall make payments by cheque signed by the Director-General and endorsed by the Financial Comptroller, and shall demand a receipt.

Article XIII.

The Accountant, acting as managing treasurer, shall supply each Chief of Section and of Service with the material which he requires. He shall have an inventory made and, whenever called upon by the Director-General to do so, shall make a return showing the manner in which this material has been used.

Article XIV

The accounts shall be closed on March 31st, be prepared for auditing during the month of April, be submitted to the auditor of the League of Nations or his deputy on May 1st and communicated, together with the latter's report, to the Committee of Directors and then to the Governing Body at its session in July; they shall then immediately be communicated to the Council and Assembly of the League of Nations and to the Government of the French Republic. The expenses of the auditor will be a charge upon the budget of the Institute.

Article XV

The amounts entered in the budget for unforeseen expenditure may only be drawn upon by agreement between the Director-General and a member of the Committee of Directors appointed for this purpose, up to a maximum of 3,000 francs in respect of each transaction. Whenever a transaction entails higher expenditure, and in respect of all urgent cases exceeding the estimates, the matter shall be referred to the Committee of Directors.

Article XVI.

All persons obliged to undertake a journey on the business of the Institute shall be entitled to the refund of their travelling and subsistence expenses.

Article XVII.

A gratuity, the amount of which shall be determined by the Committee of Directors on the proposal of the Director-General, may be granted to any person enabling the Institute to effect a useful economy.

Article XVIII.

The Director-General shall be responsible for all financial losses resulting from negligence or any other cause. As surety for these risks, as far as it is possible to cover them, an insurance policy shall be taken out in the name of the Director-General and the necessary sum shall be charged to the Budget.

Article XIX.

The present Regulations shall enter into force as soon as they have been approved by the Council of the League of Nations.
WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL CO-OPERATION.

Report of the Committee on the Work of its Sixth Session approved by the Council on September 9th, 1925.

The Committee on Intellectual Co-operation held its sixth plenary session at Geneva from July 27th to 30th, 1925.

The Chairman, M. Henri Bergson, was prevented by ill-health from presiding. The Committee unanimously expressed the hope that M. Bergson would soon be completely restored to health. During the early — and most difficult — stages when the Committee was exploring a field of enquiry vast and partly new, and encountering at times serious difficulties, M. Bergson was their sure and sage guide, whom all were able to follow with confidence, affection and respect. It is largely due to M. Bergson that this period has now been passed. The Committee is anxious to put this on record, at a time when it is about to embark upon fresh activities. It therefore hopes that its Chairman will soon be able to resume his seat and continue, as in the past, to direct its work.

I. — THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INTELLECTUAL CO-OPERATION.

Shortly after meeting, the Committee transformed itself into the Governing Body of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation. Since the composition of the report on the fifth session, held in Paris in May 1925, the Institute, then only a project, has become a reality. The French Parliament has ratified the agreement between the French Government and the League of Nations, adopted the Bill introduced by the Government, and voted for 1925 a credit of 1,000,000 French francs; half of which sum is to be set aside for the establishment of the Institute.

In the report on the fifth session will be found the basic principles adopted by the Committee for the Institute, and also the decisions regarding its activities, budget and staff. At Paris the Committee drew up the plan for the Institute, at Geneva this plan had to be put into working order.

In the first place, the Governing Body followed out a decision taken at Paris to the effect that the French Member of the Committee should in future preside over it. In M. Bergson’s absence, his substitute, M. Henry de Jouvenel, performed this duty with all the decision, courtesy and eloquence of which he is master. Thanks to M. de Jouvenel, the Governing Body was able to complete its work in two days.

A letter from M. Bergson was read, and the Governing Body adopted, with certain minor amendments, the draft internal regulations, staff regulations and financial regulations. These drafts were drawn up at Brussels on June 20th, 21st and 22nd by a Sub-Committee composed of M. Destree, M. Lorentz, M. LuCHAire and M. de Reynold, assisted by M. Oprescu, Secretary of the Committee. The financial draft was subsequently submitted to the Financial Section of the Secretariat, which only made very slight changes in it.

It should be noted here that the Governing Body did not find it possible to reduce the scale of salaries, as established at Paris in May 1925. It considered that this was the lowest scale that could be adopted for an international staff who would not be pensionable like Government officials or enjoy long vacations like university professors. It should not be forgotten that the staff will be drawn very largely from outside France, from countries with a high rate of exchange. The persons selected must necessarily have high qualifications, and will have to be remunerated accordingly. Finally, appointments in the Institute will never offer the same security stability or opportunities for regular promotion as are afforded by a university chair or a State administrative appointment.

The Governing Body added an article to the Internal Regulations to permit Governments to appoint representatives to the Institute of Intellectual Co-operation. These representatives may submit any useful suggestions to the Committee of Directors and also keep themselves informed of the work in progress.

This article was drafted to meet the desire previously expressed by various Governments, such as the Greek Government, that they should have representatives attached to the Institute. The Governing Body complied with this desire because it felt that contact between the Institute and the different States would thus be greatly facilitated.

The Committee of Directors was then elected. In accordance with the resolutions of the Council and the Assembly the Governing Body constituted this Committee as follows: The Chairman, who, according to the Internal Regulations, must be the same person as the President of the Governing Body i.e., the French Member on the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation, and five members subject to re-election, according to the system of rotation laid down in the Internal Regulations. The Chairman, therefore, is M. Henri Bergson. The other five members elected for five years are M. Destree, M. Lorentz, Professor Gilbert Murray, M. de Reynold and M. Ruffini. Although it is provided that persons other than members of the Committee on Intellectual co-operation may be elected to the Committee of Directors, the Governing Body considered that for the first year, which would be an initial period of experiments and consequent difficulties, it would be wise to confine the choice to members of the Committee itself. The Governing Body finally decided that every member of the Committee of Directors should have the right to nominate a substitute, subject to the approval of the Governing Body.

The Governing Body then appointed as the first Director of the Institute of Intellectual Co-operation M. Julien LuCHAire, Inspector-General of Education in France, Honorary Professor
in the University of Grenoble, Expert to the Committee. M. Julien Luchaire was unanimously elected, without discussion. Having taken part in the Committee’s work from the first day and having already done much for its advancement and for the success of intellectual co-operation, he was obviously the person best qualified to occupy so difficult a post and to undertake such great responsibilities; all his previous experience qualified him for this post.

The appointment of the heads of sections and services followed that of the Director. In May the number of Sections had been fixed at six. The Governing Body decided, however, to split up the Section of Artistic and Literary Relations at once into two since it considered that the duties of the Section would be too varied and too heavy and that, if it were divided, the Institute would immediately acquire further strength from Latin America, whose interest in intellectual co-operation was well known. However, in conformity with the programme of work and development adopted in May these two Sections will not begin work until the Sub-Committee on Arts and Letters, the appointment of which will be recommended to the Council by the Plenary Committee, has laid down its programme and its methods of work.

The following is the list of persons appointed as chiefs of Sections:

1. M. Dupierreux (Belgium), Publicist and Professor at the “Académie des Beaux-Arts” of Antwerp. (Artistic Relations Section.)

2. M. de Halezki (Poland), former Secretary of the International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation. Professor in the University of Warsaw. (University Relations Section.)

3. Mlle. Gabriela Mistral (Chile), Directress of the Girls’ Training College at Santiago de Chile. (Literary Relations Section.)

4. M. Prezzolini (Italy), Publicist. (Information Section.)

5. M. Schulze-Gaevernitz (Germany), Professor in the University of Freiburg-im-Breisgau. (Bibliography and Scientific Relations Section.)

6. M. de Vilallonga (Spain), formerly Chief of the Legal Section of the International Labour Office. (Legal Section.)

7. Professor Zimmer (Great Britain), Fellow of New College, Oxford University, and former Professor of International Politics in the University of Aberystwyth. (General Section.)

By this selection the Governing Body feels that it has given the Institute a completely international character and secured for it the services of persons with unexceptionable qualifications.

The Governing Body also appointed M. Maurice Monier, Assistant Head Clerk at the French Ministry of Education, to be chief of the Internal Service—a service indispensable to the Institute. The head of the library and records will be appointed at the next session.

There remained on the agenda the approval of the budget. It was finally adopted as follows, provision being made for the new Section in addition to the other six. This was not intended, of course, for the quite provisional budget for the last months of 1925, but for the budget of a normal year.

1. Staff of the Institute.

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<td>One Director</td>
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<td>Seven Chiefs of Section at 42,000</td>
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<td>Ten assistants and heads of services</td>
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<td>Temporary assistants</td>
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2. Upkeep and Maintenance.

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<td><strong>410,000</strong></td>
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4. Grants to International Associations for Intellectual Co-operation and Organisation of Exchanges | 100,000 |

5. Unforeseen expenditure                         | 220,000 |

6. Mutual Intellectual Assistance Service (Polish contribution) | 100,000 |

**Total**                                         | **2,094,000**