



AC FIMEM SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
March to October 2023

A STRONG TIME FOR AC: THE ANNUAL AC FIMEM

The annual AC meeting was held from August 26th to 29th in Paris (France).

After an intense analysis of costs and existing facilities, it was decided that France would be the location of the presential CA meeting. This allowed the participation of the AC FIMEM at the 56th ICEM Congress. The annual AC meeting was facilitated by the generous cooperation of our colleagues Nicolas and Sabine, who offered us their accommodation. Our most sincere thanks to the Paris Freinet group! However, we were unable to have our fellow AC member, Cheikh Mackfousse Seck, present. Despite having sent, many months in advance, all the necessary documentation to obtain his visa (by email and by postal mail), the consulate authorities in Senegal didn't even grant him an interview so that he could present himself nor give explain the reasons for rejection for his trip to France. The AC sent to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs a physical letter and a message through an online form, pointing out the seriousness of the offense committed in the service of a citizen of Senegal.

Fortunately, during the presential meeting of the AC Cheikh's had a daily participation through videoconferences.

We began the annual meeting of the AC, with a very intense Work Plan and many points to discuss and work on:

RIDEF 2024 and proposals sent by the OC of Mexico; Relations with Movements and communication tools; RIDEF Finance 2022; FIMEM Commissions; Lists and computer tools; Website and Facebook FIMEM Brochure; New FIMEM membership fees, update of the Internal Regulation; Benaiges Scholarship: new edition of the contest, internal regulation of it, jury; Biennials/Convergences.

One of the first tasks, on August 27th, was to hold an online meeting with the OC of Mexico, in which the project presented by the OC and also the planned budget received a very favorable reception. There were exciting exchanges and we are all looking forward to receiving all the information.

At this meeting we dedicated special time to the necessary measures so that Ridefians from Africa and America can obtain their visas on time. The AC asked the OC to publicize RIDEF 2024 through all possible virtual ways. The deadlines for transferring the FIMEM loan to the OC were discussed, the AC is waiting for the OC to give the go-ahead to make the transfer.

During the Annual we take time to talk and reflect together on the issues that involve us all as members of a Federation that brings together people from different cultures, countries with very different socioeconomic situations and different political contexts. With the aim of making a contribution and promoting the debate, we cooperatively wrote a text with these reflections that will be published on the web site and sent to all movements with our reflections about cultural diversities.



NEXT RIDEF IN MEXICO 2024:

The AC sent its secretary, Gabriella Varaldi, on a mission to represent us during the in-person meeting with the organizing committee of RIDEF 2024, which took place in Mexico City and Oaxaca City, from April 29th to May 2nd .

On this occasion, the place where RIDEF 2024 will be held was visited and important meetings were held with RIDEF organizers and local authorities and it was possible to exchange ideas and cooperate.



On May 1st, a virtual meeting was held between AC and OC in which the Mexican working committees were presented. The AC also knew the groups in the city of Oaxaca that will participate in the effort to carry out the RIDEF.

The AC FIMEM thanks the Mexican colleagues for receiving an AC member and congratulates the OC for the intense work they are doing.

OTHER WORKS DONE BY THE AC **BETWEEN MARCH AND OCTOBER 2023**

NEW QUOTE RULES OF THE FIMEM

During the A.G RIDEF 2022, the new regulations based on the IDHI were voted on and sent to all movements and the necessary modifications to the fundamental documents of the FIMEM: the Statutes and the Internal Regulation were also published on the website. Link: <https://www.fimem-freinet.org/reglement-interieur>

UPDATE MOVEMENT DATA AND EMAIL LISTS

The AC sent a data update form to all movements. We thank those who sent us updated data and we hope that those who have not responded to us, we ask that you complete the data as quickly as possible. An exhaustive information survey was carried out among FIMEM members who participate in the mailing lists and these lists are also being updated.



COMMISSIONS

Currently, FIMEM has 14 Committees with a member of the AC as responsible for each of them.

Each AC member as responsible seeks to unite the participants and follow up on the proposals made in the committees.

We invite all members of FIMEM to participate in the commissions that constitute an important instrument to expand the democratic participation of all in the dissemination and development of Freinet Pedagogy.

We highlight the important work carried out by COMMISSION 5 – STATUTES OF FIMEM, which prepares the proposal to modify our Statutes. All this work will be presented to the Movement's delegates in meetings that will be called at the beginning of 2024 by the AC.

RIDEF 2022 AGADIR FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

The AC FIMEM continued its work with the RIDEF 2022 FINANCES committee. Meetings were held between the AC and the treasurers of the implicated movements and auditors. Periodic information was sent to the Movements.

The treasurers of the movements of those who have been accused of some of their RIDEF 2022 tax payments will present official documents (receipts, bank deposits, etc.)

The auditors carried out detailed work verifying all the documentation presented, respecting the ethical principles of confidentiality. On the other hand, AMEM has not presented any documentation regarding the accusations formulated by it.

The auditors wrote a report in which they gave a favorable opinion on the evidence presented and stated that they found no basis for the accusations made by the AMEM.

Despite the conclusive opinion of the Account Commissioners, AMEM continued sending accusatory correspondence and publishing intimidating messages against members of FIMEM.

The AC has responded to these letters and considers all questions regarding payment for registrations for RIDEF 2022 closed.

The AMEM made deposits in the FIMEM account: one for an amount of 5,000 (five thousand) euros and another for an amount of 4,473 (four thousand, seventy and three) euros in concept of return of the RIDEF loan of 10,000 (diez thousand) euros granted by FIMEM in 2022.

However, CA FIMEM is waiting for AMEM to present evidence that the donation has been transferred to the S.O.S Village Children Institution of Maroc and also present evidence that the computer deliberately broken has been repaired.

AC ACTIONS TO SUPPORT MOVEMENTS AND SCHOOLS



In support of the AMALAKA school, which faces threats of having its area, an environmental reserve, divided by a road, the CA wrote a letter to the President of Colombia and other Colombian authorities, requesting a review of the project in question. A communication about this problem was also sent to all movements, encouraging everyone to participate in doing so.

Furthermore, letters were sent by mail to the Colombian Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Environment, requesting urgent action against threats to the AMALAKA school.

BIENAL/ CONVERGENCES FOR NEW EDUCATION



The AC salutes and thanks the important and sustained work of Agnès Joyeux and Léonard de Leo, who assume the mandate to represent the FIMEM in the Convergence Directive Committee and perform the role of liaison between the FIMEM and the COPIL (Directive Committee) of Convergences.

The objective of FIMEM in Convergences is to promote common ideas between the Freinet and Educação Nova movement that coincide with our principles of an emancipatory and active school.



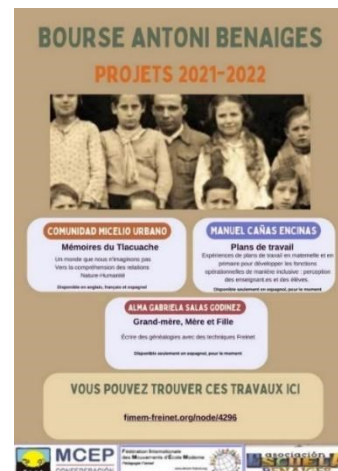
BECA BENAIGES

The winning projects received the corresponding amounts for the publication of their results.

A new jury will be formed for the next edition of the scholarship, which will be launched soon. The AC members who will be in charge of the Beca Benaiges project are Juan Platero and Gláucia Ferreira.

Las publicaciones pueden consultarse en el sitio web del FIMEM.

Link: <https://www.fimem-freinet.org/node/4296>



FIMEM MEETINGS IN WHICH THE AC WAS ASSOCIATED :

WEBINARIO OF EDUCATION FOR PEACE MAY 19, 2023

MOVIMENTO DI COOPERAZIONE EDUCATIVA
www.fimem.it

Le Droit à la Paix pour l'enfance
El Derecho de los/as niños/as para la Paz
Children's Right to Peace
Das Recht auf Frieden für Kinder
O direito à Paz para as crianças
子どもたちの平和への権利
Το δικαίωμα στην ειρήνη για τα παιδιά

Webinar
Venerdì/Friday/Vendredi/Venerdì 19 Maggio/May/Mai/Mayo
Durée, duración, durata, duration: 3h
Mexico h. 4.00 | Cile, Quebec h. 6.00 | Brasile h. 7.00
Burkina, Senegal, Togo h. 10.00
Benin, Cameroun h. 11.00 | Central Europe h. 12.00

Live on YouTube [youtube.com/watch?v=z1Pzz0jpaT4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1Pzz0jpaT4)

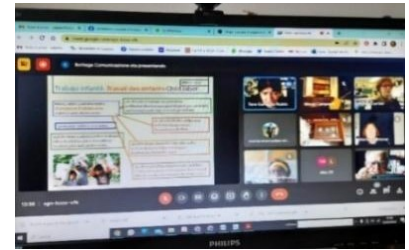
Performance di scuole - videos - canzoni corali - riflessioni
Performances of schools - videos - choral songs - reflections
Performances des écoles - vidéos - chants chorales - réflexions
Presentações de las escuelas - videos - canciones corales - reflexiones

Scuole - Écoles - Escuelas - Schools
Brazil, Burkina, Chile, Benin, Cameroun, France, Italia, Mexico, Quebec, Senegal, Togo, etc

La pace si costruisce ogni giorno nella nostra vita quotidiana, in casa, a scuola, con gli amici
La paix se construit tous les jours, dans notre vie quotidienne, à la maison, à l'école, avec les amis
La paz se construye todos los días, en nuestra vida cotidiana, en casa, en la escuela, con los amigos
Peace is built every day: in our daily lives, at home, at school, with friends

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www.webtegalforthepeace.it/attivita/ <https://www.fimem.org/attivita/le-droit-a-la-paix>

The AC contributed to the implementation of the proposal of Commission 14 of Education for Peace, sending all the information about the event. On May 19th there was a great webinar, organized by the MCE of Italy and the FIMEM, with the participation of the FIMEM movements through the presence of invited representatives from the American, African and European continents and with the participation of



children and teenagers from 16 schools from 11 countries. During this great meeting for Peace, videos, texts, poems, music and other forms of expression by children of their ideas about Peace were presented as a right for all children and girls on the planet.

AC FIMEM AT THE VI RAEF – FREINET AFRICAN EDUCATORS MEETING from the 16th to the 23rd of July

Sous la présidence du professeur MARIATOU KONE, Ministre de l'Éducation Nationale et de l'Alphabétisation
Sous le parrainage de Docteur PAULIN CHRISTIAN DEKA, Directeur Général du CHU de Yopougon

L'ASSOCIATION IVOIRIENNE DE L'ÉCOLE MODERNE (AIEM)
ET LA COORDINATION AFRICAINE DES MOUVEMENTS DE L'ÉCOLE MODERNE (CAMEM)

organisée par
**LA SIXIÈME RENCONTRE AFRICAINE DES EDUCATEURS FREINET (RAEF 6)
DU 16 AU 23 JUILLET 2023**

Thème:
SOYONS DES EDUCATEURS RESPONSABLES POUR UNE EDUCATION DE QUALITÉ

CAFOP SUPÉRIEUR DE YAMOUSSOUKRO

The FIMEM is represented by the member of the AC, Mr. Cheikh Mackfousse Seck, in the 6th RAEF, held from the 16th to the 23rd of July in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast.

The theme of the meeting was **“Let us be educators responsible for quality education”**.

The FIMEM, following our tradition of solidarity, sent resources for the holding of this meeting, as well as a partial contribution to guarantee the presence of our representative, Cheikh Makhfousse Seck, who led up to the meeting sent us a report on the even.

During this event, CAMEM (Coordinación Africana de Movimientos de Escuela Moderna) elected a new AC and a new president, Gisèle Thérèse EFOUBA, from Camerún. We congratulate and wish success to the new president.

AC FIMEM congratulates all Africans for holding this important event that contributes to the diffusion and development of Freinet pedagogy in Africa.



AC FIMEM AT THE MEETING FREINET REPEF BRAZIL

from July 18th to 21st

FIMEM is also represented by the President of FIMEM, Gláucia de Melo Ferreira, at the meeting held in the city of Campinas, SP, Brazil, between the 18th and 21st of July.



The general theme of the Meeting was: “Freinet pedagogy in the school: democracy, work and cooperation”, reflecting the commitment to the construction of a truly popular and emancipatory education.

The meeting was organized by REPEF (Red de Educadores e Investigadores en Educación Freinet/Brasil) and hosted by Escola Curumim, which celebrated its 45th anniversary.

In addition to the participation of Brazilian Freinetian educators from various regions of the country, colleagues from Chile participated in the meeting.



AC FIMEM AT THE 56th ICEM CONGRESS – UNIVERSITY OF NANTERRE, PARIS, FRANCE

from 22nd to 25th of August



The general theme of the ICEM congress was: “Freinet Pedagogy to fight against domination.”

Representatives of foreign movements were invited: members from African countries, members of REMFA and the organizing OC of RIDEF in Mexico. Unfortunately, members of the African movements encountered numerous visa problems and were unable to attend. The Boards of Directors of the FIMEM and the ICEM made representations to the competent ministries and embassies.

The AC participated in the Congress by presenting a workshop. This focused on the internationalist aspects of Freinet Pedagogy, in which a dialogue was promoted on the importance of intercultural experiences fostered by participation in an International Federation.

Other workshops were presented or co-presented by representatives of the REMFA, Simone and Anna, and by the representatives of the OC Mexico, Carmen, María Elena and Amaury, invited by the ICEM and had the collaboration of the AC members in their implementation.



REAFFILIATION OF THE BELGIAN MOVEMENT

The Belgian Popular Education movement is once again an affiliate member of FIMEM.

We welcome our Belgian colleagues!!

TRIBUTES TO THE MISSING

Unfortunately, some of our comrades died and the AC could not fail to pay homage to these valuable comrades.

A message was sent to the Swiss Movement due to the loss of Professor Peter K. Jakob.

We also mourn the death of Emília Ferrero, an internationally renowned researcher, whose ideas are similar to Freinet's thinking and inspired many educators.

The AC FIMEM

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Juan Fernández Platero and Marguerite Gomez**