

Baltic Audiovisual Archival Council

Annual Report 2005/2006

1. Activities (seminars and meetings)

2005

The Riga Seminar 2005, October 14-17 at Latvian Television: “Pan-Baltic Images: Reaching Out To The World”. Attendance: 64 registered persons from 8 countries (Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Canada, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany), and from 40 institutions. 31 presentations and workshops were organized.

Meeting on October 17, 2005 in Riga at Latvian Television.

BAAC was founded and a board was elected for two years: President: Piret Noorhani (Estonian Literary Museum); Vice-president: Inga Vilcāne (newspaper Diena); Vice-president: Juozas Markauskas (Vilnius University); Secretary: Nora Vojevodska (Latvian television); Members of the Board: Andris Ķesteris (Library and Archives Canada), Tedd Urnes (Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation), Lasse Nilsson and Lars-Gunnar Bengtsson (Swedish TV, Stockholm and Malmö).

Action plan: 1) official legalization of BAAC; 2) opening of the official BAAC webpage; 3) organizing Riga Seminar 2006; 4) planning of the IASA/BAAC conference 2007.

2006

Board meetings on March 21, 2006 in Stockholm at the Estonian Embassy and Swedish Television.

Participants: elected Board Members Piret Noorhani, Juozas Markauskas, Inga Vilcāne, Andris Ķesteris, Tedd Urnes, Lasse Nilsson, Lars-Gunnar Bengtsson and BAAC member Kristine Paberza. BAAC documentation was signed for registration of BAAC as a non-profit organization. The signatures were authenticated and the documents legalized at the Estonian Embassy.

Action plan: 1) submitting BAAC documents to the Registry department of Tartu County Court; 2) opening of the BAAC old webpage at the new address and finding a corporation to elaborate its new version; 3) raising funds for BAAC activities and Riga Seminar 2006; 4) planning of the IASA/BAAC conference 2007.

Board meeting on July 4, 2006 in Riga at Latvian Television.

Participants: Board Members Piret Noorhani, Juozas Markauskas, Andris Ķesteris, Tedd Urnes, Lars-Gunnar Bengtsson and coordinator for the Riga Seminar 2006, Nora Vojevodska. The Director General of LTV, Jānis Holšteins attended the meeting to discuss and agree on LTV's cooperation with IASA/BAAC for the 2006 and 2007 conferences.

Riga Seminar 2006 “Audiovisual Archives: Access and Service in the Public Interest”, September 21-24, 2006.

The seminar is hosted by LTV and taking place at the famous Fraternitas Latviensis convent house, Aldaru ielā 7, Old City. The event is supported by LTV, BAAC, Nordic Culture Fund, Canadian Embassy, Library and Archives Canada, Norwegian Embassy and the World Federation of Free Latvians.

2. Organization.

BAAC was founded on October 17, 2005 in Riga. The by-laws are available on the BAAC webpage.

BAAC was registered as a non-profit organization in Estonia (Tartu) April 4, 2006. The official address of the organization is Vanemuise 42, Tartu 51003, Estonia.

BAAC bank account was opened at Hansabank (Estonia).

BAAC has an official logo and stamp.

Webpage.

The original version of the BAAC webpage was transferred from the LTV webpage to the internet address <http://www.baacouncil.org> in April 2006. A new version of the webpage was launched at the end of August 2006.

Members.

BAAC currently has 15 individual members: Andris Kesteris (lifetime member, Library and Archives Canada), Inga Vilcāne (newspaper Diena), Kristīne Pabērza (State Archives Unified Information System), Nora Vojevodska (Latvian Television), Juozas Markauskas (Vilnius University), Reet Harkmaa and Eha Väinsalu (Estonian Television), Sulev Sepp (Scanpix Baltics), Ivi Tomingas (Estonian Filmarchives), Piret Noorhane (Estonian Literary Museum), Lars-Gunnar Bengtsson and Lasse Nilsson (Swedish Television), Gunnel Jönsson (Swedish Radio), Tedd Urnes (Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation),), David Jacobs (Hoover Institution Archives, Stanford University).

BAAC also has 7 institutional members: Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation, Swedish Television, National Archive of Recorded Sound and Moving Images, (Stockholm, Sweden), TV2 (Bergen, Norway), Estonian Literary Museum, Norges Lexi, Yleisradio.

Secretary-Treasurer.

As Nora Vojevodska has resigned from the post, BAAC has been functioning without a Secretary-Treasurer until now. The work has been covered by the President and Board members. A replacement is required for this position.

3. Finances.

As the fiscal year of BAAC is still in progress, the first financial report of BAAC will be presented next year.

Piret Noorhane
President
BAAC 21.09.2006