

Baltic Audiovisual Archival Council

Annual Report 2008/2009

Introduction.

Baltic Audiovisual Archival Council is an independent non-profit organization, founded as a voluntary association of juridical and natural persons, with a goal to foster cooperation between public and private archives, broadcasting and TV archives, libraries and museums that possess collections of audiovisual materials about the Baltic States, Scandinavian countries and the worldwide Baltic diaspora. The Council commits itself to reviewing and assuring the maintenance of these historically valuable collections.

BAAC has been working on the specific objects of the organization which are as follows: provide a regular means of exchanging information, ideas and assistance; encourage public awareness and interest in the preservation and use of moving images as an important educational, historical, and cultural resource; support the educational and professional development of moving image archivists, librarians and documentalists; stimulate and facilitate research on archival matters affecting moving images; conduct regional seminars, conferences and workshops.

1. Activities (seminars, meetings, professional tours, other).

BAAC “Riga Seminar” in Tartu “Transformation as Stability: Audiovisual Archives in the Era of New Media”, September 24-27, 2008.

The conference was organized by the Baltic Audiovisual Archival Council (BAAC), Estonian National Museum, Estonian Literary Museum and took place at the Estonian Literary Museum building, Vanemuise 42, Tartu. The event was supported by BAAC, Estonian National Museum, Estonian Literary Museum, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Estonia, Canadian Embassy delegation in Estonia, Swedish Embassy in Estonia.

Attendance: 54 registered participants from 8 countries (Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Czech Republic, and Canada). 19 presentations. Visits to Estonian Literary Museum, University of Tartu Library (W. Struve 1, Tartu), Estonian Historical Archives (J. Liivi 4, Tartu).

Board meeting No. 9 on September 24, 2008 at the Estonian National Museum, Tartu, Estonia.

Present: Board members Juozas Markauskas (Dizi, Lithuania), Lasse Nilsson (SVT, Sweden), Tedd Urnes (TAAM, Norway), Lars-Gunnar Bengtsson (SVT, Sweden), Ivi Tomingas (Estonian Film Archives), Andris Kesteris (LAC-BAC, Library and Archives Canada).

Absent: Lelde Neimane (Occupation Museum, Latvia), Aldis Pūtelis (Latvian Folklore Museum).

Co-opted: BAAC members Sulev Sepp (Multiservice Network), Piret Noorhani (Estonian National Museum), Jonas Korys (Lithuanian Radio and Television), Eha Väinsalu (Estonian Public Broadcasting), non-members: Karin Kiisk (Baltic Heritage Network, Estonia).

Minutes: Lasse Nilsson

BAAC general meeting on September 26, 2008 at the Estonian Literary Museum, Vanemuise 42, Tartu

Present: 14 individual members: Piret Noorhane (Estonian National Museum, Estonia, BAAC Audit panel member), Helga Merits (Netherlands, represented by proxy: Piret Noorhane) Jonas Korys (Lithuanian National Radio and Television, LTV), Andris Ķesteris (Library and Archives Canada), Lelde Neimane (The Occupation Museum of Latvia, represented by Proxy: Andris Kesteris), Tedd Urnes (TAAM, Norway), Lasse Nilsson (Swedish Television), Lars-Gunnar Bengtsson (Swedish Television), Jüri Karm (Estonian National Museum), Eha Väinsalu (Estonian Public Broadcasting), Ivi Tomingas (Estonian Film Archive), Inga Vilcāne (Ernst & Young Baltic SIA, BAAC audit panel member represented by Proxy: Andris Ķesteris), Gunnel Jönsson (Swedish Radio and Television holding company, SRF represented by Proxy: Lasse Nilsson), Juozas Markauskas (Dizi, Lithuania).

7 institutional members: Estonian National Museum (Represented by Piret Noorhane), Yleisradio (Finland, represented by Pekka Gronow), Estonian Art Museum (represented by Maiu Kurvits), Norges Lexi (Norway, represented by Jan Aasmund Jakobsen), Estonian Literary Museum (represented by Marju Mikkel), Estonian Broadcasting Company (represented by Eha Väinsalu), Sveriges Television (Swedish Television represented by Proxy: Lasse Nilsson).

Guests: Vjačeslavs Emburs (Latvian Television, LTV, Riga), Zane Grosa (National Library of Latvia, Recorded Sound Library)

Juozas Markauskas presented the BAAC Annual Report of 2007/2008.

Piret Noorhane (Audit Panel Chair) presents the report of the audit panel (Panel Members: Sulev Sepp, Inga Vilcāne).

For the Audit Panel of three members:

Piret Noorhane (Panel Chair), Eha Väinsalu, Jonas Korys were proposed and elected unanimously.

2008/2009 BAAC activity plan was discussed.

Meeting of the organizing committee for the BAAC Conference 2009 on January 5, 2009, Vilnius.

Present: Board member Juozas Markauskas, non-members: Valerija Jusevičiūtė (Lithuanian Central State Archive), Jolė Stimbirytė (Lithuanian Central State Archive), Zinaida Manžuch (Vilnius University).

During the meeting BAAC Conference 2009 organizational matters were discussed.

Meeting of the organizing committee for the BAAC-BaltherNet Seminar in Stockholm 2009 on February 13, 2009, Riga.

Present: BAAC members Juozas Markauskas (Dizi, Lithuania), Piret Noorhane (Estonian National Museum, BaltherNet, Estonia), non-members: Gatis Karlsons (Latvian State Archives), Karin Kiisk (Baltic Heritage Network, Estonia), Linas Saldukas (Emigration Institute, Lithuania). During the meeting BAAC-BaltherNet Seminar 2009 organizational matters were discussed.

Informational BAAC leaflet issued on February 13, 2009, Vilnius.

A handout with the basic information about the BAAC was designed and printed. Sponsored by DIZI, Lithuania.

Conference for non-governmental organizations active in the field of heritage „Heritage Care Through Active Citizenship“ on March 23-24, 2009, Mechelen, Belgium. Piret Noorhane introduced the activities and experience of BAAC and BaltHerNet.

BAAC Professional visit to SRF on April 24, 2009, Stockholm

The professional BAAC Broadcasters' working group visit and meeting to SRF was organized by the BAAC with the aim of learning more about the implemented digitization activities and policies within the institution, and to answer specific questions emerging from the planned sound archive digitization project at Lithuanian Radio. The meeting was hosted by Gunnel Jönsson and attended by Dan Nyquist (SRF), Juozas Markauskas (Dizi, Lithuania) and Jonas Korys (Lithuanian National Radio and Television).

BAAC Professional visit to National Library of Sweden on April 24, 2009, Stockholm

BAAC and BaltHerNet members attended a professional tour to National Library of Sweden's Audiovisual Department. The delegation was warmly welcomed by André Wachholz, communications and research manager and Mikael Johansson migration technical manager, who showed slides presenting the State's policy on preservation of audiovisual material. The presentation was followed by a tour of the digitisation rooms, where the actual work is carried out.

Board meeting No. 10 on April 24, 2009 at the SVT, Stockholm, Sweden.

Present: Board members: Juozas Markauskas (President, Dizi, Lithuania), Jonas Korys (Lithuanian National Radio), Lars-Gunnar Bengtsson (SVT Malmö), Tedd Urnes (TAAM, Norway), Lars-Gunnar Bengtsson (SVT Syd, Sweden) Ivi Tomingas (Estonian Film Archive), Lasse Nilsson (SVT Publication, Sweden). BAAC Election Committee: Piret Noorhani (Estonian National Museum)

Co-opted members and guests: Linas Saldukas (Lithuanian Emigration Institute), Guntis Kraulis (State Archive of Latvia), Anu Korb (Estonian Literary Museum), Merike Kiipus (Estonian Literary Museum), Tiiu Kravtser (Estonian State Archives), Gunnel Jönsson (IASA Nordic Branch), Merilis Sahka (Estonian History Museum) Absent: Board members: Lelde Neimane (Occupation Museum, Latvia), Aldis Pūtelis (Latvian Folklore Museum), Andris Kēsteris (Library and Archives Canada).

Minutes: Lasse Nilsson

BAAC and BaltHerNet local seminar "Mapping and Preserving the Audiovisual Heritage of the Baltic Diaspora in Sweden", April 25, 2009 at National Library of Sweden, Humlegården Park, Stockholm

Organized by BAAC, BaltHerNet, National Library of Sweden and the Estonian National Congress in Sweden. 44 participants from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Sweden (incl. Baltic communities in Sweden). Supporters: Compatriots Programme (Ministry of Education and Research, Estonia) and the Nordic Council of Ministers. 9 presentations.

Meeting of the organizing committee for the BAAC Conference 2009 on April 29, 2009, Vilnius.

Present: Board member Juozas Markauskas, non-members Valerija Jusevičiūtė (Lithuanian Central State Archive), Jolė Stimbirytė (Lithuanian Central State Archive), Zinaida Manžuch (Vilnius University), Georg Eckes (German Film Institute), Julia Welter (German Film Institute). During the meeting, BAAC Conference 2009 organizational matters were discussed.

Meeting of the BAAC Lithuanian working group and representatives of Lithuanian National Television and Radio on May 27, 2009, Vilnius.

Present: BAAC members Juozas Markauskas (DIZI, Lithuania), Jonas Korys (Lithuanian Radio), non-members: Jurgita Litvinaitė (Director, Lithuanian Radio), Guoda Litvaitienė (Programme director, Lithuanian Radio), Vytautas Marozas (Technical director, Lithuanian Radio), Sigita Baltutis (IT technician, Lithuanian Radio)

During the meeting, the representatives of Lithuanian National Radio were advised how to create and develop a digital archive. The exchange of information was based on the experience and knowledge of other BAAC members.

Online BAAC archive created

Following the tasks discussed at the general meeting 2008, the online BAAC archive was created (www.baacouncil.org/mdb). All Board documents such as membership records, invoices, minutes of board meetings etc. will be stored in a safe webpage at the BAAC web server, protected by a user account name and password.

Broadcasters' archives survey started

The online questionnaire for audiovisual archives situated at national broadcasting institutions was created and launched at www.baacouncil.org/survey. The report of the survey is not prepared as the survey is not yet finished.

2. Members.

BAAC currently has 27 individual members: Andris Kesteris (lifetime member, Library and Archives Canada), Tedd Urnes (lifetime member, Teddview Audiovisual Archival Management, Norway), Inga Vilcāne (Ernst & Young Baltic, SIA, Latvia), Kristīne Pabērza (State Archives Unified Information System, Latvia), Nora Vojevodska (Latvian Television), Juozas Markauskas (Dizi, Lithuania), Reet Harkmaa and Eha Väinsalu (Estonian National Broadcasting Corporation), Sulev Sepp (Multiservice Network, Estonia), Ivi Tomingas (Estonian Filmarchives), Piret Noorhani (Estonian National Museum), Maarja Savan (Estonian Literary Museum), Lars-Gunnar Bengtsson, Lasse Nilsson and Per Ake Krook (Swedish Television), Gunnel Jönsson (Swedish Radio), David Jacobs (Hoover Institution Archives, Stanford University, USA), Maira Dudareva (Newspaper Diena, Latvia), Aldis Pūtelis (University of Latvia), Eila Haikarainen (Yleisradio OY, Finland), Eero Kangor (Tartu University, Estonia), Jonas Korys (Lithuanian Radio and Television), Lelde Neimane (Occupation Museum of Latvia), Helga Merits (journalist, filmmaker, Netherlands), Marcus Kolga (Realworld Pictures/Global Virtual Museum on Communism), Merilis Sähka (Estonian History Museum), Zane Grosa (National Library of Latvia).

BAAC has 14 institutional members: Swedish Television, National Archive of Recorded Sound and Moving Images (Stockholm, Sweden), Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation, TV2 (Bergen, Norway), Estonian Literary Museum, Norges Lexi, Yleisradio OY, Ardendo AB (Sweden), Occupation Museum Association of Latvia, Estonian National Broadcasting Corporation, Kumu Art Museum (Estonia), Tartu University Library (Estonia), Wiseman Interactiv OÜ (Estonia), Estonian National Museum.

BAAC also has one supporting member: International Federation of Television Archives (FIAT/IFTA).

BAAC board members work without pay. Their work is a voluntary contribution to the development of the organization and meeting of its main goals.

3. Partnership.

Membership at IASA

Since September 2008 BAAC is an affiliated member of IASA. According to IASA bylaws, an

affiliated member shall fulfil the following requirements:

1. It shall state a wish to become affiliated with IASA.
2. It shall designate a representative who shall report about the affairs of the association or organisation in the annual meetings of the Executive Board and the General Assembly of IASA.
3. The Affiliated Organisation shall be entitled to vote at the General Assembly of IASA.
4. The Affiliated Organisation shall pay an annual due to IASA to be established by the General Assembly of IASA on the recommendation of the Executive Board.

4. Objectives for the year 2008/2009.

The main aims for the next year are as follows: conduct an annual conference (Riga Seminar) and local seminars and workshops; launch projects to help foster the education and training of archivists; provide a regular means of exchanging information, ideas and assistance (including the development of the BAAC webpage www.baacouncil.org); foster cooperation among broadcast archives; seek financial support and project grants for carrying out the planned events.

Juozas Markauskas, President
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