

REPORT FROM THE IGC HISTORY SUB-COMMITTEE

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The sub-committee for IGC history consists of the same members as last year, Fred Weinholtz, Angela Sheard, John Roake, Peter Selinger, Manfred Reinhardt and Tor Johannessen.

Since last year it has been decided to include portraits also of winners of the Majewskaja Medal and the Gehriger Diploma. This has expanded the work considerably. There are now 87 portraits to be included, up from 61. To help in this work additional authors have been asked to provide portraits. As no remuneration is provided for the authors, some patience is needed

In the search for the early part of the commission's history we have looked for the confiscated papers in several places. The German Bundesarchiv in Freiburg and Berlin have been visited as well as the National Archives in Washington DC twice. At these places all microfilms that might shed some light on the history have been scrutinized with negative result.

Last year I told you that the estimated time for our work had been greatly underestimated. I have to repeat the same this year, especially taking into consideration the addition of the new portraits. However, as our search for the early history of the commission has come to an end, the time will be focused on getting the file of portraits complete, getting them translated to the other language and then getting the history as completely as possible.

Our challenge to NACs to help us to find the missing minutes from 1956 (St Yan) and 1958 (Leszno) has been in vain. We will now ask for help from the FAI Secretariat to write directly to the various NACs that might have the minutes.