

Response of the Spanish movement MCEP to the text "Contexte élargi et historique de la situation Benaiges" posted on the FIMEM site by Sylviane Amiet on 08/30/20 at 2:35 p.m. **because the statements that have been written there are not true.**

MCEP Response:

At the end of July 2014 the RIDEF of Reggio ended and in GA 3 the motion of Benaiges was approved, so in 2014 there can be no contacts between the three entities: an association, a movement and a federation.

The first meeting that the MCEP had was that of Coordination, on March 7, 2015 the decision of the general assembly of the FIMEM was discussed, it has requested that a commission be created within the MCEP to draft the bases of the Maestro Benaiges scholarship .

Mail to the CA of April 14, 2015

Hello CA:

The Spanish movement, MCEP, held its coordination meeting last weekend. Among the items on the agenda, decisions were debated and made on the request made to us by the GA of Italy in the motion on Antonio Benaiges and the FIMEM agreements. We send the information in Spanish and translated into French.

Exact copy of point Benaiges from the minutes of the meeting:

MCEP- COORDINATION MEETING MARCH 7, 2015

The FIMEM in its General Assembly, held in Italy, has agreed:

Maestro Antonio Benaiges

The FIMEM wishes to:

- Honor the memory of the teacher Antonio Benaiges, assassinated in July 1936, placing a memory in his school in Bañuelos de Bureba.
- Associate, as a Federation, the Association "Escuela Benaiges de Bañuelos de Bureba" of (Burgos), Spain.
- Create an Antonio Benaiges training grant for young teachers from around the world. To draft the concession bases, a commission will be formed within the Spanish MCEP movement. The bases will be sent to the FIMEM for its approval.

Discussion and agreements at the MCEP meeting:

1. The association «Escuela Benaiges» organizes a meeting to pay homage to Antonio at school and invites participants to participate on 11 and 12 April in the first days dedicated to Freinet pedagogy.

The celebration of the first days of the Bañuelos School would be a good moment to place the memory of the FIMEM. They left the decision to the MCEP. At the proposal of the León group, we agreed at this meeting to place a plaque that says:

"... And we will look in the mountains of Oca for the place where they have put your riddled body, we will tear off a piece and put in it a box with a Freinet metal press, a future maternity policy and a copy of "The Sea." If we do not find the right place, we will do so on the top, on the highest peak of the mountains, planting like a flag, the eternal stone that says: "This land is no longer land, because it is the flesh and blood of the Master." That when time, years and centuries pass, may the men who follow us find a life there, still alive and living, an example that tells them that even there he is standing, erect, erect with a clear forehead, giving fully face in the air, a man, a Master".

Epitaph in memory of Antonio Benaiges by Patricio Redondo.
International Federation of Modern School movements FIMEM.

Regarding the agreement to create an "Antonio Benaiges" training scholarship for young teachers from around the world. In this meeting today the complexity of the matter is discussed and we consider the following:

- The call should be international and for research works on the Modern School.
- It would be necessary to establish in advance what amount of money we are talking about (it would not be worth it if at least € 3000 is not provided) and create a commission that will take care of the drafting of the bases.
- We think that this commission would have to be integrated, at least by: one person from the FIMEM, another from the MCEP and another from the Benaiges School Association ”.
- The committee would have to make a draft containing: The objectives of the scholarship, the bases of the call, the selection criteria of the people who opt for the scholarship, the jury, as well as establishing the procedure for monitoring and evaluating the jobs.
- This draft would have to be approved by the FIMEM.
- We agree that in these terms our colleague Pilar Fontevedra write to the CA.

The MCEP has archived all the emails exchanged with the FIMEM CA on the subject of the Maestro Benaiges scholarship.

- The jury is constituted at the time of the call of the scholarship and follows the scholarship works until the end. Of course, Nuccia who is responsible for the Benaiges dossier was supposed to be part of the jury as CA representative for the 2018 scholarship. At the beginning of March 2018, the president of the FIMEM wrote to us, saying that Nuccia did not want to be on the jury, nor in the CA, and asked us to assume all the tasks of the scholarship from the MCEP to be able to deliver it at the RIDEF in Sweden.

- The MCEP did not send the regulation in 2017, we sent it on July 5, 2016.

-If the scholarship had been called in January 2020 and the CA had decided that Flor was its representative on the jury, Flor would be a member of the jury of the second call of the scholarship, never the jury of the 2018 scholarship.

From the Cooperative Movement of Popular School (MCEP)
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