

THE FINANCIAL STRUCTURE OF THE I.U.B.E.

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We have witnessed the excellent suggestions and proposals made by the distinguished participants to this conference who come from various parts of the world and who have contributed immensely to the targets of the Biopolitics International Organization (B.I.O.). The proceedings of our conference will help the propagation and realization of our aims and principles. I am afraid that I myself cannot address you with a scientific subject, but I will deal with a prosaic subject which nevertheless is very important for our organization and its future.

By unanimous resolution we have reached the very important decision to found the International University for the Bio Environment (I.U.B.E.). The organizational structure of this University as well as how it will act for realizing and implementing its goals is still left open. I would suggest the establishment of a Board of Administration and of an Educational Committee.

A new baby has been born and we must, from this moment, consider how we will keep this baby alive and growing. Thus we must consider how the I.U.B.E. will be funded.

Every organization, institution or body which develops an important activity for the realization of its aims must have a budget and for implementing it must draw funds from regular sources. Meeting expenses cannot rely on accidental opportunities which are created by casual fundraising, which brings up another problem.

Founded five years ago and presided over by Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis, the B.I.O. is based in Athens and has, since its formation, developed a marvellous activity for sensitizing the whole world on the urgent need to preserve bios. One of the results of this successful activity is this conference by which the foundation of the I.U.B.E. has unanimously been adopted. Since the foundation of the B.I.O., four international conferences were already held in Athens. The burden and the responsibility of the preparation and the organization of these Conferences in every single detail, rested on the shoulders of this magnificent lady, Dr. Vlavianos-Arvanitis and I am in a position to assure you that it was and still is a single person's work! The realization and the success of these Conferences are to be fully credited to Dr. Vlavianos-Arvanitis, to her personality and to the esteem in which the society of Greece holds her. The considerable expenses for all four conferences and other related activities - publication of the proceedings, mailing, fees of assistants, and so forth - have been covered by grants from various sponsors in Greece who are almost the same every time and whose contribution is solicited by Dr. Vlavianos-Arvanitis.

The time will come - if it isn't here already after four International Conferences - when these sponsors will pose the very simple question of why they must be the ones who always have to finance the activities of the B.I.O. The fact that by casual fundraising the exact total which will be collected is not known until the very last moment must also be considered a very unhealthy condition for the execution of any budget.

I really appreciate the proposals of Professor Ashford as well those presented in the paper of the previous Conference of Dr. Liduvina Senora but how will these proposals be realized without funds? We must seriously consider the economic aspect of running the B.I.O. and the International University for the Bio Environment (I.U.B.E.) in the right way for the realization of their goals. We must set up a Committee which will study the problem and recommend the most suitable way for creating funds. I personally think that we must find sponsors from all over the world who will be asked to contribute only once, thus raising the important capital which will be invested and whose income will cover our financial needs. I must also point to the possibility of using professional fund-raisers for a fee all over the world.

This is a prosaic subject but I strongly believe - and am sure you share this belief - that no success and promotion of our aims can be achieved without regular financial sources for which we have to look desperately.

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