

Distingit senyor,

Per la carta circular adjunta us assabentem que l'antic àmbit de Projecció Exterior del Congrés de Cultura Catalana s'ha transformat en Institut de Projecció Exterior de la Cultura Catalana (IPECC).

Comencem ara la tasca d'organització i estructuració interna per a fer d'aquest nou Institut l'eina que fins avui mancava als Països Catalans per a realitzar la seva pròpia projecció exterior.

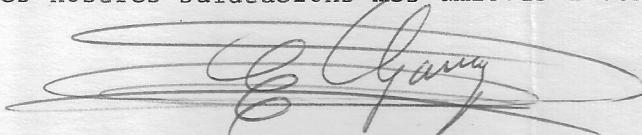
Per tant voldríem pregar-vos de tenir indulgència pel fet de no haver contestat les vostres cartes, però son tantes les que hem rebut que caldrà esperar una mica més ja que les volem contestar totes com cal i alhora satisfer les vostres peticions i comentar les vostres suggerències.

També volem dir-vos que valorem molt la vostra col.laboració amb suggerències i adreces; les quals són molt estimades, ben estudiades i molt útils per a la tasca que portarà a terme el nou Institut. Per tant voldríem continuar rebent la vostra col.laboració en aquesta obra de donar a conèixer al món la realitat total dels Països Catalans.

Ben aviat rebreu noves notícies nostres així com resposta a les vostres cartes.

Us signifiquem que la consolidació de l'IPECC depèn únicament -per ara- del suport que rebi dels adherents de dintre i de fora dels Països Catalans. Per tant som segurs que no ens mancarà la vostra estimada col.laboració.

Mentrestant rebeu les nostres salutacions més amicals i ben catalanes.



Per la Comissió Gestora: Enric GARRIGA TRULLOLS

CONSTITUTION OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE PROJECTION OF CATALAN CULTURE ABROAD

The "Projection Abroad" section of the Catalan Culture Congress has continued the work of external relations, following the unanimous agreement reached on 9th November last, before the close of the Congress. It should be noted that this section was the only one which did not have a closing session, but a Presentation session, in Vilanova i la Geltrú.

The Organizing Commission of this section, enlarged by the addition of new members, agreed on 21st January last to constitute the Institute for the Projection of Catalan Culture Abroad.

So that the Institute, which will represent abroad all the Catalan regions, shall function properly and efficiently, the Organizing Commission will undertake to obtain co-operation of all kinds, from both inside and outside the Catalan regions, and so continue the important work carried out by the "Projection Abroad" section, which carried the voice of the Congress and the Manifesto of the External Programme to more than three thousand individuals and associations around the world.

The "Projection Abroad" section, in forming this Institute for the Projection of Catalan Culture Abroad, is only putting into effect the unanimous request and aspirations of Catalans and Catalanophiles and associations abroad, who feel as we do that we can postpone no longer the great task of correcting the image of our true cultural, linguistic, geographical, historical, economic and political dimension outside the Catalan regions, since we shall never be understood or properly respected, or indeed respected at all, if we are not known.

The present representation abroad of the Spanish and French States has been negative as far as Catalans are concerned, and therefore there is no alternative but to take on our own defense of our cultural interests.

In a further communication we shall give a comprehensive account of the associations and individuals which belong to the Institute, from both inside and outside the Catalan regions.

Now we invite everyone to give their support to this new Catalan organization, which has set itself the vital task of restoring our true image in the world.

Very soon a meeting will be convened so that all Catalans interested in Projection Abroad may attend.

Please send your applications for membership to: Institut de Projecció Exterior de la Cultura Catalana, Passeig de Sant Joan, 98, 6<sup>th</sup>, Barcelona 9. Tel. 235 83 61