

## **ILO Pre-retirement Seminar**

Section of Former ILO Officials Geneva, November 2021



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Who are we?

How is the Section organized? Why become a member of the Section, and how?

Our website :www.anciens-bit.ilo.org

The pandemic situation.



An autonomous section of the Staff Union; Around 800 members (400 in the Geneva area); 550 members can be contacted by e-mail.

A Bureau composed of seven members (based in the Geneva area)

Current mandate is from 1st January 2020 to 31 December 2021.

Mandate is prolongated by Deliberation of the Bureau at the meeting of 14 October 2021



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Executive Secretary Administration/files/new members Relations with the Union and HRD Tax issues Relations with the webmaster

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Retiree representative to the ILO Pensions

Committee

Guy Bezou

Treasurer Health issues Web site

Pierre Sayour

Health insurance and pensions questions Representative to the AAFI/AFICS committee Follows-up on UNJSPF

Legal questions

Carmen Sottas Leg

Relations with Cabinet and Union

Jean-François Santarelli

Health questions



Ivan Elsmark, Honorary Executive Secretary

Member of the Bureau during 20 years

Redactor of « Message »



An office in the ILO, located close to the Union secretariat (6-06)

Three PCs with internet connection; during pandemic - work at home (no access allowed to ILO building since April 2020)

Access to ILO intranet/outlook and other services provided free by the ILO

Web page: http://www.anciens-bit-ilo.org (Webmaster Azéddine Sefrioui-Benzerrou)



Why become a member of the Former Officials' Section?



The Bureau decided in the spring of 2016 to create our own web page to facilitate communications with members (http://www.anciens-bit-ilo.org).

The website is regularly updated with the help of a webmaster. A broadcast is sent to members when important information is posted.

Every month about 800 et 1000 visitors.



Help defend topics of common interest: future of the health insurance scheme (SHIF), your pension, etc. = have more influence as part of a pressure group on issues of mutual concern

Keep up to date with questions of direct interest to you, both in general and on a personal level: relations with UNJSPF, health insurance, tax, etc.

Stay in touch and maintain solidarity with your former colleagues

Improved communication among the family of former officials :through newsletter, website and other electronic channels



How do we work since April 2020 ? Our last report of activities (dated October 2021)



The demand for information and communication remained high during the pandemic and we responded to all personal requests.



Meetings of the Bureau of the ILO Former Officials Section

Outside of the ILO building



Relations with the ILO Staff Union, SHIF and HRD



Section's website http://www.anciens-bit-ilo.org

Visitors: 800 to 1000 visitors every month



Messages to retired staff In 2020 a Christmas letter List of members



Updating of files:
New members
Change of address
List of retired
colleagues who passed
away



Access by internet to our accounts:

PostFinance - BCGE - MEC







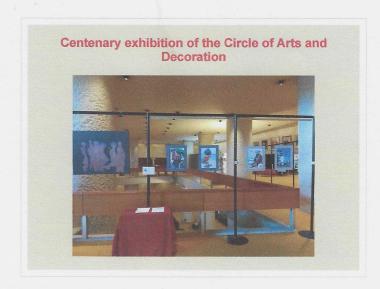


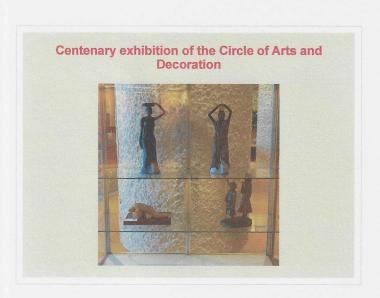


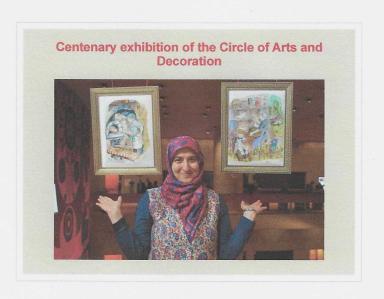












## **Current challenges?**

- The improvement of the governance and management of SHIF, control of costs, development of prevention, facilitate use of alternative medicines, etc.
- ASHI (After Service Health Insurance): a permanent issue raised by the General Assembly of the United Nations.
- ➤ The questions around management of the Pension Fund and investments performance.

## What do we need to improve?

- Work to enlist the majority of ILO retirees as members of the Section in order to strengthen our representation.
- Improve communication between members, using internet and email.
- Boost members' involvement in the activities of the Section.
- Enhance the performance of the Bureau of Former Officials, and get more retired staff involved.



When will we go back to ILO building???
Maintaining relations with our members, UNION and HRD Pandemic situation issues???



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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!