



ILO Pre-retirement Seminar

Section of Former ILO Officials
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Presenters:

**Cherry Thompson-Senior
Deputy Executive Secretary**

**Pierre Sayour
Member of the Bureau**

Section of Former ILO Officials



Who are we?

How is the Section organized?

**Why become a member of the Section,
and how?**

Our website: <http://www.anciens-bit-ilo.org> Facebook page: anciens ilo-bit



**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 comprising seven members
(based in the Geneva area)**



Current mandate is from 1st January 2022 to 31 December 2023.

Mandate was prolonged by Deliberation of the Bureau at the meeting of 14 October 2021



François Kientzler	Executive Secretary Administration/files/new members Relations with the Union and HRD Tax issues Relations with the webmaster
Abdoulaye Diallo	Deputy Executive Secretary Relations with the Union and Regional Offices Representative to the AAFI/AFICS committee Relations with the ILO Governing Body



Cherry Thompson-Senior	Deputy Executive Secretary SHIF issues Retiree representative to the ILO Pensions Committee Website
Catherine Comte-Tiberghien	Health insurance and pensions questions SHIF issues Facebook



Pierre Sayour	Health insurance and pensions questions Representative to the AAFI/AFICS committee Follows-up on UNJSPF
Carmen Sottas	Legal questions 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 (6-006)

Three PCs with internet connection; during pandemic - worked 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 Section of Former ILO Officials?



The Bureau decided in spring 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 to 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



On our Facebook site, to our surprise, membership requests are increasing (around 350 members).

The Facebook page allows for more friendly exchanges between retirees and colleagues still working (anciens ilo-bit).



How have we worked since April 2020 ?

Latest report of activities (dated October 2022)



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



**Message issued to retired staff in
December 2021**

List of members issued July 2021



Updating of files:

New members

Change of address

**List of retired colleagues
who have sadly passed away**



Management of Section's accounts

Access by internet to our accounts:

PostFinance – BCGE - MEC



Relations with AAFI-AFICS and FAFICS

Meetings via video-conferences

Centenary event 28 May 2019



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Centenary lunch 11 July 2019



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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.**



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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!