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FEDERATION OF ESTONIAN  
TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS

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The Federation consists of 8 member associations, situated : in the USA, Canada, Australia, W. Germany, England and Sweden, where we have also the Association of Secondary School Teachers with the Section for Teachers in Vocational Schools.

As in previous years, we continued to organise teaching-groups and schools in order to preserve our national culture and native tongue. Our own schools in STOCKHOLM and GÖTEBORG still carry on. Many teachers do this work as a moral obligation towards our people and its cultural heritage. But we have to be thankful to the governments of Sweden, Canada, F.R. Germany and Australia for their financial support and also for their humanitarian and philosophical understanding that the preservation of one's cultural inheritance is one of the most important task in any educational pursuit. The number of our youth in France is rather small therefore, this work is done mainly at home by parents.

Our efforts have been :

- 1) To see that every teaching-group possessed a library with essential set of teaching aids,
- 2) To continue to publish text-books in Estonian.
- 3) Try to publish some suitable plays in our mother tongue, so that at Christmas, Mothers' Day, etc.. our children could give a short performance, thus maintaining their enthusiasm and interest in retaining their language, beside their local language,
- 4) Our General Secretary : Mr. Enn SALUVEER will be completing soon his book for learning Estonian for the English speaking pupils, bearing in mind that we have many families where only one of the parents is Estonian by birth,
- 5) To encourage correspondence among Estonian children and youth between various continents. This year, in May, a big Youth-Festival in TORONTO took place. This was to commemorate the so-called "*Year of the Estonian Youth*".

- 6) To continue to send our delegates to the conferences of the IFTA and the WCOTP if we can. Last year we had two delegates in MONTREUX. Of course, we are also very interested in the work done by the European Committee, Regional Conferences and seminars but unfortunately our financial resources do not give us any chance of participating. We very much hope that in future our friends may be able to contribute towards our aspirations in this respect.

We should be very pleased if the Council of Europe will give us under the C.C.E. bursary-scheme some places for our teachers in England (and in Sweden)

Our own Examination Board in England has reached with the University of LONDON University Entrance and School Examinations Council an agreement by which the university will examine "O" and "A" level Estonian language on the same basis as other European languages. This year we will have 10 candidates for the O-level examination. Our study-groups for this purpose continue.

Our President mag. H. RAJAMAA visited last summer Finland and the great and well organised Exhibition of Educational (and audio-visual) Equipment in JYVÄSKYLÄ. Finland is the most advanced country in the world in this field.

- Finally :
- 1) We endeavour to publish our yearly Bulletin and so-called "*youth-pages*" in our newspapers. This year's issue will commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the "*Tartu Opetajate Seminar*" (one of the most advanced Teachers' Training Colleges in Estonia).
  - 2) The courses for our teachers and youth-leaders take place regularly and also this year they are being organised by the Federation. We have also introduced film-strips and other audio-visual means into the teaching of our ethnic culture.
  - 3) So-called "*laste-suvikodud*" (*summer camps*) continue and our youth organisation in England has lately increased its membership and regular activities (concerts, lectures, outings, plays, music-evenings etc...)

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