

RAYMOND RAVAR

(1927 – 2020)



Dear Friends,

It is with deep sadness that CILECT announces the loss of Raymond Ravar – founding director of the Belgian Film and Theater school INSAS, Brussels, Belgium (1962-1991), who served as General Secretary of CILECT for twenty years (1970-1990).

Raymond was a radio journalist when, in 1959, together with Jean Brismée, André Delvaux, Paul Anrieu and Jean-Claude Batz, he came up with the idea to create a school of theater and cinema. INSAS was founded in 1962 and Raymond headed it until 1991, after which he created the EU programme EAVE (European Audiovisual Entrepreneurs) and led it for a good ten years. He was the driving power of instilling modern teaching practices and developing an original individual approach. Under his guidance INSAS became an important member of the global Arts' education community.

Raymond became General Secretary of CILECT in 1970 – a time when the Cold War had already begun its third phase and it was possible to start bringing more members in the organization. Raymond did everything in his powers to balance between the will of some members for a stronger administration and the “artistic club” spirit of the organization. Until the very end of the Cold War in 1990, he was one of the officers that were instrumental both for the growing inner stability of CILECT and its professional recognition by the industry. A tireless worker, brilliant speaker, shrewd manager and visionary leader, he managed to navigate in an institutional context very different from what we know today.

Even after he retired he did not lose contact with CILECT and stayed in touch as an Honorary Member (1990-2020). His last Congress was Beijing 2008. Nobody who knew he was 81 could believe his energy, vitality, and easiness of looking at life. He was generous enough to wittily advise the younger ones and friendly enough not to make anyone feel humbled by the presence of a CILECT “giant”.

May his soul rest in peace!

The International Association of Film and Television Schools (CILECT)