



Summary of the 415th Meeting of the Governing Board
Tuesday, 15 September 2020, 11:00 a.m.
6th meeting held virtually

- AFICS/NY Office continues its operation in *virtual mode*, pending an indication from the U.N. Secretariat that it might accelerate its physical re-opening process. AFICS/NY may recruit a Second Office Assistant among the many applicants, who soon will be interviewed.
- The President of AFICS has been in touch with the Administration of the Pension Fund to warn them of delays experienced in mail services both in the US and abroad. The Pension Fund assured the President of AFICS that it was fully aware of current complications in this regard. It has positioned a Box where New York-based retirees and others may drop their correspondence and Letters of Entitlement. The Box is situated on the N.W. 48th Street corner of the Building, where the Pension Fund Headquarters is located.
- There was a long discussion on the *tenor* and the *tone* of an exchange of letters between the FAFICS President and the President of AFICS/NY. A broad convergence of views favoured continued dialogue, between the two, in order to resolve outstanding issues relating to the terms and length of service of officers, the representation of AFICS/NY on both the FAFICS Bureau and the Pension Board and amendments to the Rules of Procedures. The goal was to reinforce democracy and transparency, with the needed degree of consistency in the operations and structures of FAFICS. Also needed was to ensure a balanced representation of all retirees on the Pension Board and to bring new ideas to bear on the proceedings of FAFICS.
- There was a long discussion on the proposed celebration of the 50th Anniversary of AFICS/NY. A twin event is envisaged: a limited *virtual* festivity, featuring a keynote address on 9 December 2020, followed by a larger-scale event, which will be both “*in-person*” and *virtual*, sometime during the Spring of 2021. It was hoped to hold the latter in conjunction with the AFICS/NY Annual Assembly. Furthermore, a convergence of views favored: reaching out beyond New York and the U.S.; the issue of a commemorative Bulletin and video; and a *logo* to mark the anniversary.