

B. National Communist Societies of Friendship and Cultural Relations

(Listed below are the individual societies of friendship and/or cultural relations which the Soviet VOKS and its Chinese, Korean and East European satellites sponsor. The identity of the sponsoring Communist country can be determined by the title unless otherwise indicated.)

*Notes to typist  
All country names should be all-capped + underlined where followed by numerals as indicated on this page -*

1. ALBANIA *(All caps & underlined)*

a. Albanian Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries  
This appears to be the Albanian counterpart of the Soviet, VOKS, which supports societies of friendship with Albania in foreign countries.

b. Albanian-Soviet Friendship Association  
Officers (1955):

President: Hysni KAPO  
Vice President: Misto TRESKA  
Vice President: Nexhmije HOXHA

2. Argentina *in 1955 - cultural - Feb*

a. Argentine Association of Chinese Culture (Asociacion Argentina de Cultura China, AACC)

Address: Charcas 1242, Buenos Aires

Officers:

Secretary: Serafina WARSCHAUER de GIUDICE  
Vice President: Juan C. CASTIGNINO

Publications:

Informativo Chino (bulletin)  
Cultura China (magazine) (discontinued)

Subsidiary Organizations:

The AACC includes the following activity sections:

- Seccion Economica (Economic Section)
- Seccion de Literatura y Periodismo (Newspaper and Literature Section)
- Seccion Arte (Art Section)
- Seccion Teatro (Theater Section)
- Seccion Juvenil (Juvenile Section)

b. The Frederic Chopin Cultural Society (Polish)

c. Adam Mickiewicz Polish Culture Club

d. Argentine-Yugoslav Institute of Cultural Relations  
(Institute Relaciones Culturales Argentina-Yugoslavia)

Officers:

President: Nicolas BESIO Moreno  
Vice-President: Oscar GONZALES  
Second Vice-President: Constantino VELJANOVIC  
Third Vice-President: Jose Manuel JORGE  
Secretary-General: Pablo ROJAS Paz

Subsidiary Organizations:

1. Collegium Musicum - a mixed chorus of 60 persons, all members of the Institute

- e. Institute of Argentine-Soviet Cultural Relations  
(Institute de Relaciones Culturales Argentina-URSS, IRCAU)  
Address: Bartolome Mitre 2725, Buenos Aires  
Officers: Members of the Consejo Directivo (Directive Council) for 1956 are:

President:	Dr. Pablo CHANUSSOT
First Vice-President:	Dr. Atilio REGGIANI
Second Vice-President:	Manuel T. RODRIGUEZ
General Secretary:	Berta PERELSTEIN
Assistant General Secretary:	Agustin V. PODESTA

Publications:

Revista Argentina-URSS (monthly magazine)  
Argent-USSR (monthly)

Subsidiary Organizations:

Branches of the IRCAU are located in the following cities:

Cordoba 2611, Rosario, Santa Fe Province  
Caseros 370, Cordoba City, Cordoba Province  
Peru 984, Mendoza City, Mendoza Province  
(or 9 de Julio 1170, Mendoza City)  
Uriburu 976, Tandil, Province of Buenos Aires  
Colon 197, Posadas, Misiones Province  
Vera 3027, Santa Fe City, Santa Fe Province  
Santa Maria de Oro 632, Presidencia Roque Saenz Pena,  
Chaco Province

A branch office is also to be opened in the Province of Tucuman.

The various departments of the IRCAU are under a Library Committee and are as follows:

Department of Pedagogy  
Department of Motion Pictures  
Department of Youth  
Department of Chess  
Department of Medicine  
Department of Economics  
Department of Exact Sciences  
Department of Architecture

3. Australia

- a. Australia-China Society

4. Austria

a. Austro-Bulgarian Society

Officers:

Chairman:

Professor JAGODITSCH

b. Austro-Czechoslovak Society

This organization has a branch in Land Salzburg.

c. Austro-Hungarian Society

(Oesterreichisch-Ungarische Gesellschaft)

Officers:

President:

Dr. Anton KROGNER

Business President:

Dr. Josef KAWALSKY

d. Austro-Polish Society

(Oesterreichisch-Polnische Gesellschaft)

Address: Eibergasse 4/4 Vienna

Subsidiary Organization: branch at Steyr, Upper Austria

e. Austro-Soviet Friendship Society

(Oesterreichisch-Sowjetische Gesellschaft)

Address: Vienna, Himmelfootgasse 13

Officers (1956):

President:

Professor Dr. Hugo GLASER

Vice Presidents:

University Professor Dr. Robert

BLEICHSTEINER, Director of the

Vienna Ethnological Museum

Mrs. Ruth FISCHER

Police President Josef HOLAUBEK

Dr. Otto LANGBEIN (acting)

Ministerialrat Professor Dr. Karl

LUGMAYER, Deputy Chairman of the

Upper House of Parliament.

Secretary:

Professor Oskar Maurus FONTANA

Treasurer:

Dr. Heinrich NAGLER

Secretaries:

Martin GRUENBERG

Joachim HAMMERMANN

Alfred RUZICKA

There are 108 members of the Executive Committee.

Strength: Claimed membership as of June 1953: 47,307

Estimated membership, February 1955: 50,000

Publications: Die Bruecke (monthly)

Subsidiary Organizations:

Branch Organizations:

Provincial Branch Vienna

Address: Vienna I, Opernring 7/18

Officers: Chairman: Dr. Adolf RASOVSKY

This branch maintains 17 libraries in Vienna.

Provincial Branch Lower Austria

Address: Vienna I, Opernring 7/18

Officers:

Provincial Chairman: Carl ZWILLING

Acting Deputy Chairman: Ing. Leopold KNOPP

Deputy Chairmen: Fritz HINTERNDORFER

Heinrich SEIDL

Provincial Secretary: Ludwig RAFFELSBERGER

~~There are seven further members of the Presidium.~~

~~Accountants: Franz RECHKA~~

~~Wilhelm STROEMER~~

~~Dr. Rosa KOSCHER~~

There are approximately 48 members of the Board,  
in addition to officers listed above.

This provincial branch includes 5 regional branches;  
12 district branches and 50 town branches.

Provincial Branch Upper Austria

Address: Linz-Urfahr, Harptstrasse 22

Officers:

Honorary Chairman: Dr. Heinrich GLEISSNER

Chairman: Franz KAIN

There are 21 town branches under this provincial branch.

Provincial Branch Burgenland

Address: Eisenstadt, Wienerstrasse 1

Officers:

Honorary Chairman: Dr. Lorenz KARALL

Chairman: Regierungsrat Franz ELEK

There are 15 town branches under this provincial branch.

Provincial Branch Styria

Address: Graz, Herrengasses, Landhaus

Officers:

Provincial Chairman: Ing. Rudolf SANDRIESER

Deputy Chairman: Otto MOEBES

There are 16 town branches under this provincial branch.

Provincial Branch Salzburg

Address: Salzburg, Elisabethstrasse 11

Officers:

Chairman: Professor Rigobert FUNKE

Acting Chairman: Josef KAUT

There are 6 town branches under this provincial branch.

Provincial Branch Carinthia

Address: Klagenfurt, Benediktinerplatz 5

Officers:

Honorary President: Hofrat Dr. Franz RAINER

Chairman: Regierungsrat Albert SCHARF

There are 11 town branches under this provincial branch.

Provincial Branch Tyrol

Address: Innsbruck, Haydnplatz 5

Officers:

1st Chairman: Professor Dr. TEPSEK

2nd Chairman: Dr. LOEHMER

There are 10 town branches under this provincial branch.

Provincial Branch Vorarlberg

Address: Bregenz, Roemerstrasse 12

Officers:

Chairman: Max HALBER

Deputy Chairman: Josef NOFLATSCHER

There are 5 town branches under this provincial branch

The Specialized Sections

Address: Vienna I., Himmelpfortgasse 13

Scientific Sections

Chairman: Robert BLEICHSTEINER

Medical Section

Chairman: Professor Hugo GLASER

Technical Section

Chairman: Hofrat Professor Rudolf SALIGER

Music Section

Chairman: Professor Josef MARX

Section for Fine Arts

Chairman: Professor Karl STEMOLAK

Chess Section

Chairman: Josef HANACIK

Sports Section

Chairman: Toni RICHTER

Architecture Section

Literature Section

Theater Section

5. Belgium

a. Belgian-Soviet Friendship Society  
(Amities Belgo-Soviétiques, ABS)

Officers:

President: Fernand JACQUEMOTTE

Secretary General: Maurice SINGER

Strength: Claimed membership 1955: 13,000

6. Bolivia

- a. Czech-Bolivian Friendship Center  
(Centro de Amistad Czechoeslovaco-Boliviano)  
Officers (1955):  
President: Fernando SINANI
- b. Bolivian-Rumanian Cultural Center  
(Centro Cultural Boliviano-Rumano)  
Address: Cochabamba, Bolivia

7. Brazil

- a. Brazilian-Chinese Cultural Society  
(Sociedade Cultural Sino-Brasileira)  
Address: rua 1 de Marco, 6, sala 7, 6th floor, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Officers: President: Professor Mario FABIANO  
Vice President: Professor Samuel PESSOA  
Vice President: Abel CHERMONT  
Henrique FIALHO
- b. Brazil-Poland Cultural Union  
Address: Sao Paulo, Brazil
- c. Brazil-Soviet Cultural Institute  
(Institute Cultural Brasil-URSS)

8. Bulgaria

- a. Committee for Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries  
(Komitet za priyatelstvo i kulturni vruzki s chuzhbina)  
Address: Boulevard Ruski 5, Sofia  
Officers:

Chairman: Rada TODOROVA

Vice Chairman (or Secretary): Chudomir PETROV

~~Aleksandar BELKOVSKI is head of one of the organization's departments.~~

This appears to be the Bulgarian equivalent of the Soviet VOKS.

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~~Functions:~~

~~Invites foreign artists, writers and scientists to Bulgaria, and sends Bulgarian cultural representatives abroad. Supplies interpreters and assigns security agents to visitors.~~

Chain of Command:

Directly subordinate to Bulgarian Council of Ministers.

- b. Bulgarian-Polish Friendship Society
- c. Central Council of the Union of the Bulgarian-Soviet Societies  
See: Bulgarian Fatherland Front  
Status: Dissolved
- d. Fatherland Front  
This organization has absorbed the Central Council of the Union of the Bulgarian-Soviet Societies.  
Officers:

Member, Permanent Bureau of National Council: Georgi KULISHEV.

9. Burma

- a. Burma Chinese Cultural Union
- b. Burma-China Friendship Association or Sino-Burmese Friendship Society  
Address: Rangoon, Burma  
Officers:
  - Honorary Chairman: Thakin Kodaw HMAING
  - Chairman: Dr. U Sin Pho (HSIN Po or SIN Pho)

- c. Burma-Indochina Cultural Association
- d. Soviet-Burmese Cultural Association
- e. Burma-Soviet Friendship Association

10. Cambodia

- a. Cambodia-China Friendship Association  
Andre MIGOT is affiliated with this organization.

11. Canada

- a. Chinese Canadian Welfare Association  
Address: 179 McCaul Street, Toronto  
This organization is not to be confused with the non-Communist Chinese Canadian Association at 12 Hagerman Street, Toronto.
- b. Canadian Russian Friendship Society  
Strength: Estimated membership, July 1956: 1,500  
Publication: News-Facts (monthly)
- c. Association of United Ukrainian Canadians (AUUC)  
Officers:  
President: Michael KOROL  
Vice President: John HORBATIUK  
Secretary General: Peter PORKOPCHUK  
Treasurer: John BOYCHUK  
Strength: Estimated membership, 1956: 12,000  
Publication: Ukrainian Canadian

12. Ceylon

- a. Ceylon-China Friendship Association  
Address: Colombo, Ceylon  
Officers as of April 1955:  
President: Mrs. Theja GUNAWARDENA  
Secretary: S. P. AMARASINGHAM
- b. Ceylon-USSR Friendship League

13. Chile

- a. Chilean-Bulgarian Institute of Culture  
(Instituto Chileno-Bulgaro de Cultura)



- b. Chilean-Chinese Cultural Institute  
(Instituto Chileno-Chino de Cultura, ICCO)  
Address: Avenida O'Higgins 105, Santiago  
Officers:  
Honorary President: Angel CRUCHAGA Santa Maria  
President: Salvador ALLENDE Gossens  
Vice President: Benjamin SUN Marjen  
Secretary General: Luis SEPULVEDA A.  
Strength, 1956: Over 100 members  
Publications: China Popular (monthly)  
Subsidiary Organizations: Valparaiso branch
- c. Chilean-Czech Cultural Institute (formerly, the Chilean Committee of Friends of Czechoslovakia)  
(Instituto Chileno-Czechoslovaco de Cultura, ICCO)  
Address: Calle Catedral 1111  
also, Calle Arturo Prat 378, Santiago  
Officers:  
President: Baltasar CASTRO  
Secretary General: Rene FRIAS Ojeda  
Parallel Subsidiary Organizations:  
Two closely related groups are the Jewish Communist cultural groups in Santiago, the Centro Cultural Scholem Aleijem and the Club Deportivo Judio Maccabi which provide active support for subject Institute, and can possibly be considered as auxiliary units of it.
- d. Chilean-Hungarian Cultural Center  
(Centro Cultural Chileno-Hungaro, CCHH), or  
Centro Cultural Hungaro-Chileno, CCHC)  
Officers:  
President (1955): Osvaldo VALENCIA Zapata
- e. Club Concordia  
An organization of Hungarian Communists and Communist sympathizers.
- f. Friends of Poland Center  
(Centro de Amigos de Polonia, CAP)
- g. Chilean-Rumanian Cultural Center  
(Centro Chileno-Rumano de Cultura, CCRC)  
Officers:  
President: Humberto MEWES B.  
Vice Presidents: Nicanor PARRA  
Osvaldo VALENCIA  
Secretary General: Miguel Luis VALENZUELA

- h. Chilean-Soviet Cultural Institute, or, Chilean-Soviet Institute of Culture, or, Chilean Institute of Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union  
(Instituto Chileno Sovietico de Cultura)  
Officers:  
    President: Alberto GRAF Marin  
Subsidiary Organizations:  
    Branches in Concepcion, Valdivia, and Rancagua.  
Status:  
    The original Chilean-Soviet Cultural Institute had been dissolved in October 1947 following the break in Chilean-Soviet diplomatic relations. It was reactivated in May 1954.

14. China (Communist)

- a. The Association for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries (ACRFC)  
    This organization appears to be the Chinese equivalent of the Soviet VOKS. Further details given under ~~section~~ section A.  
~~Source~~.
- b. China-Burma Friendship Association (CBFA)  
    Officers:  
        Chairman: CHENG Chen-to, Vice Minister of Culture, member of standing committee, ACRFC  
        Vice Chairman: CH' IEN Wei-ch'ang,
- c. China-Finland Friendship Association
- d. China-India Friendship Association  
    Officers:  
        Chairman: TING Hsi-lin  
        Vice Chairman: CHEN Han-sheng  
        Vice Chairman: HU Yu-chih
- e. China-Indonesia Friendship Association (CINFA)  
    Officers:  
        Chairman: Burhan SHAHIDI (PAO Efh-han)  
        Vice Chairman: Yusuf MA Yu-Huai  
        Vice Chairman: HU Yu-chih
- f. China Islamic Association  
    Officers:  
        Vice Chairman: Sheikh Nur MUHAMMAD (TA Pu-sheng)
- g. Chinese Association for the Promotion of the Hui (Moslem) People's Culture
- h. China-Nepal Friendship Association  
    Officers:

i. China-Pakistan Friendship Association

Officers:

Chairman: LIU K'e-ping, aka LIU K'o-ping  
Vice Chairman: IMINOV  
Vice Chairman: CHIEN Tuan-sheng

j. China-Thailand Friendship Association

Prominent members:

I Mei-hou  
CHOU Keng-sheng  
SU Cheng-shou

k. Sino-British Friendship Association

l. Sino-Soviet Friendship Association (SSFA)

Officers:

Chairman: Mme SOONG Ching-ling (Mme. SUN Yat-sen)

Vice Chairmen:

CHENG Chien	MA Hsu-lun
HUANG Yen-pei	MA Yin-chu
LI Ssu-kwang (J.S. LEE)	KUO Mo-jo
LI Te-chuan	SAIFUDIN
LI Chu-chen	SHAO Li-tzu
LI Chi-shen	SHEN Chun-ju
LIAO Cheng-chih	SHEN Yen-ping
LIN Piao	ULANFU
LIN Po-chu	WU Yu-chang
LIU Ning-i	

Secretary General: CHIEN Chun-jui

Deputy Secretary General: KO Pao-ch'nan

Strength: 1954 claimed membership: 68,000,000

Subsidiary Organizations:

SSFA is a mass organization with branches in every major city and scattered throughout all the provinces of China. In 1954 it numbered 1955 chapters and 613,160 local branches.

15. Cuba

- a. Cuban Soviet Cultural Relations Institute  
(Instituto de Intercambio Cultural Cubano-Sovietico)  
Address: Villegas #114 Apt. 25, Havana, Cuba

16. Czechoslovakia

- a. Czechoslovak-Soviet Friendship Society

Officers, 1955:

Chairman of Presidium of the Central Committee:  
Zdenek FIERLINGER

(Svaz Ceskoslovensko-Sovetskeho Pratelstvi)

- b. Czech-Soviet Institute  
(Ceskoslovensko-sovetsky Institut)  
Address: Prague 1, Narodni #5  
Publications: Praha-Moskva

17. Denmark

- a. Denmark Society for Cultural Contact with China, or Danish-Chinese Society  
(Dansk-Kinesisk Selskab)

Officers, 1955:

Chairman: Hans HANSEN  
Secretary: Christian Herman JENSEN  
Treasurer: Poul HANSEN

Strength: 300 persons, mostly Danish Communists

The Danish-Chinese Society (DANSK-KINESISK SELSKAB) is not to be confused with the Danish-Chinese Association (Dansk-Kinesisk Forening). The latter is not Communist-dominated and is not Political.

- b. Danish-Czech Society

- c. Danish-Hungarian Association

- d. Danish-Polish Society

Officers:

Chief sponsor seems to be Mogens LINCK, author, playwright, peace activist.

- e. Strength: Claimed membership 1956: 165 persons

- e. The National Association for Cooperation between Denmark and the Soviet Union

(Landsforening for Samvirke mellem Danmark og Soviet Unionen)

Officers:

Secretary (1956): Folmer BENTZEN

Publications: Sovietunionen i Dag (The Soviet Union Today)

Subsidiary Organizations: Copenhagen branch

18. East Germany

- a. The Society for Cultural Relations Abroad  
(Gesellschaft fuer Kulturelle Verbindungen mit dem Ausland)  
This organization is apparently the East German counterpart of the Soviet VOKS. For further details, see under section A, page \_\_\_\_\_.

- b. Society for German-Soviet Friendship

Officers:

General Secretary: Herr GRUNBERG  
Head of Foreign Department: Max HAHN  
Head of Personnel Department: Frau Horn, (full name unknown)

Head of Art and Science Department: Walter EGON  
Head of Schools Department: Herr Elias, first name  
Member of the Secretariat: unknown  
responsible for Agitation: Klaus WILLERDING  
Head of Propaganda Department: Helmut TRAUBMANN  
Head of United Germany Department: Walter BAUTZ  
Strength: Official membership is estimated at approximately  
3,000,000.  
Subsidiary Organizations:  
East Berlin is divided into eight districts generally  
having one "friendship house" in each district. Altogether  
there are 35 houses of friendship in the DDR.

19. Finland

a. Finland-Bulgaria Society

Officers:

President and first chairman  
of the Board:

Juho KUOSNANEM

Second Chairman of the Board:

Ville NISKANEN

Third Chairman of the Board:

Javno PENNANEN

Secretary:

Elma PYYKONEN

Manager:

E. O. RAUSTILA

b. Finnish-Chinese Society

Officers:

Chairman:

Matti (or Allen) JARVENPAA

President:

Uho KAEHOENEN

Secretary:

Mrs. Aune TAURIHAINEN

c. Finland-Czechoslovakia Society

Officers:

President:

Jorma UITTO

Secretary:

VEIKKOLAINEN, first  
name unknown

d. Finland-Hungary Society

e. Finland-Poland Society  
(Suomi-Puola Yhdistys)

Officers:

Chairman:

Erkki VALA

f. Finland-Rumanian Society  
Officers, 1955:

Chairman: Risto HOLTTA  
Executive Committee: Erkki AALTONEN  
Veikko VENNAMO  
Heikki KUUSINEN  
Matias LAHDENMAKI  
Vilho SIVOLA  
Heikki KARVONEN  
Vaino MONTONEN  
Elli KAHILA  
Doris TAPOLA  
Elina HAMALAINEN  
Naija KOSKI  
Matti HAIKIO  
Antero BYMAN

g. Finland-Soviet Union Society, or, Finnish-Soviet Union Society  
(Suomi Neuvostoliito-Seuran, SNS)

Officers:

Chairman: Sylvi-Kyllikki KILPI  
Secretary General: Toivo KARVONEN  
Chairman of the Council: Dr. Vaino KAUKONEN

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Strength, 1955: Membership of approximately 200,000

Publications:

SNS-Lehti (SNS Journal) (Finnish language, a monthly)  
Kontakt (Contact), (Swedish language)

Branches:

More than 800 local chapters, organized into 18 district associations. The national organization is subdivided into 15 major subject sections, for example, films, fine arts, literature, music, Russian-language instruction, science, sports, teachers, theater and youth.

20. France

a. Association France-Albanie

Address: 6 rue de la Douane, Paris 10

Officers:

"Sponsor": Justin GODART  
President: Admiral Raymond MOULLEC  
Secretary: Paul CUAU  
Editor of France-Albanie: Jacques MITTERAND

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(A list of Executive Committee members of 1953 is available.)

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Subsidiary Organizations:

Although France-Albanie is reportedly more active in the provinces than in Paris, it is not clear whether branch organizations exist. Representatives of France-Albanie are found in Lyon, Marseille, Clermont-Ferrand, Nice, Toulouse, Montpellier.

b. Association France-Bulgarie

Address: 12 rue Gaultier in Courbevoie, Seine (an industrial part of the Paris suburbs)

Officers, 1954:

"Sponsor": Justin GODART  
President: Emile LABEYRIE  
Vice-Presidents: Eugene AUBEL  
Daniel RENOULT  
LECONTE, first name unknown  
Secretary General: Roger GUERIN  
Secretary: Y. COHEN  
Treasurer: Max BARTHELEMY  
Assistant Treasurer: G. DUTOUR

Subsidiary Organizations:

A Franco-Bulgarian club (presumably in Paris)

c. France-Chinese Friendship Association

(Amities Franco-Chinoises)

Address: 28 rue Monsieur le Prince, Paris

Officers, 1954:

President: Professor Jean DRESCH  
Organizational Secretary: Edouard STORACE  
Administrative Secretary: Jean BASTARD  
Treasurer: Joseph DUCROUX

Strength: Estimated membership of several thousand

Publication: La Chine

d. France-Czechoslovakia Association

(Association France-Tchecoslovaquie)

Address: 132 rue du Faubourg St. Denis, Paris.

Officers, 1954:

President: General PLAGNE  
Vice-Presidents: Abbe BOULIER  
FROLOV (probably Vladimir FROLOV)  
HABERT (unidentified)  
Mme. SEGLET-RIOU  
Jean SEINE  
Robert BOUDRY

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Secretary General: Mme. Lydie SAGNAS  
Assistant Secretary: GAGNION, first name unknown  
Treasurer: GOGO, first name unknown  
Assistant Treasurer: Gilbert LADEVEZE  
Publications: France-Tchecoslovaquie (a bi-monthly)

e. France-Hungary Association  
(Association France-Hongrie)

Address: 6 rue de Treviso, Paris

Officers:

President: General PETIT  
Vice President: Emile TERSEN  
Dr. BOURGUIGNON (probably Andre B.)  
Pierre Le BRUN

Secretary General: Claude MORGAN  
Treasurer: Mme. Paulette BLANC

Editor in Chief of  
France-Hongrie: Mme. Louise MAMIAE

Publication: France-Hongrie (a bi-monthly review)

Subsidiary Organizations:

French Bela Bartok Committee

Chairman: Maurice LEHMANN

Secretary General: Jacques BOURGEOIS

Hungarian Institute (in Paris)

f. French-Polish Friendship Association  
(Amities Franco-Polonaises)

Address: 9 Boulevard des Italiens, Paris

Officers:

Secretary General: Rene BIDOUZE

Committee Members:

In charge of economic affairs: Jacques LEMAN

In charge of emigre questions: Jean NOARO

In charge of cultural relations: Christian LACOUR

Plus 88 other members of a National Committee.

Strength: 4,700 (appears to be an estimated figure, July 1956)

Publications: Peuples Amis (monthly)

Subsidiary Organizations:

1. Association pour le Respect des Frontieres Oder-Neisse  
(Association for the Respect of the Oder-Neisse borders)

Address: 9 Cite du Retiro, Paris 8

Leading Militant: Mme. STROZESKA

Publication: Biuletyn Wewnetrzny

2. Comite National pour l'Erection du Monument de Dieuze

Presided over by: Edouard HERRIOT

Also Includes following active adherents:

Christiane LACOUR, Mme. KREMER, Mme. COSTAN,

Mme KALINSKI, Mr. PELTA

- g. France-Rumanian Association  
(Association France-Roumanie)  
Address: 13 rue d'Enghien, Paris  
Officers, 1956:  
President: Emile LABFYRIE  
Vice Presidents: Jules DUCHAT  
Albert FORCINAL  
Maria RABATE  
Matei ROUSSOU  
Jean SENEZE  
Secretary General: Georges FOURNIAL  
Subsidiary Organizations: Toulouse branch, which claims a membership of 400 persons.

- h. France-USSR Association  
(l'Association France-USSR)  
Address: 29 rue d'Anjou, Paris (1953)  
Officers, 1955:  
Honorary President: Frederic JOLIOT-CURIE  
President: General PETIT  
Vice-Presidents: Mme. Eugenie COTTON  
Dr. Weill-HALLE  
Alain Le LEAP  
Jean-Paul SARTRE  
Andre PIERRARD  
Secretary General: Raymond TREPPE  
Strength:  
During World War II: claimed membership of several hundred thousand persons  
Publication: France-URSS (monthly)  
Subsidiary Organizations: regional and local organizations throughout France  
Economic and Cultural Center - which comprises 27 Committees, grouped in four sections; Biology and Medicine, Science and Technique, Humanities and Fine Arts.

- i. Vietnamese Union for Unity, Peace and Friendship with France  
(Union Vietnamienne pour l'UNite, la Paix, et l'Amitie avec la France)

Subsidiary Organizations: Toulouse section  
~~The Union's first Congress was held 1 January 1956 in Paris.~~

- j. Association for Cultural Cooperation between Yugoslavia and France  
*France (Non-Continental)*  
21. ~~French North Africa~~

- a. Algeria Society of Friendship with the Soviet Union  
b. Madagascar-USSR Association  
Headquarters: Tananarive, Madagascar

22. Great Britian  
See: United Kingdom

23. Greece

- a. Greek-Soviet League  
Address (apparently): 390 Dos Panepistimion, Athens  
Subsidiary Organizations:  
Salonika  
(Greek-Soviet League of Salonika)  
Officers:  
President: Myrodis DEMETRAKOPOULOS  
General Secretary: J. G. PATSAS

24. Hungary

- a. Hungarian Institute for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries  
This appears to be the Hungarian counterpart of VOKS, and promotes societies of friendship with Hungary. For further information see ~~Section~~ Section A.
- b. Hungarian-Soviet Society, or, Soviet-Hungarian Union  
(Magyar Szovjet Tarsasag, Hungarian-Soviet Society, MSZT)  
Officers:  
Secretary General: Major General Istvan OTTA  
(formerly chief political officer for the Armed Forces)  
Strength: Claimed membership, 1953: over 1,300,000 members.

25. Iceland

a. Iceland-China Cultural Association

Officers:

Chairman: Jacob BENEDIKTSSON

✓ b. Icelandic-Soviet Cultural Society  
(Menningartengsl Islands og Radstjornarrikjanna, MIR)

Address: Thingholtsstraeti 27, Reykjavik

Officers:

Executive Committee as of November 1952:

President: Halldor KILJAN-LAXNES

Vice President: Thorbergur THORDARSON

Strength, 1952: 1,100

Subsidiary Organizations:

Akureyri Section  
with 60 members

Chairman: Eyjolfur ARNASON

Sudurnesjum Section

Address: Keflavik

with 20 members

Chairman: Oddbergur EIRIKSSON

The remaining sections of MIR are divided into the following geographical regions: Singlufirdi, Olafsfirdi, Neskaupstad, Vestmanneyjum, Hveragerdi, Hafnarfirdi, Isafirdi and Selfoss.

26. India

a. Indo-Bulgarian Friendship Society

Officers:

President: Dr. P. SUBBAROYAN

b. India-China Friendship Association

(Sino-Indian Association, ICFA)

Officers:

Chairman of the national committee: K. M. PANNIKAR

President of national council: Pandit SUNARLAL

Member of national council: Dr. Gyan CHAND

Vice Chairman: R. K. KARANKIA

General Secretary: Pandit Chatur Narayan  
MALAVIYA

Subsidiary Organizations:

Branches in Bombay, Patrala, Dehra Dun and in Kalimpong, near the Tibetan border.

c. India Poland Cultural Society

d. Indo-Soviet Cultural Society

(This replaced the dissolved Friends of the Soviet Union)

Officers, 1952:

President: A. V. BALIGA

Publication: Iscus (monthly)

Subsidiary Organizations:

Branches in Bombay, Calcutta, Lashkai, Jamshedpur, Madanpalle, Nellore, Ahmedabad, Wardha

e. India-Nepal Friendship Association

Officers:

Chairman:

K. M. PANNIKAR (He is also head of the India-China Friendship Association)

(This organization possibly is sponsored by the Chinese Association for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, ACRFC.)

27. Indonesia

a. Peoples Cultural League

(Lembaga Kebudayaan Rakjat, LEKRA)

Officers:

General Chairman: Professor Dr. PRIJONO

Deputy Chairmen: Professor Dr. Tjan TJOE-SOM  
Mangatas NASUTION  
Saleh UMAR

Apparently the successor to the Chinese-Indonesian Cultural League, this group also has branches in major cities.

b. Indonesia-China Friendship Association (INCF)

Address: Djakarta

Officers:

Chairman:

SUWIDJI, first name unknown  
(or, Dr. PRIJONO)

Vice-Chairmen:

Mrs. Rangkajo RASUNA  
Professor TJANTJU SOM

Subsidiary Organizations:

Solo, Bandung, Jogjakarta, Semarang, Ambon, Palembang, Medan, Makassar

- c. Indonesian-Czechoslovakian Friendship  
(Lembaga Persahabatan Indonesia-Tzekoslowakia)  
Officers:
- |                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Chairman:                | S. PRAWIRONEGORO      |
| First Deputy Chairman:   | B. R. H. PAKUNINGRAT  |
| Second Deputy Chairman:  | A. M. HARDJONO        |
| Secretary:               | R. M. S. TJOKRONEGORO |
| First Deputy Secretary:  | Martono MERTOLOJO     |
| Second Deputy Secretary: | S. K. WIRJONO         |
- d. Indonesian-Soviet Friendship League  
Officers:
- |           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Chairman: | Professor (PCPODELINGA?) |
|-----------|--------------------------|

28. Iran

- a. Iran-Soviet Cultural Relations Society (ISCRS)  
Address: Tackte-Jamshid and Soleil, Tehran  
Officers, 1955:
- |                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Acting President:   | Dr. Said NAFISI          |
| Board of Directors: | Jalal AFSHAR             |
|                     | Dr. Ahman AJIR           |
|                     | Dr. Amir ALAM            |
|                     | Dr. Mohammad AMIR-ASLANI |
|                     | Nader ARASTEH            |
|                     | Dr. Mehdi PAYANI         |
|                     | Roman ISAYEV             |
|                     | Amanollah JAHANBANI      |
|                     | Ebrahim Nabil-SAMII      |
|                     | Qolam Hosein NAQDI       |

29. Ireland

- a. Irish-USSR Society

30, Israel

- a. Israel-Bulgaria Friendship League  
Headed by: Dr. Sabatsy FARCHY
- B. Israel-Czechoslovak Friendship League
- c. Israel-Poland Friendship League
- d. Israel-Rumania Friendship League
- e. Israeli-Soviet Friendship Congress  
(also referred to as the Israeli-Soviet Friendship League or Movement)  
Officers:
  - Headed by: S. ZIROLNIKOV
  - Secretariat: Mr. Zvi NADAV  
S. ZIROLNIKOV
  - Technical Secretary: Eli PELLEG (or PELEG)Publications:
  - Israel-Soviet Union Friendship, a weekly  
or, "Friendship-Israel-USSR"Subsidiary Organizations:
  - Tel Aviv-Jaffa branch has a total of 150 members.  
Branches also in NATHANYA and Jerusalem; others  
exist but not identified.
  - 1. Committee for Scientific and Cultural Relations with the  
Soviet Union.

31. Italy

- a. Italian Association for Cultural Relations with Albania  
Publication: New Albania
- b. Italo-Bulgarian Association
- c. Italian Institute for Promoting Cultural and Economic Relations with China (or, the Center for Cultural and Economic Relations between Italy and China)  
(Probably identical with Italy-Popular China Association)  
Publication (of Italy-Popular China Association):  
Study Center for the Development of Economic and Cultural Relations with China
- d. Italian-Czechoslovakian Cultural Association  
(Associazione Italiana per i Rapporti Culturali con la Cecoslovacchia)  
Officers:  
Secretary: BATTISTRADA, first name unknown  
Publications: None issued
- e. Italian Association for Cultural Relations with Hungary  
(Associazione Italiana per i Rapporti Culturali con l'Ungheria)  
Address: Via San Pantaleo 66, Rome  
Officers:  
Secretary General: Luigi POLANO  
Secretary: Rosa SPINA  
Subsidiary Organizations:  
Branches in Milan, Trieste, Palermo  
1. Youth Center (presumably in Rome)  
(For further details about Trieste branch, see under Trieste, Trieste-Hungary Association.)
- f. Italian Association for Cultural Relations with Poland  
(Associazione Italiana per i Rapporti Culturali con La Polonia)  
Address: Viale Regina Margherita 270, Rome  
Officers:  
Secretary: Franco COCCIA  
Subsidiary Organizations:  
Branches of this Association are found in:  
Genoa, Milan, Livorno, Bologna



g. Italo-Rumanian Association  
(Associazione Italiana per i Rapporti Culturali con la Romania)  
Address: 12 Via Aterno, Rome, Italy

Officers:

Secretary: Francesco Paola ROMEO

Publication:

Italia-Romania (a monthly review)

Subsidiary Organizations:

Branches (frequently larger than the central group in Rome) at: Livorno, Sestri Levante, La Spezia, Naples

h. The Italian Association for Cultural Relations with the USSR  
(Associazione Italiana per i Rapporti Culturali con l'URSS)  
Address (1950): Via XX Settembre 3, Rome

Officers:

President: Senator Antonio BANFI

Vice Secretary: Senator Iares Busoni

Strength: Reported membership of about 150,000 in November 1953

Publications:

Monthly Review of the Soviet Press

Quarterly Review of Soviet Scientific Publications

Soviet Reality (weekly)

Subsidiary Organizations: 2,000 sections and approximately  
9,000 clubs (in 1950)

The Association includes activity sub-sections as follows:  
Press and Propaganda, Cultural, Cadre, Collectors,  
Organization, Motion Picture, Scientific, Tourist,  
Historical, Peace.

32. Japan

a. Japan-China Friendship Association (JCFA)  
(Nitchu Yuko Kyokai)

Address (1954): #2, Tokata Gakkai Building, Nishi Kanda, Chiyoda-ku

Officers:

Chairman: MATSUMOTO Jiichiro  
Vice-Chairmen: UNNO Shinkichi  
HANDA Kokai  
MARUOKA Hideko  
FUJITA Totaro  
UCHIYAMA Kanzo  
HIRANO Yoshitaro

Additionally, there are 181 directors.

Strength, March 1956: 9,314 members

Publications:

Japan and China (Nihon To Chugoku)  
People's China (Jinmin Chugoku)  
Chinese Pictorial (Chugoku Gaho)

Subsidiary Organizations:

10 Prefectural Federations  
6 Prefectural Chapters  
271 Chapters and Preparatory Committees  
107 Affiliated Organizations

Related Organizations in Japan:

1. Japan-China Translation and Publication Deliberative Society (Nitchu Honyaku Shuppan Konwa Kai)
2. The China Research Institute - Modern China Academy (Chugoku Kenkyu Jo-Gendai Chugoku Gakkai)

b. Japan-China Cultural Exchange Association

c. Japan Korea Council Officers: Chairman of the Council:  
Kenzo NAKAJIMA

Officers:

Headed by: Takudo KURUMA

d. Japan-Korea Friendship Society (JKFS)

Officers:

Vice-Chairman (June 1956): TAKATSU Masamichi

Subsidiary Organizations:

Branches:

Osaka Prefectural Federation

Executive Director: SHIKAWA Kenzo

1. Korean Affairs Research Society (KARS)

Officers:

President: FUJIDA Ryosaku  
Vice Presidents: HATADA Tsuyoshi  
SENDA Koreya  
Secretary General: YAHODA Takayasu  
Secretary: SHINJI Hiroshi  
Advisers: YAMANOCHI Ichiro  
HIRANO Yoshitaro  
SUZUKI Takeo  
KURUMA Takudo

e. Japan-East German Cultural Society

Strength: Approximately 250 members

f. Japan-Rumania Society

Officers:

Director: TAHARA Shunji

(JSFS)

Officers:

Chairman of Board of Directors: HORIE Muraichi

Head of the Administration Bureau: INOUE Tadao

~~Chairman of the~~

Vice Chairmen:

MAJIMA Kan

OGATA Shoji

g. Japan-Soviet Friendship Society (JSFS)  
(Nisso Shinzen Kyokai)

Officers:

~~President: TOZAWA, Tetsuhiko  
Vice-Presidents: OGATA Shoji  
HORIE Mura  
HIJIKATA Yoshi  
NATORI Takeshi~~

*see attached sheet*

Publications:

Soviet News (Sovietto Nyusu) (monthly)  
Data (Soviet Shiryo) (monthly)

Subsidiary Organizations:

There are 19 prefectural federations and 145 chapters.

1. Japan-Soviet News Agency (Nisso Tsushin Sha)  
Officers:  
President: HATANAKA Masaharu  
Chief, General Affairs: INOUE Tadao  
Editorial Bureau Chief: OTSUKA Nobunari
2. Japan Soviet Institute (Nisso Gakuin)  
(Presumably the same as the Japan-Soviet Academy)  
(Apparently The Russian Language School is a part of the Japan Soviet Institute.)
3. Japan-Soviet Library (Nisso Tosho Kan)  
Address: 511 3-chome, Sendagaya, Shibuya-ku.  
Chief Librarian: YONEKAWA Masao
4. Japan-Soviet Literature Exchange Center  
(Nisso Bunken Koryu Senta)
5. Japan-Soviet Publication, Translation and Discussion Association  
(Nisso Shuppan Honraki Konwa Kai)
6. Japan-Soviet Scientific Material Exchange (Nisso Gakujutsu Bunken Karyu Center)  
(Probably the same as the Japan-Soviet Literature Exchange)
7. Japan Cultural School (Nippon Bungaku Gakko)  
(Opened 11 January 1955 at Japan-Soviet Library)
8. Japan-Soviet League in Tokyo (Nisso Tokyo Rengo Kai)  
Address: Japan-Soviet Library Building  
(Possibly another name for the Tokyo Metropolitan Federation, JSFS)
9. Russian Language Friends Society (Roshiyago Tomo No Kai)  
(RLFS) (Dominated and completely controlled by the JSFS)  
Address: Japan-Soviet Library Building  
Officers:  
President: TOGO Masanobu  
Chairman: SAITO Masao
10. Soviet Researcher's Association (Sovieto Kenkyusha Kyokai)  
Publication: Soviet Knowledge (Sovieto Chichiki)

11. Japan-Soviet Trade Association (JSTS)  
(Nisso Boeki Kai)  
(Originally called, "Japan-Soviet Trade Promotion Council",  
Nisso Boeki Sokushin Kaigi)  
Address: 9-banchi, 1-chome, Edobashi, Nihombashi, Chuo-ku,  
Tokyo.  
Officers:  
Director: TANABE Minoru  
Managing Director: ITO Kesaichi
  12. People's Council for Restoration of Diplomatic Relations with  
China and the USSR  
(Nitchu Nisso Kokuko Kaifuko (Chosei) Kokumin Kaigi)  
Address: as of November 1954 the Council's office was  
reportedly in the home of MAJIMA Kan, 7-3 chome  
Kudan, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo  
Officers:  
Representative Director: KAZAMI Akira  
Head (?) KUHARA Fusanosuke
  13. Society of Russians Residing in Japan  
This organization is indirectly associated with JSFS and  
is not to be confused with the strongly anti-Communist  
"Russian National Union in Japan".
  14. Student's Society for Japan-Soviet Cultural Exchange  
(Indirectly associated with JSFS)
- h.f.e.* Japan-Soviet Mutual Aid Society  
(Nisso Sofu Kai)

33. Luxemburg

- a. Society of Friendship with the Soviet Union

34. Mexico

- a. Friends of the People's Republic of Poland  
~~Sx~~ (Amigos de la Republica Popular de Polonia)
- b. The Slavic Federation  
(Federacion Eslava)  
Officers:  
Principal Leader: Grisha (Gregorio) FELDMAN
- c. Society of Mexican Friendship with the Chinese People  
(or, Mexican Society for Friendship with Popular China)  
(Sociedad Mexicana Amistad Con China Popular)  
Strength, early 1956: about 50 members
- d. Czechoslovakian-Mexican Association  
Strength: about 80 members
- e. Mexican-Rumanian Society of Friendship and Cultural Exchange  
(Sociedad de Amistad y de Intercambio Cultural Mexicano-Rumano)  
Officers, 1956:  
Directive Council: Dr. Enrique ARREGUIN  
Hilario MARAMONTES  
Antonio Perez ELIAS  
Adriana LOMBARDO  
David Alfaro SIQUEIROS  
Alberto BELTRAN  
Federico SILVA  
Secretary:
- f. Mexican-Russian Institute of Cultural Exchange  
(Instituto de Intercambio Cultural Mexicano-Ruso, IICMR)  
Address: Calle Edison 49, Mexico City

Officers:

Administrative Committee which  directs the organization:

President:

Director: Efrain HUERTA

Membership Chairman: Noemi CALDERON

Luis CORDOVA

Manuel ALVAREZ Bravo

Azalea SILVA

Publications:

Intercambio Cultural (monthly)

Ciencia y Tecnica (a quarterly)

Subsidiary Organizations:

Branch Organizations: Guadalajara; Monterrey,  
Saltillo, Coahuila (opened in July 1955 under name of  
Promocion Cultural, A. G.)

- g. The Soviet Friendship Society  
(Sociedad de Amigos de la URSS)

35. Nepal

- a. Nepalese-Chinese Friendship Association

Officers:

Probable leader: Dr. K. I. SINGH

- b. Nepal-Egypt Friendship Association

(This organization is possibly sponsored by the Chinese  
Association for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries,  
ACRFC.)



36. The Netherlands

- a. Netherlands-Czechoslovakia Committee  
(also called the Committee for Cultural Relations between The Netherlands and Czechoslovakia)  
(Hoofdbestuur Nederland-Tsjechoslavakije, NC)

Officers:

Founders: Leendert P. J. BRATT  
Mr. GUNTENAAR, first name unknown  
"Committee": Bob GILLIERON  
Paula AUGUSTINE  
Jiri NOSEK (a representative of the Czech Embassy)

Strength: an estimated 50 people have attended programs sponsored by this organization.

- b. Netherlands-Poland Association  
(Vereniging Nederland-Polen, NP)  
Address: Prinsengracht 276, Amsterdam

Officers:

Chairman: Siegfried van PRAAG  
Treasurer: Maksymiliaan GORZINSKI  
Secretary: Mrs. Magdalena (Magda) van EMDE-BOAS, nee STARKENSTEIN

Strength, 1954: Estimated membership: 300

Publications:

Nederland-Polen, (monthly)

Subsidiary Organizations:

1. Cultural Club (Culturele Club)

- c. The Netherlands-Rumania Committee, (NR)  
or, Committee for Cultural Relations between The Netherlands and Rumania  
Address: 2 Weesperzijde, Amsterdam

- d. Netherlands-USSR Association (NU)

Officers:

Secretary General: Wim HULST  
Chairman: Theunis Uilke (Theun) de VRIES  
Treasurer: Gijsbertus Cornelis van LEWE  
(National Headquarters consists of a National Committee, an Executive Committee and Central Committee, a Secretariat and several specialized committees)

Strength: Claimed membership, November 1954: 25,000

Publications:

Nederland-USSR (monthly)

Subsidiary Organizations:

By 1953 NU had about 72 local sections.

e. Netherlands-Yugoslavia Association

37. New Zealand

a. Society for Closer Relations with The USSR, (SCR)

Officers:

President:	Professor H. Winston RHODES
Vice-Presidents:	Professor Willis T. G. AIREY Mr. R. F. GRIFFIN
National Executive:	G. DEVEREUX Kay BOLLINGER E. J. DYER John WATSON S. DEVEREUX F. FREEMAN L. JOINES P. SULLIVAN Ikar LISSIENKO

Strength: about 500 members

Publications:

International News Bulletin

38. North Korea

- a. Korean Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries  
Officers:

Vice Chairman: YUN SONG-POK

This appears to be the North Korean counterpart of VOKS.

- b. Korean-Soviet Cultural Society, or,  
Korean Society for Cultural Relations with the USSR  
Officers:

Chairman: Yi KI-YONG

Vice Chairman: Lee HO-KU

39. North Vietnam

- a. The Department of Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries  
Executive Officers:

Department Head: Nguyen Duc Quy

Deputy Department Head: Vu Quoc Uy

This is possibly the North Vietnamese counterpart of VOKS.

39. North Vietnam

- b. Vietnam-China Friendship Association  
(Hoi Viet Trung Huu-ngli)

Officers:

Chairman: Bui KY

Deputy Chairman: Thi SON

Xuan THUY

Tran huy LIEU

Secretary General: Ton quang PHIET

Deputy Secretary General: Le huy VAN

Tran CUNG

Subsidiary Organizations:

Branches in Hai phong and Namdink

- c. Vietnam-Soviet Friendship Association  
(Hoi Huu-ngli Vietnam Xo-viet, or, Hoi Viet Xo Huu-ngli)

Officers:

Chairman: Ton Duc THANG

General Secretary: Duong Bach MAI

Subsidiary Organizations:

Branches in Haiphong, Namdinh

40. Norway

~~a. Committee for Cultural Relations with Bulgaria~~

a. Norway-People's Democracies Friendship Society  
(Sambandet Norge-Folke demokratiene)

Address: Falken Forlag, Kirkeveien 64, Oslo

Officers:

Chairman:	Trygve NORUM
Vice-Chairman:	Rolf RUUD
Secretary:	Hans GLESSING
Treasurer:	Asbjorn BIELIF
Committee members:	Georg ROSEF
	Rudolf HEIBERG
	Leif FOSS

Subsidiary Organizations:

Committees for each Peoples' Democracy.

b. Norwegian-Soviet Friendship Society

Officers:

Chairman:	Henrik FINNE
Secretary General:	Kaare STOKKE
Administrative Officer:	M. HEIBERG

Subsidiary Organizations:

Bergin branch of Society

President: Rolf SULENG

41. Pakistan

a. Pakistan-China Friendship Association  
Officers:

President:	Hatim ALAVI
First Vice-President:	Tulam Das WADHUMA
Second Vice-President:	Dr. Zahir MASHHADI
Third Vice-President:	M. A. SAKUR
General Secretary:	Ashgar ANSARI

Subsidiary Organizations:  
Branches in Lahore, Karachi

b. Pakistan-Czechoslovakia Friendship Association  
Officers, 1955:

President:	
Vice President:	Qazi FARID
General Secretary:	Mubin Ahmed QURESHI

c. Pakistan-Soviet Cultural Association (PSCA)

Address: Karachi, Pakistan

Officers, 1956:

President:	Ghulam Murtaza SYED
Vice-President:	Sohrab KATRAK
General Secretary:	Iqbal ALVI
Joint Secretary:	Ishaq KASHMIRI

42. Philippines

a. Friends of China Youth Congress

43. Poland

- a. Committee for Foreign Cultural Cooperation (KWKZ)  
(Komitet Wspolpracy Kulturalnej z Zagranica)  
This is the Polish counterpart of the Soviet All-Union Society for Cultural Relations Abroad (VOKS). It supports, guides and utilizes for propaganda purposes the societies of friendship with Poland which are found in many non-Orbit countries. For further details, see ~~Section A~~ Section A.

- b. Polish-Slav Committee  
Officers:

Chairman: W. BARCIKOWSKI

- c. Polish-Soviet Friendship Society  
(Towarzystwo Przyjazni Polsko-Radzieckiej, TPPR)  
Officers:

Chairman of the Central Board: Stefan IGNAR  
Deputy Chairmen: Jerzy MORAWSKI  
Wiktor KLOSIEWICZ  
Leon CHAJN  
Jan SZYDLAK  
Helena DWORAKOWSKA  
Stanislaw MAZUR  
Tadeusz JANCZYK  
Tadeusz KSIAZEK  
(or KSIAZECZEK)  
Edwarda ORLOWSKA

Secretaries:

Supreme Audit Commission:

Chairman: Waclaw BARCIKOWSKI

Strength: Everybody who is employed is urged to belong to this Society.

Publications:

Gazetka Scienna - a wall newspaper, which carries news of Soviet technological progress and scientific achievements.

- d. Polish Soviet Institute

44. Rumania

- a. Rumanian Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations  
(Institutul Romîn pentru Relatiile Culturale cu Strainatatea)  
Possibly the Rumanian counterpart of the Soviet VOKS.  
For further details, see ~~Section~~ Section A.
- b. Rumanian Association for Relations with the Soviet Union (see Rumanian <sup>Typist!</sup> Association for Strengthening Soviet-Rumanian Friendship (ARLUS) below)  
~~ix Association for Strengthening Soviet-Rumanian Friendship (ARLUS) below~~  
(Asociata Romana Legaturi cu Uniunea Sovietica, ARLUS)

Officers:

Chairman: Constantin I. PHARHON

Deputy Secretary: Ioan MORARU

Strength: Claimed membership (1949): 1,500,000

Claimed membership (1956): 3,000,000

Publications:

Veac Nou, official press organ of ARLUS:

This journal publishes the following editions:

- 1) A weekly edition in the Rumanian language - circulation of about 300,000.
- 2) A weekly edition in Hungarian, German, Serbo-Croat, Ukrainian and Yiddish.
- 3) A monthly illustrated edition in the Rumanian language - circulation of about 500,000.

Subsidiary Organizations:

12,000 branches (as of 1948)

- c. Rumanian-Soviet Friendship Society

45. Sweden

- a. Swedish-Bulgarian Society

Officers (1954):

President: N. KILLEN

Acting Secretary: Mr. STORK

- b. Sweden-China Society  
(Probably identical with the Swedish-Chinese Association)  
Officers:  
    President (1955): Mats LINNMAN  
    Secretaries: Mrs. Karin ODEFN  
                  Yngve JOHANSSON
  
- c. Sweden Czechoslovakia Society  
Officers:  
    Chairman: Folke CARLBOM
  
- d. Sweden-Poland Society  
Officers:  
    (The society has an Executive Board and a Working Committee.)  
    Chairman of the Working Committee: Einar NORRMAN  
    Member of the Working Committee: Boerg CLAESON
  
- e. Swedish-Rumanian Association  
(not to be confused with the non-Communist Swedish-Rumanian Society)
  
- f. The Society for Advancement of Cultural and Economic Contacts  
between Sweden and the Soviet Union  
(Forbundet for framjande av kulturella och ekonomiska forbindelser  
mellan Sverige och Sovjetunionen)  
Address (June 1951): Katarinavagen 20, Stockholm  
Strength: Estimated membership: 10,000  
Subsidiary Organizations: Goteborg

46. Switzerland

- a. Switzerland-USSR Society or, Swiss-Soviet Union Society  
(Association Suisse-URSS)  
(Gesellschaft Schweiz-Sowjetunion)  
Officers:  
    President of the German Swiss Section: Dr. Heinz EGGER  
    President of the French Swiss Section: Dr. Marc OLTRAMARE  
Subsidiary Organizations:  
    German and Swiss Sections, with an undertermined number of  
    chapters.  
    Zurich Chapter  
    Chapter President: Dr. Heinz EGGER



47. Syria

a. Society for Cultural Cooperation with the Soviet Union

Officers:

Founders:

Munir SULEIMAN  
Professor Kamel AYAD  
Professor Nazim MUSSALY  
Professor Nur Edin HATUM  
Dr. DRUBY  
Professor ANWAR NAMMAN

48. Trieste

a. Trieste-Hungary Association

Address: 11 Via San Nicolo, Trieste

Officers (1953):

President: Dr. Leonardo SARTORI  
Secretary-General: Atto BRAUN  
Secretary: Claudio TONEL

49. Tunisia

- a. Tunisia-China Association  
(Association Tunisie-Chine)  
Address: Tunis  
Officers:  
    President: (Maitre) Ben ALEYA
  
- b. Tunisian Association of the Friends of the USSR  
(Association Tunisienne des Amis de l'URRS)

50. Union of South Africa

- a. Friends of China Society
  
- b. The South African Society for Good Will and Friendship with the USSR  
(formerly called the Friends of the Soviet Union)  
Address: Johannesburg  
Subsidiary Organizations:  
    Branch: Cape Town

51. United Kingdom

a. Society for Friendship with Bulgaria, or, Committee for Friendship with Bulgaria

Officers:

Presidents: Rev. George B. CHAMBERS  
D. N. PRITT

Chairman: Commander Edgar P. YOUNG

Strength: Real membership is about 600.

Subsidiary Organizations:

There were ten organizations affiliated to the Society in April 1956, as compared with 3 in April 1955.

b. British-China Friendship Association

c. British Czechoslovak Friendship League

Address: Lidice House, 20 Pont Street, S.W. 1, London

Officers:

Chairman: Rev. J. PUTTERILL

Vice Chairmen: Rev. J. K. M. BOGGIS

Dr. W. A. WOOSTER

Percy BELCHER

Stephen JOLLY

General Secretary: Lou KENTON

Treasurer: Jack JOSEPH

Names of Executive Committee members are available.

Strength: Claimed membership (1955): 2,863

d. The British Council for German Democracy

e. British Hungarian Friendship Society

Officers:

President: Canon C. F. HARMAN

Chairman: Rev. W. Bryn THOMAS

Secretary: Charles RINGROSE

Treasurer: B. M. LETSKY

Strength: Membership of the Society increased during 1955 from 700 to approximately 900.

f. British Polish Friendship Society

Officers:

President: Lord SILKIN

Chairman: Mrs. D. N. PRITT

Honorary Secretary: William John ELLERBY

Honorary Treasurer: Mrs. Nan CAPLAN

Strength: Claimed membership 1955: 690

Publications: New Poland

Subsidiary Organizations:

Branches in Liverpool, Merseyside, Manchester and Sheffield.

g. British Rumanian Friendship Association

Officers:

Chairman: D. N. PRITT  
Vice Chairman: Edgar P. YOUNG  
Treasurer: Tom W. SULLIVAN  
Secretary: Glyn EVANS

Strength: Membership, April 1956, 404.

Subsidiary Organizations:

No provincial branches.

h. National Council for British-Soviet Unity

i. Russia Today Society of Great Britain

j. Scotland-USSR Friendship Society

Officers:

General Secretary: George McALISTER

Subsidiary Organizations:

The organization operates a "Friendship House" as a cultural center in Glasgow and 13 Area Councils carry out "friendship/cultural" activities throughout Scotland.

k. British-Soviet Friendship Society

Officers:

Vice Chairman: Andrew ROTHSTEIN  
General Secretary: Pat SLOAN

Subsidiary Organizations:

Subject organization sponsors the Russia Today Book Club which has numerous branches in both London and the provinces.

l. Society for Cultural Relations with the USSR

Officers:

There is an 18-member Executive Committee; a small Organizing Sub-Committee, a Publications Committee and a Socials Committee. The President and 23 Vice-Presidents are usually distinguished persons of liberal or left-wing views who add respectability to the Society.

Publications: Several monthly publications about the Soviet Union: Anglo-Soviet Journal, Soviet Chess Bulletin, Soviet Legal Bulletin, Soviet Medical Bulletin, Soviet Psychology Bulletin and Soviet Theater Bulletin.

Subsidiary Organizations:

Specialist sections of the SCR include: a  
~~the~~ Medical Section, ~~the~~ Chess Section and  
~~the~~ Education Section.

m. Women's British-Soviet Committee

n. Anglo-Soviet Youth Friendship Alliance

o. The British-Yugoslav Association

52. United Soviet Socialist Republics

a. All-Union Society for Cultural Relations Abroad  
(Vsesoyuznoye obshchestvo kulturnoy svyazi zagranitsey, VOKS)

Address: Moscow, Leningrad

Officers:

Chairman of the Board: Andrey I. DENISOV  
First Deputy Chairman: V. J. YAKOVLEV

Publications:

The VOKS Pulletin, a bi-monthly, published in several languages.

Moscow News, a bi-weekly, published in French and English.  
Numerous news letters and a great number of books on all aspects of Soviet life.

Subsidiary Organizations:

Regional Branches: Each Soviet Republic has its own organization for cultural relations (OKS) which is a part of the larger VOKS.

VOKS supports, guides and uses as propaganda outlets all the societies of friendship with the Soviet Union which are located in foreign countries.

Further details about VOKS are given in ~~section~~ section A.

- b. Association of Friends of French Science and Culture  
(Set up in Moscow under the auspices of VOKS. According to a Communist publication, it propagandize French scientific and cultural developments among the people of the USSR and arrange contacts between Soviet and French artists and scholars.)
- c. Armenian Society for Cultural Liaison Abroad  
Address: Sverdlev Street, No. 2, Erevan  
Officers:  
Chairman of the Board: Dr. ASTVATSATURYAN
- d. Kazakh Society for Cultural Relations with Abroad  
(Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic)  
Officers:  
Deputy Chairman: SHAMZHANOVA
- e. Soviet-Mongolian Friendship Society  
Officers: Secretary of the Central Council: Zh. BUNTAR
- f. Ukrainian Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries  
Address: Kiev, USSR  
Officers:  
Chairman: Luka KIZIA

53. Uruguay

- a. Czechoslovak Circle  
(Circulo Checoeslovaco, CC)
- b. Slavic Union of Uruguay  
(Union Eslava del Uruguay)
- c. Adam Mickiewicz Polish Society  
(Sociedad Polaca "Adam Mickiewicz")
- d. Maxim Gorki Cultural Center

- e. Uruguayan-Soviet Cultural Institute  
(Instituto Cultural Uruguayo Sovietico, ICUS)
- Officers:
- |                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| President:      | Dr. Osvaldo LUZARDO     |
| Vice-President: | Maria Luisa SANTAMARINA |
| Vice-President: | Dr. Armando REY LOPEZ   |
| Secretary:      | Zulma AMARO             |
| Treasurer:      | Alberto CAPANO          |
- Publications:  
Union Sovietica and Literatura Sovietica (monthlies)

54. Venezuela

- a. Instituto Cultural Venezolano Sovietico  
Address: Caracas, Venezuela  
(Probably liquidated at time of rupture of diplomatic relations  
between USSR and Venezuela.)

55. West Germany

- a. German Society for Cultural and Economic Exchange with Poland  
Publications: Jenseits der Oder
- b. German Soviet Friendship Society  
(Declared illegal by decision of West German federal court,  
25 July 1955.)

56. Yugoslavia

- a. Commission for Cultural Ties with Foreign Countries  
Address: Bircaninova #6, Belgrad  
Officers (1955):
  - President: Marko RISTIC
  - Secretary: Ivo FROLApparently the Yugoslav counterpart of VOKS.



Q. Miscellaneous National Friendship Societies:  
~~Sub-section 6~~

(Listed below are a group of miscellaneous Communist-controlled friendship societies which were set up for a variety of political purposes. In most cases these organizations appeared to have been founded and operated by a national Communist Party. Some of them are now probably defunct.)

1. <sup>ARGENTINA</sup> Argentina *all caps - understood*
  - a. Association of Friends of Guatemala
  
2. Bolivia
  - a. Association of Friends of Guatemala  
(Asociacion de Amigos de Guatemala, AAG)
  
3. Chile
  - a. Association of Friends of Guatemala  
(Asociacion de Amigos de Guatemala, AAG)
  - b. Chilean-Hindu Cultural Center  
(Centro Cultural Chileno-Hindu)
  - c. Chilean Unit for Aid to Democratic Spain  
(Agrupacion Chilena de Ayuda a la Democracia Espanola)  
Address: Calle Compania 1535, Santiago
  
4. El Salvador
  - a. Society of Friends of Guatemala  
(Sociedad de Amigos de Guatemala)

5. Mexico

- a. The Society of Friends of Cuba  
(Sociedad de Amigos de Cuba, SAC)

Officers:

Founder: Dr. Ismael COSIO Villegas of the  
Mexican Peace Movement

- b. The Society of Friends of Guatemala  
(Sociedad de Amigos de Guatemala, SAG, or, Sociedad Mexicana  
de Amigos de Guatemala Revolucionara, SMAGR)

6. West Germany

- a. Working Circle East  
(Arbeitskreis Ost, AKROS)

Officers:

Chairman: **H** Hans KLUMB  
Secretary: Rainer-Maria WALLISFURTH  
Secretary: Hans Friedrich SECKER