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1. Introduction by the President

The President opens the session and welcomes the members of the Directory Board. He thanks them for the work accomplished since the last meeting in Antequera. He stresses the important subjects on the agenda that will be submitted immediately to the DB, in particular the collaboration with the Congress organisers for the success of the event.

2. Review of the tasks accomplished since the last meeting

The General Secretary, Ioannis Lykouris, presents the list of tasks accomplished since the last meeting in Spain last April. Ioannis Lykouris indicates that most of the tasks have been done. The President reminds that the public opening of FIAP website has been delayed due to the fact that different companies (developers, hosts) have not transmitted their policy of data protection adequately. The Directors' webpages have been on the other hand downloaded and the links to the social medias are already functioning. The official opening of the website will happen on August 13th, 2018 and will be announced on the first day of the Congress.

3. Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer, Herbert Gmeiner, presents the financial situation of the accounts and of the cash flow as of today. Guatemala has not paid for two years in a row (2017 and 2018) and decision is taken to cancel its name from the list of Operational Members. On the other hand, it is decided not to cancel the membership of the ILFIAPs in situation of late payment and to wait until the end of the year, a time when several of them pay their membership after the closing of the World Cup per Club at the same time as the fees for their participation. The list of FIAP free guests to the Congress in Durban is composed of 5 persons i.e. 2 delegates for the Russian winners of FIAP trophies, the Best of the Best author for 2016 and 2017 and the Directors of the Service Collections and Ethics. The new form for spendings of the Treasurer will be tested by the President before being distributed to the DB. Suzana Skoludova (Slovaquia) will not renew her function as an intern auditor and could be substituted by Jozef Keppert (Slovaquia) who will work together with Sepp Köppel (Switzerland) during 2018. For 2019 the proposed intern auditors are Josef Keppert (Slovakia) and Peter Marxer (Liechtenstein). The DB accepts the proposals of the Treasurer which will have to be ratified by the General Assembly. Upon request of the tax expert, the President will be present to the meeting between the Treasurer and the intern auditors in Luxembourg next year.

4. FIAP Life Card Service

Regarding the situation of the Life Cards, the Treasurer stresses that 20% of the participants to the Congress does not have their card although it was easy to obtain the card number through the administrative platform. R. Nero suggests to offer a free FIAP card to the authors who are awarded honorific Distinctions by the DB as well as to the Best of the Best authors. This proposal is accepted by the DB. In 2018 around 1300 cards have been produced with 44 through the administrative platform and only in July and August were there 26 requests from authors with yet no FIAP distinctions.

5. Relations with members

Great Britain: the DB has reviewed D. Coates' email regarding FIAP cards and is aligning its position to the answer given and sent by the Treasurer in July, where he was explaining the philosophy behind their production.

Slovenia: The DB has reviewed V. Doberlet's email and has taken into consideration the different proposals regarding the functioning of FIAP Services as well as the principle of non-intervention of FIAP into internal national regulations.

Australia : The DB has analyzed the propositions regarding the number of acceptations allowed by FIAP, most of all for competitions on paper, but it has decided not to modify the accepted percentages in order to maintain the high standards and the quality of FIAP salons.

Saudi Arabia: The President has already responded directly to the letter by Najila Engawi regarding her HonEFIAP distinction.

Romania : Regarding the letters of T. Panteu, and in accordance with its principles, the DB has decided not to intervene into the internal conflicts of the Romanian administration.

China : The President had an appointment with CPA President together with David Tay last June in Beijing. Despite the spirit of collaboration of the meeting, the project proposed by CPA cannot be accepted by the DB because of the equality that must exist among all Operational members. The DB will attempt to find a definitive and efficient way of collaborating with China during the Congress where CPA delegates will be present.

India: The DB has decided not to follow up on the letters coming from India regarding the conditions of distinction requests; these issues should be resolved at the national level within the Indian Federation.

6. Biennials Service

The Director of Service Luis Franke suggested some modifications to encourage the participation to the Biennials that are voted at the unanimity by the DB. It regards the sending of the results directly by the Director of the Biennials to the Operational Members and to the participants just after the judgment of each Biennial. It is also the obligation to have 3 judges in each Biennial that must be from three different countries AND resident in three different countries. The judges will also get a certificate after they finish their mission. The DB decides also to reconsider the taking into account of high quality acceptations for the FIAP artistic distinctions to Biennials. The presence of a DB member to the award ceremony of the Biennials has been considered indispensable in respect of the organisers and the awarded participants. The subvention of 5000 euros must stay at this level for now according to the DB and should be provided only after the catalogs are sent by the country organiser. The 28th Color Biennial will take place in Spain at the end of March 2019, and the jury representing the DB will be Luis Franke, and if not available, H. Gmeiner. The opening of this Biennial will take place at the end of September 2019. A new platform will be used for the download of the work of all Biennials, including the Youth Biennials. The most reasonable would be to use the platform already used for the WorldCup with some modifications, platform that has been offered for free to FIAP, but if the DB members have other proposals, they can send by the end of September a demo version of the proposed software to the Director of Service, Luis Franke, in order for him to check it at home and choose the more efficient for his service.

7. FIAP World Cup of Clubs Service

The DB decides that the results of the World Cup will be announced directly by the Director of the World Cup and to the participants right after the jury of each world cup. An electronic platform for the download of the work participating to the World Cup of Clubs is already ready and will be open to the public by the end of September, once the legal obligations regarding data protection have been accomplished. The jury of the World Cup will take place this year on November 30th and December 1st.

8. FIAP Exhibition Centers Service

All the Directors of FIAP services have received from the Audiovisual Service two series of projection, which will be available for the public 6 months later through FIAP youtube channel. The DB considers indispensable to organise a meeting for all Directors of FIAP, in order to establish ways of collaboration between them for the 3 years to come. The details of this meeting will be discussed during the next DB meeting and immediately distributed to the Directors of Exhibition Centers.

9. Audio-Visual Service

The Director of Service, Lorenzo de Francesco prepared a new series with the title «Man at Work». As for the other ones, the copyrights for the accompanying music have been paid in order to allow its legal distribution among the Exhibition Centres or FIAP Youtube channel.

10. Patronage Service

The Director R. Nero presents the situation of patronages to date: are expected around 600 salons by the end of the year. In 2017, 558 salons were organised by 67 countries and 74 circuits. The considerable increase of the number of salons is mainly due to the high quality and the fame of FIAP salons as well as the digital technology which facilitates photo production, salon organisation and the participation to competition. He suggests to integrate on the administrative platform the profile and some photos of the Best Authors of salons but the DB decides that it is better to use the new FIAP website for that, being the

principal tool for the promotion of FIAP and its activities; the platform is more an administrative tool for the management of salons and of finances.

11. Promotion and Partnership Service

The President mentions that during his visit to China in June, he and the Director of Service, David TAY, looked for a manufacturer which could produce photo jackets for FIAP. Professor Zheng Yi and Mr Ren Shugao, who had organised the last successful Photo Meeting in Jinan, put them in contact with a sponsor in Tianjin, «Global Photography» which is ready to make and offer for free to FIAP 200 jackets, with a small logo on the back. The President announces that he is in conversation with UNESCO about the use of their logo on FIAP website.

12. Distinctions Service

The Director Freddy Van GILBERGEN suggests some names for the honorific distinctions FIAP during the congress. The DB decides to award ESFIAP to Jean Caspers and Jeff Lemmens (Belgium), Anton Savov (Bulgaria), Arne Berge (Norway), Pierluigi Rizzato (Italy), Khanh Vu Quoc (Vietnam), Hutting Jacky (Luxemburg) and the distinction Hon EFIAP to Lam Kin Cheong (Macao) and Ren Shugao (China). The DB discusses then the MFIAP selection system and decides that it will be discussed in more details during the next meeting.

13. FIAP News

FIAP News publishes news which comes always from the same countries. It is indispensable that the Liaison Officers and the Directors of Exhibition Centers make an effort to promote the activity in their country.

14. Data Protection Service

The Director I. Lykouris presents the actual situation: behind the website and the administrative platform there are several companies (developers, host companies, etc) that have their headquarters in different countries (Serbia, Luxembourg, Great Britain, Finland, Germany) and have not yet communicated to FIAP their data protection policy, despite the continuous efforts made by the Directors of Data Protection, Website and Patronages Services. This delay is keeping from launching the official opening of the new website and put at risk FIAP in terms of its own responsibility regarding the functioning of the administrative platform. The President suggests to insure FIAP against all risk regarding Data protection and the DB decides that the different scenarios will be studied during the next meeting of the DB.

15. Next congress and FIAP photo meeting

Following the withdrawal of the other candidatures, there is only one candidate to the next Congress (India) and one only candidate for the Photo meeting (Morocco).

16. Red List

Regarding the procedure to be followed, the DB clarify that the Director of the Service Ethics must first communicate to the author then contact the DB to make his suggestion. Then the DB must decide whether or not placing the author on the Red List and finally the DB addresses its decision to the Liaison Officer of the country.

17. Next DB meeting

The next meeting of the DB is confirmed to take place in Paris, France from October 4 to 8th, 2018, with a meeting and in collaboration with the «Fédération Photographique de France».

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