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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Ripollet, Spain, February 27th to March 1st, 2015

**PRESENTS:** Messrs R.BUSI, J.BURGUES, F. VAN GILBERGEN, I.LYKOURIS, H.GMEINER, K.BATSCHINSKI, D.TAY, R. NERO, N. BERLINGIERI (members of the Directory Board)

### 1) Introduction by the President

The President opens the session thanking Ripollet for hosting the DB at the Cultural Center of the city. He also thanks all the board members for the work done since the last reunion in Turkey. Given the growth and development of FIAP and the importance of the work provided by all board members, Riccardo Busi asks to each board member, in order to reinforce the stability and the continuity of the Fiap services at any moment, to find an assistant that could be informed of, help and share the tasks of each member of the Board, as and whenever necessary. The Board members agree to communicate the name of an assistant within the shortest time possible.

### 2) Approbation of the minutes of the Board meeting in Cappadocia

The minutes of the BD meeting of September 2014 are approved.

### 3) Review of the tasks accomplished since last meeting

The General Secretary I. Lykouris presents the list of tasks accomplished since the last BD meeting in September 2014. From now on, the «list of tasks» will be send immediately after the Directory meeting, in order to allow the better planning of the respective activities by the members.

### 4) Bylaws

The Secretary General confirms that FIAP France officially does not exist anymore and that the creation of FIAP Luxembourg is now accomplished. An official act of the registration of the new FIAP is requested and soon expected by the lawyer in Luxembourg. It is decided to renew the full «FIAP Dossier», with all FIAP Documents and send it to all Fiap Members. In order to avoid confusion with the old version, the new Dossier will have a new numeration system. A link to the new FIAP Dossier should then appear on the website that will be always updated.

### 5) Treasurer's report

The Treasurer, Herbert Gmeiner, presents the 2014 statement of accounts, the 2014 Balance sheet as well as the External auditor's report. Decision is taken for the holders of old FIAP Cards (before 2000) to be asked to pay for a new FIAP Life Card at the time of requesting a new FIAP Distinction. The ILFIAP Clubs 2050, 2073, 2092, 2101, and 2110 are cancelled as they have not paid their fees for 2 years. Regarding the translation needs, decision is taken to hire professional services for important official documents. The 2014 statement of accounts and balance presented by the Treasurer are approved by the Board of Directors.

### 6) Red List

The Board of Directors decides not to adopt the FIAP France Red List (INFO 2014/768) but to re-examine all cases of the authors written on that List. A new procedure and new rules will be prepared in consultation with the main international photographic organizations. An INFO will be sent to the Liaison Officers notifying that Salon organisers, who applied for FIAP patronage and received FIAP document 2014/768 with the names of the persons whose participation in all FIAP activities is prohibited, have not the obligation to refuse the participation of the persons written on that list. For the same reason, the Turkish Federation's request to insert one of their authors on the Red List cannot be taken into account for the moment.

## **7) Relations with members**

In order to guarantee a better and closer relationship with the Liaison Officers as well as to facilitate FIAP development in the various countries-members, the BD decides to publish the guidelines establishing the principal responsibilities of the Liaison Officer. These guidelines will be immediately enforced and binding for all Liaison Officers.

## **8) Distinctions Service**

After the numerous emails received from country members by the Director of the Service Distinctions, Freddy VAN GILBERGEN presents and explains the situation regarding the new regulation of FIAP Distinctions. It is decided to bring some modifications to this regulation according to the will of the Operational Members, which will be published as soon as possible and will become operative starting January 1st, 2016.

## **9) Relations with UNESCO Service**

The BD discusses the situation regarding the collaboration with Unesco : a general agreement, strategically very important for FIAP, is currently still in progress as the UNESCO officials asked for some new amendments. Regarding the Photo Beijing/Tamron project, a project that would involve FIAP, TAMRON and Photo Beijing, it is decided that Fiap will provide its auspices and will ask UNESCO the recognition of the event. The BD decides to send Mr. David Tay as the FIAP representative to the Press Conference in China for the presentation of the project, which will take place in March.

## **10) Biennials Service**

Regarding the choice of the FIAP Jury members for the Biennials, the organizing country can suggest names of the FIAP judges but the final decision belongs to the BD itself. For the next PI Biennial in Indonesia, FIAP judges will be David Tay and as alternate Romain Nero.

## **11) Patronage Service**

The Director, R. Nero presents a slide-show of the current situation, showing an increase of 23% of the number of salons since 2013. The BD discusses the contradiction between PSA and FIAP rules about incorporation of non photographed objects in an image : according to PSA rule, it is accepted to incorporate «artwork or computer graphics if the photographic content predominates» whereas in FIAP regulation «all parts of the image have to be photographed»

## **12) ESFIAP Distinctions**

Among the candidates for ESFIAP, the BD votes in favour to give the distinction ESFIAP to Ana Elena Ewert from Chile and to Joan Serrano from Spain.

## **13) MFIAP Distinctions**

Before proceeding to the vote on the MFIAP 2015 candidates, the BD decides to establish a strict deadline for reception of MFIAP portfolios set at the end of January every year without exception. Among 25 portfolios for MFIAP, the BD votes in favour to give the distinction to Luk Tin-Shek, Robert Steven Barbarien, Robert Fulton, Peter Paterson and Claudio Damian Ricchetti.

## **14) World Cup of the Clubs Service**

The World Cup of the Clubs 2015 has been very successful with the participation of 167 clubs. The BD decides on the following judges for the next World Cup of the Clubs, Tapio Karjalainen from Finland, Chris Discard from Belgium and Csaba Balasi from Romania. The BD decides to approve the following new rules for the World Cup of Clubs : a) Limit the submission at maximum 2 photos per Club member, b) Accepting no more than 1 author having his residence outside of the Club country in each participating Club, c) Disqualify the Club for the award in case of not respecting the above two rules and request to take back the prizes, otherwise it will not be allowed to participate to any following competition, d) no author can participate to the World Cup with more than 1 club and e) the country that wins the world cup will be offered the priority for the organization of the next year competition.

## **15) Youth Service**

The Director of the Service, Kurt Batschinski, reports some problems related to the launching of the Youth Biennial 2015. He then presents some ideas aiming at attracting more young people to participate to the Youth contests. He

will present specific projects at the next BD meeting. Decision is taken to create a new Service for the FIAP Medals, where Mr Kurt Batschinski will be in charge as its Director. The new «FIAP Medal Services» will be added to the list of FIAP Services.

#### **16) Permanent Exhibition Centres**

The President, R. Busi exposes that two new centres recently opened in Jinan and Muscat. Regarding the Regulations of PEC, David Tay points out that the word «Permanent» in the PEC is received with great reservation in the Asiatic countries like Vietnam. The BD decides consequently to remove the word «Permanent» and from now on it will be referred to «FIAP Exhibition Centre», followed by the location and name of the country. With these modifications, the BD approves the final version of the new Regulation of the FIAP Exhibition Centres. Decision is taken to create a new Service for the FIAP Exhibition Centres, where Mr Joan Burgues will be in charge as its Director. The new «FIAP Exhibition Centres Service» will be added to the list of FIAP Services.

#### **17) Inscription of individual members**

Following the approbation by the General Assembly, during the FIAP Congress in Turkey, a new category of members has been created; the individual members (art. 3.2.d) These new members are the persons, professional photographers or amateurs who are affiliated with an Operational Member. At the time of registering at a FIAP Operational Member they directly become FIAP individual members for as long as they maintain the status of affiliates. The Operational Members have the possibility to add to their national membership's cards given to their affiliates the FIAP logo besides their own logo. These membership's cards are of course totally different from the FIAP Life Cards issued internationally only by the FIAP Life Card Service. The Operational Members should send once per year to the Secretary General the total number of their individual members and clubs as this is necessary for marketing purposes.

#### **18) Promotion et Partnership Service**

In order to substitute the old advertising FIAP material, obsolete and largely sold out, the Director of the Service, David PC Tay, presents three samples of flyers that he had made, with 3 format options. The BD decides to opt for the square format with FIAP logo on the left flap. Once the written content will have been agreed upon, the flyer will be printed in the region where it is going to be distributed. The draft of the content will be written by David Tay in English and then translated in French, German, Spanish, Chinese and Arabic. Meeting Tamron and «Samsung» Project, David Tay will be working toward the development of these projects, which are absolutely strategical for FIAP. In March, the President R. Busi will be in Adana, Turkey for the opportunity to meet the World President of Rotary Club for a possible future collaboration with FIAP.

#### **19) Contacts with PSA**

In agreement with the BD and following the invitation received by the PSA President John Davis, R. Busi will participate to the PSA Congress which will take place in USA next September/October in order to reinforce even more the ties between the two organizations and search common grounds on definitions and regulations.

#### **20) List of FIAP courses**

Decision is taken to create a new Service for FIAP Courses, where Mr Nicolas Berlingieri will be in charge as its Director. He will send as soon as possible a proposal and submit it to the comments of the BD. The new «FIAP Training Service» will be added to the list of FIAP Services.

#### **21) Magazines recognized by FIAP**

In order to further develop the Fiap image in the world and valorise even more its recognition towards the various magazines, R. Busi suggests to create a new Service for FIAP Magazines, where Mr Roald Synnevåg, from Norway, will be in charge as its Director. The new «FIAP Magazines Service » will be added to the list of FIAP Services. The BD approves this decision.

## **22) Cuba Photomeeting**

The Vice President, Joan Burgues, informed the DB members about the successful organisation of the forthcoming photomeeting in Cuba, where already about 70 persons from different parts of the world have been registered.

## **23) Next FIAP BD Meeting**

The BD decides to meet again from November 26th – to 30th 2015 in Vienna.

The invitation made by India to host the BD in Goa will be discussed with the Indian Federation during the next Congress.

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