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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORY BOARD

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PRESENTS: Riccardo BUSI, Joan BURGUES, Freddy VAN GILBERGEN, Herbert GMEINER, Ioannis LYKOURIS, Kurt BATSCHINSKI, David TAY, Romain NERO, Nicolas BERLINGIERI (members of directory board)

1) Introduction by the President

The President opens the session and welcomes the members of the Directory Board ; he thanks everybody for the work accomplished since the last meeting of December 2016 held in Cyprus.

2) Review of the tasks accomplished since the last meeting

The General Secretary presents the list of the tasks accomplished since the last meeting in Cyprus in December.

3) Report by the Treasurer

The Treasurer presents a situation of the accounts and of the treasury in date of April 2017, as well as the situation of payment of the subscriptions by Fiap members and ILFIAP Clubs. He makes a demonstration of the new payment system on the administrative platform. As of today, around 60 operational members and 50 Iffiap clubs have paid their membership ; on the other hand, as of May 1st, 2017, the operational member from Kuwait is delinquent in the payment of its membership for two consecutive years. The Treasurer then presents the report of the internal auditors. In perspective of the 2017 budget, Herbert Gmeiner asks the DB members to send him by the end of May, the estimated amount of expenses they expect to have. Finally, it is decided that all signed contracts shall be sent to both the Treasurer and the General Secretary.

4) Situation of FIAP Life Cards

A point is made regarding the Life Cards. As of April 2017, 461 Life Cards have been produced (versus 1618 in 2016 and 1536 in 2015). The DB would like to remind that only the operational members and the Iffiap Clubs (in the countries where there are no OM) may submit a request for the Life cards. In the future it will be possible for the authors to have a direct access to the administrative platform and request a Life card but this will be kept under the supervision of the OM.

5) Relations with the members

Korea : The DB notes that no Congress Book has been sent to the countries that have not participated and very few catalogs of the B&W Biennial have been sent to the authors. Despite the substitution of the Liaison Officer in Korea, all emails sent to the Photographic Society of Korea were left

without answer ; the DB decides to send an ultimatum reminding the obligations that have not been respected which, in case of non completion, will lead to a sanction.

Kuwait : The last attempts of contact have been unsuccessful ; the DB votes unanimously to cancel the Kuwait Science Club Photography Department from the list of Operational Members due to inactivity and non payment of the membership for the last two years

China : CPA having blocked without reason all requests from the Shangtuf Club, the DB, after several attempts without result, has authorized this Iffiap Club to ask directly to Fiap Life cards and Fiap distinctions.

Ireland : The DB discusses Ireland proposal to reduce the cost of Fiap patronage. Given that the cost has never been increased for the past 10 years, it is decided to keep the same amount for now.

Azerbaïdjan : A new application for an affiliated operational member has been presented by the Azerbaïdjan ; the DB accepts unanimously this application which will be submitted to the ratification of the next General assembly.

6) Van Mansel case

The Court of Appeal has reversed the decision of the Court in first instance and condemned FIAP to pay a compensation to Van Mansel and to publish the decision on its website. Put to vote, the DB decides to analyze the possibility to appeal in the Supreme Court.

7) Promotion and Partnership Service

Riccardo Busi compliments David Tay for his work which allowed the organization of the exhibition « Dubai Live » on May 4th, 5th and 6th, 2017. David Tay explains that he was able indeed to find a sponsor. The DB decides to be present next year to big photo events like the Photokina or the Dubai fair in order to have the possibility to contact big photo companies. This could be the opportunity to show FIAP institutional video, which could be produced and presented during these events. Furthermore, on May 6th, the Exhibition Center of Dubai opens its doors. Riccardo Busi mentions also a collaboration with the New Zealander Photographer Tom Ang, author of photobooks published worldwide, which will lead to the writing of an on-line book related to photo jurying. Finally David Tay presents the new roll-up Flap flag.

8) Fiap website

Nicolas Berlingieri thanks the President of the Serbian Federation, Branislav Brkic, for his collaboration which allowed to find the software house which will take care of the new FIAP website. It will be a fast website, adapted to all types of screens ; first in English, it will be soon available in the 3 other official languages of FIAP. It will also provide for the possibility to add other languages in the future such as Arabic or Chinese. The new website will be ready before the end of the year, around October.

9) UNESCO

Riccardo Busi reports that after various attempts he was able to meet, at the Paris Headquarters of UNESCO, the «Senior Desk Officer of Non Governmental Organizations» and the « Chief of Publishing and Branding Section», and thus resume the relations with the organisation which should soon renew its recognition of FIAP.

10) Biennials Service

The 2018 biennials are the B&W Biennial in South Africa, the Nature Biennial in Oman, as well as the 39th Youth Biennial in Bulgaria. It is decided that Nicolas Berlingieri will be FIAP jury member in South Africa and in Bulgaria and Romain Nero in Oman. Additionally, the DB decides that for all FIAP Biennials, only one jury member from the DB will be sent and that he will be in charge of checking if the Biennial is organized according to the rules.

11) Patronage Service

Romain Nero presents the situation of FIAP Patronages as of today. The number of salons per year continue to increase, from 248 in 2012 to 505 in 2016 ; as of April 27th, 2017, the number of salons has already reached 373 and it is estimated that it will get to around 525 for the whole year. The salons in circuit have increased of 238% while the single salons have registered an increase of 55% since 2012. The number of salons went from 17 in 2012 to 60 in 2016 (50 as of today for 2017). The first 10 countries for the salons in 2016 are : India, Serbia, Montenegro, Spain, Turkey, Germany, GB, Bulgaria, Italy and France ; India and Serbia are well ahead with respectively 86 and 60 salons. For 2017, as of today, India and Serbia are still ahead with 69 and 49 salons. More than 300 salons have been entered onto the new administrative platform. The applications to the salons can be downloaded from the platform then uploaded once the application filled. Romain Nero proceeds to a demonstration of the platform functionalities. The DB examines then a request presented by PSA which would like to increase the limitation from 6 to 8 sections for each competition. Put to vote, the request is rejected at the unanimity.

12) Distinctions Service

The Director of Service, Freddy Van Gilbergen , refers once again to the case of the Iffiap Shangtuf club and the DB decides to control directly the distinction requests sent by this club, given the lack of communication from the Liaison officer of CPA.

13) FIAP insurance coverage

The travel coverage for the DB members should be finalized by the end of June, as for the civil responsibility coverage, the definition of the coverage proposed by the insurance company will continue to be studied and examined closely.

14) Best of the Best

The President asks all DB members to suggest, before the end of June, ideas for new rules regarding the organisation of the Best of the Best evening during Fiap congresses.

15) Medals Service

Kurt BATSCHINSKI presents the situation of the stock of medals, flags and gadgets. Problems regarding catalog shipment between Oman and Russia are reviewed. The issue concerns the relation between two federations, thus the DB cannot interfere. A request for medals by China is communicated to Romain Nero.

16) Photomeeting for 2017 and Congress

Ioannis Lykouris presents an initiative suggested by the organizers of the next Photomeeting : a photo contest related to Unesco natural heritage, which could be an occasion to reinforce our relations to Unesco. The organizers have requested to put a plaque during the Mount Tai visit, approving the site as « Photographic site recognized by FIAP ». The Treasurer, Herbert Gmeiner, suggests adding a bar-code to the plaque which would give information regarding Fiap. The General Secretary could inaugurate at this occasion a system of placement of similar plaques in all locations with a particular photographic interest. Those plaques would probably bring an added-value to these locations but above all would promote Fiap and eventually give a direct interest to Fiap lifecard holders, who could benefit to a free entrance when there is an entrance fee. The DB adopts at the unanimity these proposals and asks the General Secretary to take care of their execution.

17) FIAP exhibition centers

Joan BURGUES presents a list of the new exhibition centers opened as well as the activities organized by the centers.

18) List of FIAP courses

Nicolas BERLINGIERI indicates that 2 types of courses are provided. The conditions of admission remain to be decided ; he suggests to prepare a chart with his propositions, which would have two levels. Fiap promotional presentation is in preparation and will be soon sent to all Fiap DB members in a format that will allowed them to edit and adapt it to their particular needs.

19) FIAP News

FIAP news issues # 2 and #3 are finished and the articles have been sent. Riccardo Busi encourages the DB members to contribute photos and articles.

20) FIAP Gadgets

Riccardo Busi indicates that no answer has been received yet regarding Fiap photo jacket.

21) Worldcup per clubs Service

The new Director of the Worldcup for Clubs, Mr. Gill Rossel, is invited to the meeting and presents and submits to the DB the draft of the new regulation of the Worldcup. The draft is adopted with some modifications and the Director is asked to finalize the document. The judges for the next Worldcup will be Guy Samoyault, Dorota Kycia and Conrad Muraloni. For this year Worldcup, a CD will still be produced and sent to all the participants.

22) Analysis of the ESFIAP and HonEFIAP applications

The applications to the ESFIAP and HonEFIAP titles are examined by the DB members, who then proceed to the vote : the application ESFIAP of Andrés Ferriz José Antonio (Spain) is accepted and the applications HonEFIAP of Djordje Vukicevic (Serbia) and of Brian Cudby (OL New Zealand) are accepted.

23) Next DB meeting in Ceuta

In order to confirm the feasibility of next DB meeting in Ceuta, Spain, each board member will check the possibility to travel there.

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