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MINUTES 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, Luis FRANKE (members of the Directory Board)

1. Introduction by the President

The President opens the session welcoming the members of the Directory Board in Moscow. In particular, he greets Luis Franke seating for the 1st time at the Board in substitution of Nicolas Berlingieri, still ill and hoping that he will be able to take over his work, in particular the construction and the launching of FIAP new website, which is still in need of more content.

2. Review of the tasks accomplished since the last reunion

The General Secretary, Ioannis Lykouris, presents the list of the tasks accomplished since the last reunion in China in August.

2. Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer, Herbert Gmeiner, presents a situation of the balance sheet and the finances at the date of October 2017 and updates the situation of the subscriptions payment by the members and ILFIAP clubs. No cancellation is needed.

3. Situation of FIAP Life Cards

Herbert Gmeiner presents a situation of the Life cards. As of October 2017, 1185 new life cards have been issued. Discussion ensues around the definition of the new Life card regulation. The members of the Board decides unanimously the following rules : Each photographer of any country in the world (Member or not of FIAP) can order his first Life Card , with no mention of distinction, for the price of 50 Euros (+ postage and PayPal fees) directly on myfiap.net platform. On the other hand, the cards with FIAP distinctions can only be received through the Operational Member provided the payment of 25 euros for FIAP plus a maximum added cost of 25 Euros for the Operational Member. It will be necessary to possess a FIAP Life Card to participate to a Congress or a Photomeeting, or to ask for any FIAP distinction. Herbert Gmeiner will prepare the new regulation regarding the Life Cards which needs to be ready by the end of January. Romain Nero then proceeds to a demonstration on how the Life Cards are integrated on the administrative platform.

4. Relations with members

China: David Tay indicates that a new president has been elected at CPA (our Operational Member in China) and he seems to have a strong willingness to collaborate with FIAP.

France : Joan Burgues has been invited to Perpignan by Gilbert Coutelet, President of the French Federation (FPF) ; Riccardo Busi has also talked to him and he invited him to the next FPF Congress

which will take place in Lorient in Brittany. G. Coutelet declared he wanted to get more involved in FIAP activities in order to consolidate the friendship between France and FIAP and to restore fruitful relations. Morocco : Joan Burgues mentions that Morocco would like to organise a Photomeeting and they presented a program proposal that will be submitted at the Congress in South Africa.

Korea : The Congress book of Korea having never been sent, Ioannis Lykouris will take care of asking the new Liaison Officer to send the Congress book in PDF as well as the N&B Biennial to all the participants to the Congress.

Slovakia: an email regarding the courses, the support during competitions and the participation of LO to FIAP events is discussed, to which Ioannis Lykouris will prepare an answer.

6. Service Biennials

An update of the Biennials is presented. Riccardo Busi reminds the importance for the Service Biennials and the Service Worldcup to have their own archives in order to promote events on FIAP website, etc. He also reiterates the importance of realising the « PUSH », a page to be prepared by the two directors to promote each event. Kurt Batschinski then presents the new regulation of the World Cup Youth, which is unanimously approved. The DB decides to give the direction of the Service to his new member, Luis Franke.

7. Service Patronages

Romain Nero presents a slide show updating the situation of FIAP salons as of October 2017: to this day, there are 558 salons with FIAP patronage compared to 502 in 2016. India and Serbia are still the top country organisers with respectively 21,1% and 12,4% of the salons. Mr. Nero also informs the Board of a new European regulation from 2016 regarding the protection of personal data to which FIAP must conform by putting in place the adequate procedures. Regarding the competition “Best of the Best”, the present situation favors the authors who participate to the largest number of salons sending often the same photos or very similar pictures although this was not the intention with which the award was created. The author winning the title “Best of the Best” should indeed be rewarded for his competence in different photo sections and branches with the most different awarded pictures. A proper procedure should be established in order to meet this goal ; Romain Nero will continue to examine this procedure. The Board members examine the draft of the new Patronage Regulation prepared by Romain Nero.

8. Distinctions Service

The members of the DB discuss the criteria of similarity , a criteria entering in the determination of a distinction eligibility. They then discuss the creation of a new distinction « for exceptional services rendered to FIAP ». A regulation will be prepared and soon published .

9. Audio-visual Service

Freddy Van Gilbergen presents the last document prepared regarding FIAP distinctions in the audio-visual field. He will continue to work on the document with Lorenzo de Francesco in order to write a common rule which satisfies the most people.

10. Ethics Service

Romain Nero presents the final version of the red list regulation prepared in collaboration with Pierluigi Rizzato and verified by FIAP lawyer in Luxembourg. He stresses that only facts posterior to January 1st 2018, date of enforcement of the new rule, can be object of an investigation. All the organisers of salons must insert the text in the registration form. After some modifications, the DB unanimously approves the new document «Sanctions for infractions to FIAP rules and red list» which will be published and will come into force on January 1st, 2018.

11. FIAP Courses

The organisation of courses for FIAP jury and institutional presentations have been suspended due to Nicolas Belingieri 's health condition but it is absolutely necessary to keep on working on this subject and finalize the courses. The DB declares that the organisation of these classes is a priority and should happen as soon as possible.

12. FIAP Web site – present situation

Riccardo Busi reminds that it is crucial for FIAP website that archives for MFIAP, World Cup and Biennials be constituted. The Directors of the respective services as well as the Directors of the Service Collection and Audio-Visual must take charge of this task together. He stresses that the software house mentioned they were missing a lot of information. He reminds that it is crucial that the software house receives all the help necessary to post the pertinent information on the right page. He urges the DB members to send their share of information without delay. The DB members ask the possibility to visualize right away the website in its present state. The DB also decides to pay the service of an administrator who will work under the supervision of our webmaster, Branislav Brkic. The provision is to attempt a publication of the website at the beginning of 2018.

13. Service Promotion and Partnership

David Tay informs the board that he is trying to set an appointment with the person responsible for Photokina in order to negotiate a price for a booth promoting FIAP and exhibiting pictures for Photokina in Cologne in September 25th to 30th, 2018. The idea would be to organise the award ceremony of the World cup of Clubs there but if this is not possible, the ceremony will take place at Antequera at the occasion of the inauguration of the new FIAP Exhibition Center. David Tay is still trying to enter in contact with Sony, for now with no success.

14. FIAP visibility

Riccardo Busi presents various proposed projects which would allow to develop FIAP visibility. First of all developing FIAP presence on social medias (facebook, instagram, fiap youtube channel) requires to find an agency which could take care of this task. Secondly, UNESCO will be approached with "Children: we are the future", a project in the spirit of our collaboration with Unesco. This project must be approved by the Unesco during 2018, in collaboration with all FIAP OM. Riccardo Busi then presents the initiative entitled « FIAP multimedial series », a modular project composed of different products which can be organised differently according to the target audience: the institutional video "what is FIAP", a general view of the exhibition Centers, short films on specific photo themes, using pictures from the FIAP collection, FIAP authors, etc. Jef Lemmens, Director of FIAP Collections service and Lorenzo de Francesco, Director of the Audio Visual service must send the list of the different subjects of short films to the Exhibition Centers. The Collections of the World Cup and of Biennials will be placed on Dropbox in order to be shared with the OM. Another project consists in an exhibition about « Wellknown people-unknown photographers »; all OM should send information regarding persons in their country, such as actors, politicians, athletes, who are at the same time avid photographers. This would be the subject of a projection or an exhibit during 2018. Finally another project is to create a group of medical doctors and photographers within FIAP.

15. Analysis of ESFIAP applications

The application of Roald Synnevåg (Norvège) is approved unanimously.

16. Internal rule of FIAP Directory Board

Herbert GMEINER distributes the template of the 2018 budget that the DB members must prepare and send back before December 15th, 2017. The internal rule of the DB is presented by Riccardo Busi and Herbert Gmeiner and is approved unanimously by the members.

17. Protection of FIAP logo

Ioannis LYKOURIS indicates that an official application has been made to register FIAP logo as Trade mark in class 41 at the EEC level. A registration at the international level will be gradually done country by country.

18. FIAP News - Articles and collaboration

Nikos Karanikis, Director of Media Relations Service is in charge of collecting the articles for FIAP news and to send them to Piero Alessandra who takes care of the lay-out.

19. UNESCO – actual situation

FIAP received an official letter from UNESCO confirming its recognition as UNESCO partner. This information will be published in Fiap News.

20. Congress 2018 - South Africa

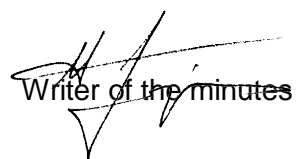
The DB is analysing several variations of the program in order to publish it before the end of the year and allow the delegates to buy their plane tickets as soon as possible.

21. Prochaine reunion du CD

The next reunion of the DB is confirmed to take place in Antequera Spain, from April 4th to 8th, 2018.

Athens, December 5th, 2017

Ioannis LYKOURIS



Writer of the minutes