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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Mr. President, members of the Board, dear Liaison Officers, dear Delegates

Last year we were still believing that a General Assembly organized by teleconference, due to the pandemic, would happen only once. Unfortunately, the same reason forces us to join once more in a teleconference despite our will to meet as we used in person.

The same reason obliged us to miss already one Congress and one photo meeting. We hope that the situation will ameliorate soon, so that we will be able to meet in 2022 as we already know thus having the opportunity to take also a lot of pictures together.

On the other hand, the pandemic had also some good “side effects” for the photographers, if we could say so. On February 2021, we announced some exceptional measures, like the fees' reduction for FIAP Patronage, FIAP medals, FIAP's Photographer's Card and FIAP Distinctions. Another effect was that the proposals on the new FIAP Distinctions regulations could no more be applied on January 2022 but should be postponed after presentation at the future FIAP Congress.

Apart from the exceptional measures, new photographic projects have been presented. On March 2021 we announced a special photographic exhibition hosted for the second time together by FIAP, China Artistic Photographic Society and Photo Beijing about China's World natural and Cultural Heritage, followed by the “Wildlife Only” competition which has been recently opened for participation. This is a special contest reserved to the lovers of Wildlife, a very difficult but also very rewarding photographic section.

The new FIAP Nature photography definition was published together with the special conditions for images in Wildlife sections of exhibitions. At the same time the BoD approved the revision of the Red List regulation trusting the consideration of suspicious files to a special commission and allowing two levels of jurisdiction.

Despite the pandemic situation, it is very satisfying the fact that artistic creation has not been restricted. The number of salons under FIAP patronage remained around the same pro-covid levels and the number of participating clubs in FIAP World Cup for Clubs was even higher than last year. On the contrary it is still regrettable that the number of ILFIAPs participating in the FIAP World Cup is still quite low.

After the successful and very productive work of the former Director of FIAP Cards Service, Mr. Csaba Balasi from Romania, it was the turn of Mr Lewis Choi from Hong Kong to take over. The BoD soon noted the significant acceleration in Cards production, thanks to the efforts of the new Director and everybody including the IT team worked hard in order to sufficiently revise and simplify the procedure to make it easier and faster for the photographers. There are still some delays in the shipping of the cards, due to the covid situation that affects different postal offices.

FIAP Photo Academy really grew up during this second pandemic year. During 2021 we had 15 online events, which means more than one different presentation per month followed by

hundreds of participants. Some of the presentations were held in French or Spanish.

New FIAP Exhibition Centers are opening in different parts of the world. In 2021 we had a new one in Ceuta (Spain), one in Uzhorod in Ukraine and one in Yogyakarta in Indonesia. The opening of the second one was on May 16, the official international day of the Museums.

Our electronic magazine, FIAP News, is becoming very famous even among young people. Therefore an update of the FIAP News Regulation was necessary in order to provide special clauses for minor authors. In our last edition we were proud to publish an article written by a teenager author. We really hope to be able to introduce a new section in the magazine reserved to youth people and their works.

Our website is becoming bigger and bigger including all FIAP activities, which are now also published in our YouTube channel and social media networks.

We really hope that this pandemic will soon become nothing more than a bad dream. FIAP has already signed an agreement with the Lishui Municipality in China aiming at the joint organization of a biennial world photographic conference in this beautiful city, where the local authorities will bear all the costs for food, accommodation and local transport of the photographers invited by FIAP.

I wish you all a good and successful General Assembly and I hope to see you all in person during 2022 !