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Report of the FIAP Board of Directors

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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 BD)

1. Introduction by the President

The President, R. Busi, opens the meeting and welcomes the members of the Directory Board to Spokane. He underlines this constitutes a special occasion to sign a potential agreement with PSA, especially in the area of salons where we can find common solutions.

2. Review of tasks accomplished since the last meeting

The General Secretary I. Lykouris presents the list of tasks accomplished since the last meeting in Northern Ireland last May and indicates that most of the tasks have been completed.

3. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer, H. Gmeiner, distributes the report on the accounts and the current situation as of September 2019 as well as the budget for 2020. He reviews the payment of the contributions due by the members. The BD decides to request the payment of the subscription of three new provisional members (Haiti, Mexico and Afghanistan) from 2020. The Treasurer and the members R. Nero and D. Tay are responsible to work together in order to find a logistics solution for FIAP finances and to present it in demo version during the next BD meeting.

4. Relations with members

United Arab Emirates: David Tay has informed the DB that he is awaiting a response from candidates suitable for appointment as an operational member of the UAE. Brunei: The BD approves the re-registration of Brunei Photographic Society after a period of absence: Belgium: The BD approves the new affiliation of the Belgian Federation of photographers which succeeds to the former Operational Member while keeping the same name. Mexico, Afghanistan: The BD approves the affiliation of two new members. Haiti: The BD approves the re-affiliation of the Union of Haitian Photographic Journalists (UNJPH). Montenegro: The BD decides to organize a meeting in the country at the beginning of 2020 in order to find a solution to the problem of the lack of an Operational Member.

5. Contract with the company HCommunications SA which manages the myfiap.net platform

The BD instructs the General Secretary to take care of unifying the various contracts offered by this Company into one and to work on an escrow solution which will allow the efficient backup of the administration codes of the electronic platform.

6. Software for the management of FIAP finances

Decision is made that the Treasurer and the members D. Tay and R. Nero collaborate in order to find a software of financial management and to present it in demo version during the next meeting of the BD.

7. FIAP Exhibition Centers

So far 15 contracts have been signed between FIAP and the exhibition centers. These contracts must be sent to the President and the General Secretary. Three new Centers are opening in Bosnia (Bijeljina), Romania (Oradea) and Spain (San Sebastian) and it is likely that three more will soon open in the USA, Australia and Spain.

8. Patronage Service

The Service Director, R. Nero, presents the current situation of the FIAP salons. We see a decrease from previous years of about 10%. Problems in India with regard to "salon files" and the sending of catalogs have forced the Direction to withdraw approval for certain new salons in India for the time being. Similarly, some organizers artificially increase participation in their salon, in order to be able to increase the number of acceptances granted. The Director of the Service is responsible for responding to suggestions from Mrs. Bronwen Casey, Australian Liaison Officer, regarding the Rules of Patronage.

9. Service World Cup for Clubs

The organization of the 2020 awards ceremony will take place on April 25th, 2020 in the city of Sofia, capital of Bulgaria. The BD appoints as judges for the next Cup Joanne Stolte (USA), Garik Avanesian (Czech R.) and Harjanto Sumawan (Indonesia).

10. Biennial Service

The Director, L. Franke, presents the current situation of the FIAP Biennials. The next confirmed Biennials are in Russia (Nature) and in India (Black and White). The BD examines a proposal to rent a Biennial management software via an electronic platform. The DB gives the General Secretary mission to take care of controlling this proposal from a legal point of view. The Director of the Service has prepared the general conditions for the images submitted to the Biennials and proposes a change in the calendar from the year 2021, so that the Black and White and Youth Biennials take place every even year during the Congress and the Color and Nature Biennials every odd year.

11. Red List

In order to comply with data protection legislation, it is decided to diffuse the names of the authors registered in the Red List only in the profiles of salon organizers in the myfiap.net platform. On the contrary, in the official FIAP INFO there will only be the other details without the names of the authors. As the notification methods differ from one country to another, the Liaison Officers will be responsible for specifying to the Ethics Service what means are suitable in their country (registered letter, notification by bailiff, etc.)

12. FIAP coverage insurance in terms of Privacy

Before deciding, the BD needs some clarification about the proposed insurance policy in relation to the claims of participants in the photography competitions and to the decisions taken by the FIAP Officers.

13. Meeting with PSA

The CD underlines the important points which must be discussed during the meeting with the representatives of the PSA.

14. FIAP site

The President will contact the Director of the Service, Mr B. Brkic, to ask him to put on the website the photos and information relating to all the MFIAP authors. The Vice-President, Joan Burgues, requests

the translation of the site or at least of certain pages, into French. The BD asks him to investigate the cost of this translation.

15. Card Service

After the investigation made by the members of the BD on the production of cards externally, Mr. David Tay presents a sample as well as the prices for its production in Singapore. Another proposal was sent by Mr. Lewis Choi, Liaison Officer from Hong Kong. Before deciding the BD requests to also see a sample of this proposal which will be sent to its members by postal service.

16. Distinctions Service

After opening the "Ideas Box" on FIAP distinctions, the Service Director, Mr F. Van Gilbergen, summarizes the main ideas, such as the elimination of printed photos, the use of a photo for a maximum of 5 times, the introduction of levels D4 and D5 and a GMFIAP level. The BD will discuss more during the next meeting, the proposals will be presented during the Congress in India and in any case will not be enforced before January 1, 2022. The BD decides to appoint as EsFIAP Mr. Sepp Köppel (Switzerland) , Mr. Frederic Garrido Vilajuana and Ms. Prego Abalo Laura (Spain) and Ms. Elena McTighe and Joanne Stolte (USA).

17. FIAP News Service

The BD thanks Mr. Nikos Karanikis for his excellent services as Director of the FIAP News Service and welcomes Ms. Bronwen Casey, Liaison Officer of Australia, in this position.

18. Photo meeting in Morocco

The photo meeting in Morocco, limited for the first time to 200 participants, was successful and everyone left satisfied with many beautiful photos and very good memories.

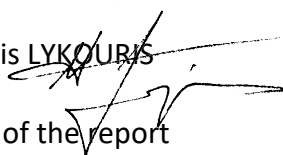
19. Congress in India

At the moment there is still no final program and the Secretary General is responsible for communicating with the organizers so that the details are published before the end of January 2020.

20. Next meeting of the BD

The next meeting of the BD will take place from April 23rd to 27th, 2020, in Sofia, during the awards ceremony of the FIAP World Cup for Clubs.

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