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SESSION I: Tuesday, 23rd August 2016 (morning)

1) OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONGRESS

The President, Mr Riccardo Busi, welcomes all participants to the 33rd FIAP Congress in Seoul.

2) COMMENCEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

The President declares open the 33rd FIAP Congress in Seoul.

3) CALL OF THE DELEGATES :

The Secretary General, Ioannis Lykouris, proceeds to the call of the delegates and asks them to sign the paper of presence, before giving them the voting cards for their countries of origin and for possible proxies. Those present or represented are SOUTH AFRICA, GERMANY, ANDORRA, NETHERLAND ANTILLES, SAUDI ARABIA ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BAHREIN, BANGLADESH, BELGIUM, BELARUS, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, BULGARIA, CHILE, CYPRUS, COLOMBIA, CUBA, DENMARK, SCOTLAND, EMIRATES, SPAIN, F.Y.R.O.M, RUSSIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GREECE, GREAT BRITAIN, HONG KONG, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRELAND, ITALIA, JAPAN, LIECHTENSTEIN, LUXEMBOURG, MACAU, MALAYSIA-SABAH, MALAYSIA-SELANGOR, MALTA, MAURITIUS, MYANMAR, NORWAY, NEW ZEALAND, OMAN, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, WHALES, NETHERLANDS, POLAND, QATAR, KOREA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, TCHECK REPUBLIC, ROMANIA, SAN MARINO, SERBIA, SINGAPORE, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, SRI LANKA, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THAILAND, TURKEY, UKRAINE, URUGUAY, VIETNAM. With 70 affiliated countries out of 82 were present or represented, the vote on the administrative session could be taken.

4) DECEASED COLLABORATORS

A minute of silence is observed in memory of FIAP's friends passed away in the past two years: Enric Pamies, Marcello Materassi, Peter Pokorn, Christine Mathon, Marilo Suys, Kwek Leng Joo.

5) ELECTION OF THE SCRUTINEERS

Mr. Conrad Mularoni (San Marino), Mr. Esa Engawi (Saudi Arabia) and Mr. Brian Cudby (New Zealand) have been appointed as scrutineers for this Congress.

6) APPROVAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN VIENNA

The proceedings of the General Assembly in Vienna are approved by 67 votes in favor and 2 abstentions

7) REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT RICCARDO BUSI

Riccardo Busi presents the report of activities of the Directory Board since it started its mandate 4 years ago in Singapore in August 2012. He first underlines the growth that FIAP has gone through during the last 4 years:

Patronages, Auspices and FIAP distinctions all have grown significantly with a positive impact on Fiap revenues. He then goes into more details of what has been accomplished during that same time: New Bylaws and headquarters of FIAP transferred to Luxembourg; Creation of FIAP exhibition centers; New FIAP services; Decentralization of the meetings of the Directory Board for better communication between the board members and the country members. He also stresses the success of FIAP events such as the World Cup for Clubs, the Biennials and the Photomeetings. Another important accomplishment is to have promoted collaboration between FIAP and PSA, which are presently working on defining a common Code of Ethics. Regarding the improvement of Fiap visibility, Mr. Busi mentions several initiatives like the new Fiap Brochure developed in a new contemporary way and translated in 8 languages, the publication of FIAP News (FIAP first on-line magazine), a new administrative platform under development, the constitution of FIAP Archive, the conception of new workshops such as a training to become a jury, or the promotion of a new event «Best of the Best» becoming always more important. Finally, he goes into what remains to be accomplished: the relation with Unesco where an agreement needs to be concluded, the renovation of Fiap website and the development of the notoriety of Fiap outside and within the member countries. In conclusion, the President invites the participants to the Congress to collaborate, work together, and contribute to new ideas, solutions and projects.

8) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL: IOANNIS LYKOURIS

Mr Ioannis LYKOURIS begins his speech by thanking the Korea federation for organizing this Congress. The Secretary General underlines the increase of FIAP fame worldwide and its healthy balance sheets that remain positive. He reminds that FIAP relies on volunteering and thanks all the Directors and the Services who have given their best and those who left their position after years of hard work. He notes that the decentralized meetings of the Board haven't increased the costs but on the other hand have benefited the relations between people of many different countries. He reminds that FIAP is keeping work on Red list rules that will be internationally recognized by FIAP and other international organizations, hoping to be able to present them at the next Congress. Regarding the transmission of information between FIAP, the Liaison Officers, photographers and clubs, he mentions that the General Secretariat has been using Wettransfer Service for 2 years now, a system that guarantees both shipment and reception of documents. Additionally, a very important document listing the responsibilities and tasks of the LO has been published and can justify the substitution of LOs who lack efficiency. He then proceeds to the presentation of the Fiap Official Book, which was presented as a draft for the first time to the General Assembly in Vienna and contains all the information about FIAP Activities and regulations. This is maybe one of the most important duties of the Secretariat General: maintaining and updating the documents which exists as an electronic book, always on the web and updated directly, almost every day by the Secretary General. The official dossier is already available in English, French and Spanish versions and we hope to be able to translate it soon as well in Arabic, German, and maybe Chinese. It can be consulted directly on a PC or MAC but also on Smartphones or tablets. The Secretary General calls the participants to make their comments and suggestions on this, and more generally to contribute to FIAP development as a whole.

9) CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIPS

Riccardo Busi reports that no membership has been cancelled.

10) NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Riccardo Busi presents the application of Morocco, as new member, which is approved by a vote of 66 in favor.

11) REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR FINANCIAL REPORTS 2015 – 2016

The FIAP Treasurer, Mr Herbert Gmeiner, takes the floor and presents his financial report, stressing to the General Assembly that the balance of 2015 is positive and in sensible augmentation since 2014 with a growth of the assets. He asks FIAP members, whenever they send an email with a question to indicate the number of reference of the invoice, in order to facilitate the treatment and the answer.

12) REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

The report of the auditors, Mr. Csaba Balasi (from Romania) and Mr. Wolfgang Wiesen (from Germany) indicates that the bookkeeping entries are correct. They thank the Treasurer for his exemplary and precise treasury management.

13) APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS

The General Assembly votes the approval of the accounts for 2015, included in the Congress Book, by a vote of 64 in favor and 3 abstentions.

14) APPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT AND ACTIVITY REPORTS BY THE DIRECTORY BOARD

The reports of management and activity by the Directory Board are approved by a vote of 60 in favor and 8 abstentions.

15) APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET OF 2017

The budget for 2017, included in the Congress book, is approved by 64 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

16) ESTABLISHING ANNUAL FEES

It is proposed to maintain the same fees for the next period. The proposition is approved by 66 votes in favor.

17) APPOINTING 2 NEW AUDITORS FOR NEXT PERIOD

Mrs. Zuzana Skoludova from Slovakia and Mr. Sepp Koeppel from Switzerland are appointed as the new auditors for the next period.

18) FIAP SERVICES

The Congress approves the work accomplished by all the Services by 66 votes in favor. The different Directors of Services are presented to the Congress : Nielsen Finn is the Director of Biennials Service, Freddy Van Gilbergen is the Director of Distinctions Service, Frans van Esch is the Director of Collections Service, Kurt Batschinski is the Director of Youth Service and the Director of Medals Service, David Tay is the Director of Promotion and Partnership Service, Gil Rossel is the new director of Worldcup for clubs Service, Csaba Balasi is the Director of Photographer's card service, Romain Nero is the Director of Patronage Service, Ibrahim Albusaidi is the Director of International Organizations Service, Nikos Karanikis is the Director of Media Relations Service, Roald Synnevag is the Director of Magazines Service, Pierluigi Rizzato is the Director of Ethics Service, Lorenzo de Francesco is the Director of Audiovisual Service, Joan Burgues Martisella is the Director of Exhibition Centers Service, Nicolas Berlingieri is the Director of Training Service.

Finn Nielsen takes the floor to present his report on Biennials. He stresses that after 2016 the Colour Print Biennial and the Projected Images Biennials are merged into the Colour Biennial. No judge can be from the organizing country. There will be no more participation fee to the Biennials and FIAP will pay subsidies of 5.000 euros to the organizers, once their catalog has been approved by FIAP. Mr V. Doberlet (Slovenia), Mr D. Coates (England) and Mr Wolfgang Wiesen (Germany) express their dissatisfaction with the change of the rule about acceptances at Biennials that are not accounted for distinctions, change that makes difficult to encourage the participation to Biennials under these conditions. D. Coates is furthermore stressing the bad communication regarding the change of rules, incorporated in an 8 pages-long document. They ask to put to vote of the Congress the decision about these rules. Ib. Albusaidi (Oman) suggests changing the procedure rules and giving more weight to the members in the decision process. As it is not possible to vote on a question that is not on the agenda, the DB will consider the comments expressed by the present members and discuss the matter at the DB meeting.

SESSION II: Tuesday, 23rd August 2016 (afternoon):

19) PATRONAGES SERVICE

The Director of Patronages Service, R.Nero takes the floor and presents his report to the Congress. The number of Salons is in augmentation of 23% since 2014 in regard to 2013. In 2015 there is a confirmation of this tendency with an increase of nearly 27% compared to 2014. For 2016, a total of approximately 500 salons will be achieved which corresponds to an increase of 15%. It is though the number of the circuits that have nearly doubled while single salons have increased of only 7%. In 2016, 66 countries were involved in the organization of salons against 52 in 2012. He presents the chart showing the number of salons per country, underlining that India shows the organization of 76 salons in 2015 and Serbia shows a number of 67. The evaluation of FIAP salon files initiated in 2013 enables to provide FIAP LOs with national results of the participants and easing the procedure of checking the FIAP

distinction applications. Next to the Fiap Approval Bureau, created in 2015, a new Fiap Salon Files Bureau is exclusively dealing with all questions related to FIAP Salon Files. He finally mentions that an online application system, available for LO and salon organizers is presently tested and will be operational in the course of the year. After discussion following different questions raised by several Liaison Officers, R. Nero indicates that a judge can participate no more than 3 times/year as member of the jury in the same category in the same country. He finally proceeds with a presentation of the new administrative platform and a guideline on how to use it.

20) DISTINCTIONS SERVICE

Freddy Van Gilbergen, Director of the Distinctions Service takes the floor and presents his report. He underlines that 2015 saw a record number of distinctions with 1066 distinctions awarded. He reminds two important issues: first that the authors have to wait the FIAP salon files or at least until the publishing of the FIAP catalog, otherwise their acceptances or awards are not valid and second that starting from January 2017, an application is not valid if is missing the number of FIAP Photographer's Card, given by the Photographer's Card Service and lasting forever. He stresses on the fact that the signature of the LO means the data are true and correct. After discussion following different questions raised by several Liaison Officers, he indicates that having the card itself is not necessary if the card number is already known and that electronic signatures acceptance should be checked with a lawyer in Luxembourg. He also explains that the new procedure is much simpler, as there is need for only one electronic dispatch of files and for only one postal mail.

21) PROMOTION AND PARTNERSHIPS SERVICE

The Director of the Service, David Tay presents his report, showing the activity development from 2014 to 2016 and different initiatives undertaken or in progress: Tamron Project , Beijing photo week, Photoworld Dubai, Unesco World Heritage competition. He also presents the new materials that his Service has been in charge of revamping : Fiap brochures (translated in English, French, Spanish German and Chinese and soon in Arabic), business cards and certificates. He then opens the floor for suggestions and contribution inviting the largest number to participate. Ib. Albusaidi (Oman) suggests disseminating a guideline for the various countries in order to give them a quick start.

22) FIAP NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

Riccardo Busi takes the floor and reminds that FIAP needs the help of the operational members and their affiliates to provide articles with photos to FIAP News. The first issue of FIAP News has been published ; the next one will be a special issue about the Congress in Korea. Ib. Albusaidi (Oman) comments on the magazine that is very comprehensive and has brought Fiap to a new level but regrets that FIAP has very little presence in the social medias (youtube, instagram, twitter) and thinks it is the right time to approach youth, by hiring a company dealing with this.

23) FIAP WEBSITE

The President reminds that FIAP is in search of a software house to realize a new website.

SESSION III : Saturday 27th August 2016 (morning)

24) PROPOSAL FOR THE PHOTOMEETING 2017

After the success of the last Photomeeting in Cuba, there is a proposal for the next photomeeting in 2017 in Shandong, China. Professor Mr Zeng Yi, Director of the Jinan FIAP Exhibition Center, introduces the proposal with a video presentation. The period will be from August 6th to 17th and the price 780 € and 960 €, for a double and single room respectively. R. Busi thanks Professor Zeng Yi and submits the proposal to the vote of the Congress. The Photomeeting in Shandong, China is approved by 67 votes in favor.

25) VOTE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE ORGANISER OF THE 34TH FIAP CONGRESS IN 2018

Mrs Jill Sneesby, (S. Africa) presents South Africa's candidature to organize the next FIAP. During next year, all details will be defined and the program will be available. The hosting city will be Durban. A Video is projected showing typical places, monuments and activities that will be offered to the participants, like a full day in a game reserve, the possibility to discover Zulu's culture (dancing, craft) and Zulu's gold mine. Mrs Sneesby estimates the cost to be around 1000/1200 Euros for a double/single room (all included) but the details will be confirmed soon.

Some participants express regrets about the increase in cost. After some discussion, the dates of the Congress are set from 12d to 19th August 2018 (the latter being International Photographic Day). The Congress votes by 67 votes in favor of the designation of S. Africa as the next organizer of the 34th FIAP Congress in 2018.

26) PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES TO THE DIRECTORY BOARD

President: Riccardo Busi, Vice President: Joan Burgues, Treasurer: Herbert Gmeiner, 2 Members: Kurt Batschinski and David P.C .Tay.

27) ELECTIONS

A form is distributed to the delegates by the Secretary General who explains the voting procedure.

28) ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS

The scrutineers announce the election results: the total of the votes is 69, all of them valid. 62 votes for Riccardo Busi who remains President, 56 votes for Joan Burgues who remains Vice president, 58 votes for Herbert Gmeiner who remains Treasurer, 53 votes for Kurt Batschinski who remains member of the Board, and 59 votes for David Tay who remains member of the Board.

29) OTHER QUESTIONS :

David Tay introduces a proposal by Ioannis Lykouris in his quality of LO of Greece regarding a sponsorship initiative by the Hellenic Society of Photography. Riccardo Busi announces that the Iran Teheran Exhibition center will open soon.

30) CLOSING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORK OF THE 33rd FIAP CONGRESS:

The president of FIAP thanks the delegates who played a constructive part in the running of Congress. He wishes all the delegates an enjoyable end to the Congress, a safe journey home and looks forward to seeing them in two years in Durban, South Africa.

Athens, 20 October 2016

Ioannis LYKOURIS

Editor of the proceedings

