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1. Introduction by the President

The President, R. Busi, open the virtual video-conference due to the Covid 19 pandemic. He stresses the necessity to discuss several problems related to the global lockdown.

2. Review of the tasks accomplished since the last meeting

The general Secretary, I.Lykouris, presents the list of tasks accomplished since the last meeting in Spokane (USA) in September 2019 and indicates that most of them have been accomplished.

3. Treasurer report

The treasurer, H. Gmeiner, reports to the DB members the accounts and financial situation as of May 2020. He recapitulates the payment of contributions due by members. There are 25 Operational Members and 64 ILFIAPs in arrears of payment which could be justified by the current global problems. The treasurer also informs the DB members that the external auditors have ratified the financial situation of FIAP for the year 2019.

4. Relations with members

Thailand: the membership has been paid and the Operational Member of that country has returned to compliance. Montenegro: We are still awaiting an official request for the establishment of an Operational member in this country. United Arab Emirates: David Tay informed the DB that he still does not have an answer from the suitable candidates for appointment as an operational member of the UAE. Georgia: The DB discussed an issue that arose between the Operational Member and a trade show organizer regarding the granting of FIAP patronage but took no position, lacking sufficient details on this case. Haiti: Treasurer H. Gmeiner agrees to remind it to pay its membership fee only for the year 2020. Malaysia-Sabah: David Tay agrees to remind it that in the event of cancellation for lack of payment of its membership fee, it will no longer be able to adhere to FIAP as an independent operational member of Malaysia-Selangor. China: Photo Beijing is interested in organizing, in collaboration with FIAP and the China Artistic Photography Society, a competition under the title World Natural Heritage Special Photographic Exhibition, the aim of which will be to help raise awareness for the protection and heritage of global natural world. The DB approves this proposal and decides to support this project.

5. Next Congress

The DB decides that it will analyze again the health global situation in December 2020. Given a General Assembly and an election should have taken place during the canceled, 2020, Congress, the DB decided to organize a virtual General Assembly (via internet) in order to approve by tele-voting the annual financial statements. The elections will be postponed at next year.

6. «We Stay at Home»

The DB notes that the competition project « We Stay At Home » launched in March is already a big success with more than 1000 participants, despite the injunction made by all governments worldwide to have people stay home.

7. Service Patronage

The Service Director, R. Nero, presents the present situation of FIAP salons. The decrease of circa 10% regarding precedent years, already present last September 2019, is again noted this year. This is the result of FIAP not granting Patronage to certain organizers who had not respected FIAP rules in the past. Additionally, COVID 19 was at the origin of several cancellations and/or postponing of salons. Identically, some organizers of print-salons had to cancel this section or change it to digital.

8. Biennial Service

The Director, L.Franke, presents the actual situation of FIAP Biennials. The DB decides to cancel the Black and White Biennial scheduled for November in India. Idem for the Color Biennial and the Youth Biennial. The Director of the Youth Biennial Service and Medals Service, K. Batschinski, explains how several mailing offices refuse to accept packages for health reason, which therefore makes impossible to send the medals in certain countries.

9. Card Service

It is decided to transfer the Service to Hong Kong under the Direction of our Liaison Officer Mr Lewis Choi. Given the post-office difficulties due to Covid-19, this transfer won't be possible until the end of the year. Given that the production and shipment of cards will happen outside the European Union, it is decided to give the General Secretary, I. Lykouris, mission to collaborate with our legal advisers in order to respect the GDPR and keep FIAP in compliance with the law. The Vice-President, F. Van Gilbergen, suggests a unification system for the procedure of card requests and commits to prepare an INFO that will be sent to FIAP members through ordinary means.

10. Red List

The CD notes that the procedure already in practice to register an author in the red list is too long. Decision is taken to instruct the Director of the Ethics Service, Pierluigi Rizzato, to prepare and propose a modification of the regulations in collaboration with the President, the Secretary General and R. Nero, in order to speed up the procedure while respecting the protection of personal data.

11. Service World Cup of Clubs

Decision is taken to organize the World Cup judgment online, which was originally scheduled to take place in the city of Sofia in Bulgaria. For the next Cup, the CD appoints as ordinary judges Bronwen Casey (Australia), Sergey Buslenko (Ukraine) and Chen Jing (China) and as substitution judges Martina Vasselin (Chile), Csaba Balasi (Romania), Paul Stanley, (Ireland).

12. Service Distinctions

Given the health situation, the Director, F. Van Gibergen, proposes to send the signed Distinctions by email. Bronwen Casey, Australian Liaison Officer, has requested the use of scanned copies for the application documents for distinctions; The BD decides to allow this shipment for this year and to review the situation next year. Among 29 candidates, are selected as MFIAP: Ms. Cristina Garzone (Italy), Mr. Alexander Kharvat (Ukraine), Mr. Nasser Haji Malek (UAE) and Mr. Matjaž Čater (Slovenia). Decision is also taken to give the EsFIAP distinction to Mrs. Chris Discart (Belgium), Mr. Che-Ho Chiang (Taiwan) and Mr. José Miguel Antigua Paulino (Dominican Rep.).

13. FIAP Exhibition Centers

Three new Centers are opening: two in Spain (Ceuta and Barcelona), one in Russia.

14. FIAP web site

The President R. Busi stresses that almost 70% of the material related to MFIAP authors has already been scanned. All the MFIAP archives should normally be sent to the site administrator with the portraits and resumes of the authors before the end of September in order to complete the pages of MFIAP authors.

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