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Minutes of the FIAP Board of Directors Held by video conference November 27th, 2021.

PRESENT in video conference: Riccardo BUSI, Joan BURGUES, Freddy VAN GILBERGEN, Herbert GMEINER, Ioannis LYKOURIS, Kurt BATSCHINSKI, David TAY, Romain NERO, Luis FRANKE (DB members).

1. Introduction by the President

The President, R. Busi, opens the meeting and thanks the members for their presence in video conference.

2. Review of the tasks accomplished since the last meeting

The General Secretary, I. Lykouris, presents the list of the tasks accomplished since the last meeting in April 2021. H. Gmeiner decided on an accounting software from a German company, but it cannot be used by all board members since it is in German. R. Nero will look for a sample from international companies in Luxembourg and send it to D. Tay for review, whereas Gmeiner will check if the software he found can also be used in English; if not, he will send other recommendations in English so that the board can review them. K. Batschinski proposes to use the old templates of the official FIAP diplomas for exhibition activities under FIAP auspices.

3. Next FIAP Board Meeting

The President proposes a Board meeting in presence in early March in Muscat and everyone agrees. The judges for next year's MFIAP have not been chosen; they are selected once all the applications are in. The costs for MFIAP distinctions will remain the same because some payments have already been made.

4. Next FIAP Congress - Photomeeting

During the Board meeting in Muscat, the Board members will check with the Omani government on the possibility of holding the next FIAP Photomeeting / Congress in Oman in October 2022.

5. Next FIAP General Assembly

The Assembly will vote to admit Guatemala and Montenegro to FIAP, and to remove the Netherlands Antilles and Suriname. These two countries have failed to pay for two consecutive years. China, Iraq, Kuwait, Mexico, and Myanmar have also not paid for this year, although operational members have been contacted twice about the payment.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, H. Gmeiner, presents an updated situation. As for ILFIAP, there are 17 clubs who have not paid for two years. Given the special pandemic situation, a decision is made not to pronounce their radiation.

7. FIAP Life Cards

Some countries (such as Norway, Italy, France) have received life cards with distorted faces. The file was sent in excel, which was not compatible with the format of the pictures. However, a solution has been found and L. Choi, the new Director, has resent the cards.

8. MyFIAP.net Contract

There will be direct communication with the software house. Several paragraphs will be updated.

9. FIAP Distinctions

Prints were not required in 2020 and 2021 and will not be required in 2022 either.

10. Analysis of the potential ESFIAP and HonEFIAP applications

Stefan Tóth István (Romania) and Dominique Gastaldi (France) are supported by all the members of the board. Two other ESFIAP applications are denied.

11. Youth Biennials

There were 21 participating countries with around 600 pictures. The catalogue with all awarded images will be published on May 31, 2022, but the results can be published before in FIAP News. All the Biennials will be left to L. Franke and A. Albusaidi will be nominated as the director of the Youth Service. All members are in favor.

12. Biennials Service

J. Burgues was a jury member and as a result of his experience, he feels that the members of the FIAP board should have the final say, especially when judging the coherence of the collection. The coherence is not judged in other competitions and therefore is not easy to evaluate. Prior to judging, judges should be reminded about the importance of the board members.

13. Patronage Service

The Director of the Service, R. Nero, presents the current situation of FIAP Patronages and salons. The number of patronages is up from the previous year. When an online award designation is taking place a board member should attend to see how the system is running because very often organizers seem not to know precisely. Many salons have received from PSA the dossiers with the rules to be followed but it is also important that FIAP rules are observed. The "Wildlife Only" Contest is in progress, and the judging begins in early February.

14. FIAP Exhibition Centers Service

The President announces the opening of new FIAP Exhibition Centers in Jakarta (Indonesia) with the University of Jakarta and its Director who is also the codirector of the exhibition center; a new center will open in Villefranche (France) on February 28, 2022, and the director and codirector will be respectively the president of the French Federation (Jean SALEILLES) and the mayor of the town; another exhibition center will probably open soon in Lishui (China).

15. Contracts with the Spanish software house "Fotogenius"

A new software company, "Fotogenius", based in Spain, has been found. They will prepare the software for the World Cup for Clubs and for the "Wildlife only" competition. They will sign a contract that includes the conditions of operation and the support to FIAP during the judging.

16. FIAP Photo Academy

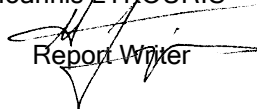
There have been many guests and among them two exceptional photographers: Reza Deghati and Art Wolfe.

17. Agreement of Cooperation with Lishui Municipal People's Government

A new Cooperation Agreement has been signed with Lishui Municipal People's Government for the "FIAP World Photographers Conference" to be hosted every two years in Lishui, China: there will be 200 photographers invited and the local authorities will bear all expenses.

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