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MINUTES of the 3rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY FIAP JINAN – CHINA, AUGUST 8th, 2017

UNIQUE SESSION : Tuesday August, 8th, 2017

1) OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The President, Riccardo Busi, welcomes all the participants to the 3rd General Assembly.

2) BEGINNING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

The President of FIAP thanks the delegates for their presence during the General Assembly.

2) CALL OF THE DELEGATES

The Secretary General, Ioannis Lykouris, calls the delegates and invite them to sign the calling list, before giving them the voting cards for the countries they represent, as well as for the countries for which they have a proxy . The countries present or represented are : Germany, Andorra, Argentina, Belgium, Bosnia Herzegovina, Cyprus, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Spain, Federation of Russia, Greece, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Macao, Malta, New Zealand, Pakistan, Panama, Netherlands, Poland, Dominican Republic, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, Uruguay.

4) ELECTION of SCRUTINEERS

Mr. Brian Cudby (New Zealand) and Mr. Javaid Said Kazi (Pakistan) are nominated scrutineers of the General Assembly.

5) APPROBATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES OF THE GA

The minutes of the General Assembly of FIAP in Korea is approved at the unanimity.

6) REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT

Riccardo Busi begins his report by stressing the great work accomplished by the members of the DB, the Directors of Services and their assistants, the Directors of FIAP centers and the Liaison Officers. He makes reference to the health issues of N. Berlingieri keeping him to participate to FIAP and to the decision of the DB to temporarily replace him with M. Luis Franke, Liaison Officer in Argentina. He sums up the most important events of the past year, including the mandate given to create a new website, the FIAP administrative platform, the increase of number of Exhibition centers, the participation of FIAP to Dubai Live, the increasing number of participating clubs to the World Cup of FIAP Clubs and the success of FIAP News. He concludes his report underlining the issues to keep in mind for the future, like the participation to Biennials, a better distribution of FIAP Life cards, the improvement of communication among Liaison officers and the DB members, classes for jury members and an effective development of FIAP in the country members.

7) REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Ioannis LYKOURIS thanks the organizers for the preparation of this great Photo meeting. He reminds the number of new affiliations of operational members and ILFIAPs as well as the opening of new exhibitions centers. He announces that the new FIAP website, in progress, will soon be available to the public. He mentions the decentralized meetings of the DB that allowed the national federations to meet the DB members, to discuss their problems with them as well as to add prestige to their national events with an international impact. The official book of FIAP, presented during the last Congress in South Korea has become a very useful tool for FIAP representatives, and has been consulted by them more and more often. He concludes stressing that during the General Assembly the number of participants who do not have the quality of Liaison Officers is very important, a fact that proves the interest for FIAP events and which may predict that among these participants new contributors for FIAP future appear.

8) AFFILIATION OPERATIONAL MEMBERS

The GA decides at the unanimity to give the status of Operational member to : the National Association of Art Photographers of Benin (Benin), to the Association of Photographers of Georgia (Georgia) and to the Himalayan Photographic Society of Nepal (Nepal) which presented their application to become new Operational members, as well as to the Art Faktor Photography Agency (Azerbaijan) and to the Kuwaiti Society for Photographic Art (Kuwait), whose ILFIAP status has been brought to the level of Operational member. Additionally the GA has removed the Association Camerounaise de l'Art Photographique ACAP (Cameroon) and the Kuwait Science Club Photography Department (Koweit) for non-payment of their subscription and lack of activity.

9) REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD 2016 AND 2017

FIAP treasurer, Herbert Gmeiner, reports that FIAP financial situation for 2016 is positive and similar to the situation for 2015, with an increase of the assets. He also presents the financial situation at August 2017

10) REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

The report of the auditors on the financial situation for 2016 is read.

11) PROJECT OF BUDGET FOR 2018

The Treasurer Herbert GMEINER presents the project of budget for 2018.

12) APPROBATION OF ACCOUNTS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The accounts presented by the Treasurer are approved at the unanimity by the GA.

13) REPORT ON ACTIVITY DEVELOPMENT BY DIRECTORY BOARD

A report on activity development by the Directory Board is presented to the GA. The report is approved with 30/32 votes and 2 abstentions.

14) REPORT OF ACTIVITIES BY FIAP DIRECTORS OF SERVICES

A report related to the activities developed by the Directors of FIAP Services is presented.

15) APPROBATION OF MANAGEMENT BY THE DIRECTORY BOARD MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS OF FIAP SERVICES

The General Assembly approves at the unanimity the management by the Directory Board and the report of activities presented by the Directors of FIAP Services.

16) DETERMINATION OF COST OF SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2018

Herbert GMEINER suggests to keep the same cost of subscription for 2018. This proposal is adopted at the unanimity.

17) NOMINATION OF TWO AUDITORS

The GA votes at the unanimity the decision to keep the same auditors as last year.

18) QUESTIONS by OPERATIONAL MEMBERS

During the general discussion several proposals and requests are presented. First of all, publishing a list of the individual members registered at FIAP. For now, the creation of such a list is not feasible but it will be considered. It has been also requested to go back to the previous status where the participation to Biennials counted towards FIAP distinctions. According to the recent DB decision, FIAP should wait to see how the new system functions before modifying again our rules. Several country representatives have been interested by the initiative of the plaques «photographic site recognized by FIAP» and would like to have this in their country as well. It was then stressed that the increase in the number of salons could work against FIAP. Finally the President, R. Busi, underlined that FIAP is working on new projects with UNESCO.

19) CLOSURE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION OF THE 3rd FIAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIAP President thanks the delegates for their constructive participation. He looks forward to seeing them next summer in Durban, South Africa.

Jinan, 18 septembre 2017

Ioannis LYKOURIS

Writer of the minutes

