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SESSION I : Sunday August 12th (morning)

1) OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The President, Riccardo Busi, welcomes all participants to the 34th FIAP Congress.

2) BEGINNING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

The President thanks the delegates for their presence to the Congress.

3) CALLING OF THE DELEGATES

The Secretary General Ioannis Lykouris, calls the delegates and invites them to sign the list of attendance before giving them their voting cards for the countries they represent, as well as for the countries for which they receive a proxy. The countries present or represented are: South Africa, Germany, Andorra, Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Australia, Bahrein, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Chili, China, Cyprus, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Scotland, Spain, FYROM, Finland, France, Greece, Great Britain, Hong-Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japon, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macao, Malaysia-Sabah, Malaysia-Selangor, Malta, Morocco, Mauritius, Norway, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Wales, Netherlands, Poland, Qatar, Dominican Republic, San Marino, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Uruguay, Vietnam and USA.

4) DECEASED COLLABORATORS

The President asks for a minute of silence in the memory of Matthieu de Bevère (Belgium), of Gabriel Grund (Slovakia) and of Eusebio Martin Martin (Spain), who passed away during the course of last year.

5) ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS

Mr Conrad Mularoni (San Marin) and mr Vasja Doberlet (Slovenia) are elected scrutineers for the Congress.

6) APPROBATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Minutes of the last General Assembly in Jinan, China is approved at the unanimity.

7) REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Riccardo BUSI thanks the Liaison Officers and the Directors of FIAP services for volunteering their work during the past year. He presents the creation of the new website which opening has been delayed by the new regulation relative to data protection; he expresses his hope that social medias, the new website and the administrative platform will fill their role of promoting the image and the international fame of FIAP. For the same reason, the World Cup for Clubs will be automated starting this year with a software allowing its electronic management. The activity of the Exhibition Centers is increasing, often in synergy with the national federations. The Service AV is preparing and distributing audiovisual projections to the EC, which will be made available in a second time to all photographers. The decentralised meetings of the DB are already showing very positive results as proved by the great impact of the meeting in Russia; indeed, the Russian federation, for the first time in its history, was awarded

our most prestigious trophies, the trophy Van der Vijer and the trophy Odette Bretcher. The Photo Meeting, biennial event, has become always more important, as evidenced during the 5th Photomeeting in China, by the participation of no less than 500 authors from 48 different countries. The President stresses that despite our efforts, the writing of a common red list with PSA has not been possible for now. With the assistance of legal experts, FIAP is working towards conforming to the new obligations of the Regulation relative to Data Protection and a new Service has been created for this purpose. Underlining the objective of improving FIAP visibility, the President mentioned several initiatives such as FIAP News, the promotion of the « Best of the Best» authors as well as some other projects like training classes and the project «Well-known people but unknown photographers" . He concludes his report with the stated goal of promoting a «real reputation of FIAP in all countries» which requires the efficient collaboration of all Liaison Officers with the Directory Board.

8) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Ioannis LYKOURIS thanks the organisers for the preparation of this Congress. He points out the increasing fame of FIAP, which counts this year the new affiliations of Bhutan and of the United States. FIAP exhibition centers are multiplying like mushrooms and the balance is always positive. Thanks to the daily service of the Secretariat, our Photographers always get an answer to their questions in the best timing and under the best conditions. FIAP Official Book has become an indispensable tool for the Liaison Officers and the decentralised meetings of the Directory Board facilitate greatly the contact with the operational members who don't have the possibility to participate to FIAP Congress and General Assembly. FIAP has been registered at the European level as a Trade mark in class 41 and as a consequence it is from now on protected in the EU for 10 years. The good operation of all services ensures a direct relation between FIAP members and DB, which takes into consideration their requests for the improvement of the rules. Two new services have been added, one relative to the website, and one relative to Data Protection. It has been realised that, in most countries, there is no specialised department dedicated to youth, which counteracts with FIAP's goal to develop and promote photography among the young generation.

9) RADIATION OF MEMBERS

The President announces the radiation of Guatemala from the list of Operational members due to the non-payment of its fees and an absence of activity.

10) AFFILIATION OF OPERATIONAL MEMBERS

The General Assembly grants the title of Operational members to the United States of America unanimously and to Bhutan with two oppositions.

11) TREASURER REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD 2017 AND 2018

FIAP Treasurer, Herbert Gmeiner, reports that the account situation for 2017 is positive and similar to 2016, with a growth of the assets. He also presents the actual financial situation at August 2018.

12) REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

The report of the auditors regarding the accounts of 2017 is read and approved at the unanimity.

13) APPROBATION OF THE BALANCE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The financial situation presented by the Treasurer is approved at unanimously by the GA.

14) APPROVAL OF THE MANAGEMENT AND ACTIVITY REPORT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A report of the development of the activities by the Directory Board is presented to the General Assembly. The management and the report of activities are approved with 9 abstentions.

15) PROJECT OF BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD 2019

The Treasurer, Herbert GMEINER, presents the project of budget for 2019 which is approved by the GA unanimously.

16) ESTABLISHING ANNUAL FEES FOR 2019

Herbert GMEINER proposes to keep the same annual fees for 2019. This proposal is adopted unanimously.

17) NOMINATION OF TWO AUDITORS

The GA adopts unanimously the decision to nominate as auditors for 2018 Mr. Sepp Köppel (Switzerland) and Mr. Jozef Keppert (Slovakia) and for 2019 Mr. Josef Keppert and Mr. Peter Marxer (Liechtenstein).

18) REPORT OF ACTIVITIES BY DIRECTORS OF SERVICE FIAP

The different activities developed by FIAP directors of Service are presented to the GA and their reports are approved unanimously.

19) FIAP Website and FIAP Medias

The President and the Director of Web Service, Branislav Brkic, presents to the GA the new website and analyses its different sections.

20) Patronage Service

The Director of Service, Romain Nero presents his team and provides statistical data regarding FIAP salons and circuits with Fiap patronages. He presents the novelties of the administrative platform; the Best of the Best author for two consecutive years (2016 and 2017) is Mr Roger Jourdain (France).

SESSION II : Sunsay August 12th 2018 (afternoon)

21) Distinctions Service

The Director of Service, Freddy Van Gilbergen, presents his team and suggests to open an electronic address to receive ideas and suggestions relative to modifications needed. He provides statistical data regarding his service and presents the actual situation that simplifies the procedure for the authors wishing to apply for FIAP distinction.

22) Data Protection Service

The Director of Service, Ioannis Lykouris, presents the new European regulation relative to data protection and its implementation by FIAP. He insists that the implementation has to be performed not only at the European level but at the international level as well, when services are rendered to European nationals (for instance their participation to a competition).

23) Questions by Operational members - Discussion

During the presentation of their report by the Directors of Service, several propositions and questions have been raised. Regarding the Service Biennials, proposition has been made to merge Youth Biennials with the other Biennials and to find a better way to send pictures, possibly by creating a specific platform or by adapting the new platform for the World Cup of Clubs. Regarding the Service FIAP cards, it has been proposed to add the country of origin of each author as well as different colours to the cards, in concordance to the respective badges. The Treasurer H. Gmeiner explained that the realisation of the idea is complicated. Regarding the Service Distinctions, the delegates have been informed during the discussion that the DB is in the process of examining the possibility to reintroduce Biennials to the system of acceptations for the artistic distinctions under certain conditions as well as the modification of the procedure for attribution of MFIAP distinctions. Regarding the Service of Patronages, following the question relative to the relationship between FIAP website and the administrative platform, the Director of Patronages, R. Nero, confirmed that the platform is part of the official FIAP website to which it is linked. Some delegates mentioned that certain organisers do not respect the rules imposed by FIAP and practice a preselection or a remote judgment by internet. The President asks the delegates to immediately inform the Service Patronage when this happens, otherwise FIAP does not have the possibility to intervene. A discussion is engaged on the subject of the percentage of acceptations justified by FIAP in particular when it concerns competition on paper; the Director of Service refers to a reasonable tolerance about the respect of all rules. Following the question regarding the important number of salons possibly organised by the same organisers, whether in the same country or in different countries, who try to take advantage in attracting authors thanks to a distribution of numerous awards, the DB confirmed its awareness of the suggested issues and its willingness to resolve the problem. Several Liaison Officers expressed their fear that the possible direct request of FIAP cards and auspices without their implication might be unfavourable to them. The President explained that these measures have for objective the promotion and the development of FIAP and, if there were any negative impact, the DB would be ready to reconsider the measures. Regarding the Service Data Protection, following a request to distribute practical directions to Operational Members and ILFIAP, the Director of Service, I. Lykouris, confirmed FIAP's willingness to help its members, nevertheless without being able to substitute their legal adviser which remains indispensable to

guarantee the conformity to the new regulation. Finally the discussion ended with the issue of the future of Photography in a world invaded by technology and portable phones which are often limited to take selfies, where FIAP could take on a major role if it were to promote more events like Congress and Photo Meetings.

SESSION III : Thursday August 16th 2018 (morning)

24) Proposition for a photo meeting in 2019

The Vice-Président, Joan Burgues, presents Morocco's proposal, as the only country which applied to organise the next photo meeting; Morocco's proposal is accepted unanimously. The next Photo meeting will take place in Morocco from June 23rd to 30th, 2019 the cost has been set at 851 euros per person in double room or to 1051 euros par person for single room, with a possible extension of 3 additional days at the price of 230/280 euros per person in double/single room.

25) Proposition for the next congress

The Liaison Officer of India, Barun Sinha, presented the program of his country for the organisation of a Congress in the Kerala region. Given the climate and the monsoons around India, DB member, D.Tay et and some delegates expressed their fear regarding inundations; in the end, the GA voted with 4 abstentions for the Congress to be organised in the region of Rajasthan in India during October-November 2020 with a cost between 1000-1250 euros per person in double/simple room and gave mandate to India's Liaison Officer to provide more information regarding the project before the next photo meeting.

26) PRESENTATION of the CANDIDATES TO the DB

Given all candidates, except for Luis Franke are already DB members, the vice President, Joan Burgues presented only Luis Franke as candidate for the position of DB member. The other candidates were Freddy van Gilbergen for the position of Vice-President, Ioannis Lykouris, for the position of Secretary General and Romain Nero for the position of Member.

27) ELECTIONS

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

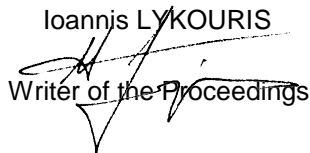
28) ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

The scrutineers announce the election results: total votes is 58, all valid. 34 votes for Freddy van Gilbergen, who remains Vice-Président, 45 votes for Ioannis Lykouris who remains General Secretary, 38 votes for Romain Nero who remains DB member and 56 votes for Luis Franke who becomes DB member.

29) CLOSING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION OF THE 3RD FIAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIAP President thanks the delegates for their constructive participation to the running of the Congress. He is looking forward to seeing them soon next summer in Morocco.

Athens, September 2d, 2018

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