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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORY BOARD

Athens, Greece February 25th to 28th, 2016

**PRESENTS:** Riccardo BUSI, Joan BURGUES, Ioannis LYKOURIS, Herbert GMEINER, Kurt BATSCHINSKI, David TAY, Freddy VAN GILBERGEN, Romain NERO, Nicolas BERLINGIERI (members of the Directory board)

### 1) Introduction by the President

The President, Riccardo Busi, opens the session thanking Ioannis Lykouris for the organisation of the meeting of the DB in Athen, in parallel to the award ceremony of the 10th Fiap World Cup for Clubs. He thanks all the members of the Directory board for their work since the meeting in Vienna, Austria. He reminds that this meeting will only address some very important issues given the ceremony events are happening during the same period.

### 2) Minutes of the meeting of the DB in Vienna (November 2015), INFO 029/2016

The minutes of the meeting of the DB in Vienna of November 2015 is approved. Although the following subjects have been clearly discussed and decided during the meeting, Romain Nero has asked to include them in the minutes. It regards the statistics of the numbers of salons and circuits with reference to the number of organisers and countries presented to the members ; then the decision to consider the integration of artwork and computer graphics in pictures as non conform to Fiap regulation (to the exception of the creative and experimental section) ; the necessity to ask all participants to Fiap salons to tick a box or sign a document in order to accept by this way the Fiap Regulations (DOC 2014/317) and especially section II .2 ; the inauguration of an on-line system for completing patronage applications, which is already in progress and whose testing phase will start in 2016 and finally the nomination of Francis Nicoll as responsible of the Office of Fiap Salons files, in charge of treating exclusively the examination of completed files of Fiap Salons once sent by the salon organisers, after the process of judging.

### 3) Review of the tasks accomplished since the last meeting

The General Secretary, Ioannis Lykouris, presents the list of the tasks accomplished since the last meeting in November 2015. Romain Nero and Nicolas Berlingieri are responsible for the collaboration with PSA toward a common formulation of the Red list. N. Berlingieri is in charge of suggesting a renewal of the Fiap website after having received the proposals from the other members of the DB ; Ioannis Lykouris is in charge of creating and distributing through internet an electronic version of the FIAP Book with all the needed documents for the OM and ILFIAPs. N. Berlingieri will collaborate with Finn Nielsen and J.Martin in order to finalize the regulation regarding the coherence.

### 4) Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer, Herbert Gmeiner, presents the situation of the accounts as of February 2016, still positive, as well as the complete situation of payment of the subscriptions by the operational members and the ILFIAPs ; he reminds that the payment is mandatory for the OM if they want to have the right to vote at the Congress. He also presents some models of the new FIAP Life Card. A decision is taken to adopt the card with a hologram on both sides, in order to eliminate forgery and the following new system of attribution of number to the card : for the ILFIAP members, it will be a number xxxx : yyyy where xxxx will be the present ILFIAP number in 4 digits and yyyy the number for the individual in 5 digits, and for the OM it will have the form : xxx : yyyy where xxx will be the present number of the OM in 3 digits and yyyy the number of the individual in 5 digits. Mr. Csaba Balasi of Romania is nominated as the new director of Fiap Life Card Service.

## **5) Relations with the members**

Italy : Not having ever received any medals nor diplomas from India, organiser of the last Biennale Nature, Italy is complaining and asking for the intervention of the DB. The DB asks the General Secretary to send a letter to India requesting to solve the issue as soon as possible. If not, it will be discussed during the Seoul Congress.

Spain : The Spanish confederation sent a letter to the DB asking for a) a decisive role regarding the creation of a new exhibition center on its territory, and b) to limit the possibility for an individual to participate to several clubs. The DB has reiterated the important role played by the operational members but reserves the right to decide the right to create new exhibition centers and not to limit the possibility for photographers to apply to several clubs simultaneously, but to decide at the time of the World Cup for Clubs with which club they will participate.

Slovenia : A flyer for the Negova Exhibition center, with the name of the center on it and in the language of the country will be sent to Joan Burgues, Director of the Service. Kurt Batschinski is in charge, in collaboration with Joan Burgues of the creation of the flyer for each exhibition center.

Australia : Following a request from Australia, the DB confirms its decision according to which the integration of artwork and computer graphics in pictures is not conform to FIAP regulation, with the exception of the creative and experimental Section.

Great Britain : Following a letter from Great Britain, the DB admits that the decisions related to the distinctions are not giving satisfaction to all ; it is difficult to find the best compromise. The DB is willing to listen to the observations of the OM and to adapt FIAP regulation to their wishes, given that the regulation is made for the members and not for FIAP administration.

China : Following a letter from ILFIAP 2094, (Shangtuf Image and Art Club) the DB reiterates its decision according to which the requests for distinctions must go through the OM and not through the ILFIAPs.

Greece : Following a proposal from Greece, the DB has asked the Service Promotion and Partnership to collaborate with the Hellenic Photographic Society ; they will look for the possibility to offer to an important international photographic company a global annual patronage on a rotating basis of FIAP Salons in exchange for a discount offered to the recipients of a FIAP distinction, worldwide.

## **6) Youth Biennials**

The Director of the Service, Kurt Batschinski, presented a project of regulation for a Biennale Youth in Oman, dedicated to young photographers only.

Given that the announcement and the form of the Youth Biennale of Oman has only been distributed by the country organiser without having gone through the FIAP official channel, the DB insists on the respect by the organisers of FIAP events not to spread any official documents by their own initiative but to respect the official channel and go through the formal Fiap institutions.

## **7) Patronage Service**

R. Nero briefly presents an administrative platform created by a Luxembourg company, gathering datas from the OM and the ILFIAPs, such as the new on-line system for the FIAP patronage. A decision is taken to integrate in this platform the individual identity numbers attributed to the FIAP cardholders.

Given the inconsistencies of the pictures presented by two Hong-Kong candidates for FIAP « Best of the best » discussed during the previous DB meeting , inconsistencies still not resolved, the DB has decided, after contacting the Photographic Society of Hong Kong, to nominate Daniel Lybaert from Holland, as Best authors 2014, and Alsaleh Mamdooh from Bahreïn, as Best author for 2015.

## **8) Service World Cup for Clubs**

The 10th FIAP World Cup for Clubs was very successful. 197 Clubs participated, coming from 45 different countries. After 10 editions of a perfect organisation, the Director of the Service has resigned for personal reasons. The next World cup will be organized by Smethwick, winner club of the 10th Cup. Dr Maurice Dorikens will continue to sponsorize the Dorikens Cups for at least 5 years more.

## **9) Service Relations with Unesco**

The DB is still waiting for an answer from Unesco for the signature of MoU.

## **10) Fiap website**

The DB asks N. Berlingieri to take care of the renewal of the website, after having heard the proposals of the other members of the DB.

## **11) Service Promotion and Partnership**

The Director of the Service, D.Tay, presents to the DB members the new flyers in 4 different languages. He suggested a collaboration between Fiap, Mr. Ren Shugao and the Chinese Ministry of Culture for the project Heritage Photo Competition, as well as a participation of Fiap to Dubai World. D. Tay, in collaboration with Romain Nero, is still discussing with insurance companies for the DB a policy of civil responsibility.

## **12) Award ceremony of the 10th World Cup for clubs**

The DB has organized the procedure for the award ceremony of the 10th World Cup for Clubs which took place in Athens during the same period.

## **13) Service Ethics – Red List**

Under the initiative of the service Ethics, the decision is taken to cooperate with PSA for the writing of a document defining the sanctions against the authors breaking the rules, knowing that it will be difficult to reach a 100% common regulation.

## **14) Service Distinctions**

The decision is taken to give the Blue Pins the same value as a reward for the FIAP distinctions The DB did not grant EsFIAP nor HonEFIAP distinction, reserving its decision for the next Congress.

As it is almost impossible to control the results of a salon before examining its salon files, the authors have to wait until their writing or at least until the publishing of the salon catalogue, before counting their acceptations or rewards for Fiap Distinctions.

## **15) Service Formation – List of FIAP courses**

The Director of the Service, N.Berlingieri, presents to all DB members a project as well as a digital projection of the courses to be created. Once prepared, the courses should be translated in different languages.

## **16) FIAP Photomeeting Cuba**

Following a decision taken in Cuba, Joan Burgues is in charge of having tee-shirts made as a souvenir of the Photomeeting for all the participants.

## **17) Next DB meeting**

The DB decides that the next meeting will take place from December 8th to 12th, 2016 in Cyprus.

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