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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Vienna Austria, November 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

### 1) Introduction by the President

The President, Riccardo Busi, opens the session thanking Herbert Gmeiner for organizing the BD meeting in Vienna. He also thanks all the board members for the work done since the last reunion in Ripollet, Spain.

### 2) Minutes of the BD in Ripollet (February 2015), INFO 2015/008

The minutes of the BD meeting of February 2015 are approved.

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

The Secretary General, Ioannis Lykouris, presents the list of tasks accomplished since the last BD meeting in February 2015. Due to different problems related to the recently presented list of operational members according the French alphabet, decision is taken to adopt the UN list, where the sorting is following not the alphabet but a 3 digit system. Decision is also taken that all FIAP operational members and all ILFIAP members will be mentioned in all official FIAP papers and forms under the name used by the UN.

### 4) Consignment of the internal document (doc 2015/01) regarding the assistants to the members of the Directory Board to the General Secretary.

The complete list of assistants to the Board members is transmitted to the Secretary General.

### 5) Treasurer's report :

The Treasurer, Herbert Gmeiner, presents the current statement of accounts and balance sheets as of November 2015, all positive, especially thanks to fiap patronage and fiap distinctions fees. He also presents a complete point of the payment of memberships, according to which 3 OM and 13 ILFIAPs have not yet paid their fees for 2015 and 10 ILFIAPs have not yet paid their membership fees for 2014 and 2015. Decision is taken to wait and review their case during the Congress in Seoul. He exposes the new legal situation of FIAP in Luxembourg. At the end of February 2016 the auditors Wolfgang Wiesen and Csaba Balasi will examine the accounts in Vienna. Then Herbert Gmeiner will give the accounts for control to an external auditor in Luxembourg for the first time according to the law of Luxembourg. Regarding the FIAP Life Cards, in 2014 were published 1448 and in 2015, as for November, 1270. The President and the Treasurer propose to offer 3-4 Life cards per year as a way to thank important people who have contributed to the development and improvement of FIAP. This proposal is accepted at the unanimity.

### 6) Relations with members

China: with the objective to develop its activity in China and to clarify misunderstandings regarding the application of FIAP procedure, in particular regarding the transmission of applications for FIAP distinctions and the organization of FIAP events, a meeting between FIAP President and the President of the Chinese Photographer Association took place in Beijing.

Emirates: With the intention to establish a better collaboration between FIAP and Abu Dhabi International Photographic Society and to clarify various setbacks related to the shipping of the catalogs of the competition

“Emirates 2015”, a meeting between FIAP President and the representative of the Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority took place in Abu Dhabi. All catalogs from the Emirates should be sent by the end of the year.

Saudi Arabia : The Directory Board has been informed of the documentation sent regarding an internal issue related to the forwarding of applications for FIAP distinctions within the country. A new request for clarification will be sent to the L.O Esa Engawi.

Myanmar: After having received its candidature, the DB decides to accept the Photographic Society of Myanmar as a provisional Operational Member. The AG will vote, in order to give the status of Operational member. Hong Kong: the Directory Board has taken notice of the important documented exchange between the Director of the Service Ethics P. Rizzato and the Liaison Officer FIAP of Hong Kong, to try to resolve the inconsistencies of images presented by two candidates of FIAP “Best of the Best FIAP” in FIAP competitions. The General Secretary will send a letter to Hong Kong L.O asking him to clarify the issue. If the case cannot be resolved within the next three months, the authors will not be eligible for the attribution of the title “Best of the Best

A document «Responsibilities of Liaison Officers» has been published in January 2015; unfortunately, this document has been completely dismissed. Given this and the importance of such a document, the General Secretary will send a letter to all operational members reminding the importance of the document. It will be asked at the same time to all country members to maintain in charge the same L.O for a period of at least 3 years, in order to allow the establishment of a profitable rapport of collaboration with FIAP.

## **7) Distinctions Service**

Following the comments and remarks made by some operational members regarding the new FIAP Regulation “Distinctions” enforced on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, more particularly regarding the retroactivity and the percentages, the DB has reviewed the entire Regulation for a major efficiency and with the objective of responding to the suggestions presented. The new and definitive Regulation “Distinctions” will be enforced as planned on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

## **8) Relations with Unesco**

The President informs the DB that the Director “Relationships with UNESCO”, Jean-Claude Menneron has given his resignation. The DB decides not to nominate another person as responsible for the relations with Unesco but to incorporate it in the International Organizations Service under the directives of Mr. I. Albusaidi, and, in case of need, for the resolution of more urgent issues, to give special mandate, as needed, to one of his members. The discussion of the agreement with Unesco is still pending; the President will send a letter to Unesco with the last draft of the agreement and a request for a meeting.

## **9) Biennials Service**

The President reminds the members of the DB that they should make sure the principle of coherence is respected when they judge in FIAP Biennials. In order to attract more countries and authors to participate, new ideas for the organization of Biennials are then discussed. The Directory Board then takes the following decisions:

- The number of Biennials will be reduced to 4 categories: Black and White, Nature, Color (color print and projected) and Youth (Color Prints and Projected Images).
- The Youth Biennial will take place every two years, as the rest of Biennials
- From now on, no fees will be charged to participate to a Biennial.
- Each Biennial must have a print catalog; in order to receive the money, each organizer should agree to respect the FIAP standards and send the catalogs. The same layout will be set and used to make uniform all Biennial catalogs from 2017 on.
- The winners of the Van der Wijer and Odette Bretcher Trophies will be invited to the Congress in Korea (one person per country ; FIAP will offer the participation to the Congress excluding the travel expenses).

## **10) ESFIAP and HonEFIAP applications**

The Board of Directors proceeds to the examination of the ESFIAP and Hon EFIAP applications. Among the candidates, the BD votes in favor to give the ESFIAP distinction to Roger Perry from UK, Pham Duc Thang from Vietnam and Zeng Yi from China and the HonEFIAP distinction to Theo Van der Heijdt, from the Netherlands.

### **11) Patronage Services**

The Director of Service, Romain Nero, presents the current situation of the number of salons and events by country in 2014 and 2015. The number of salons goes from 349 (232 single events 117 events in 32 circuits for 52 countries) in 2014 to 445 salons (245 single events and 200 in 57 circuits for 57 countries) in 2015. He also notes that in 2015, India increased its number of salons by 50%.

### **12) FIAP World Cup for Clubs Service**

With great satisfaction, it is underlined the growing success of the event, which has reached 197 participating clubs in the latest edition. The Award ceremony of the FIAP World Cup of Clubs will take place in February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in Athens, Greece, with a meeting of the Directory Board the previous and following day.

### **13) Exhibition Centers Service**

Another new Exhibition Centers have opened: in Slovenia in the castle of Negova thanks to the well-done work of our L.O. Vasja Doberlet and thanks to the support of Fotografska Zveza Slovenije and its President Mr. I. Borko. Two other Exhibition Centers will open shortly in UK (Smethwick) and in Italy (Albenga).

### **14) Contacts with PSA**

The President gives a report of his participation to the PSA congress during autumn 2015. The invitation received by PSA has contributed to consolidate the friendship between FIAP, PSA and GPU. During the Congress, thanks to Mrs Jill Sneesby, L.O. of South Africa and PSA Vice-president, discussions have focused on trying to improve collaboration on themes of common interest like a new common regulation of ethics that could be more efficient in regulating the participation to competitions, a shared percentage of the limits of acceptations to sponsored contests and a common definition of "Photo Travel".

The warm welcome by the exiting PSA President John Davis and of the new President, Dr. Charlie Burke, as well as the collaboration of GPU President Manolis Metzakis, allowed to work in a perfect atmosphere of friendship and cooperation.

### **15) Promotion and Partnership Service**

The Director of Service, David PC Tay, presents the definitive version of the new flyer FIAP. The flyer presented is approved by the DB. The flyer will be translated in the Fiap 4 official languages as well as in Chinese and Arabic. A certain number of flyers will be sent to Korea to be distributed during the next FIAP Congress (in Chinese and English). He then presents the new business cards, which are approved as well. David Tay then illustrates the steps taken to reach an agreement with Samsung, which has unfortunately not yet been concluded, and with Tamron which has, on the other hand, been conferred instead the FIAP Auspices to the Tamron exhibition which took place in Beijing at the occasion of Photo Beijing. Regarding FIAP promotion development, the President brings to the attention of the DB the steps taken by him with the Emirates for a future collaboration with the "Kalifa International Palm Award", at the occasion of the EXPO, which took place in Milan

### **16) FIAP prices**

The DB analyzes the present FIAP price listing (distinctions, medals etc...) and decides not to change anything for the moment. The DB states on the other hand some price variation in some country members for administrative reasons.

### **17) Medals Service**

The Director of the Service, Kurt Batschinski, reports on the stock of pins, medals etc. and concludes that for the moment there is no need to re-order. New samples of gifts are presented by Riccardo Busi and Joan Burgues. The Director of the Service, Kurt Batschinski is asked to bring new samples for the realization of the new FIAP distinctions Diamond, at the occasion of the next DB meeting in February.

### **18) Training Service**

The Director of the Service, Nicolas Berlingleri presents some ideas for the realization of FIAP courses and in particular regarding courses for FIAP jury, which should start before the end of 2016. He will consult all DB members to get their feedback before the next meeting.

### **19) Youth Service**

The Director of the Service Youth K. Batschinski presents some new ideas to encourage the participation of young people to FIAP activities; is discussed in particular the opening of a new "FIAP Youth group" on FB and a new on-line contest reserved to young people. The DB approves the creation of the "FIAP Youth Group". More information will be provided regarding it in the next few months. Joan Burgues mentions a test the Andorra federation is doing with a secondary school. There will be continuing reflection on the subject.

### **20) FIAP website**

The DB gives Nicolas Berlinger the task of studying the eventual improvements in order to make FIAP website more attractive and useful to the members. The other members of the DB are invited to give their contribution before the next meeting in February

### **21) FIAP administrative platform**

In order to make the work of FIAP DB and the Liaison Officers more efficient, it has been decided to adopt an "Administrative platform" integrated in FIAP website. Romain Nero is in charge of analyzing in detail the realization of such platform, while all the members are invited to communicate their specific needs. Given the importance of such a platform, the DB is hoping to have it ready within a few months.

### **22) FIAP Auspices**

The number of FIAP events for which FIAP auspices are requested is growing constantly, also thanks to the work of the various FIAP Exhibition Centers. Hoping that the number of events will keep increasing, the DB wants to put in evidence some that were particularly distinct: "Photo Beijing 2015" in China, «Dia sotto le stelle 2015» in Italy, "The 1st international women photographers 2015" in Oman and "The Second ILFIAP Exhibition" in Turkey.

### **23) Cuba Photomeeting**

Riccardo Busi thanks Joan Burgues for the successful organization of the Cuba Photomeeting. The 4<sup>th</sup> Photomeeting has shown once again how this kind of event should be supported and encouraged having become by now one of the most important FIAP appointments. The Director of the Exhibition Center of Jinan, Mr. Zeng Yi has presented its candidature for 2017 and should present it during the next Congress in Korea.

### **24) Fiap congress in Korea**

The agreement with Korea has been concluded. The price is 735 Euros for the week in double room and 935 in single room. It will take place from August 22d to 28th. By the end of January, Korea should send the registrations form and the detailed program to all FIAP OM and ILFIAP.

Contacts have been exchanged between South Africa L.O, Mrs Jill Sneesby and Riccardo Busi for an eventual FIAP Congress in 2018 in Durban.

### **25) FIAP visibility**

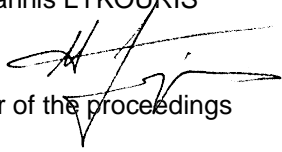
Given the positive financial situation of FIAP, and considering FIAP statute as an NGO in the realm of Luxembourg law, the DB discusses how to invest in new marketing activities favoring the development of FIAP visibility. These activities will be put at the agenda of the next meeting.

### **26) Next FIAP BD Meeting**

The BD decides to meet again from February 25th – to 29th 2016 in Athens, Greece, at the occasion of the award ceremony of the FIAP World Cup by Clubs.

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