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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1st FIAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY VIENNA – AUSTRIA, NOVEMBER 28TH, 2015

UNIQUE SESSION : Saturday, 28 November 2015

1) OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONGRESS

The President, Mr Riccardo Busi, welcomed all participants to the 1st FIAP General Assembly.

2) BEGINNING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SESSIONS:

The FIAP President reminded the delegates on the importance of this 1st General Assembly according to the new FIAP statutes.

2) CALL OF THE DELEGATES

The Secretary General, Mr Ioannis Lykouris, made a roll call of the delegates and asked them to sign the attendance sheet, before giving them the voting cards for the countries they were representing, including proxies. Those countries present or represented were: Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia And Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Chile, Denmark, Emirates, Fyrom, Germany, Greece, Great Britain, Indonesia, Italia, Japan, Luxembourg, Macau, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, San Marino, Scotland, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland and Wales.

4) ELECTION OF THE SCRUTINEERS

Messrs Joan Burgues (FIAP Vice President) and Kurt Batschinski (FIAP DB Member) were appointed as the scrutineers for the Congress.

5) APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of the FIAP statutory General Assembly in Turkey were unanimously approved.

6) REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Riccardo Busi presented his report, stressing that this first General Assembly, reunited according to the new Fiap statutes, gives an accrued possibility to operational members to participate to important decisions of the Federation. He recapitulated the most important events of the past year, among them the constitution of Fiap under Luxembourg Laws, the opening of new exhibition centers, the creation of new Fiap services. He stressed the increased number of Clubs participant to the last World cup of the clubs (almost 200) and the success of the last Photomeeting in Cuba. He finally concluded insisting that more collaboration from Fiap members is needed to contribute to the Fiap News journal as well as to the development of Fiap activities worldwide in order to increase Fiap visibility. The complete text of the report was reproduced in the Vienna Reports already sent by the Secretary General (INFO 027/2015).

7) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Mr Ioannis LYKOURIS thanked the FIAP Treasurer for having taken care of this Assembly in Vienna. He then mentioned some points with great importance. First the fact that a small minority among the FIAP Liaison Officers does not work properly or efficiently, something that creates a lot of problems for our photographers. Second that the red list is actually suspended, leaving the field free to cheaters, due to legal reasons that oblige FIAP to propose new rules and finally that the FIAP administration is always ready to listen to the comments of the Operational Members and adapt FIAP regulations according to their will. He ended his report by presenting the new FIAP Dossier in a form of an electronic book, available for pc and mac environment and even for mobile

devices, always up-to-date and giving the users the possibility to search, download or even print any information needed. The complete text of the report was reproduced in the Vienna Reports already sent by the Secretary General (INFO 027/2015).

8) AFFILIATION OF OPERATIONAL MEMBERS

The Photographic Society of Myamar (Burma) that had presented its candidature as a new operational member and had already been approved as a provisional operational member by the Board of Directors is granted the status of Operational Member by unanimous vote of the General Assembly.

9) REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR FINANCIAL PERIODS 2014 and 2015

The FIAP Treasurer, Mr Herbert Gmeiner, reported that the balance of 2014 was positive and similar with the one of 2013, with a growth in the assets. He also presented the statement of accounts and Balance sheet as of November 2015.

10) REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

The report of the auditors on the 2014 statement of accounts is read.

11) DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD 2015-2016

The Treasurer Herbert GMEINER presented the draft budget for 2015 and 2016.

12) APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Called to vote, the accounts presented by the Treasurer are approved at the unanimity by the General Assembly.

13) REPORT OF THE DIFFERENT ACTIVITY DEVELOPMENT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A report of the development of the activities by the Board of Directors is presented to the General Assembly. Then a discussion on the efficiency of the new regulation «Distinctions» follows and different views are exchanged. The Board of Directors took note of the comments made by the operational members.

14) REPORT OF THE DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES DEVELOPED BY THE DIRECTORS OF FIAP SERVICES

A report of the different activities developed by the Directors of Fiap Services is presented.

15) APPROVAL OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BD AND OF THE FIAP DIRECTORS OF SERVICES

The General Assembly approves the management of the Board of Directors and the Activity report of the Fiap Directors of Services.

16) SETTING OF THE FEES FOR 2016

Herbert GMEINER proposes to keep the same fees for 2016. This proposition is voted at unanimity.

17) APPOINTMENT OF TWO AUDITORS

The General Assembly voted at unanimity to keep the same auditors as per last year

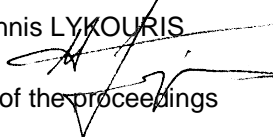
18) QUESTIONS OF THE OPERATIONAL MEMBERS

The representative of Slovenia, Mr. Vasja Doberlet points out that he noticed a decreased quality linked to a maximum acceptance rate of distinctions. His opinion is that this leads to a devaluation of Fiap salons and that we should not allow this to happen. The representative of the Czech Federation, Mr. Garik Avanesian is from a different opinion. The representative of Poland, Mrs. Dorota Kycia proposes some ideas regarding the mention on the FIAP Life Card and the possibility of granting free entrance to the FIAP Life Card holders into selected museums or galleries.

19) CLOSE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORK OF THE 1st FIAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The president of FIAP thanked the delegates for their participation and constructive part. He looked forward to seeing them during next summer in Seoul, South Korea.

Athens, 24 January 2016

Ioannis LYKOURIS

Editor of the proceedings