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1. Introduction by the Président

The President, R. Busi, opens the meeting welcoming the members of the Directory Board to Belfast. He stresses the need for regular on-line meetings to resolve issues that require immediate attention.

2. Review of the tasks accomplished since the last meeting

The General Secretary, I.Lykouris, presents the list of the tasks accomplished since the last meeting in France in October and mentions that most of them have been completed.

3. Treasurer report

The Treasurer, H. Gmeiner, presents the accounts and the financial situation as of May 2019. He explains that 2018 has been a great year for FIAP from a financial point of view. He presents the complete situation of payment of the subscriptions due by the country members. To this day, only 1 OM and 18 ILFIAP have not paid yet their annual subscription for 2018 and 19 OM and 52 ILFIAP have not yet paid their annual subscription for 2019. FIAP accounts have reached a level that require a professional accounting system, capable to verify that appropriate authorizations have been given, that there is accounting coherence between increase and decrease in numbers ; it also requires the writing of the balance sheet at least 4 times per year. The DB considers indispensable an analysis of FIAP financial situation, including specific consideration for the typology of expenses, the contracts concluded with the different software houses, as well as the analysis of a software for the budget, focusing on the activities that could provide clear indicators for the allocation of financial resource. David Tay is specifically responsible for researching such a software but all the other members of the Board are requested to look for other solutions in order to get a complete framework and allow the board to decide at the next meeting in Spokane in September. The Treasurer asks the DB members and the Directors of Services to communicate the needs of their Directions in order to allow the establishment of the budget for 2021.

4. Service FIAP LIFE CARD

2199 cards have been produced on myfiap.net platform in 2018 and only 395 in 2019, due to the need to fix the printer dedicated to their production, which is located in Romania at the Service direction. Given the cost of the repair, (about 380,00 Euros before tax), the Treasurer, upon proposal of the Life card Service Director, C. Balasi, suggests to buy a new one for around 6.050,00 euros HT. Before taking a decision, the DB decides to study as an alternative the possibility of subcontracting the production of the cards. The DB members are in charge of investigating the two options in order to take a final decision at the next meeting in Spokane.

5. Relations with the members

United Arab Emirates: after the UAE lost their operational member status due to non-payment of their subscription and the resignation of the Liaison Officer, Bader Al Nomani, David PC Tay is responsible for searching for candidates that could be nominated as operational members in UAE. Slovenia : regarding the letter from Slovenia supported by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Danemark, Germany, Indonesia, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovakia and Turkey, the DB underlines that the role of the OM is never diminished or overpassed when Clubs ask for FIAP auspices ; in effect, the auspices are awarded in a discretionary manner by the DB and only when it provides visibility to FIAP and favor photography. The measures and sanctions requested in this letter in case of pre-judgement already exist in the Patronage regulation. On the other hand, the DB will take into consideration in the future update of the Patronage regulation some of the proposed ideas regarding the cost of participation to the circuits. Regarding the request for a minimum number of conditions ruling the opening and functioning of the Exhibition center, the DB concludes it is not possible given the economic situation of each country. On the other hand, the DB will always be responsible for evaluating these conditions before allowing the opening of a center and before taking appropriate measures to insure

that a center meets FIAP objectives. Serbia : Regarding the letter from Serbia which suggests that in some countries a positive prior notice and approval by the OM should be requested to open an exhibition center, the DB considers that given the decision of opening a center is under the exclusive responsibility of the DB, there cannot be an exception for a prior notice and approval only in certain countries. On the other hand, in all interested countries, the judgement of the OM will always be asked, carefully examined and taken into consideration. USA : Regarding the loss of an affiliated Club in California, the DB approves the investigation done by the LO in the USA (J. Stolte) and concludes that, in the future, any club asking for a FIAP affiliation will have to prove their existence by several means like for instance a local phone number, a physical address, a photo of the club, ..., and will have to submit to the control of the national LO. Cyprus : regarding the request from the Cyprus OM to cancel the distinction of one their members accused of serious criminal allegations, the DB concludes that the Distinctions regulation does not provide such sanctions.

6. FIAP Exhibition Centers

The Vice-President and Director of Service, J. Burgues, reports about the meeting of all the Directors of Exhibition centers which took place in Italy in April 2019. He analyses the draft of contract to be signed by the Exhibition centers. The DB will always be responsible for deciding unilaterally to remove FIAP recognition in case of non-respect of this contract. It is decided to create email addresses for the exhibition centers on myfiap.net, to open for them a professional account on Dropbox as well as a direct link on the main page of FIAP website, to lend them a diploma with a FIAP logo for each of their FIAP activities and to ask them to return flag and FIAP plaque in case of closing of the center or of stopping of its activities. Several exhibition centers cannot coexist in the same city and should be distant by a minimum of 100 km. The DB approves the opening of 3 new centers, in Bosnia (Bijeljina), in Romania (Oradea) and in Spain (San Sebastian).

7. Patronage Service

The Director of the Service, R.Nero, presents the situation of FIAP salons in 2019. After a detailed analysis of the complaints regarding the salon organisers and an analysis of the method for jury nomination in the salons of certain countries, the DB concludes that an update of FIAP Patronage regulation is needed. A discussion follows regarding the relationships that exist between certain ILFIAP clubs and the Operational members of these countries, as well as regarding the organisation of competitions in other countries than the country of residence of an ILFIAP club. After a discussion linked to the complaints of the LO due to myfiap.net complexity and the creation of different « profiles » with multiple requests of identification and the difficulties related to the electronic request for FIAP Life card, the DB decides that it is absolutely necessary to simplify the procedure. David Tay points out that the Patronage platform myfiap.net is becoming more and more important and that it is necessary to consider another person capable of managing the platform in parallel to R. Nero, to insure continuity and manage risks. In fact, Romain Nero is presently the only one who knows how to manage and administer the platform. The decision is taken to require the software house to submit to the legal control of the general secretary, before the end of May 2019, all the contracts related to the creation, management and saving of myfiap.net accompanied by all the invoices already paid for service. They will also be asked to give the President Riccardo Busi all the identification names and all the passwords allowing total and complete access to the platform as well as all the administration rights to manage the platform and to the saving and exporting of its data.

8. Service World cup for Clubs

The President, R.Busi, presents the actual situation as well as two possible solutions for the management of the jury for the next World Cup : either the purchase or the renting of the software for managing the Worldcup in 2020. The DB decides to proceed with renting a complete assistance from the Software house, during and after the jury meeting which will include the hosting. For the organisation of the award ceremony 2020, the DB is waiting an official confirmation from Bulgaria ; The DB decides to organise a meeting with the organiser of the 13th World cup 2019 in Belfast so that to discuss all the details. The new regulation of FIAP Worldcup written by the Director, M. Macinai and his assistant J.P. Schmit will be presented as soon as possible and will become operational before the next Worldcup.

9. Service Biennials

The Director, L.Franke, presents the situation of FIAP Biennials. For the present Biennial, there are 45 countries participating. An electronic platform has been used for the first time to download pictures and proceed to the judgment. At the end of the Biennial it will be evaluated if the system is valid and can be used or if it should be substituted by another one. The decision is taken to rent a software rather than buy one specially created for the Biennials. Then a discussion takes place regarding the new law on data protection and the DB decides to prepare and sign a contract with the software house similar to those already prepared for the other software houses. The Director explains the necessity to change the date of the award ceremony for the Biennial in Spain due to the General Assembly which would happen at the same time. The ceremony will take place on November 2d in Andorra at the occasion of the Congress of the Spanish Federation of Photography. L. Franke presents the calendar of Biennials and the DB determines which members will be part of the juries of the next Biennials ; for the Nature Biennials in Russia (May 2020) H. Gmeiner with I. Lykouris as substitute , for the B&W Biennial in India (May 2020) D. Tay with R.Nero as substitute and for the Youth Biennial in Austria (October 2020) R.Nero with K.Batschinski as substitute .

10. Service Ethics

The DB discusses the 3 first authors on the Red list and the next steps to make the decision effective. Given the law on data protection, the names cannot be mentioned on FIAP INFO but they will be available to OM, ILFIAP and organizers of salons with FIAP patronage.

11. FIAP insurance coverage and Privacy

Given the complexity of the different contracts proposed by R. Nero, the DB asks the President and the General Secretary to study the matter and present a report on the subject at the next meeting.

12. Service Promotion and Partnership

The Director of Service, D. Tay, presents a report regarding the preparatory meeting to the Spokane reunion in Florida with PSA that he had with the President R. Busi. The DB gives mandate to the Director of Service to contact the LO in the USA, J. Stolte, in order to finalize the calendar of DB members participating to PSA conference in Spokane in September 2019 (at the same time as FIAP General Assembly) and to communicate the comments of the DB about issues regarding international salons discussed between PSA and FIAP.

13. Digitalisation of MFIAP archive

The President, R. Busi, presents the present situation. About 4000 photos are presently in the possession of the Exhibition Center of Montevarchi, Italy. The proposal includes professional digitalization, the creation of a data base ad hoc and putting in stock the photos for 5 years in an archive room. The decision will be taken as soon as possible, once the definite contract will be received.

14. Development of FIAP projects

The President, R. Busi, is expecting news about the evolution of the projects "Children our Future", "Welknown people" and "FIAP medical doctors Club" and will give details to the DB members at the next meeting.

15. FIAP News

The President, R. Busi, regrets that the articles in FIAP News always come from the same countries ; he asks the DB members to act to ensure that this online magazine presents news from all the OM.

16. FIAP Photomeeting in Morocco

The Vice-President, J. Burgues, presents the present situation and the DB asks him to control the registered persons who still don't have a FIAP Life Card. He will take care of this task in collaboration with the Vice-President F. Van Gilbergen.

17. FIAP Photomeeting in Oman 2021

Given the next FIAP Congress will take place in Novembre 2020, the decision is taken to postpone the next Photomeeting to November 2021 in case it will be organized by Oman, as it was planned at the time.

18. Service Distinctions

The DB discusses the application of the new system of selection (in two times) of the applications to MFIAP titles ; the members then proceed with the evaluation of the 29 candidates. The MFIAP title is awarded to : McKelvey Ross and Pile Tim (Great Britain), Sabol Petar (Croatia), Bastion Ann Joyce (N.Zeland), Selzer Klaus-Peter (Germany), Mytilinos Georgios (Greece) et Boyle Judy (Ireland).

19. Next DB meeting

It is confirmed the next meeting of the DB will take place in Spokane USA from September 21st to 28th 2019 during FIAP general assembly and concomitantly with PSA annual conference with whom will be organized a meeting and collaboration as well.

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