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Minutes of the meeting of the Directory Board FIAP held via conference call on October 9th, 2020

PRESENTS via conference call: Riccardo BUSI, Freddy VAN GILBERGEN, Herbert GMEINER, Ioannis LYKOURIS, Kurt BATSCHINSKI, David TAY, Romain NERO, Luis FRANKE (members of DB). Absent and excused Joan BURGUES.

1. Introduction by the Président

Le Président, R. Busi, ouvre la séance et remercie les membres pour leur présence en vidéo-conférence.

2. Review of the tasks accomplished since the last meeting

The Secretary General, I. Lykouris, presents the list of the tasks accomplished since the last meeting. The contracts between the FIAP and the Luxembourg company which developed and manages the myfiap.net platform has been finalized and sent to Luxembourg. R. Nero will follow up by contacting the Luxembourg company for the signature. The current issue of the absence of an Operational Member with Montenegro has still not been resolved. Romain Nero suggests organizing a video conference with them while waiting for the country to reopen.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, H. GMEINER, presents the situation to date. Overall, 2020 has been a good year financially due to the reduction of the expenses related to the Covid pandemic. For the year 2021, 5 countries have not paid: Holland, the Netherlands Antilles, Morocco, Surinam, Mauritius. If they do not regularize their situation, they will not be able to participate in the General Assembly. Among the three new members on a provisional basis (Haiti, Mexico and Afghanistan) Mexico and Afghanistan have paid their dues and the General Assembly will be able to confirm their affiliation to FIAP as Operational Members. Another communication was received from the Federation of Haiti, which unfortunately cannot pay the annual membership fee. 9 ILFIAP Clubs did not pay last year and this year and 19 ILFIAP did not pay for 2020.

4. Annual General Meeting

Operational Members must vote on 8 points, this is an obligation. Further research will be carried out by all members of the FIAP Directory Board to identify the best online voting systems so that all Liaison Officers can vote by teleconference on each item on the agenda.

5. FIAP Exhibition Centers

The exhibition center in Ceuta (Spain) is open informally, its official opening will probably be organized in May 2021, or when the health situation allows it. France intends to open two new exhibition centers, once the Covid epidemic has passed, the first in Villefranche de Conflent and the second in Paris. The exhibition centers in Chelyabinsk in Russia and Ubud in Bali in Indonesia will also be inaugurated when the health situation permits.

6. Patronage Service

The Director of the Service, R. Nero, presents the current situation of FIAP Patronages and salons. He indicates that the new regulations for online juries will soon be ready and applicable from January 1st. The meetings with PSA were held monthly and very efficient, with the aim to promote better cooperation between the two organizations. The number of patronages was a little lower than usual; 10 shows have been canceled. 540 salons in 2020 and for the moment only 60 salons planned for 2021, a number much lower than the number we generally register at this time, but also fully justified by the current global situation.

7. Biennial Service

The Director, L. Franke, presents the current situation. He clarifies that France has decided to open a print-section. The new software chosen by FIAP to manage the Biennials worked very well. The Russian Federation was very satisfied with its functioning.

8. “We stay Home” project

The ceremony was a great success with 54 countries and around 150 participating authors. As the 1st big online event, it's a great satisfaction. The exhibition of the admitted and awarded works was set up at Photo Beijing (China) and will then be exhibited in Jinan, before being presented in several other cities in China. Professor Zeng Yi is the curator responsible for the various exhibitions. The photos of the exhibition were also sent to the Turkish federation to organize another event in Turkey.

9. FIAP Life Cards

The FIAP Directory Board seeks to finalize the transfer of the production of FIAP cards to Hong Kong, so that it will be operational from January 1, 2021:

10. Distinctions Service

A discussion is open regarding the modification of the Distinction regulation for 2021 and it is decided that a new meeting would be organized to discuss this point.

11. MFIAP archive and photo digitization

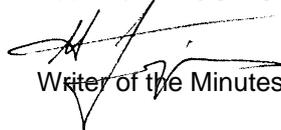
The digitization work is finished for a total budget of 15,400 Euros. The work of transferring the images to the FIAP website will start as soon as possible:

12. FIAP Photo Academy

R.Busi, presents in detail the structure of the new FIAP Photo Academy and requests all the members of the FIAP Directory Board to collaborate for its development and suggest proposals to organize webinars and online parties.

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