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Minutes of the FIAP Board of Directors Held by teleconference April 26th, 2021.

PRESENT in video conference: Riccardo BUSI, Joan BURGUES, Freddy VAN GILBERGEN, Herbert GMEINER, Ioannis LYKOURIS, Kurt BATSCHINSKI, David TAY, Romain NERO, Luis FRANKE (DB members).

1. Introduction by the President

The President, R. Busi, opens the meeting and thanks the members for their presence in teleconference.

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 (virtual) meeting in October 2020, and stresses that most of them has been executed.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, H. Gmeiner, presents an updated situation. From a financial point of view, 2021 is a good year, given the diminution of expenses due to the pandemic. At this time, 19 countries have not paid their subscription for 2021. Two countries, the Netherland Antilles and Suriname also owe the year 2020. Regarding the ILFIAPs, there are 39 Clubs that have not yet paid for 2021 and 21 Clubs that also owe the year 2020. Given the special pandemic situation, decision is made not to pronounce the radiation of Operational Members and ILFIAP for non-payment before the next General Assembly. In the event that the health situation does not allow movement and transport to the internal FIAP auditors, the treasurer will carry out alone the internal control and then he will transmit the accounts directly to the external auditor (After having also received the consent of the external auditors)

4. Next FIAP Congress - Photomeeting

The pandemic does not allow for the moment to hold a Congress or a photomeeting without risks; the BoD will analyze again the global situation in October 2021 in order to decide if a Congress or a photomeeting will be possible during the first or the second half of the year 2022. In any case, a General Assembly is mandatory according to Luxembourg law, therefore a date is set for Saturday 11 December 2021 by teleconference.

5. Patronage Service

The Director of the Service, R. Nero, presents the current situation of FIAP Patronages and salons. The number of patronages remains relatively lower for the moment, although about at the same level compared to previous years, a fact justified by the current world situation. In 2020, the President of FIAP R. Busi, the Director of the Ethics Service P. Rizzato and the Director of the Patronage Service R. Nero, collaborated with PSA for the revision of the definition of the Nature photo, in order to clarify the definition and put more emphasis on the ethical responsibilities of nature photographers. The revised definition has already been approved by PSA and remains to be approved also by FIAP. The BoD discussed the rules of Patronages which will be also soon revised and adapted to current conditions. The BoD approved the revision on the Red List regulation prepared by the Secretary General, I. Lykouris, with the collaboration of our legal advisers. The main points of the update are the consideration of suspicious files by a special commission (instead of the BoD) and the possibility of two levels of jurisdiction.

6. Biennial Service

The Director, L. Franke, presents the current situation. As Director of the Service, he will do his best to promote the Biennials to as many countries as possible. He underlines the problems which resulted in the delay in the delivery of catalogs to Liaison Officers and the sometimes excessive burden imposed by customs. France being unable to organize a physical meeting of the judges for the Color Biennale has asked to postpone it and in the event that it cannot be achieved, it will organize a virtual judgment by teleconference.

7. FIAP Life Cards

The BoD notes the significant acceleration in Card production thanks to the efforts of the new Director Lewis Choi. There are still some technical problems, but following several virtual meetings between the new Director, President R. Busi, Secretary General I. Lykouris, Director of Patronage R. Nero and the person responsible for the development of the electronic platform, the procedure has been sufficiently revised and simplified, which will allow the production of the Cards as soon as possible.

8. Distinctions Service

Following several remarks concerning the requests for the MFIAP distinction, the BoD will soon approve and publish a detailed regulation on the applicable voting procedure for MFIAP portfolios which will include among other things the justified opinion from the Selection Committee for each interested author. The BoD decides to grant the ESFIAP distinction to Mr Dragoslav Mirković (Serbia) for his services rendered to FIAP.

9. The World in 2020 project

The project was highly successful with 81 countries and 1.486 participants. The BoD decides to present the award ceremony by teleconference.

10. FIAP “UNESCO Heritage 2021” and “WILDLIFE” competitions

The World Heritage project is scheduled for summer and the second project on the "Wildlife" photo for fall 2021. Details will be announced shortly. The Director of the Partnership and Promotion Service, D. Tay, is looking for potential sponsors.

11. Competition “World Natural and Cultural Heritage - China

This project had very few participants, due to the short time given to FIAP photographers. An exhibition of the accepted and awarded photos will take place at Photo Beijing 2021.

12. Contacts with the Italian magazine “Oasis”

The Italian photographic magazine “Oasis” contacted FIAP for a possible collaboration. The President, R. Busi is in contact with the managers of the magazine.

13. FIAP Photo Academy Online Events

The presentations by teleconference organized by FIAP Photo Academy Online Events, led by P. Stanley, are very successful. The number of participants often rises to 400 people, which is surprising for a virtual seminar. R. Busi asks for the collaboration and proposals of all the members of the Board of Directors for its development.

14. FIAP Exhibition Centers

The exhibition center in Ceuta (Spain) has already been opened but the official inauguration will be organized when the health situation permits. Service Director and FIAP Vice President J. Burgues is still awaiting information about the opening of new exhibition centers in France and Indonesia. On the other hand, a new Exhibition Center will soon open in Uzhhorod in Ukraine, the opening of which is scheduled for May 16, 2021, the official international day of the Museums.

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