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MINUTES OF THE 8th FIAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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UNIQUE SESSION – Saturday December 11th, 2021

1) OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE GENERAL MEETING

The President, Mr. Riccardo Busi, welcomes all the participants to the online General Assembly. He presents the objective of the annual assembly: approval of the balance sheet, accounts, the activity of the Board of Directors and the activity of the FIAP services.

2) BEGINNING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

The President of FIAP thanks the delegates for their presence in video conference during the 8th General Assembly.

3) ROLL CALL OF THE DELEGATES

The Secretary General, Mr. Ioannis Lykouris, calls the delegates. The countries present or represented are: Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hong Kong, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Macao, Malta, Morocco, New Zealand, Oman, Poland, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United States of America, Uruguay.

4) ELECTION OF THE SCRUTINEERS

The General Assembly agrees to retain the scrutineers from last year, Mr. Conrad Mularoni (San Marino) and Mr. Vasja Doberlet (Slovenia).

5) APPROVAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY OF 2020

The proceedings of the FIAP General Assembly held by video conference in 2020 are approved unanimously.

6) REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr Busi begins his report by addressing a thought and prayer to the Covid victims and their families. He thanks the Directors of FIAP Services and their assistants, the Directors of FIAP Centers and all the members of the Board of Directors for their hard work. He outlines the decisions and projects carried out in the last 12 months, the first of which is the production of FIAP cards, transferred from Romania to a specialized company in Hong Kong. Another important project that saw FIAP both as partner and exhibitor is the first digital edition of the "International Summit of the Humanitarian Fraternity" which brought together leading representatives from different countries, international organizations and important universities. The award ceremonies of the 14th and 15th edition FIAP World Cup for Clubs were organized and the 16th edition was launched, registering the highest number of participating clubs, namely 218 clubs from 47 countries. Two other award ceremonies took place during the pandemic: "The World in 2020", which was launched to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Federation, and the 29th FIAP Color Biennial, held in France. The President also mentions the 40th Youth Digital Biennial held in Belgium and the new Cooperation Agreement signed with Lishui Municipal People's Government for the "FIAP World Photographers Conference" to be hosted every two years in Lishui, China. He announces the new "Wildlife Only" competition and shares the

developments of the online magazine "FIAP News" and the FIAP Photo Academy Online Events. These events counted the participation of almost 500 authors from over 45 countries. He announces the opening of two FIAP Centers in Ukraine and Indonesia, and finally, he relaunches the "We Stay Connected" project with the aim of organizing personal meetings with all the liaison officers. He concludes his report with the wish of meeting everyone in person in the new year.

7) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Mr. Ioannis Lykouris begins his report by discussing the negative and positive impacts Covid had on FIAP: it led to another teleconferenced General Assembly and a reduction in fees for FIAP patronage, FIAP medals, FIAP photographer's card and FIAP distinctions; the number of salons under FIAP Patronage remained the same and the number of participating clubs instead saw an increase. FIAP Photo Academy online events also grew, with 15 online events attended by hundreds of people. In addition, the electronic magazine "FIAP News" is gaining popularity, even among young people. Mr. Lykouris mentions "Photo Beijing", a special photo exhibition announced during the pandemic, the "Wildlife Only" competition, the agreement signed with the municipality of Lishui, and finally the opening of new FIAP centers. At the end of his report, he expresses his wish to meet everyone in person in 2022.

8) AFFILIATION - RADIATION OF OPERATIONAL MEMBERS

The President informs the participants that Netherlands Antilles and Suriname will be removed from the list of the Operational Members due to non-payment of annual fees for two years in a row. Guatemala and Montenegro have requested to be affiliated, so he asks everyone to vote for their entrance in FIAP. Their entrance is approved by 34 members of the GA.

9) REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE 2021 AND 2021 FINANCIAL PERIOD

FIAP Treasurer Mr. Herbert Gmeiner reports that economizing has been unavoidable for the past two years because the interest rate was zero or below zero. Last year, 30.000 euros were spent on research on the Coronavirus. A UNESCO membership fee was also paid for the first time in 2020. In return, there were fewer travel-related expenses.

10) REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

A brief audit of the annual financial statements was carried out and found no irregularities, infringements or violations of the statuses. These financial statements show a total balance of 1.310.963,37 euros and a net profit of 145.330,12 euros. The assets increased to 1.310.963,37 euros as of December 31, 2020. Accounting has been thoroughly and properly managed; the Balance, the Profit and Loss Account are complete; bookings match vouchers; accounting entries match receipts; invoicing is justified, and assets are accounted for by the corresponding vouchers.

11) DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE 2022 PERIOD

The Treasurer presents the draft budget for 2022.

12) APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The accounts and the budget presented by the Treasurer are approved by 34 members of the GA.

13) REPORT OF THE DIFFERENT ACTIVITY DEVELOPMENT BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A report on the development of activities by the DB is presented to the GA. The report is approved by 34 members of the GA.

14) REPORT OF THE DIFFERENT ACTIVITY DEVELOPMENT BY THE DIRECTORS OF THE FIAP SERVICES

The various activities developed by the Directors of FIAP Services are presented.

FIAP Distinctions Service

2020 has been a successful year for distinctions: 1142 versus 1122 the previous year.

FIAP Biennial Service

The 29th FIAP Colour Biennial was organized in France in 2021 by the "Club Photo de Cognin", achieving record participation. Due to Covid-19, the judging was completed in July instead of March. The guidelines developed last year to assist the organizers in the judging process, award preparation and catalog design have been improved. There are new guidelines for judges to unify the criteria for judging

the coherence of collections. The 21st FIAP Nature Biennial will be held in 2022; the 30th FIAP Colour Biennial will be held in 2023.

FIAP Collections Service

The digital images are stored on two hard disks and kept in two different locations. Given the size of the collection (over 38.000 pictures), it is almost impossible to make the complete collection accessible to everyone. In fact, only a small number of images (about 22%) is placed on the cloud where they can be examined. For each photo exhibited or published, it should be mentioned that it is a FIAP activity and that it is part of FIAP's artistic patrimony.

FIAP Audiovisual Service

FIAP Audiovisual Service, during the past year, organized the images of the FIAP Collection through thematic sets, producing also new sequences, wrote articles for AV magazines engaging international authors, provided support for international competitions, set up and ran a pilot for international AV training.

FIAP News Service

The magazine has been used regularly over the past two years to publicize upcoming activities and competitions run by FIAP. Since the beginning of 2021, the magazine has been produced twice as often and has also seen an increase in edition size. A new section was added to cover FIAP Photo Academy events. The FIAP News Regulations has been revised to allow those under the age of 18 to submit articles and images together with an associated Author's Agreement Form for Minors to be signed by their parents. Related to this, a "Youth Gallery" section will be introduced, so that young photographers can become more involved with FIAP and have the opportunity to see their images published.

FIAP Patronage Service

In 2020, a total of 550 FIAP patronage numbers were issued, and 14 salons had to be cancelled because of Covid. The number of salons offering print sections dropped. There was a total of 333 events, held in 59 FIAP-affiliated countries and 14 non-affiliated countries. A total of 93 individual photographic events under FIAP Auspices were organized across 17 different countries, registering an increase of about 35% compared to 2019.

FIAP Ethics Service

The Ethics Service monitors the regularity of the Exhibitions under FIAP Patronage. There are several ongoing investigations into cases of plagiarism and unauthorized manipulation in the Nature section. Collaboration with PSA delegates continues with the aim of sharing a common vision on most issues in the world of photography.

FIAP Photographer's Card Service

The number of cards requested increased in 2021, but as the pandemic affected postal services around the world, deliveries of those cards were delayed or suspended. This required processing inquiries via email or through myfiap.net, as well as resolving technical issues with the myfiap.net system administrator due to the flow of orders.

FIAP World Cup for Clubs Service

The 2021 edition confirmed the trend of a steady increase in participation, recording more participating clubs than the previous year; however, the number of participating ILFIAP clubs was low. Covid-19 made it very difficult, if not impossible to travel, leaving photographers with fewer new photos to show and submit to photographic competitions.

FIAP Medal Service

During 2021, there were 424 correspondences between the Medal Service and its partners.

FIAP Youth Service

During 2021, there were 120 correspondences between the Youth Service and its partners. Youth Biennials will take place every two years in digital form. Participation is open to young people under the ages of 16 and 21.

FIAP Promotion & Partnership Service

In 2021, the majority of events and meetings were held online, although the number of in-person events in smaller groups is increasing. Promotion & Partnership Service increased FIAP's visibility through remote collaboration and helped develop a cooperation agreement between FIAP and Lishui Municipal People's Government in China.

FIAP Web Site Service

The Web Site Service uploaded data to the FIAP official website, worked on technical and system support, and created a new section, the FIAP Photo Academy. Events about World Cup for Clubs and on FIAP Exhibition centers were posted on social media, as well as a couple of FIAP News Magazines. A unified social media design was created for Congress events. In terms of technical support, the fiap.net

site migrated to a new provider.

FIAP Data Protection Service

During 2021, the Data Protection Service collaborated with the FIAP News Service for the implementation of recommendations concerning minor authors, with the Ethics Service in relation to the updating of the Red List, with the Card Service in relation to the personal data of the members, with the World Cup Service and the software publisher in Spain, as well as with the Web Service for the finalization of the terms of use of the websites.

15) APPROVAL OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OF THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE FIAP SERVICES DIRECTORS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The management of the Board of Directors and the activity report of the Directors of FIAP Services are approved by 34 members of the GA.

16) SETTING OF FEES FOR 2022

Treasurer H. Gmeiner proposes to keep the same membership fees for 2022. This proposal is approved by 33 members, one abstention.

17) APPOINTMENT OF TWO AUDITORS FOR NEXT PERIOD

The GA votes Mr. Peter Marxer (Liechtenstein) and Mr. Norbert Heil (Germany) as auditors for the coming year. 33 votes for Mr. Marxer, one irregular vote; 33 votes for Mr. Heil, 1 against.

18) QUESTIONS OF THE OPERATIONAL MEMBERS

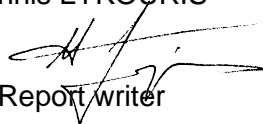
Mr. Howard Tate asks more details on the agreement with China. Mr. David Tay responds and explains that it is a 10-year contract starting in 2023 and the conference will be held every two years. There will be 200 photographers invited for 10 days (including check-in and check-out dates) and the local authorities will bear all expenses for food, accommodation, and local transports of the invited member. This agreement will not replace the congress.

19) END OF THE SESSION OF THE ANNUAL FIAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021

The President of FIAP thanks the FIAP Photo Academy online events team who made the online assembly possible. On behalf of the Board of Directors, he wishes everyone a happy holiday season.

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