



# FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L'ART PHOTOGRAPHIQUE

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### MINUTES OF THE 10th FIAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY

YEREVAN, ARMENIA : 28 October 2023

#### 1. Official opening of the General Assembly

President Busi welcomes everyone to the 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, organised by Mr. Garik Avanesian, FIAP Liaison Officer of Czech Republic in collaboration with Lens NGO, FIAP Operational Member in Armenia.

#### 2. Beginning of the administrative sessions

R. Busi invites Secretary General Ioannis Lykouris to start the verification of the presence of the delegates and their rights to vote.

#### 3. Roll call of the delegates

The Secretary General, Mr. Ioannis Lykouris, calls the delegates. The countries present or represented are: Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Colombia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macao, Mauritius, New Zealand, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Serbia, Scotland, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, United States of America, Uruguay.

#### 4. Election of the scrutineers

There are two candidates, Mr Vasja Doberlet (Slovenia) and Mr. P. Stanley (Ireland). Both are voted unanimously.

#### 5. Approval of the proceedings of the General Assembly in Oviedo (Spain) Dec. 2022

R. Busi asks the delegates to approve the proceedings of the last Assembly General in Oviedo, Spain. The proceedings are approved unanimously with 36 votes.

#### 6. Report of the President

The FIAP President expresses gratitude for the attendees' presence, highlighting the importance of their participation. After a year of virtual meetings, the association resumed in-person activities, including the 7th Photomeeting in Oman and the 35th Congress in Spain, both organized efficiently by dedicated individuals. Luis Vigil Escalera, Director of the Exhibition Center in Langreo, has been instrumental in organizing both a Congress and the 8th Photomeeting in Asturias, showcasing his dedication and organizational prowess with support from the Spanish Photography Confederation. He extends thanks to all FIAP directors, the Directors of FIAP Services, their assistants, and the Directors of FIAP Centers, for their dedicated work. During the recent meeting, significant decisions were made regarding the integration of Artificial Intelligence in FIAP Photographic Competitions, the formation of a monitoring committee for contests, and the introduction of a new FIAP membership request form for deeper application analysis. The 17th edition of the World Cup for Clubs was introduced in September by Michele Macinai and a partnership with the PSA was strengthened through an agreement signed at their annual Festival in Virginia, with ongoing monthly meetings. Luis Franke's contributions to the FIAP Biennials in Greece and Norway are also commended, alongside the efforts of Operational Members and their Liaison Officers A. Bergo and I. Lykouris. The President acknowledges the outstanding contributions of Paul Stanley and Bronwen Casey, with Stanley coordinating online events and Casey

editing FIAP NEWS. FIAP has been actively involved in numerous projects, with detailed reports available from various directors. The commitment to enhance FIAP's presence is strong, with anticipation for the upcoming FIAP Congress in India.

## **7. Report of the Secretary General**

The FIAP Secretary General welcomed the delegates to the General Assembly in Armenia, a new destination for the organization. He announced the increase of the age limit for the Youth Biennales and the reinstatement of the counting of some Biennale acceptances for Distinctions. He also mentioned the success of the Distinctions service and the need to review the rules for awards. He encouraged the members to use the FIAP Artistic Patrimony and to support the FIAP projects and activities. 2022 was a very successful year for FIAP, with more salons, events, and Exhibition Centres around the world. The Audiovisual Service, FIAP News, and FIAP Club World Cup were also important tools for promoting and sharing photography. Some problems remained with the delivery of FIAP Photographers' Cards due to world postal services that FIAP hopes to be soon solved. FIAP cooperated with PSA on ethical issues to prevent plagiarism and manipulation. During 2022 FIAP has updated its website and social media. The data protection service cooperated with the organizer of the FIAP Photo meeting and the FIAP Congress to implement the rules required by law regarding the personal data of the participants of these events and collaborated with the patronage service and the web service to upgrade the fiap.net platform. At the same time, it followed the process of recognizing the FIAP logo worldwide. The FIAP Photo Academy organized online and offline events for photography enthusiasts. Finally he mentioned China's growing involvement in FIAP matters especially in new plans that FIAP hopes next year will boost our cooperation and activities in China.

## **8. Affiliation - Radiation of Operational Members**

Decision has been made to establish a FIAP Coordination Office in Jinan, China. This office, under the guidance of Prof. Zeng Yi and Mr. Lu Ming, aims to assist the operational member in more effectively disseminating FIAP activities in the country. Kuwait hasn't paid its dues for two years without any communication, and Iran, though promising to pay by year-end, hasn't specified a date, a fact that affected its participation to this General Assembly. Decision has been made not to remove any countries this year and to revisit Kuwait's situation next year.

## **9. Report of the Treasurer**

There has been an increase in savings with LALUX, resulting in a total of 101,000 euros, and an increase in the main bank, Volksbank, to 1,240,000 euros, bringing the total funds to 1,540,000 euros. The mid-year profits show a significant increase from the previous year, with a plus of 52,000 euros compared to last year's 3,000 euros

## **10. Report of the auditors**

Balance closes with a balance sheet profit of 3.120.28 Euros. The assets increase to 1.586.445,10 Euros as per Dec. 31st. 2022. The Balance as well as the Profit and Loss Account are complete. The bookings correspond to the vouchers. The accounting entries correspond to the receipts. The invoicing is justified, and the assets are accounted for by the according vouchers. Since FIAP's total assets have been increased in the recent years the auditors suggested to use this capital to invest more in the future, e.g. in youth development or to increase FIAP's visibility via social media.

## **11. Draft Budget for the rest of 2023 and for the year 2024**

The Treasurer presented the draft budget for the rest of 2023 and for the year 2024.

## **12. Approval of the accounts by the General Assembly**

The accounts and the budget presented by the Treasurer are approved unanimously by the GA.

## **13. Report of the different activity development by the Board of Directors**

A report on the development of activities by the DB is presented to the GA. The management and the activity reports of the BoD are approved unanimously by 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.

**15. Approval of the activity report of the FIAP Services Directors by the General Assembly**

The activity report of the Directors of FIAP Services is unanimously approved by the GA.

**16. Setting of Fees for 2024**

The Treasurer H. Gmeiner proposes to keep the same membership fees for 2024. This proposal is approved by 35 members, one abstention.

**17. Appointment of two auditors for the next period**

The GA votes unanimously Mr. Francis Nicol (Luxembourg) and Mr. Norbert Heil (Germany) as auditors for the coming year.

**18. Open Discussion**

Following a proposal for FIAP distinctions made by Mr. V. Doberlet, the Liaison Officer from Slovenia, decision was made to revisiting this significant topic in a more thorough manner in the near future.

**19. End of the session of the annual FIAP general assembly 2023**

The President of FIAP thanks the participants of this Assembly.

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