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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORY BOARD

Nicosia, Cyprus, December 9th and 10th, 2016

PRESENT: Riccardo BUSI, Joan BURGUES, Ioannis LYKOURIS, Herbert GMEINER, Kurt BATSCHINSKI, (members of the Directory Board)

1) Introduction by the President

The President opens the session and welcomes the members of the Directory Board to Nicosia. He thanks the members for the work done since their last meeting in Seoul. He declares that he would like more contacts and collaboration between each meeting of the DB in order to go ahead on important issues like the coverage of professional responsibility, FIAP classes, Youth Biennial and the FIAP website.

2) Review of the tasks accomplished since the last meeting

The General Secretary Ioannis Lykouris presents the list of the tasks accomplished since the last reunion in August 2016 in Seoul.

3) Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer, Herbert Gmeiner, presents the situation of the financial accounts as of December 2016 as well as the complete situation of payment of subscriptions by FIAP members. He indicates that the budget for 2016 was respected and that it was a positive year, thanks to the many salons and distinctions. The DB members then discuss projects that could be organised with the profit made by FIAP this year, which could start in 2017. Regarding Cameroun, deficient in the payment of his subscription for the past 2 years, it is decided that if due payment is not received by August, Cameroun will automatically lose his membership ; this will be announced during the next General Assembly in China.

4) FIAP Life Cards

The new Director of Life Cards, Csaba Balasi, has produced 1500 Life Cards since he came at this function. In order to facilitate the management of the cards production, Freddy Van Gilbergen suggests that the requests should be presented only twice a year. After discussion, the Directory Board decides to adopt the following decision : starting in 2017, the Operational members will be able to send Life Cards requests only twice a year, during the period of their choice. Additionally, it will be suggested to Mr. Balasi to find an administrative assistant to help him.

5) Relations with the members

Korea : Due to the fact Dr Jung had some health issues, the B&W catalog as well as the Congress Book have still not been made. The OM should be informed and David Tay will contact the Korean federation in order to find a solution.

Saudi Arabia : A new Liaison Officer must be nominated after the resignation of Esa Engawi. A patronage request is on hold.

United Kingdom: Regarding the changes in distinctions rules, the DB has examined the issue but decided not to go back to the previous rules for now. Obviously, if the new rules don't give satisfaction in the future, the DB might reconsider again the question.

Koweit : FIAP has not received any answer from the Operational Member after sending 2 emails. A last attempt will be made by sending an email to a different person.

China : The Liaison officer has not answered after several emails were sent to him. FIAP will allow the Shangtuf Club to ask the Life Card and distinctions directly to FIAP.

6) Service Biennials

Information regarding the jury of March 3rd, 2017, in Norway will have to be communicated before the end of the year. Ioannis Lykouris will send an email to Finn Nilsen asking him to update the calendar on a regular basis. After discussion, the BD members decide to bring some amendments to the Biennials Regulation before circulation by the GS. It will be asked Finn Nilsen to collect the pictures from all Biennials and to send them to the Director of the Collection Service. A new regulation for the Youth Biennial will be written and become operative in 2018. On the basis of Kurt Batschinski's proposal to organise an «Open Digital Contest» for youth, a discussion takes place regarding new initiatives, better adapted to youth, which will have to be defined.

7) Service Patronage

Romain Nero presents the situation of FIAP patronages as of December 2016. From 52 participating countries in 2012, the number is up to 65 in 2016 and already 37 as of today for 2017. Salons accounted for 505 in 2016 and are already up to 167 salons and 22 circuits—salons for 2017. The 10 first countries for salons in 2016 are : India, Serbia, Montenegro, Spain, Turkey, Germany, GB, Bulgaria, Italy and France with India and Serbia largely in the lead with 86 and 60 salons ; Greece and Ukraine are next. Francis Nicoll is in charge of the national list of acceptations at the office of the Salons files. The Regulation of FIAP salons have been approved by our lawyer in Luxembourg and will become effective January 1st, 2017. Regarding the new administrative platform, it is now in the operational phase since the Congress in Seoul. Several tutorials exist in English on Youtube to assist the salons organisers and the Operational members. More than 110 salons have been individually entered on the platform thanks to this. A tutorial in French and in Spanish are in progress. The next step is to send subscription invoice to members. Romain Nero suggests to organise Life Cards production on the platform as well, in order to ease their management. The decision to dedicate a budget of 12 to 15 000 Euros toward this function is voted by the DB (one abstention).

8) Service World Cup of Clubs

Riccardo Busi stresses the efficient work of the new Director of the Service World Club of Clubs, Gill Rossel, who will prepare and submit the new regulation of the World Cup by Clubs at the next DB meeting in April. In response to an email of Roger Perry, Director of Smethwick FIAP center and organiser of the Worldcup award ceremony, the communication of the results is done as follow : the Director sends the individual and general results and the General Secretary publishes the global results in an Info.

9) Analysis of the Korea Congress 2016

Regarding the B&W Biennial, the DB members conclude it is important that the exhibition and the award ceremony be held consecutively and in the same location. Regarding the evening of the «Best of the Best», instead of the photo projections, an exhibition of 20 color or B&W pictures by author will take place and the evening will be organised by FIAP itself. The regulation of the award ceremony for distinctions and for the « Best of the Best » will be finalized by April 2017.

10) Photomeeting 2017 in China

The place and exact date for the General Assembly in China should be verified.

11) FIAP Professional responsibility coverage

Romain Nero was in contact with the insurance broker who recommended to keep a general definition rather than a list of the situations covered by the policy.

12) FIAP website

The president of the Serbia Federation, Branislav Brkic, has transmitted the estimate of 3 software houses in Serbia. N. Berlingieri stresses that it is important to have precise specifications and suggests to prepare the draft of a 10 to 15 pages website, with the minimum elements needed, for mid-January 2017. He will solicit the DB members to gather their needs as soon as possible. A decision is taken to set an initial budget of 20 000 Euros for the conception of the website. Ioannis Lykouris stresses the need for personnel data protection, in accordance with the European regulation. He will follow this aspect in relation with our lawyer in Luxembourg.

13) Red list

No agreement has been made with PSA to create a common red list. The new red list will be published after being reviewed by our lawyer.

14) Service FIAP Promotion

David Tay presents projects of FIAP rollups and the golden logo roll-up is chosen. He then talks about his analysis of the «Hellenic Photographic Society» project, which he considers valid provided the respect of a number of conditions by the sponsors. He will prepare a draft letter to send to potential sponsors. David Tay suggests to pursue the idea of forming an alliance with PSA through a federation of American clubs that could become a FIAP Operational Member. He will propose another draft letter in this sense. Freddy Van Gilbergen is leading a reflexion on a project benefiting children from Burkina Faso that he will present at a later time. Riccardo Busi presents 3 project ideas that will be further studied.

15) FIAP Gadgets

The DB decides to choose a model of a dark blue photo jacket with a collar, logo on the chest, in a fabric made of 80% polyester 20% cotton ; it will be ordered 100 pieces in size L, XL, 2XL and 200 pieces in size 3XL (Chinese size).

16) Service Distinctions

The Director of Service, Freddy Van Gilbergen presents an update of the Regulation Distinctions with a modification of the structure of the document and of the Service that will be published in an Info.

17) Analysis of the ESFIAP applications

The ESFIAP applications are examined by the DB members who, then, proceed to voting. The ESFIAP distinctions are attributed to Francis Nicoll (Belgium), Vladimir Kraljic (Slovenia), and Rafael Sanchez Cernuda (Dominican Republic). The nomination of Jeff Lemmens as new Director of the Service Collection is unanimously voted by the DB ; he substitutes Frans Van Esch in his functions.

18) List of FIAP courses

Nicolas BERLINGIERI shows the DB an official presentation of FIAP as instrument of promotion that he has prepared and that is adaptable according to their needs. He will update it periodically. He then presents his thinking regarding the training to become a FIAP judge. After discussion, it is decided that he will prepare a written proposal on this subject.

19) Unesco

We are still awaiting a response from UNESCO. Several attempts have been made by the President to directly contact Unesco.

20) FIAP news

The Director of Media relations, Nicos Karanikis, is invited to the DB meeting and indicates that very few Liaison Officers have contributed articles to FIAP news (6 out of 15).

It is suggested to ask all LO to nominate in each federation a person in charge of submitting articles.

21) Other questions

The Spanish Federation has proposed to host a DB meeting at the occasion of their Congress in Ceuta from October 12th to 16th, 2017. The DB decides to accept the invitation.

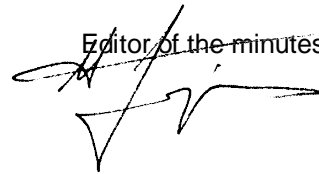
22) Miscellaneous

Next DB meeting will take place in Birmingham, United Kingdom, from April 27th to May 1st, 2017, at the same time as the award ceremony of the World Cup by Clubs.

Athens, February 8th, 2017

Ioannis LYKOURIS

Editor of the minutes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ioannis LYKOURIS', written over the printed name and title.