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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORY BOARD

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PRESENTS: Riccardo BUSI, Joan BURGUES, Ioannis LYKOURIS, Herbert GMEINER, Kurt BATSCHINSKI, David TAY, Freddy VAN GILBERGEN, Romain NERO, Nicolas BERLINGIERI (members of the Directory board)

1) Introduction by the President

The President, Riccardo Busi, opens the meeting and welcomes the Board members in Seoul. He stresses that the first important subject will be to check every point of the agenda of the Congress with the organizers, so that everything goes according to what has been planned, in particular to verify the recent changes proposed by the organizers.

2) Review of tasks

The General Secretary, Ioannis Lykouris, presents the list of the tasks accomplished since the last meeting of Athens, in February 2016. The President raises the subject of the agreement between FIAP and Unesco still on hold and suggests to organize an appointment in order to meet with them.

3) Treasurer report

The Treasurer, Herbert Gmeiner, presents his report and FIAP's financial situation as of August 2016. The booking lines on Giro account are also in increase from 666 at the end of 2014 to 785 at the end of 2015 to already 625 at August 2016. Mr Gmeiner also mentions an augmentation of the number of invoices for FIAP patronages (260 invoices already as of August 2016). Regarding the payment of membership fees, Cameroun has not paid his fees for the past and actual year; their request to pay the whole balance in October is accepted by the DB. Kuwait and Latvia have also an unpaid balance and Wales has committed to pay soon. As for ILFIAP clubs, 7 among them have 2 years open, 38 have just this year open and 58 have already paid on time. After discussion regarding the issue of non-payment, the DB decides that the rule will be the same as for the Operational members: after two years of non-payment of the fees, the ILFIAPs will be considered as not being part of FIAP anymore and their name will be removed from the ILFIAP list. If they want to join again, they will have to pay the unpaid fees for the past 2 years. There is no operational member to cancel this year. On the contrary there is an application for new affiliation: Morocco asked to enter as a new Operational member in the second half of the year. The DB decides to accept Morocco as a new Operational member. Zuzana Skoludova from Slovakia and Sepp Koepfel from Switzerland will be asked to work as internal auditors for the next two year period. According to the point 4.6 of the FIAP Constitutional Members decision of September 2nd 2014, in Turkey, the Board of Directors created 4 categories of Operational members' fees, instead of 3.

4) FIAP Congress program

The Directory Board passes in review all the points on the Congress agenda, the different interventions and award ceremonies with the Congress organisers and makes its recommendation.

5) FIAP Distinctions Service

The Director, Freddy Van Gilbergen, suggests several candidates for EsFIAP and HonEFIAP distinctions. Some other names are proposed by other members of the DB. After discussion of the DB, the EsFIAP distinction is decided

to be awarded to Mr Constantinos Charalambous from Cyprus, Mr Steeve Dubois from Mauritius, Mrs Dorota Kycia from Poland, Mr Csaba Balasi from Romania, Mr Bert Hoveling from Australia, Mr Ivo Borko from Slovenia, Mr Nicolas Berlingieri and Mr Luis Franke from Argentina, Mr Jun Shil Keun and Mr Joe-Hyeum Yang from Korea, Mr Shaukat Mahmood Malik from Pakistan, Mr Barun Sinha from India and Mr Paolo Tavaroli from Italy. The HonEFIAP distinction is decided to be awarded to Mr Ahmed Albusaidi and Mr Ibrahim Al Busaidi from Oman, Mr Branislav Brkic from Serbia and Mr Jean Claude Menneron from France. Freddy Van Gilbergen presents the new FIAP pin for the Diamond level and announces that there are already 6 applications for Diamond level.

6) Relations with the Operational members

South Africa has confirmed its candidacy to host the next Congress in Durban and its proposal will be presented during the Congress. Wigan10 Club from England had requested to keep the old rules for FIAP World Cup for Clubs, allowing a maximum of 4 images per club member. Decision was taken not to come back to the old rules. The DB has analysed the letter of 17 April 2016 from PAGB, regarding FIAP organisational matters and the letter of 22 May 2016 from the Nordic Associations, suggesting procedures for future alterations of the distinctions rules.

7) FIAP Biennial Service

David Tay and Romain Nero respectively reported on the development of the Monochrome Biennial in Seoul and of the Nature Biennial in Serbia. Freddy Van Gilbergen indicates that the Color Biennial will not take place in Belgium in 2017. Finn Nielsen should confirm that both the Colour Biennial and the Projected Images Biennial will take place in Norway in 2017.

8) FIAP Patronage Service

The Director, Romain Nero, stresses that the growing number of salons has made it more difficult to manage with the usual tools. He presents a demonstration of the new administrative platform, created by a software house in Luxembourg, that can manage all FIAP activities, from salon applications and invoices to distinctions, etc. Each member of the Board will have his own access to intervene on the platform. Up to date, the spending for the development of the platform amounts to 10.000 Euros on a total of 20.000 Euros. Neither the hosting nor the maintenance of the site is included in this cost. On a second time, an application could be developed to manage the salons from cell phones. The platform will be linked to the FIAP website. Ioannis Lykouris stresses that it is very important to make sure that FIAP maintains property of the data and of the encoding of the administrative platform. David Tay furthermore mentions the importance of ensuring a good security level of the site. David Tay and Joan Burgues wonder about the possibility to eventually translate the program in another language, but this is not included in the price and will be expensive. The Directory Board proceeds to voting on the price of the software and approves its cost (20.000 Euros).

9) FIAP World Cup of the Clubs Service

Riccardo Busi indicates that, thanks to Joan Burgues, a new Director of the World Club of Clubs has been nominated, Mr Gil Rossel, from Andorra, who already took into his hands the organisation of the next Cup for December 2016. The Award ceremony will take place in the last week of April 2017 during the DB meeting in Smethwick.

10) FIAP Medals Service

Kurt BATSCHINSKI presents the new gadgets and the plaque of the new Exhibition Center. The DB discusses the idea of making a photo jacket with a FIAP logo that could be sold ; Mr. Batschinski will look into.

11) FIAP Website

Mr. Nicolas BERLINGIERI did not find an adequate software house in Argentina for the FIAP Website. R. Busi had already asked Mr B. Brkic from Serbia, who knows the field, to suggest an appropriate company and he promised to give more news by September 2016.

12) FIAP Insurance Coverage for the Board

The DB had asked R. Nero to investigate finding an insurance company in Luxembourg, which would cover professional liability, legal protection and travel insurance for the board members. R. Nero has met with an insurance broker and presented to the Board the proposals received from AIG and Suisse Courtage. The Board discusses the opportunity to subscribe or not professional liability coverage. The DB decides to subscribe for the moment the

Travel insurance for 9 Board members and the FIAP translator accompanying the DB and to pursue the discussion with the broker in particular to define what is covered under professional liability.

13) List of FIAP courses

Nicolas Belingieri distributes to DB members different presentations about the courses and asks for a feedback from them.

14) FIAP Promotion and Partnership Service


The Director, Mr David Tay, presents the new flyers ; a thousand new brochures have been printed in French English, Spanish, German, Arabic and Chinese. They will be distributed on demand to the Congress participants. The DB asks David Tay to take care of getting information about a roll-up flag with FIAP logo for the next FIAP Photomeeting.

15) FIAP News

FIAP News had an enormous success. The next FIAP News will be dedicated to the 33rd Congress in Korea.

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