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REPORT OF MEETING OF FIAP DIRECTORY BOARD

14 - 16 December 2012

PRESENT: Messrs. R.BUSI, J. BURGUES, J.MARTIN, i. LYKOURIS, H. GMEINER, K. BATSCHINSKI, D.TAY, Fr.VAN GILBERGEN, R. NERO (members of the Directory Board), Ms A.HUPKE de PALACIO, translator and co-editor of report.

1) INTRODUCTION BY THE PRESIDENT

The President, Mr. Riccardo Busi, warmly welcomed all members of the Directory Board (DB) and mentioned the important points which would affect the progress of FIAP. He emphasized that it was important to look at the future and to think about the changes to be made in order to better represent the member countries.

2) DECEASED ASSOCIATES

The President respectfully recalled the memory of several deceased associates : Liborio Noval (Liaison Officer of Cuba), Secundi Roca Roca (Ex-Liaison Officer of Spain) and Horst Hermann Otto Wesche (DB member of DGPH, Germany).

3) APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE PREVIOUS DB MEETING

After adding two omissions and some amendments, the report of the DB meeting held on August 27, 2012 in Singapore was approved. The two points concerning the Distinction Service would be mentioned in the next report and transmitted to the Liaison Officers.

4) REPORT OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED

The DB would work on some of the outstanding matters, the list of which was not yet to be finalised.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, H. GMEINER outlined the current year's positive balance, as well as the main expenditure which were the DB meeting in April 2012 and FIAP's organization of and participation in Photokina 2012. The treasurer and the other DB members reviewed the list of the Operational Members who were in arrears and did not react to reminders to pay their subscriptions.

Two Operational Members in arrears for two years were struck off: Haiti and Morocco. Eight ILFIAP members in arrears for two years were also struck off: 2018 (Romania), 2039 (Italy), 2056 (USA), 2069 (Romania), 2079 (Turkey), 2080 (Kuwait), 2088 (Saudi Arabia) and 2100 (Iran).

6) NEW AFFILIATIONS

Two new members were affiliated provisionally: Yemen (Operational Member), and Kuwaiti Society for Photographic Arts (ILFIAP). The DB members finalised the procedure for new affiliations of Operational Members and ILFIAP members.

7) PHOTOKINA

Treasurer, H. GMEINER informed DB members about the success of FIAP's participation at Photokina 2012. Thanks to the work of the DB members who were present at the stand, namely H. GMEINER, J. MARTIN and K. BATSCHINSKI. GMEINER also underlined the importance of this event which is one of the biggest of its kind in the world.

DB members decided that FIAP would be present at the next Photokina and a project group would be formed in order to ensure that FIAP will be represented at its best during this event.

8) SALON DE LA PHOTO 2012

J. MARTIN who was responsible for organising the participation of FIAP in the Salon de la Photo, which took place in Paris 8–12 November 2012, informed DB member about the success of the exhibition "Paysage d'Europe". Nevertheless, DB members decided to cancel FIAP's participation at the next Salon de la Photo 2013 in order to concentrate on the next Photokina.

9) PHOTOMEETING

Norway cancelled the Photomeeting due to financial reasons.

10) RELATIONS WITH OPERATIONAL MEMBERS

After verifying the complaint from England concerning photographer Jose Luis Campetella who was alleged of plagiarism, DB members unanimously accepted it and decided to classify him in the Red List. The Patronage Service and Distinction Service would take note of the decision would be conveyed to the countries concerned: England and Argentina, too.

11) RED LIST

DB members decided not to publish the Red List on the FIAP website due to the personal nature of such information. However, the Patronage Service would disseminate the information to salon organizers.

12) FIAP HEADQUARTERS

R. NERO presented the history of the issues concerning a possible transfer of FIAP's headquarters from Paris to Luxembourg. According to him the transfer could be made without any problem. In view of the complexity of the matter, J. MARTIN was charged to present an analysis in detail to DB members concerning the taxation of FIAP in France.

13) BIENNIAL SERVICE

DB members would all be present at the FIAP Biennial in Luxembourg in April 2013, which will be held during the following DB meeting.

J. BURGUES pointed out the success of the Biennial in Palma, Spain. DB members discussed the issues of the recent Biennials held in Spain, Turkey and Norway. In all three cases, the catalogues were sent out after much delay. Another common problem was the obligatory requirement of “coherence” which was very often not respected by the participating Operational Members.

DB members noted the schedule of the following Biennials:

- Argentina (25 Color Print): judgement on 28 June, 2013, exhibition on 17 December 2013;
- England proposed the organization of the Color Print Biennial in 2015.

The President, Riccardo BUSI noted that the participation of the FIAP Biennials by member countries was very weak. The information about FIAP Biennials and the FIAP World Cup for the Clubs needed to be communicated through all media available.

The new Director of the Biennial Service, Mr Finn Nielsen, in collaboration with his predecessors J. Martin and I. Lykouris would review the rules for Biennials.

With immediate effect, the organizers of Biennials would have to send the draft of their catalogue to the Director of the Biennial Service for his approval before proceeding with the distribution.

14) YOUTH SERVICE

The Director of the Youth Service, Kurt BATSCHINSKY regretted that many member countries did not participate in the Youth Biennials. A lack of visibility and communication between FIAP and the Liaison Officers could be the reason. He would also review the rules for Youth Biennials in collaboration with the Biennial Service.

The Youth Biennial in Germany was cancelled. The German federation suggested to organize a Biennial, perhaps in 2014 to coincide with the next Photokina.

Turkey would not organise a Youth Biennial for the FIAP Congress in 2014.

15) DISTINCTION SERVICE

Director of the Distinction Service, Freddy VAN GILBERGEN, mentioned that the substantial number of applications for distinctions might jeopardize the quality of the distinctions. Based on his record, there were 200 distinction applications in 2005 compared to 900 in 2012.

He presented a software permitting to manage the extensive data base of the Distinction Service, and proposed to acquire it in order to facilitate the Service's work flow.

DB members unanimously approved the purchase of the software and authorised the Distinction Service to sign a one-year maintenance contract and acquire the necessary equipment to ensure the success of the project.

16) COLLECTION SERVICE

As from 1 January 2013, Franz van Esch would replace Andrée Denis as Director of Collection Service.

The Director of the Distinction Service, Freddy VAN GILBERGEN suggested the acquisition of a hard drive for the Collection Service which was approved by the DB members unanimously.

DB members discussed the that it is important for each author to contact the Liaison Officer and not the Director of the Collection Service for any required information, as the liaison officers authorised persons to deal directly with the Service Directors.

17) PATRONAGE SERVICE

DB members voted against a proposition of the organizer of the Trierenberg circuit which suggested to put onto CD the list of acceptances, and to include more photos instead in the catalogue. DB emphasized that it is important that the list of acceptances with the names appear in the catalogue.

DB members also voted against a proposition suggesting a modification of FIAP's definition on "Nature". However, they decided to contact PSA in order to examine the possibility of harmonizing the definition.

DB members discussed the procedures and rules concerning the organization of salons in consultation with FIAP. For those salons, the judges have to judge the original files and not the prints made from the files sent by the participants.

The DB explored the possibility of a "FIAP" software for the organizers of salons under FIAP patronage for the management of their competitions.

18) SERVICE RELATIONS WITH UNESCO

The President, Riccardo BUSI reported about the meeting between UNESCO and FIAP in November 2012. UNESCO was represented by Sabina COLOMBO and the other persons responsible for different services under her management. R. BUSI and Jean-Claude MENNERON represented FIAP. During that meeting it was decided to develop a closer and more important collaboration between the two parties during the following months.

R BUSI would contact UNICEF to discuss about future collaboration.

19) SERVICE WORLD CUP FOR THE CLUBS

Director of the Service, Jacky MARTIN presented the positive results of the ongoing World Cup. He would set the rules for the following World Cup.

Members of the jury of the 8th World Cup (beginning November 2013) would be Emile Wanderscheid, Branislav Brkic and David Coates. The opening was scheduled for February 2014.

20) SERVICE PROMOTION AND PARTNERSHIP

DB members discussed the new projects of the Service. Despite the efforts made by the Director of the Service, David TAY, it seemed difficult to obtain preferential prices at international level for FIAP. Instead, he would explore with the big companies which participated in the recent Photokina on the possibilities of collaboration with them for the next event in 2014.

21) MAGAZINES WITH FIAP RECOGNITION

Secretary General, Ioannis LYKOURIS presented a list with the names of the magazines recognized by FIAP. It was noted that printed magazines were gradually disappearing.

22) REVISION OF THE PATRONAGE RULES

Director of the Patronage Service, R NERO presented the revised Patronage rules after consultation with the other DB members. DB members discussed the different modifications and suggested additional amendments.

23) REVISION OF THE RULES FOR AUSPICES

The Director of the Patronage Service presented the revised rules for "Auspices". The DB members discussed the different modifications and suggested additional amendments.

24) « TRADITIONAL PHOTO» SECTION

Given its importance, DB members discussed further about the final definition of the "traditional photo".

25) FIAP-RECOGNIZED WEBSITES

The Secretary General, Ioannis LYKOURIS presented the project for « FIAP Aggregation » for the websites of FIAP member countries and for FIAP recognized magazines in view of the fact that there were no written rules yet.

DB members decided to allow the Operational Members and ILFIAP Members to use the FIAP logo free of charge. In return, the Members would have to publish at least one page with up-to-date information about the FIAP Patronages and Auspices (with link to FIAP website) and the latest news concerning FIAP.

The Secretary General will be responsible for numbering of the FIAP recognized websites.

26) FIAP HEADQUARTERS

DB members discussed the need of optimising the work and functioning of FIAP's headquarters as well as the need to prioritize the tasks to be accomplished by the secretariat.

The successful exhibition from Greece at the headquarters was followed by a very interesting exhibition from Norway with an opening in November.

27) FIAP WEBSITE

Jacky Martin presented proposals for the modification of the existing website, prepared by him together with Freddy VAN GILBERGEN and Herbert GMEINER.

DB members discussed the details of the project and suggested modifications. Jacky Martin would present a new FIAP homepage at the following DB meeting in April 2013. The finalization of the complete, revised website was expected in April 2014.

28) FIAP MAGAZINE

The President, Riccardo BUSI proposed to launch a quarterly FIAP magazine in PDF format which could be sent to Operational Members/ILFIAP Members via a link for download. He suggested that the magazine's contents to cover information about the activities of FIAP, its Operational Members and ILFIAP members. DB members agreed to name Juan Burgues as intermediate FIAP representative, and suggested N. Berlingieri, W. Wiesen, J. Sneesby, L. Clayton, L. Cheong, H. Albusaidi and K. Vaughan, as representatives in charge of the magazine in the different regions of the world in which FIAP is present. The President would contact them to discuss about their representation.

29) DECENTRALIZED DB MEETINGS

DB members discussed the procedure of DB meetings being organized in member countries so that they could meet those federations who do not have the possibility to come to the FIAP Congresses.

It was decided that the next DB meeting (December 2013) would be held at the headquarters of the Buenos Aires club of the Argentine Federation. During the meeting, DB members would meet photographers of the Federation and participate in the opening of the Nature Biennial on 17 December 2013.

30) « FIAP TRAINING » PROJECT

DB members discussed the project on "FIAP Training" on various topics of photography. The detail of the courses would be prepared in the form of a catalogue for distribution.

31) DISTINCTIONS

Two ESFIAP distinction applications received from two different countries granted. They were: Heinz Walter Klein (Germany) and Monique Schmit (Luxembourg).

32) AUDIOVISUAL SERVICE

F. VAN GILBERGEN presented Lorenzo de Francesco's proposed rules for Audiovisual. He asked the DB members to keep the project in view until the following DB meeting where the obligatory coherence rule would be reviewed.

33) 175th ANNIVERSARY OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN 2014

DB members approved the suggestion made by V. DOBERLET (Slovenia) concerning the implementation of a "Janez Puhar" reward for the best portrait of the FIAP World Cup for the Clubs in 2014. However, it would not be possible to present the award during the next FIAP Congress.

34) A.O.B.

Following a proposition concerning collaboration made by the Montréal International (MI), a public/privat partnership of the Canadian and the Quebec government, the DB assigned J. Martin to give them a negative answer.

The President, R. BUSI was given the mandate to contact UNICEF and the President of PSA for an exchange of information which could perhaps lead to a possible collaboration in certain areas.

It was decided that the DB members should activate the use of WeTransfer and Skype in order to better meet with the needs of FIAP members.

The DB reviewed the different tasks necessary to make the direct collaboration between the Liaison Officers and the DB more efficient. The DB was in the process of creating a list of initiatives for the purpose.

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