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MINUTES OF FIAP DB MEETING

Luxembourg, 24 – 28 April 2013

PRESENTS: Misters R.BUSI, J.BURGUES, J.MARTIN, I. LYKOURIS, H. GMEINER, K. BATSCHINSKI, D.TAY, Fr.VAN GILBERGEN, R. NERO (DB members), Mrs A.HUPKE de PALACIO (Translator).

1) INTRODUCTION BY THE PRESIDENT

President of FIAP, Riccardo Busi, noted the problem of the growing number of MFIAP dossiers. He informed the committee that all bank documents relating to administrative changes should be signed by the parties concerned in the coming days and submitted to the bank. He also said that the minutes of DB meetings would be sent by email to the DB members for approval, and that they would have to revert within one week.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting of DB in Paris in December 2012 was approved unanimously.

3) SUMMARY OF CHARGES COMPLETED

For future DB meetings, in order to work faster and more efficiently, all the necessary documents should be circulated before the meetings so as to give to the DB members the opportunity to get prepared.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, H. GMEINER reported that the year 2012 ended with positive results, which were due to increase in revenues from members' subscriptions, the Photokina, and the increased of number of applications for honors and FIAP patronages. He mentioned that for the first time, the auditors submitted their report after one year, following the General Assembly's decision during the Congress in Singapore. DB members confirmed the need for a report every year and not every two years (as before), and decided to find substitutes to relieve extra work of some Directors' services.

The DB accepted the Treasurer's proposal to ask Mr Ewald Schmelz to help in the making of FIAP Life Cards, under the supervision of Mr. Gmeiner.

The committee also decided that the persons who are authorised to sign on FIAP's behalf in Austria should be the President, the Secretary-General, the Treasurer and Kurt Batschinski (DB Member); in France, the President, the Secretary General, Vice President Jacky Martin and the Treasurer; in Luxembourg the President, the Secretary-General, the Treasurer and Romain Nero (DB Member). Each of them has the right to sign alone.

The Treasurer reported that 49% of ILFIAP already paid their fees. It was decided that reminders be sent to members to pay their fees before striking of their membership in late December each year.

5) RED LIST

The Red List was updated with the addition of Mr Kwok-Miu Anthony (Hong Kong).

6) RELATIONS WITH UNESCO

The DB, after the previous meeting in Paris, decided to make changes to UNESCO's proposal so that FIAP would only be an intermediary between UNESCO and FIAP Liaison Officers in contacting interested parties to enter into direct agreement with UNESCO. The DB was waiting for UNESCO's reaction on the proposed amendments.

7) PATRONAGE DEPARTMENT

The Director of Patronage Service R. NERO introduced the new application form of FIAP patronage which would also be on FIAP's website. A new email address accept@fiap.net was created and included in the Regulation as an obligation for the organizers who must send the lists of acceptances of their salons. As well, they must send to the Director of Patronage a dozen of photos of the opening or the projection, following the exhibition, with a report on the event. The judges of a salon, on their part, are obliged to reply to emails from the Director of Patronages informing that everything was in order during the judgment. A total of 248 salons (including circuits) were granted FIAP Patronage during the year 2012. Up to April 2013 there were already 200 salons granted the Patronage. The DB would consider on the maximum participation allowed for judges in FIAP salons as well on sponsors of salons who want to use the award-winning photographs for commercial purposes.

8) HEADQUARTERS

DB decided to hold an Extraordinary Congress on 23 November 2013 in Paris so that Operational Members could decide on the possible transfer of FIAP's Headquarters. In the event of the transfer, the office in Paris would be kept.

9) HONOUR SERVICE

The list of classifications for photo management software for FIAP patrimony was approved. Due to the large number of diplomas awarded each year, it was decided to replace the handwritten signature with printed signature.

Distinctions Director F. Van GILBERGEN addressed the problem of FIAP levels that have become too easy. DB decided not to change the rules for the moment. The DB reviewed the problem of international circuits where judgments took place in a single country. It then decided to consider a circuit as international, only if the judgments were held in all the respective countries of the circuit. The Secretary General I. Lykouris highlighted the problem of acceptances earned during the period between the request for a FIAP distinction and presentation of this honour that were not added for consideration.

10) RELATIONS WITH OPERATIONAL MEMBERS

Each federation is free to choose its Liaison Officer. FIAP would prepare a document with the frame of the obligations and tasks that Liaison Officers must respect in order to ensure a better collaboration between the Operational Members and FIAP.

11) BIENNIAL DEPARTMENT

The Director of Biennial Service F.NIELSEN would prepare with Vice President J.MARTIN new rules on “coherence”. The judgment of the next Colour Print Biennial would be held in Argentina and the opening of the exhibition would take place on 17 December 2013 with the presence of the DB members who would be in Argentina for the next DB meeting. F.NIELSEN presented the schedule for the other Biennials: B&W Biennial in Turkey in 2014; India and England were already interested in the organizing of the Nature Biennial (2014) and the Biennial Colour Print (2015) respectively.

12) HEADQUARTERS FIAP

The office secretary A H de Palaccio decided to leave FIAP. The DB would look for her replacement before she left in order that they could work together for some time to facilitate handing over of work. DB decided to hire a part-time secretary and an assistant for translations.

The opening of the 7th World Cup took place on 18 February 2013 at the Headquarters and the show continued until 14 June. The exhibition of Chile would start on 29 June without an official opening as there will be no representatives from the country. The exhibition would continue until the end of October 2013.

13) CLUBS WORLD CUP FIAP DEPARTMENT

The Director of J.MARTIN informed that in 2012, 147 clubs from 36 countries participated. He proposes to use “WeTransfer”, preferably to CDs for sending works by Clubs.

14) PROMOTION AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICE

The Director of Service D.PC TAY inform the CD about his contacts with EPSON Singapore, which would be favorable to participate in an exhibition organized by FIAP, under the condition of having a concrete and detailed proposal, which could contribute free delivery of papers that bear his logo. He also informed the DB on its efforts to approach Adobe and Professional Portrait for discounts. The General Secretary I.LYKOURIS offers collaboration with the international organization “International Council of Museums” (ICOM).

15) YOUTH SERVICE

The Director of Youth Service K.BATSCHINSKI raised the problem of lost medals and medals returned. It was decided that the organizer must pay for the medals if they were sent to the correct address. He presented a first version of the new regulations which followed the structure of the Biennial rule; except, except that “coherence” is not required for youth Biennial and the presentation of entries is not done by country. He already contacted with the German Federation for the organization of Biennial 2014 in Germany, possibly at the same time as the Photokina.

16) COLLECTIONS SERVICE

Since January 2013 the Collections Service does not accept photo (paper) prints anymore. However, that did not provide a solution to the existing collection of prints in the Services which need to be selected for scanning (starting from the oldest). Vice President J.BURGUES offered to start scanning slides in the collection (about 5000). F. Van GILBERGEN presented the WEB collection of FIAP, which were uploaded with photos selected by himself, F.van ESCH and C.DISCARD.

17) AUDIOVISUAL SERVICE

A first version of the regulations was submitted, and would be followed by a final version prepared in collaboration with MM L.de FRANCESCO, J.DENIS and F.Van GILBERGEN.

18) CONTACTS WITH PSA

President R. BUSI informed the DB about the contact he had with the President of the PSA. During their meeting, they expressed their will to work together to find points of agreement, especially with regards to the definition of nature photography and the problem of plagiarism. They also exchanged their point of views on pre-selection for photographic competitions, and the need to analyze other problems, such as the commercial aspects behind the competitions. The DB decided that it is necessary to appoint a person responsible for contacts with PSA.

19) FIAP MAGAZINE

President R.BUSI contacted several people, including W.WIESEN, N.BERLINGIERI, AI BUSAIDI, K.SATO, L. CLAYTON who agreed to work as coordinators in their region. Despite the activities developed by them during the initial few months, the texts received from the Liaison Officers were not good enough to edit the first issue of FIAP Magazine. Therefore, the DB decided to release a "0" issue, and postponed the release of the first issue this project for a few months.

20) MEETING DB DECENTRALIZED

Vice President J.BURGUES informed the DB on the positive organization of the next meeting in Argentina.

21) 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN 2014

In conjunction with this Anniversary, President R.BUSI suggested organising a projected images competition under FIAP patronage for Federations and Authors with theme "Friendship and Solidarity". It was proposed to start in September 2013 until January 2014 (month of judgement). The award ceremony would be held May 1st, 2014. Any income from this project would be used for a specific philanthropic purpose under the name of FIAP.

22) WEBSITE FIAP

Vice President J. MARTIN presented to the DB the first few pages of the new site and informed them about the smooth progress of the project.

23) HONOURS ESFIAP HonEFIAP

On the six candidacies from six countries, the DB granted the ESFIAP distinction to 5 candidates

(F.Grasges, JDHodgson, VC Hernandez, A. Baeza, I. Nicolac) and the HonEFIAP distinction to 2 candidates from two countries (F. Braun and F. Matzner).

24) HONOURS MFIAP

Of the 46 candidates from 25 countries, 16 of them were granted the MFIAP distinction by the DB (Mr. Neuwald, Mr. Van Dré, C.Discart, O. Suszkiewicz, M.Digard, K.Murthy, S.Das, AM Vermaat , Y K Teo, J. Sneesby, B. Wilkins, H. Rajakaruna, A.R.Demir, M.A.Salim, V.A.Nguyen, R.Pugh)

Ioannis Lykouris
FIAP Secretary-General

Dated 24 June 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ioannis Lykouris', written in a cursive style.