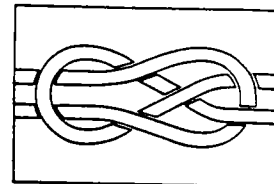


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XVII. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY, CAPE TOWN, 1997

The 17th FIAV congress, organised by the Southern African Vexillological Association, took place from 10 until 15 August 1997 in the BMW Pavilion at the Victoria and Albert Waterfront in Cape Town, Rep. of South Africa.

63 participants and 18 accompanying persons from 18 countries gathered in flags and friendship during a beautiful and most interesting week in Cape Town. Most of the participants came from South Africa of course (15 persons), followed by the United States with 9 persons, Germany with 8 and Australia with 5 persons. 4 participants came from Spain and each 3 from Switzerland and France. The other 11 nations were represented each by either one or two participants.

29 lectures of about 20 to 30 minutes of duration were presented, simultaneous translation in the French, German and English language was provided. Almost all of the lectures were delivered in English, 3 were in French and 2 in German. The scientific program was complemented by a computer seminar and several very interesting exhibits, like the exhibition of flag designs and prototypes which led to the South African national flag in the National Archives, and the one at the Maritime Museum, where replicas of historical flags of Southern Africa were exhibited. A magnificent day-long tour took the congress from interesting Cape Town Castle, past an ostrich farm, to a wine estate, where a splendid meal was served. The tour continued to the lovely Franschoek Valley, where a Huguenot memorial was visited.

The excellent closing banquet at the Kelvin Grove Club gave opportunity not only to present the Vexillon and some other awards, but to thank our Southern African friends for the successful congress and for their hospitality and to farewell our colleagues and friends until vexillology meets again in Victoria, British Columbia.

XVIII. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY, VICTORIA, 1999

Mr. and Mrs. Webb, co-owners of *The Flag Shop*, and the Canadian Flag Society will host the 18th international congress of vexillology in Victoria, Victoria Island, British Columbia, Canada. The congress is scheduled for July 28 to August 2, 1999. You are invited to contact:

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REPORT ON THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1997

The FIAV General Assembly took place during the 17th International Congress of Vexillology at the Victoria and Albert Waterfront in Cape Town, South Africa, with sessions on 11th, 12th and 14th of August 1997.

A preliminary remark by the record keeping past secretary-general:

This report is based on my tape recordings and personal notes. Where recording is clear and/or notes are explicit, text has been transcript either literally word by word, such passages being put between quotation marks, or in sentences as close to the original as possible. Sometimes however, due to low voices in the background or several voices at the same time, due to noise, to change of tape cassette or batteries, to a marked accent in several cases or to other circumstances, recording is not sufficiently clear or complete to permit an exact transcription. Other times speakers were just faster than my writing down. In those cases the text is only as accurate as recording, notes, my memory and my interpretation in a logical sense allow. Though I tried best to reproduce the whole issue as accurate and complete as possible, minor errors may have occurred. I ask the reader to accept my apologies. I can assure though, that this report contains almost all of what was said during the 3 sessions of the General Assembly (=GA), and of course it certainly contains all the results of votings and of decisions taken during the GA.

Emil Dreyer

SUMMARY

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Flaggenkunde e.V. (DGF), the Société Bretonne de Vexillologie (SBV), the Heraldry and Vexillology Society of Malta (HAVSOM) and the Burgee Data Archive (BDA) were accepted as FIAV full members.
The Mauritius Buch Verlag GmbH (MBV) was accepted as an associate member.

Victoria, in British Columbia, Canada, was chosen as the site of the 18th FIAV Congress, to be organised in late July of 1999 by the Canadian Flag Association and Mr. and Mrs. Webb, co-owners of the Flag Shop.

A new Board of FIAV has been elected: it is composed of Michel Lupant as president, Charles Spain as secretary-general and Bruce Berry as secretary-general for congresses.

The standing orders commission is composed of Ralph Kelly, Roman Klimes and Don Healey. It will study the Canadian standing orders rules and best adapt them to the needs of FIAV.

The membership commission is composed by Ales Brozek, Philippe Rault and Whitney Smith. It will analyse membership requirements of some actual FIAV members, specially that of APCRA.

The Canadian standing orders rules will be applied on a trial basis during the FIAV GA in Victoria for consultation, should it be needed. There is no further commitment.

Article 14, chapter a) of the FIAV constitution was amended to read: "A simple majority in the election of an officer. If more than 2 candidates stand for election of an officer, and if no one reaches the simple majority, then the candidate with least votes will be eliminated from the next ballot, and so on."

Investigations into FIAV membership in UNESCO have been dropped.

The GA agrees to have a flag manufacturer's prize of US \$ 100.- for the best lecture at every congress.

The Vexillon was awarded to Mr. Ales Brozek.

Monday, 11th of August 1997

Ⓜ After the mourned death of FIAV president Dr. William Crampton, the Board of FIAV is composed only by Dr. Emil Dreyer as the secretary-general and by Mr. Ralph Bartlett as the secretary-general for congresses (see INFO-FIAV Nr. 9, June 1997). Emil Dreyer acts as a temporary chairman. Dreyer calls to order and explains the unusual procedure decided in accordance with Ralph Bartlett to conduct the general assembly until the point is reached where decision on a new Board will have to be taken. Dreyer officially opens the General Assembly of the 17th congress in Cape Town.

Ⓜ Written credentials of delegates are presented to the chairman, who verifies them:

FIAV MEMBER		DELEGATE	11-8	12-8	14-8
Asociación Argentina de Vexilología	(AAV)				
Asociación Profesionales Ceremonial Rep. Arg.(ex CIDECA)					
Associació Catalana de Vexil.lologia	(ACV)	Mr. José Luis Brugués	✓	✓	✓
Canadian Flag Association	(CFA)	Mr. Kevin Harrington	✓	✓	✓
Centre Belgo-Européen d'Etudes des Drapeaux	(CEBED)	Mr. Michel Lupant	✓	✓	✓
Centro Italiano Studi Vessillologici	(CISV)	Dr. Mario Fabretto	✓	✓	✓
Centrum Flaga Ziemi/Earth Flag Centre	(CFZ)				
Chesapeake Bay Flag Association	(CBFA)	Mr. Donald Healy	✓	✓	✓
Flag Association of New Zealand	(FANZ)	Mr. John Moody	✓	✓	✓
Flag Design Center	(FDC)	Dr. Whitney Smith	✓	✓	✓
The Flag Institute	(FI)	Mr. Michael Faul	✓	✓	✓
Flag Research Center	(FRC)	Mr. James Croft	✓	✓	✓
Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka	(FRCSL)	Mr. Ralph G.C. Bartlett	✓	✓	✓
Flag Society of Australia	(FSA)	Mr. Ralph D. Kelly	✓	✓	✓
Heraldica Slovenica	(HS)				
Heraldischer Verein "Zum Kleeblatt" e.V.	(HVK)	Dr. Emil Dreyer	✓	✓	✓
National Flag Foundation	(NFF)	Dr. John Lowe	✓	✓	✓
Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde	(NVV)				
Nordisk Flagselskab	(NF)	Mr. Sten Dahlström	✓	✓	✓
North American Vexillological Association	(NAVA)	Mr. Charles A. Spain	✓	✓	✓
Partioheraldikot Ry	(PR)				
Polskie Towarzystwo Weksylologiczne	(PTW)				
Société Suisse de Vexillologie	(SSV)	Dr. Emil Dreyer	✓	✓	✓
Sociedad Española de Vexilología	(SEV)	Mr. Tomás Rodríguez	✓	✓	✓
Societas Vexillologica Belgica	(SVB)				
Société Française de Vexillologie	(SFV)	Mr. Alain Raullet	✓	✓	✓
Southern African Vexillological Association	(SAVA)	Mr. Theo Stylianides	✓	✓	✓
Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags	(TWMF)	Dr. Whitney Smith	✓	✓	✓
Ukrayins'ke Heral'dychnе Товариство	(UHT)				
United States Flag Foundation	(USFF)	Dr. Peter Orenski	✓	✓	✓
Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap	(VSHS)	Mr. Lars C. Stolt	✓	✓	✓
Vexilologický Klub	(VK)	Mr. Jaroslav Martykán	✓	✓	✓
World Vexillological Research Institute	(WVRI)	Mr. Roman Klimes	✓	✓	✓
Zászlókutató Intézet	(ZI)				
Burgee Data Archive	(BDA)	Mr. Peter Edwards			✓
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Flaggenkunde	(DGF)	Dr. Andreas Herzfeld	✓	✓	✓
Heraldry and Vexillology Society of Malta	(HAVSOM)	Mr. Adrian Strickland			✓
Mauritius Buch Verlag GmbH	(MBV)	Mr. Jiri Tenora		✓	✓
Société Bretonne de Vexillologie	(SBV)	Dr. Philippe Rault		✓	✓

Ⓜ The statutory quorum is fulfilled with 25 votes of accredited members present. Together with the 2 votes of the Board members a total of 27 votes can be carried, the two-thirds majority is 18 votes.

Ⓜ Two volunteers are appointed by the chairman as vote-counters: Michael Faul and Don Healy

Ⓜ Emil Dreyer asks, if there are any comments to his report of the GA of 1995. Whitney Smith has a correction to the minutes of Warsaw (INFO-FIAV No.7, p.3, statutory quorum) in as "according to the FIAV constitution the quorum is fulfilled with the votes of only the 22 members present, not including the board

member votes. It doesn't change anything but for the sake of accuracy". The thus corrected minutes are accepted by show of hands.

Ⓜ The secretary-general for congresses Ralph Bartlett reports on the activities of the Board (item 6 of Standing Business): he has written to the organisers of the past 3 congresses, of which only the SSV has sent a written answer indicating that redaction work is still going on, but hopefully the report will be printed soon. The organisers of the Warsaw congress seem to have difficulties in gathering the material.

The FSA has withdrawn its tentative application in 1997 to host the 1999 congress. Just recently the CFA has applied to host the next congress in Victoria. The application of NAVA to host the 1999 congress in Chicago has also been withdrawn. No applications for future congresses have been received. The Flag Institute is going on with preparations for the 2001 congress in the London area.

Dreyer continues reporting on the activities of the Board: The Board has had repeated correspondence during the past 2 years, as well as several phone calls and multiple messages by fax, the activities having increased after our president's death. Letters of condolence upon William's death have been sent to the secretary-general by the SEV, SFV, VK, ACV, SSV and PTW.

The secretary-general has had correspondence with the Nordic Flag Society, which was preparing to host a congress in Stockholm for 1999, but this plan has been abandoned. They will nevertheless continue efforts to host may be the 2003 congress. Dreyer has maintained correspondence with UNESCO, with Ales Brozek from the membership committee, with Charles Spain from the standing orders committee, with Anibal Gotelli on the APCRA matter, as well as with several FIAV members on diverse, less important matters (address changes, etc).

Smith comments, that "we might possibly want to find out, whether there is any FIAV correspondence within William's material, which should be passed on to the next Board". Dreyer answers: "Jos Poels, who happened to be in Chester during the time William passed away, since he was working with him and actually did the work on the last Flagmaster, when William was already in bad health, phoned me several times and then sent the only material concerning FIAV which was in William's office. This was one e-mail from NAVA, in which Charles Spain tells him that Michael Faul has retired from the standing orders committee and another e-mail from SAVA, in which Bruce Berry tells him about preparations for the congress." Faul adds: "I'll go through the Flag Institute files in September and send any FIAV matters to the newly elected FIAV president."

Ⓜ Announcements (item 7 of Standing Business): Bartlett has received a fax of the Flag Shop applying to host the 1999 congress. Kevin Harrington, representing CFA, backs this application and reads a presentation of the Flag Shop in Victoria, British Columbia, including a draft time-table for tours, presentations and FIAV agenda. The congress would be held in late July. Harrington hands out table flags of British Columbia.

Dreyer continues with various announcements: the applicants for membership, DGF, MBV, SBV and HAVSOM, the integration of CIDEK into APCRA, with a short comment on the structure of APCRA, the retirement from FIAV of the GOH and the retirement of himself and Bartlett from FIAV office at the end of this congress. Dreyer announces the candidature of Michel Lupant for FIAV president and continues "are there any other candidates?" Roman Klimes proposes Charles Spain for president. Spain declines because he is willing to run for another office.

Upon the question of Dreyer for candidates for secretary-general, Klimes answers that we should first vote the president before going on. Bartlett states, that the acting Board is in function until the end of the congress, and that we are only talking about nominations to office, the election taking place at the end of the sessions, as the agenda states.

Dreyer suggests to the GA that the Board may appoint a temporary chairman during the congress to assist the Board during the sessions, until a new Board will be elected at the end of the congress. Smith agrees to it and states that "this is very much in keeping with the constitution, because article 18 says *the Board is elected at the end of each general assembly* and at the same time article 19 says that *the Board issues directives, which it considers necessary to the success of the activities of the Federation*, and if the Board considers the appointment of a temporary chairman helpful to the activities of the GA then he may do so." Smith is not sure whether the appointed chairman will have a vote as a Board member.

Dreyer thanks for the statement and underlines, that the Board was aware of the fact that it was entitled to just issue directives, but that it preferred to reach a consensus on the procedure proposed, and that is the reason why the Board is proposing the chairman and not just appointing it. Dreyer proposes Michel Lupant as the temporary chairman of the FIAV assembly, without having a vote, elections for president taking place at the end of the GA and since there is no other candidate for president, this "would allow to introduce Michel Lupant to the office, which hopefully he, if elected, may have to run for the next 2 years."

Michael Faul asks if Michel would stay in the chair, if another candidate for president emerged, so that he would supervise his own election. Bartlett replies, that - as in the past - the president never conducts his own election, another member of the Board does it. Nominating Michel Lupant for the chair does not

exclude anyone else to run for the office of president. The Board asks Michel Lupant if he accepts to be the chairman and he replies affirmatively.

Dreyer: "Any proposals for the office of secretary-general?" Peter Orenski proposes Charles Spain, Spain accepts the nomination. No other candidate shows up.

Dreyer: "Any proposals for the office of secretary-general for congresses?" Frederick Brownell proposes Bruce Berry, Berry accepts the nomination. Jaroslav Martykan proposes Ales Brozek. Since Brozek is not present, the Board will ask for his consent later. John Lowe proposes Ron Strachan, Strachan accepts nomination.

Ⓜ **Selection of the 1999 FIAV venue** (point 1 of Old Business): Bartlett gives some details about the 1999 FIAV venue candidate, according to the fax message, dated 25 June 1997, he had received from Mr. and Mrs. Webb, co-owners of the *Flag Shop* in Victoria, "the Webb family will do the job, the congress in Victoria is scheduled from 28 of July to 3 of August 1999, a period of 7 days." The draft time-table includes time for more than 30 lectures of 20 minutes duration, for 3 seminars of 1 hour each, for 3 FIAV sessions of 2 hours each, for 3 half-day tours and for the closing dinner. Dreyer asks, as delegate of the SSV, if there is any representative of the organiser present. Bartlett explains, that they are not represented directly but through the CFA.

Harrington then continues giving further details of the proposed Victoria venue, mainly on the tourist aspect of the city of Victoria and its historic buildings, the tours to the Maritime and Naval Museums, the Duncan Native Cultural Centre, the Ceremony of Flags and other events. Doreen Braverman, best known to NAVA, and he himself will be members of the organising committee.

Dreyer points out that the situation "is somewhat delicate, since the only information on the candidate we have at the time is a fax-message from the Flag Shop in Victoria, but on the other hand there is no other candidate." Smith comments the following points: "Though some members may find it unusual, that a non FIAV member is going to sponsor a FIAV congress, this has happened in the past, for example with the Heraldry Society sponsoring the very successful Oxford congress. The important thing is FIAV's oversight. Secondly, in terms of confidence, Kevin and I personally know the people who are saying to carry this congress through and I have great confidence in the Braverman family. I don't know the Webb's, but I do know their business. I can trust them and I expect, that they will be co-sponsors, and the Flag Research Center will offer its services". He highly recommends Victoria both for the advantages of the site and for the organisers. Dreyer thanks Smith for his intervention "because FIAV is in need of some moral guarantee, as we are in a very uncomfortable position, because if we reject Vancouver we then don't know where to go".

Ralph Kelly asks, if the congress is going to be sponsored by the CFA and Harrington answers, that though he "wasn't aware of the plans of the Flag Shop in detail, the CFA will certainly sponsor the congress."

Bartlett suggests that "NAVA may hold its annual meeting during the Victoria congress to secure a maximum number of attendants to that congress" and asks the NAVA representative about their opinion. Spain answers that NAVA is confident about the CFA being capable of organising the congress, expresses the gratitude to Kevin and the Webb's for doing that and continues "due to some circumstances, which really were no one's fault, the bid came up after NAVA had its annual meeting last year, this being the reason that though I have spoken to the Webb's, to the Braverman's and to Kevin, and though I am the president of NAVA, I am not able to make a commitment on behalf of NAVA. What I can tell you is that I personally and the rest of the board members stand behind this bid 100% and that NAVA will certainly take this very seriously in co-hosting it, if that's amenable to CFA, and it's my full expectation that when we meet in Chicago next October, that's exactly what we will do."

The secretary-general for congresses recommends to the GA to accept the application from CFA and the Webb's for 1999 in Victoria, British Columbia. Smith seconds it.
The application is accepted by show of hands, with NAVA abstaining and no vote against.

Ⓜ **Membership committee report:** Smith reports that in spite of correspondence hence and forth the task had been very difficult and that the committee intended to wrap up its conclusions for presentation to the GA today, but "unfortunately Ales Brozek is ill today and so there was no opportunity to meet." Smith asks the Board to have their report delayed to later in this week. This is accepted.

Ⓜ **Report of the interim committee on the standing orders project:** Faul having retired from the committee, Spain makes a very long and explicit report on the thoughts of the committee, which basically were focussed on 3 questions: Do we need rules, do we want to have our own rules or should we adopt existing rules, which are already in use at other organisations, and, if we adopt rules, which ones should be adopted? As a result of the analysis, the committee definitely recommends to have written rules. Spain continues: "The difficulty to adopt own rules of FIAV as proposed at the Warsaw meeting lies in that nobody

