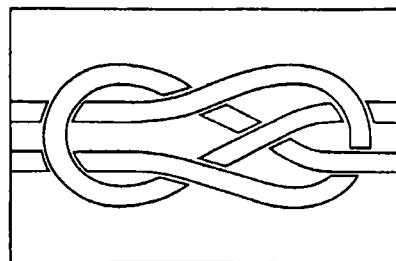

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30 YEARS OF FIAV

As part of FIAV's continuing celebration of its thirtieth anniversary, with this issue *Info-FIAV* begins publishing the previously unpublished minutes of the General Assembly sessions (1969-1991) and the business meetings held in 1965 and 1967 that led to the creation of FIAV in 1969. This issue of *Info-FIAV* features the minutes from 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, and 1973, as well as unofficial summaries of those minutes. The secretary-general regrets the poor legibility of some of the minutes, but there is only so much that can be done with copies of copies of copies!

REVISION TO AGENDA FOR THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE CONVENED JULY 29, 1999 VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Add the following:

24A. Consideration of the Board's proposed officer flags

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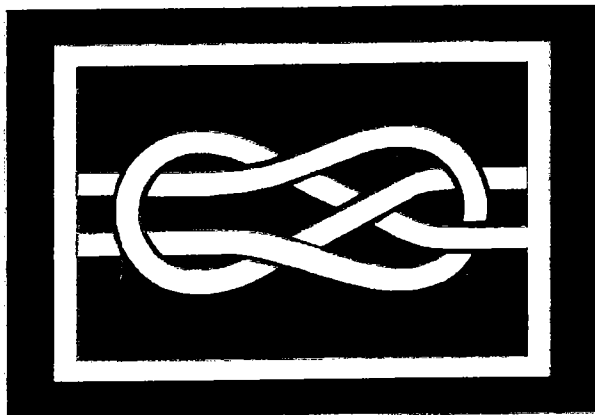
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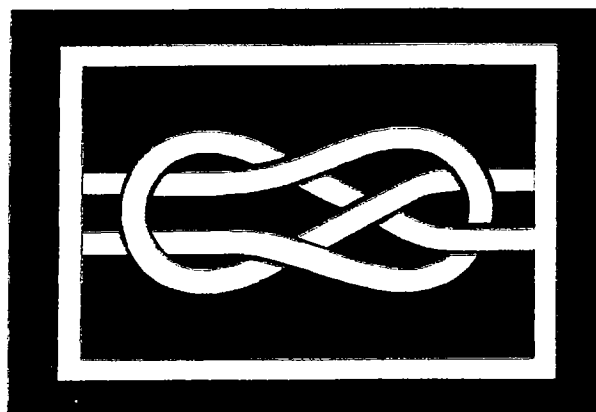
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REVISIONS TO COMMENTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

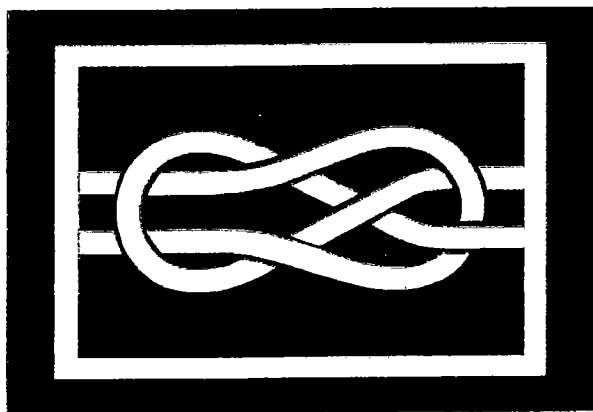
Item 24A: The Board recommends the approval of designs for officer flags (see designs below). These designs were found in the papers of the late Dr. William Crampton. The Pantone Matching System color specifications are blue (U293), yellow (U123), and red (192C). Note: As this agenda item was submitted late, consideration of it may be blocked at the request of any Member.



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Summary:

- Governing board of the "International League of Vexillologists" formed
Louis Mühlemann (Switzerland) (selected by the delegates)
Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands) (representative of SBH)
Whitney Smith (United States) (representative of FRC)
- *The Flag Bulletin* is the official "organ" of the League

Results of the
FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR VEXILLOLOGY
held 4-5 September 1965 at Muiderberg, Netherlands
organized by the Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek/
Foundation for Vexillology and Heraldry

1. The meeting of 31 individuals engaged in studying and collecting flags was highly successful and the reports delivered by many of the participants were all of great interest. Conditions for fruitful cooperation in the future seem very promising. All of those who attended are indebted to those responsible for the organization and realization of the Congress, above all Mr. and Mrs. Sierksma and family. Participants were also pleased to note the attendance at the Congress of so many young persons engaged in flag study, a fact which augurs well for the future.

2. At the Congress the Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek (Muiderberg) represented by Mr. and Mrs. Sierksma and the Flag Research Center (Winchester/New York) represented by Mr. Smith expressed their desire to cooperate more closely with one another and with the participants at the Congress. To this end it was determined to establish an International League of Vexillologists. Membership is to be by ballot. The Governing Board of the League is to consist of a representative from the Flag Research Center, a representative of the Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek, and an individual vexillologist. The majority approved of the selection of Mr. Louis Mühlemann (of Brugg, Switzerland) to serve as their representative on the Board and in the preparation of statutes for the League which will be submitted for judgment to all those attending the Congress. The general responsibilities of the League will be the coordination and promotion of vexillological activities on an international level and in particular the organization of future International Congresses for Vexillology.

3. By general concensus at the Congress it was also decided that there should be another Congress somewhere in Europe in 1967. The languages preferred at such a Congress are to be French, English, German, and the other official languages used at the United Nations. The official organ of the League and of the International Congresses is to be The Flag Bulletin. The desirability of establishing an internationally acceptable terminology for vexillology and of attaining the highest possible accuracy and completeness on future editions of the Flags of the World chart (published by De Geïllustreerde Pers, Amsterdam) was agreed upon.

4. Finally, there was agreement that a Report of the First International Congress for Vexillology should be published, to include the names and speeches of all participants. (A separate sheet with addresses will be available to participants only.) The Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek was commissioned to publish and distribute such a Report, at reasonable cost.

Fondation de la FIAV
FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE VEXILLOLOGIE

Dimanche, 3 septembre 1967, à l'Institut Gottlieb Duttweiler
à Rüschlikon (Zurich)

Les statuts provisoires de la FIAV sont adoptés.

Zurich est reconnu comme le siège légal de la FIAV.

Le drapeau de la FIAV est hissé solennellement:

le drapeau est hissé par Guido Mühlemann (6 ans), le petit garçon du secrétaire général du Congrès, au son des clairons de la Société de musique de garçons de la ville de Zurich. Les dames (ou, à défaut, les délégués d'associations) se tiennent par la main et forment un arc de cercle devant le mât du drapeau, chaque personne représentant un pays.

Le Comité provisoire de fondation de la FIAV (Comité désigné au premier congrès de Muiderberg et composé de Messieurs Sierksma, Smith et Mühlemann) propose aux associations de vexillologie ayant envoyé un représentant au deuxième Congrès d'élire les personnes suivantes comme membres du CONSEIL DE LA FIAV:

MM. Louis MÜHLEMANN	Suisse	Président
Klaes SIERKSMA	Pays-Bas)	Secrétaires généraux ⁺
Whitney SMITH	Etats-Unis)	
E. M. C. BARRACLOUGH	Grande-Bretagne)	Conseillers
Arne DANIELSSON	Scandinavie)	
Roger HARMIGNIES	Belgique)	
Hans HORSTMANN	Allemagne)	
Raffaele NATTA-SOLERI	Italie)	
Georges PASCH	France)	

Aucune objection n'est élevée contre ces nominations qui devront être confirmées par un vote lors de la prochaine assemblée générale de la FIAV. Il convient d'ajouter à cette liste le Secrétaire général du prochain Congrès International.

Est constituée une commission de terminologie comprenant:

MM. Crampton (GB), Danielsson (S), Fachinger (D), Lux-Wurm (USA et

pour la langue espagnole), Pasch (F), Sierksma (NL), Smith (USA) et Ziggioto (I). Secrétaire de la commission: M. Sierksma.

6. Est constituée une commission pour la reconnaissance de la FIAV par l'UNESCO, cette commission se composant de:
MM. Dumke (D), Lux-Wurm (USA), Mühlemann (CH), Pinoteau (F) et Rombach (NL).
7. Les revues FLAG BULLETIN et ARCHIVUM HERALDICUM sont reconnues pour la publication d'articles scientifiques dans le domaine de la vexillologie.
8. M. Mühlemann est désigné pour recevoir les demandes d'adhésion à la FIAV de la part des associations et institutions intéressées.
9. Les débats ayant pour but de fixer le lieu du prochain Congrès international de Vexillologie n'aboutissent pas à un résultat définitif. Münster (Allemagne) et Boston (USA) sont les deux villes proposées.

(A la suite d'échanges de vues entrepris par correspondance après le Congrès, c'est pour Boston (USA) que l'on s'est prononcé.)

⁴ Divers titres (entre autres "vice-présidents" et "chanceliers") avaient d'abord été pris en considération; par la suite, le président du Conseil provisoire de la FIAV a proposé aux deux intéressés de les nommer "secrétaires généraux de la FIAV".

Projected Statutes for
THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

Purposes of the Federation

- Art. 1 Vexillology is the science whose goal is the study of all kinds of flags, past and present, throughout the entire world.
- Art. 2 The Federation has the following purposes:
- a) to create durable links between ^{these} associations in every country which are exclusively or principally devoted to research and other work in the field of vexillology;
 - b) to encourage or coordinate these studies and undertakings;
 - c) to adopt international norms applicable to the development of these activities (for example, rules of terminology, methodology, the recording of data, etc.);
 - d) to hold periodically International Congresses of Vexillology and to give all its aid to the organizers of such Congresses.
- Art. 3 The Federation has no commercial ends, nor any political or religious affiliations. Its character is purely scientific and ~~xxxx~~ the Federation seeks recognition of such status by UNESCO.

Seat of the Federation

- Art. 4 For legal purposes the seat of the Federation is considered to be that of its President.

Languages of the Federation

- Art. 5 The official languages of the Federation, for use at International Congresses ~~2~~ of Vexillology and in official communications, are English, French, and German. Other languages may be used in addition, where appropriate.

Membership

- Art. 6 Membership in the Federation may be acquired, upon written request to the President, by any vexillological association no matter ~~where~~ in which country its headquarters are located, provided ~~only~~ that it have at least five members and that it be run in accordance with the laws of its country.
- Art. 7 The General Assembly of the Federation determines by unanimous vote the admission and expulsion of member ~~2~~ associations.
- Art. 8 Each national or regional association manages its own affairs in complete freedom, limited only by the legal provisions in effect in the territory where it operates.
- Art. 9 Associations adhering to the Federation bind themselves not to undertake any objectives contrary to those of the Federation. In turn the Federation is forbidden to usurp rights properly within the sphere of its member associations.

- Art. 10 The Federation may speak on behalf of its members only with their consent. Member associations may not speak in the name of the Federation, nor may they hold their own International Congress of Vexillology.
- Art. 11 A private individual may join any vexillological association whose rules recognize him ^{as}/eligible for membership.
- Art. 12 The General Assembly may name as an honorary member of the Federation any person not belonging to a vexillological association whom ~~they believe to have~~ it believes to have made an outstanding contribution to some aspect of vexillology.
- Art. 12 Each association belonging to the Federation may publish its own newsletter, in which the communications of the Federation will be printed.

The General Assembly

- Art. 13 The General Assembly is composed of all the members of the Federation, each association being represented by at least one person to whom full powers have been delegated. Each association has one vote in the Assembly.
- Art. 14 Decisions of the Assembly relating to points dealt with in the present Statutes will be binding on members when adopted unanimously. (Context)
- Art. 15 The powers of the Assembly are the following:
- a) appointment of the Board of the Federation (the Vice-President, Secretary General or Secretary-General ad interim, and the other members of the Board) and, as appropriate, of special commissions;
 - b) scrutiny and approval of the management of the Federation;
 - c) deliberation on all questions of interest to the Federation, especially the organization of the International Congresses of Vexillology.
- Art. 16 The General Assembly ~~will~~ meets on the occasion of each International Congress of Vexillology. It is convoked by the Board six months in advance, with notification of the agenda.
- Art. 17 An extraordinary session of the General Assembly may be called when circumstances require (as, for example, when no International Congress of Vexillology has been held for four years or more). It is to be convoked by the Board only upon the written request of at least two-thirds of the members of the Federation. Members prevented from attending the Assembly may submit written votes, notarized and sent by registered mail.

The Board

- Art. 18 The administration of the Federation is entrusted to a Board composed of
- a) a President;
 - b) a Vice-President;

- c) a Secretary-General or a Secretary-General ad interim;
 - d) one other member for each continent (considering Africa, Asia, Australia-Oceania, Europe, North America, and South America as continents) having a member association and ~~not~~ not otherwise represented on the Board, such members to reside in the continents they represent.
- Art. 19 The term of office of members of the Board extends from their election by the Assembly to the election of the new Board at the following Assembly. Members are eligible for reelection.
- Art. 20 The President and Vice-President may not be from the same continent; the President and the Secretary-General may not be from the same country.
- Art. 21 At the termination of each Congress its Secretary-General becomes the President of the Federation until the meeting of the next Congress, of which he is also President.
- Art. 22 The Assembly will choose as Secretary-General a competent person living in the country where the next Congress is to take place, theoretically the President of the vexillological association of that country.
- Art. 23 When no decision is reached in a regular Assembly meeting as to the site of the next Congress, a Secretary-General ad interim shall be appointed by the Assembly. He will be succeeded by a Secretary-General when the decision concerning the Congress has been made, such decision resting with the Board acting by unanimous vote.
- Art. 24 The powers of the Board are the following:
- a) it manages the current affairs of the Federation and acts on its behalf in dealings with others;
 - b) it issues ^{such} general guide-lines ^{as} ~~which~~ it judges as necessary for the success of the International Congresses of Vexillology, while leaving the actual organization of such Congresses to the Secretary-General;
 - c) it convokes the General Assembly and sets its agenda, within the required time.
- Art. 25 The President and Vice-President receive communications addressed to the Federation and sign in its name. The signature of the President (or Vice-President) must be countersigned by another member of the Board.
- Art. 26 Special commissions may be constituted by the Assembly. Their members are designated by the Assembly for a term ~~of~~ whose length is determined according to ~~the~~ circumstances. Members of ~~these~~ these commissions may attend meetings of the Board and sessions of the Assembly in an advisory capacity only.

Possible Dissolution

- Art. 27 Dissolution of the Federation may only be considered at a session of the General Assembly. Members prevented from attending such a session may submit written votes, notarized and sent by written mail.

Amendments

Art 28 Amendments of the present Statutes may be effected only by the unanimous consent of the General Assembly.

insert on p. 2; article 14:

Unanimity in this case refers only to those members present and voting, not counting abstentions.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SUNDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 1969

- I. The minutes of the last General Assembly were read.
- II. Dr. Whitney Smith and Capt. E.M.C. Barraclough were elected Chairman and Secretary ad interim for the General Assembly.
- III. Mr. Peter Mäder, delegate of the President of the Federation, Mr. Louis Mühlemann, announced the following applicants for membership in the Federation:
1. North American Vexillological Association (1S 235 Pine Lane South, Lombard, Illinois 60148, U.S.A.)
 2. Flag Research Center (17 Farmcrest Ave., Lexington, Massachusetts 02173, U.S.A.)
 3. United States Flag Foundation (115 East 86th St., New York, N.Y. 10028, U.S.A.)
 4. Flag Plaza Foundation (Flag Plaza, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219, U.S.A.)
 5. Société Suisse de Vexillologie (Niederhofenrain 31, 8702 Zollikon, Zurich, Switzerland)
 6. Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde (Brink 36, Muiderberg, Netherlands)
 7. Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek (Brink 36, Muiderberg, Netherlands)
 8. Flag Section, Heraldry Society (59 Gordon Square, London W.C.1., United Kingdom)
 9. Sezione Vesillologica, Accademia di San Marignano (Via Amedeo Avogadro 26, 10121 Turin, Italy)
 10. Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique (57 rue Martin Lindekens, Brussels 15, Belgium)
 11. Wappen-Herold, Deutsche Heraldische Gesellschaft (Tharandter Straße 2, 1 Berlin 31 [Wilmersdorf], Germany)
 12. Association Française d'Etudes Internationales Vexillologiques (28 rue de la Sablière, Paris XIV, France)

By unanimous mutual consent these applicants recognized one another as the constituent members of the Federation.

IV. The delegates of the members to the General Assembly, as confirmed by their letters of accreditation, were announced: Capt. E.M.C. Barraclough (8), Mr. George Cahill (4), Mr. Roger Lachenal (10), Mr. Peter Mäder (5, 6, 9, 11), and Dr. Whitney Smith (1, 2, 7, 12).

V. The Assembly discussed as a committee of the whole the proposed Statutes for the Federation as published in Vol. VIII, No. 2, of THE FLAG BULLETIN. The text was unanimously adopted with the following amendments:

1. At the end of Art. 6 the following sentence was added:
"The voluntary resignation of any member from the Federation is effective upon the date of the sending to the Federation President of notification by the member."
2. Article 13 was deleted and the following article was substituted: "The General Assembly acts by two-thirds majority of the members present or represented, except that amendment of the Statutes requires the unanimous vote of the members present or represented."
3. Article 14d was amended by the deletion of the words "and amendment."
4. The period at the end of Art. 15 was changed to a comma and the following phrase was added: "including any proposed amendments to the Statutes."
5. The phrase "upon the advice of a Council" was deleted from Art. 17 and the following phrase was substituted: "only by unanimous agreement and with the advice of the Council."
6. The following sentence was added at the end of Art. 17:
"The Board and Council are considered to be in continuous session, conducted by correspondence."

VI. In accordance with Art. 14 of the Statutes the following persons were elected members of the Council for the period 1969-1971:

1. Mr. Louis Mühlemann, President (Niederhofenrain 31, 8702 Zollikon, Zurich, Switzerland)
2. Dr. Whitney Smith, Secretary-General/Permanent Bureau of the Federation (17 Farmcrest Ave., Lexington, Mass. 02173, U.S.A.)
3. Mr. Klaes Sierksma, Secretary-General/Permanent Bureau of the International Congresses of Vexillology (Brink 36, Muiderberg, Netherlands)
4. Councillors for
 - Belgium: Mr. Roger Harmignies (57 rue Martin Lindekens, Brussels 15, Belgium)
 - Canada: Mr. Harold A. Diceman (2695 Cyrville Rd., Ottawa 15, Canada)

