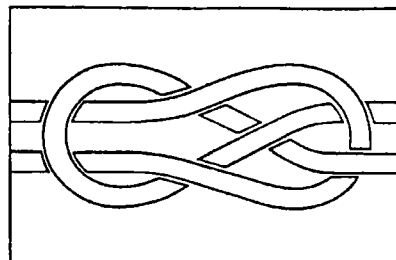

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FIAV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE BY JANUARY 22, 2001

Any vexillological association or institution that wishes to be considered for FIAV membership in 2001 at the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly must submit an application to the FIAV Board by mailing the application to the Secretary-General, Charles Spain. To be considered timely, the Secretary-General must receive the application on or before January 22, 2001.

The application consists of a letter that explains how the association or institution meets the membership requirements set forth in articles 2, 3, 6, and 7 of the FIAV Constitution (see pages 46 and 47) and any attachments the association or institute believes will assist the Board in making its recommendation to the General Assembly. In its application, the association or institute should state whether it wishes to be considered for Full or Associate membership.

The Board strongly encourages all current FIAV Members to spread the word to all potential applicants. All three Board Members will be pleased to answer questions and help in any way they can.

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE VEXILLON AWARD AND LAUREATES OF THE FEDERATION

The Board encourages any FIAV Member or other person to nominate individuals for the Vexillon Award and the title "Laureate of the Federation." Nominations should be sent to the Secretary-General and should include a detailed explanation of the nominee's accomplishments. The Board would appreciate receiving any such nominations on or before April 1, 2001.

At the suggestion of the Flag Society of Australia, FIAV established the Vexillon Award in 1989 to recognize the person or persons who have made the most important contribution to vexillology during the two years preceding the International Congress of Vexillology. Since 1989, the Flag Society of Australia has graciously provided the plaque for the Vexillon, and the FIAV Board has selected the recipient of the Vexillon.

The FIAV Constitution allows the General Assembly to name as "Laureates of the Federation" persons who have made outstanding contributions to vexillology. Beginning in 1991, the General Assembly has delegated this power to the Board. Only four people have been named Laureates to date: E.M.C. Barraclough (1983), Whitney Smith (1991), Otfried Neubecker (1999), and William G. Crampton (1999).



On September 3, 1999, FIAV President Michel Lupant (standing, left) and Jifí Tenora visited the Colombo home of Kumaran Fernando (standing, right), chairman of the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka. Photograph courtesy of Jifí Tenora.

FIAV PRESIDENT VISITS SRI LANKA

Michel Lupant, FIAV President writes about his post-ICV 18 experiences:

After the Congress in Victoria, Jifí Tenora and I traveled around the world, visiting Hawaii, Fiji, Samoa, American Samoa, New Zealand, Australia, Bali, Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and the United Arab Emirates. We discovered the wonderful landscape of each country and met with vexillologists who organized meetings with local authorities, helping us discover a lot of unknown flags. The trip was great, but on the last day I was arrested in Abu Dhabi because I had photographed the police badge that was mounted on a wall!

In Sri Lanka, we met with Kumaran Fernando, the chairman of the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka (FRCSL). I have exchanged letters and material with the FRCSL since the beginning of the 1980s, and I wanted to meet Kumaran during my trip around the world. My friend Glen Hodgings, a Canadian diplomat working at that time in Colombo, organized a meeting between Kumaran, Jifí, and me in Kumaran's home. I had a good exchange with Kumaran about the FRCSL and the development of vexillology in Sri Lanka.

M. Lupant

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