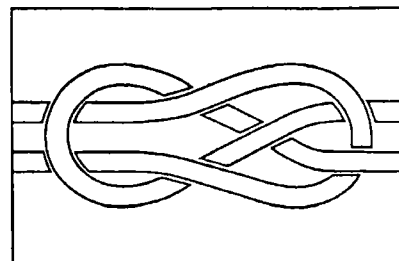

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AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE CONVENED JULY 23, 2001 YORK, ENGLAND, UNITED KINGDOM

It is the responsibility of each FIAV Member to forward a copy of this agenda to the person who will serve as the Member's delegate to the General Assembly.

Note: Pursuant to a July 30, 1999 decision of the General Assembly at its Sixteenth Session in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, the General Assembly will continue to use *Bourinot's Rules of Order* (ISBN 0-7710-8336-X) on a temporary basis.

1. Call to order by President; official opening of the Seventeenth Session
 2. Verification by the President of written credentials of delegates from FIAV Members
 3. Roll call of delegates; recognition of quorum by Secretary-General; declaration by President that the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly is constituted
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6. Reports by the Board:
 - (a) President (Michel Lupant)
 - (b) Secretary-General (Charles Spain)
 - (c) Secretary-General for Congresses (Graham Bartram)
7. Announcements:
 - (a) proposals to host ICV 21 (2005)
 - (b) proposals to host ICV 22 (2007)
 - (c) candidates for FIAV membership (arranged in order membership applications were received):
 - (i) Instytut Heraldyczny-Weksylogiczny (IHW) (received 1999 Nov 22) (see *Info-FIAV* number 15, page 3; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 7)
 - (ii) Nihon Kishougaku Kyoukai/Japanese Vexillological Association (JAVA) (received 2000 Nov 2) (see *Info-FIAV* number 15, page 4; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 7)
 - (iii) Vlaggen Dokumentatie Centrum Nederland/Flag Documentation Centre Netherlands (VDCN) (received 2000 Nov 12) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 4-5; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 7)
 - (iv) Société vexillologique de l'ouest (SVO) (received 2000 Dec 16) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 5-6; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 8)
 - (v) Confederate States Vexillological Association (CSVA) (received 2001 Jan 8) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 7-8; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 8)
 - (vi) The Heraldry College of the Estonian Heritage Society (HCEHS) (received 2001 Jan 12) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 8-9; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 8)
 - (vii) Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldică și Arhivistică "Paul Gore" (SGHAPG) (received 2001 Jan 18) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 9-11; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 8)
 - (viii) Flags of the World (FOTW) (received 2001 Jan 21) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 11-12; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 9)
 - (ix) Vexillological Association of the State of Texas (VAST) (received 2001 Jan 22) (see *Info-FIAV* number 15, pages 12-14; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 9)
 - (d) candidates for the FIAV Board
 - (i) President
 - (ii) Secretary-General
 - (iii) Secretary-General for Congresses
8. Report of the Flag Data Accuracy Commission (Graham Bartram, Mario Fabretto, Andreas Herzfeld, Whitney Smith, and Alfred Znamierowski):
9. Report of the Standing Orders Commission (Ralph Kelly (chair), Scot Guenter, and Charles Spain)
10. Report on ICV 20 (August 2003, Stockholm, Sweden)
11. Consideration of candidates for membership:
 - (a) IHW
 - (b) JAVA
 - (c) VDCN
 - (d) SVO
 - (e) CSVA
 - (f) HCEHS
 - (g) SGHAPG
 - (h) FOTW
 - (i) VAST


Note: New Members may vote only after all candidates for membership have been considered.
12. Selection of ICV 21 (2005) host
13. Discussion about ICV 22 (2007) host
14. Consideration of Board's proposed constitutional amendments (see pages 9-12)
15. Consideration of Board's proposed amendments to the Flag Information Code (see pages 12-14)
16. Consideration of Board's proposal to name persons as "Fellows of the Federation" (see page 14)

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17. Consideration of Board's proposal to allow former FIAV Officers to use their former title with the word "emeritus." (see page 14)
18. Discussion about publication of ICV proceedings in general and specific status of proceedings from:

ICV 5	1973	London, United Kingdom	FI
ICV 9	1981	Ottawa, Canada	FRC, Heraldry Society of Canada, NAVA
ICV 14	1991	Barcelona, Spain	ACV
ICV 16	1995	Warszawa, Poland	CFZ, FDC, PTW
ICV 18	1999	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	CFA, NAVA
19. Consideration of continued use of *Bourinot's Rules of Order*
20. Election of 2001-2003 Board:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Secretary-General
 - (c) Secretary-General for Congresses
21. Final adjournment of the Seventeenth Session by President (new Board takes office)



Charles Spain
 FIAV Secretary-General
 Houston, April 23, 2001

COMMENTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

Item 2: Every FIAV Member is **strongly** encouraged to appoint a delegate and alternate to represent it in York. If no person from a FIAV Member is able to come to York, that FIAV Member is **strongly** encouraged to appoint as its delegate either the delegate of another FIAV Member or one of the three FIAV Officers.

Credentials may be mailed in advance to the FIAV President (see page 1 for address), but copies must also be brought to York. Credentials must be **received** by the President **on or before July 13, 2001**. If at all possible, credentials should be on the Member's official stationery.

The suggested form of written credentials is as follows:

To the President of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques:

[Choose one of following two paragraphs:]

[Name of FIAV Member association or institution] appoints [name of person (and alternate, if desired)], who is a member of [name of FIAV Member association or institution], as its delegate to the Seventeenth Session of the FIAV General Assembly, to be convened July 23, 2001, in York, England, United Kingdom. **[or]**

[Name of FIAV Member association or institution] regrets that none of its members is able to attend the Seventeenth Session of the FIAV General Assembly, to be convened July 23, 2001, in York, England, United Kingdom. [Name of FIAV Member association or institution] therefore names as its delegate to the General Assembly [name of person], who is also the delegate of [name of other FIAV Member association or institution] [or] who is also the FIAV President [or] Secretary-General [or] Secretary-General for Congresses.

[Delegate's name] has full powers to act on behalf of [name of FIAV Member association or institution] during the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly [or] The powers of [delegate's name] to act on behalf of [name of FIAV Member association or institution] during the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly are limited as follows: [describe].

[signature of authorized representative of FIAV Member association or institution]
 [printed name]
 [title]
 [date]
 [seal (optional)]

Item 6: The Board will present both oral and written reports in York.

Item 7: HAVSOM has previously indicated its interest in hosting ICV 21 (2005) in Malta. The Board has not received any formal proposals to host ICV 22 (2007). The President, Michel R. Lupant, Secretary-General, Charles A. Spain, Jr., and Secretary-General for Congresses, Graham Bartram, announce their intention to stand for re-election.

Item 8: The Secretary-General has requested, but not received, a written report from the Flag Data Accuracy

Commission. If a written report is received in sufficient time, the Secretary-General will publish it in advance of the Session in *Info-FIAV*.

Item 9: The Secretary-General has requested, but not received a written report from the Standing Orders Commission. If a written report is received in sufficient time, the Secretary-General will publish it in advance of the Session in *Info-FIAV*.

Item 11: The Board has summarized the membership applications as they relate to the criteria set out in article 7(c) of the FIAV Constitution as follows:

Candidate name	Constitution	Interest in vexillology; Activities	Dues-paying members	Registration at past ICVs	Existence since	Representative at York
IHW	unknown	principle; research, design, and documentation of Polish flags	none (institution)	yes	1997	yes
JAVA	constitution	principle; monthly meetings	11 (3 nondues-paying)	no	2000	yes
VDCN	unknown	principle; journal	none (institution)	unknown	1978	unknown
SVO	unknown	principle; unknown	unknown	no	1996	no
CSVA	bylaws	principle; biennial meetings, website, newsletter	21	yes	2000	yes
HCEHS	unknown	unknown if primary or subsidiary; no publications	0 (7 nondues paying)	no	1988	unknown
SGHAPG	statute (no copy provided)	subsidiary; monthly meetings, news published in column of national archives publication	51	no	1997	unknown
FOTW	no	principle; website	0 (252 nondues paying)	yes	1993	yes
VAST	bylaws	principle; semi-annual meetings, website, newsletter	35	yes	1991	yes

The Board has not made any recommendations concerning candidates for membership at this time.

Item 14: The Board recommends the approval of its Resolution 1 proposing constitutional amendments. There are comments on each one of the amendments; these comments follow the text of the amendment.

Item 15: The Board recommends the approval of its Resolution 2, proposing amendments to the Flag Information Code. There are comments on the amendments following the text of the amendments.

Item 16: The Board recommends the approval of its Resolution 3, proposing the creation of "Fellows of the Federation."

Item 17: The Board recommends the approval of its Resolution 4, which would allow former FIAV Officers to use their former title with the word "emeritus."

Item 18: The Board believes FIAV should do whatever is necessary to ensure that the proceedings of all International Congresses of Vexillology are published. The following proceedings are still unpublished or only partially published:

ICV 5	1973	London, United Kingdom	FI
ICV 9	1981	Ottawa, Canada	FRC, Heraldry Society of Canada, NAVA
ICV 14	1991	Barcelona, Spain	ACV
ICV 16	1995	Warszawa, Poland	CFZ, FDC, and PTW
ICV 18	1999	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	CFA, NAVA

ICV5: FI has admitted it does not know the status of the 1973 proceedings. FRC has said it would produce a list of papers from the congress, including citations of those that have been published, for publication in *Info-FIAV* or *The Flag Bulletin*.

ICV 9: FRC said it has published all but three of the papers presented at the congress. FRC has said it would publish a list of those papers in *The Flag Bulletin*.

ICV 14: There is a question whether ACV will publish the proceedings (see pages 5-7).

ICV 16: CFZ has published part of the proceedings on the World Wide Web at www.paiz.gov.pl/wserwatowski:

Weksyli@na number 2/17/1999:

Krzysztof Braun, "Die Wappensymbolik der Stadte Nordmasowiens," pages 1-2

Aleř Brořek, "Search for Ideal Municipal Flags," pages 2-4

Weksyli@na number 3/18/1999:

Paul Dechaix, "La Vexillologie Savoyarde," pages 1-4

Weksyli@na number 4/19/1999:

Frederick G. Brownell, "The National Flag of South Africa: Evolution of the Final Design," pages 1-4

Anibal Gotelli, "Declaration de Varsovie sur la necessite de reglementer le protocole et les caracteristiques des drapeaux," page 4

Weksyli@na number 5/20/1999:

Anibal Gotelli, "Bases y Propuestas para el Progreso de la Vexilologa y la Organizacion de la Comunidad Vexilologica Internacional," pages 2-7

Weksyli@na numbers 6-7/21-22/1999:

Emil Dreyer, "Military Flags of the Canton of Bern: A Concise History," pages 1-6

ICV 18: CFA reports that publication of the proceedings has been delayed. See *Flagscan* number 61, page 19.

Item 18: Subject to the report of the Standing Orders Commission, the Board recommends the continued use of *Bourinot's Rules of Order*.

Item 21: The Board eagerly anticipates the final adjournment of the Seventeenth Session.

LETTERS

The Secretary-General received the following letter on March 5, 2001:

Srs. Lupant, Spain y Bertram:

En la pagina 22 del boletin INFO FIAV numero 15 de noviembre de 2000, el seor Whitney Smith hace unas apreciaciones asegurando que el libro de comunicaciones del 14 Congreso Internacional de Vexilologia celebrado en Barcelona y organizado por la Associacio Catalana de Vexilologica (ACV) nunca se publicara, aadiendo que los asistentes pagaron por el libro y presumiendo que la ACV se ha quedado con el dinero de los asistentes.

Yo, Anna M. Galan, como presidenta de la ACV y organizadora del Congreso aseguro que nunca se ha dicho que no se publicara dicho libro de Comunicaciones.

O sea que el seor Smith incurre en juicios temerarios, sobre la ACV y las personas que la formamos, daanando publicamente nuestra imagen y la de la ACV.

Si ustedes como editores de INFO FIAV y el señor Whitney Smith como redactor de la nota no se retractan públicamente en su boletín, entendemos que somos libres para emprender acciones judiciales contra el boletín la FIAV y el señor Smith por daño irreparable de la imagen de la ACV y de los señores Sebastián Herreros, Jordi Pérez y Anna M. Galan como vicepresidente, tesorero y presidenta de la Asociación.

Quedo a la espera de su contestación.

Atentamente,

Anna M. Galan

Presidenta

[Srs. Lupant, Spain and Bertram:

On page 22 of the November 2000 INFO FIAV bulletin, Mr. Whitney Smith makes some assumptions by assuring that the book of the Proceedings of the 14th International Congress of Vexillology, celebrated in Barcelona and organized by the Associació Catalana de Vexil·logia (ACV), will never be published, adding that the Congress attendees paid for the book and presuming that the ACV has kept the attendees' money.

I, Anna M. Galan, as president of the ACV and organizer of the Congress, guarantee that no one has said that this book of the Proceedings would not be published.

Or said another way, Mr. Smith makes rash judgments about the ACV and the persons who comprise it, publicly damaging our reputations and that of the ACV.

If you as publishers of INFO FIAV and Mr. Whitney Smith as author of the statement do not publicly retract this statement in your bulletin, we will consider ourselves free to initiate legal action against the bulletin, the FIAV, and Mr. Smith due to the irreparable damage done to the reputations of the ACV and señores Sebastián Herreros, Jordi Pérez, and Anna M. Galan, respectively the vice-president, treasurer, and president of the Association.

I await your response.

Sincerely,

*Anna M. Galan
President]*

The Secretary-General sent the following response that same day:

Dear Senyora Galan:

I received your letter expressing concern about the Flag Research Center's comments on the Fourteenth International Congress of Vexillology and the publication of those comments in *Info-FIAV* number 15 as a part of the minutes of the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly. I assume that you have sent a copy of your letter to the Flag Research Center.

As Secretary-General, part of my job is to take accurate and impartial minutes of the General Assembly's Sessions and to serve as editor of *Info-FIAV*. The delegate of the Flag Research Center made the comments during the Sixteenth Session, and the comments were relevant to the issue under discussion, which was the publication status of past Congress proceedings.

Because the minutes accurately reflect what happened at the Sixteenth Session, it would be inappropriate for me to change them. I will, however, publish your letter in *Info-FIAV* number 17, unless you instruct me otherwise, so all FIAV Members may understand the concerns you have raised. In addition, the Associació Catalana de Vexil·logia can object to the approval of the minutes later this year when the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly is held in York. I would be very pleased to print in *Info-FIAV* information about the Associació Catalana de Vexil·logia's plans to publish the proceedings from the Fourteenth International Congress of Vexillology.

Finally, I assure you that all members of the FIAV Board have no motive behind their service other than what is best for FIAV and vexillology. Michel Lupant, Graham Bartram, and I understand that disagreements will occur in FIAV, but we are committed to resolving them in a fair, nonpartisan, and professional

manner.

Looking forward to seeing you again in York, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Kin
Charles Spain, Secretary-General

No further communications have been received from ACV.

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PROPOSALS BY THE FIAV BOARD**Resolution 1**

Resolved by the voting members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Articles 7, 9, 14, 15, 18, and 25 are amended as follows:

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| Art. 7 | <p>(a) [Full membership] <u>Membership</u> in FIAV is open to any association or institution anywhere in the world having as [its principal] <u>a substantial</u> purpose the scientific study of vexillology. [Associate membership in FIAV is open to other associations or institutions anywhere in the world having vexillology as a center of subsidiary interest.]</p> <p>(b) The processing of membership applications is the responsibility of the Board. The Board may delegate this responsibility to a person appointed by it for this purpose. The procedure consists of the following:</p> <p>(1) The applicant shall submit a membership application, which must be received by the Board no later than six months before the convening of the next session of the General Assembly.</p> <p>(2) The Board shall consider the application and make a recommendation to the General Assembly relative to the applicant and shall communicate that recommendation to the applicant and to existing Members not later than three months before the convening of the next session of the General Assembly.</p> |
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- (3) The Board may recommend acceptance of the applicant as a ~~[Full]~~ Member, ~~[as an Associate Member,]~~ or may recommend rejection of the ~~[application]~~ applicant.
 - (4) The General Assembly at its next session shall vote on the application. An authorized representative of the applicant may appear at the session to represent its case. A rejected applicant has the right to reapply for membership at any later session of the General Assembly.
- (c) The Board and the General Assembly, in making their decisions about an applicant, shall have regard to the following:
- (1) the existence of a written constitution and its provisions;
 - (2) the vexillological and non-vexillological activities of the applicant, including meetings, publications, and international relations;
 - (3) in the case of an association, the number of its dues-paying members (minimum of five);
 - (4) registration of its members in International Congresses of Vexillology;
 - (5) the length of time it has existed; and
 - (6) the presence of an autochthonous and authorized representative of the applicant at the session of the General Assembly at which there is to be a vote on the application.
- Art. 9 At its discretion, the Board may require a Member to furnish evidence of its continued qualification for membership under the terms set forth in article 7. On the basis of this evidence, the Board may make a recommendation to the General Assembly on the continuation ~~[or modification]~~ of the membership of the association or institution. If the recommendation is made to remove a Member from FIAV ~~[or change its status from full to associate membership]~~, the Member in question must be notified at least three months in advance of the session of the General Assembly at which there is to be a vote on the matter. The Member shall be invited to present its defense before the General Assembly, but shall not participate in the vote on the matter.
- Art. 14
- (a) The General Assembly is composed of the Officers together with a delegate from each of the ~~[Full and Associate]~~ Members. Each delegate must present to the President written credentials from the Member represented. A Member may delegate any or all of its powers in writing to a delegate from any other Member or to an Officer.
 - (b) A session of the General Assembly is not constituted unless delegates of at least half of the ~~[Full]~~ Members are present, except as provided for in article 25.
 - (c) Each ~~[Full]~~ Member and each Officer is entitled to one vote in the General Assembly.
- Art. 15 Majorities in the General Assembly consist of the following fractions of those ~~[Full]~~ Members present and voting:
- (a) A simple majority in the election of Officers. If more than two candidates stand for election for an Office and no candidate receives a simple majority, then the candidate with the least votes shall be eliminated from the next ballot, and so on.
 - (b) Two-thirds for ordinary resolutions.
 - (c) Three-quarters for amendments to the Constitution or dissolution of FIAV.
- Art. 18 The General Assembly may be called into an emergency session if extraordinary conditions require this, as determined by the Board, or if three-quarters of the ~~[Full]~~ Members request this of the Board.
- Art. 25
- (a) A motion to dissolve FIAV may be considered only at a session of the General

