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XVI. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY, WARSAW, 1995

The 16th FIAV Congress will be organised by the Earth Flag Center, The Flag Design Center and the Polish Vexillological Association and will take place at the Studio Art Center, located at the Palace of Culture and Science in Warsaw, Poland, from Friday, June 30, until Wednesday July 5, 1995. Participants will be able to registrate on June 30 at the Studio Art Center, several exhibitions will be presented the same day. The ceremony of hoisting of the FIAV and the XVI ICV flags will mark the official opening of the Congress in the morning of July 1, whilst the first session of the FIAV General Assembly will take place on the evening of the same day. For further details of the ICV programme please refer to:

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The General Assembly of FIAV will have to deal with some important issues, such as the motion of the Board to amend the FIAV constitution in order to change proxy voting and membership categories and the introduction of a provisional standing order to conduct the meeting. Amongst other business the GA will have to select the host for the 1997 ICV venue, it will have to decide on 7 membership applications and on the removal from FIAV of 6 current members. Two members of FIAV have submitted motions to be included in the agenda. The Board of FIAV will again stand for election for the 1995-97 period. The agenda lists all the issues of the XVI General Assembly (in subsequence called GA), its various points are explained in detail separately.

Mr. Roman Klimes and the secretary-general of FIAV are currently working on a translation of the FIAV constitution into German, whereas a Spanish version of the constitution is being prepared by the secretary-general. Both versions will be published in INFO-FIAV No. 7 later this year. English, French, Spanish and German are the official languages of FIAV.

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Agenda for the FIAV General Assembly, Warsaw, July 1-5, 1995

Standing Business

1. Call to order by the FIAV President, official opening of the session.
2. Verification by the President of written credentials of delegates from FIAV members.
3. Recognition of the statutory quorum by the secretary-general.
4. Appointment of tellers by the President.
5. Approval of the protocol of the FIAV General Assembly held in Zurich, August 1993 (the protocol has been published in INFO-FIAV N° 5).
6. Reports by members of the Board: activities of the Board 1993-95, results of questionnaire.
7. Standing orders project (presentation by the President, debate, election of monitors).
8. Announcements: proposals for the 1997 FIAV Congress, candidates for election, candidates for the Vexillon, candidates for FIAV membership.

Old Business

1. Report from the SFV delegate on the offer to host the 1997 FIAV Congress in Paris.
2. Selection of the 1997 FIAV venue.
3. Report from the Flag Institute delegate on preparations for the 2001 FIAV Congress in Great Britain.
4. Report from the SFV delegate and from the SEV delegate on UNESCO.
5. Report from the president of the computer standards commission.

New Business

1. Amendment of constitution on purposes of the Federation (Art. 1).
2. Amendment of constitution on membership categories (Art. 6, Art. 8).
3. Amendment of constitution on powers of delegates (Art. 13).
4. Amendment to constitution on voting procedures (Art. 14, Art. 24).
5. Consideration of membership applications (arranged in chronological order of their membership application date):
 - HUVA (Hungarian Vexillological Association) (25 August 1994)
 - UHT (Ukrainian Heraldic Society) (25 October 1994)
 - CFZ (Earth Flag Centre) (2 December 1994)
 - CBFA (Chesapeake Bay Flag Association) (22 December 1994)
 - BDA (Burgee Data Archive) (22 December 1994)
 - FANZ (Flag Association of New Zealand) (23 December 1994)
 - PTW (Polish Vexillological Society) (27 December 1994)
6. Debate on establishment of a membership commission.
7. Debate on removal from FIAV of the following members:
 - FRCSL (The Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka)
 - GOH (Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde)
 - TWMF (Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags)
 - USFF (United States Flag Foundation)
 - VSHS (Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap)
 - WH (Der Wappen-Herold)
8. Motion of the WVRI on establishment of a "Welt Vexillological Exchange Service".
9. Motion of the FRC on composition of the Board of FIAV (Art. 18 of constitution).
10. Motion of the FRC on powers of delegates (Art. 13 of constitution).
11. Election of officers of the Board for the 1995-97 period.

Any Other Business



COMMENTS TO THE AGENDA



Results of questionnaire

The following members have sent in their questionnaire: SAVA, WVRI, SSV, USFF, NFF, CEBED, CFA, CISV, NAVA, FSA, FI (i.e. only 11 out of 30 members). I enclose copies of these questionnaires in reduced size (addenda 1). Answers to the main questions are summarised in the table below:

question	yes	if possible	no	with restrictions	no answer
proxy voting necessary	1		2	8	0
2 membership categories	5		6		0
publication essential	7		1		3
attendance to congresses	7	2	1		1
minimum number of members (5-10)	5		1		5
regular meetings	4		1		6
comments	5		6		

Whereas the opinions regarding membership categories seem balanced, there is a net majority wishing to restrict proxy voting. Most members do not want to abolish it, but the general tenor is to restrict it to one vote per delegate (either proxy or direct), to prohibit consecutive proxy voting (to avoid dummy members) and/or to allow proxy voting only for residents of the country of the member represented. The attendance to international congresses and the necessity of a regular publication seem to be estimated as important requirements for a FIAV membership.

Standing orders project

The Board of FIAV has decided to introduce standing orders for the conduct of meetings, to be submitted for provisional adoption at the start of the Warsaw Congress. These standing orders are issued by the Board of FIAV under Article 19.b) of the constitution. The object of such is to eliminate the unseemly rows of past FIAV meetings, to dignify the conduct of meetings and to increase effectiveness of the sessions during the short time FIAV has every 2 years. A written procedure, however long or complicated it might seem, is essential to improve the quality of the GA and hence of its decisions. These standing orders are not binding, and can be departed from if so desired.

At the beginning a monitor commission will be elected by the GA for a certain period to control the effectiveness and viability of these standing orders, and to perfectionate them in co-operation with the Board. At a future meeting the (probably improved) standing orders could be voted on by the GA. The Board welcomes nominations of well known vexillologists for member of the monitor commission (the Board has already contacted a few persons).

☞ For the standing orders compare addenda 2.

Proposals for the 1997 FIAV Congress

- During the Zurich Congress in 1993 the SFV had offered to host the 1997 Congress in Paris. The SFV delegate will report in detail on preparations for it to the GA (see agenda).
- Recently the secretary-general has been notified by SAVA of its intention to host the 1997 Congress in Cape Town. A fully detailed proposal will be presented by the SAVA delegate to the GA in Warsaw.

Report on UNESCO

Following the decision taken by the GA during the Zurich Congress, the SFV delegate obtained in December 1993 from UNESCO, Paris, the forms to be filled out in co-operation with the secretary-general and the SEV delegate. The SFV delegate sent these only to the SEV delegate. No news were received since, so recently the secretary-general wrote to UNESCO headquarters in Paris. UNESCO kindly replied to apply again for membership at the end of 1995, since they were at the moment revising their statutory dispositions regarding NGO partners (see addenda 3).

Amendments of constitution

In order to render the activities of the GA and the process of making decisions more effective and direct, thus enabling FIAV to enhance its position so to hopefully become a respected partner of international organisations and of social, cultural and governmental institutions, the Board of FIAV proposes to the GA a series of amendments to the 1989 constitution. Amending a specific article of the constitution necessarily leads to amending other articles as well to avoid contradictions or dubious interpretations.

The Board of FIAV submits to the GA the following amendments of the constitution for consideration:

Article 1

to read: The International Federation of Vexillological Associations unites those associations and institutions throughout the world which have among their principal objects the pursuit of vexillology, that is the creation and development of a body of knowledge about flags of all types, their forms and functions, and of scientific theories and principles based on that knowledge.

Article 6

to read: Membership in the Federation is open to any association or institution anywhere in the world having among its principal purposes the scientific study of vexillology.

The processing of membership applications is the responsibility of the Board of the Federation. The Board may at its discretion devolve the function upon a person or commission appointed for this purpose.

The procedure consists of the following:

[a) and b) remain unaltered]

c) The General Assembly at its next meeting shall vote on the application. An authorised representative of the applicant organisation, who is a member of that organisation and resident in the country where the organisation is based, must be present at the Assembly to formally support the application for membership. A rejected or unsupported application may be presented again at a subsequent General Assembly.

The Board and the General Assembly in making their decisions about an applicant shall have regard to the following:

- a) The existence of a written constitution or mission statement and its provisions.
- b) The vexillological and non-vexillological activities of the applicant, including meetings, publications and international relations.
- c) In the case of an association, the number of its dues-paying members (minimum of 5).
- d) That members of the applicant have in their own right consistently and recently attended vexillological meetings including International Congresses of Vexillology.
- e) The length of time it has existed.

Article 8

to read: 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 6. On the basis of this evidence the Board, or a person or commission appointed by it, may make a

recommendation to the General Assembly on the continued membership of the association or institution. If the recommendation is to terminate membership, the member in question must be notified at least three months in advance of the General Assembly which is to vote upon the matter. The member shall be invited to present its defence before the General Assembly, but shall not cast a vote on the matter.

Article 13

to read: The General Assembly is composed of the officers of the Board together with a delegate from each member of the Federation. Each delegate must present to the President of the General Assembly written credentials on official stationery of the member represented. A member may delegate any or all of its powers in writing to any participant provided that that person is not already a delegate.

The General Assembly is not validly constituted unless at least half its duly represented members, as determined at the beginning of the session, are present, except as provided for in Article 24.

Each member is entitled to one vote in the General Assembly.

Members of the Board are entitled to one additional vote, when acting both as an officer and as a delegate from a member.

Article 14

to read: Majorities in General Assembly sessions are constituted of the following fractions of those present and voting:

- a) Standing business, procedural motions, admission or expulsion of members, ordinary resolutions: a simple majority.
- b) Election of officers: a plurality achieved by the preferential vote.
- c) Amendments to the constitution or dissolution of the Federation: two-thirds.

Article 24

to read: Dissolution of the Federation may be considered only at a session of the General Assembly attended by at least two-thirds of the members. This General Assembly establishes the terms of the dissolution.

Preferential vote

Voters will mark the names of candidates in numerical order of preference, e.g. 1,2,3, etc. or mark only the name with a 1 or an X. To win a candidate must secure half the votes cast plus one. At the end of the voting the candidates are listed according to the number of first preference votes they received. If one candidate has the required plurality he is adjudged the winner, but if not the second and third preferences are added in. The candidate with the least number of first preferences has his second preference votes distributed among the remainder, and the process continues until only two candidates remain. If there are only two candidates to start with, voters may mark their names with an X. If two candidates emerge from the preferential process with an equal number of papers, the candidate shall be adjudged the winner who has the highest number of first and second preference votes in his total. If there is still an equality the President shall make a casting vote, unless the vote is on his own election. In such a case, the Secretary-General, and if this one fails, the Secretary for Congresses may make a casting vote. Please refer as well to the standing orders (addenda 2).

Consideration of membership applications

The following associations and institutions have sent to the secretary-general written membership applications, according to Article 6 a) of the FIAV constitution: HUVA, UHT, CFZ, CBFA, BDA, FANZ and PTW.

Please compare addenda 4.

The table below tells about the identity of the candidates. Based on the criteria of that table the Board of FIAV recommends to accept as new members the following candidates:

- Hungarian Vexillological Association (HUVA).
- Polish Vexillological Society (PTW).
- Flag Association of New Zealand (FANZ).

The Board welcomes as well the Ukrainian Heraldic Society (UHT) and the Chesapeake Bay Flag Association (CBFA), although the vexillological activities of the UHT and the independence of the CBFA from NAVA should be monitored until fulfilment of the constitutional requirements (see membership commission below).

Whereas the cultural value of the Earth Flag Centre (CFZ) is beyond any doubt and in spite of the interesting approach to a partial aspect of vexillology through art, the Board of FIAV does not think that the CFZ fulfils the requirements set up by the FIAV constitution.

The Board however, respecting the great work of the FCZ in organising the 16th ICV, wishes to abstain from an official recommendation.

The Board of FIAV recommends to reject the membership application of the Burgee Data Archive (BDA).

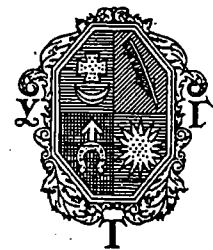
requirement	HUVA	UHT	CFZ	CBFA	BDA	FANZ	PTW
publication	yes	yes	no	yes	no	not sent	no
written constitution	yes	yes	no	no	no	not sent	yes
international vex. Activities.	yes	yes	yes, cultural	no	no	no	no
interests	vexillology	heraldry & vexillology	arts	vexillology	burgees	vexillology	vexillology
official meetings	yes	yes	no	?	no	foundation	?
informal gatherings	?	?	no	yes	no	?	?
nr. of members	22 individ. +12 corp.	Circulation of publ.: 850-1000	president and 120 artists	20 (only 3 of them not NAVA)	1	20	19
member's attendance to ICV's	T.Rumi	no	W.Serwatowski	Grace Cooper	no	no	various members
established	1994	1990	1992	1994	?	1994	1992

Addresses and emblems of the candidates

Hungarian Vexillological Association (HUVA)
 President: Mr. Tamas Rumi
 Secretary: Mr. Zoltan P. Horvath
 17 Dózsa Street
 Szentendre 2000
 HUNGARY

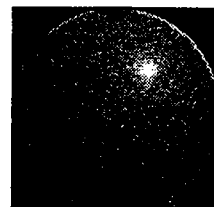


The Ukrainian Heraldry Society (UHT)
 "Ukrayins'ke Heral'dychne Tovarystvo"
 President: Mr. Andriy Grechylo
 Hlyboka Street 18/4
 290013 Lviv
 UKRAINE



Earth Flag Centre (CFZ)
 "Centrum Flagi Ziemi"
 President: Mr. Wladyslaw Serwatowski
 Muzeum Ziemi Pan
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 00-448 Warszawa
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Burgee Data Archive
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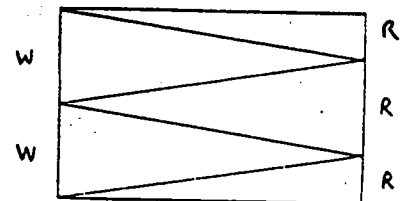
no emblem

The Flag Association of New Zealand (FANZ)
 President: Mr. John Matthew
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Te Roopu Haki Matua o Aotearoa
 The Flag Association of New Zealand

Polish Vexillological Society (PTW)
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Membership commission

The Board of FIAV proposes to the GA to elect a commission of 3 well known vexillologists, which will for a certain period monitor the vexillological activities of members as well as those of associations or organizations applying for FIAV membership. This commission will in co-operation with the Board issue recommendations to the GA regarding current members and membership applications. The Board welcomes nominations for this membership commission.

Removal of members from FIAV

The Board of FIAV, having considered the lack of any relevant vexillological activity, the lack of vexillological publications and the absence since many years from international Congresses, has decided to propose to the GA the removal of the following members:

- The Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka (FRCSL)
- Österreichische Gesellschaft für Heereskunde (GOH)
- Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags (TWMF)
- United States Flag Foundation (USFF)
- Der Wappen-Herold (WH)
- Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap (VSHS)
- Der Wappen-Herold (WH)

All these members have been informed by the secretary-general with letters dated 23 of March 1995 (see a few examples of letters in addenda 5). These members have been reminded of the fact, that they have the possibility to defend their position before the GA during the Warsaw meeting.

