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14th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY

The 14th International Congress of Vexillology is to take place in Barcelona 30 June through 5 July 1991. For information, contact the President of the Associacio Catalana de Vexil.lologia, Anna M. Galan, C/ Minería, 17 3er 9a, 08038 Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain, telephone 332-38-98, fax 580-24-95. The General Assembly of FIAV will be held during the Congress at 19:30 on 1, 2, and 3 July.

FIAV OFFICERS

The officers of the Board (1989-1991) are:

President: Reverend Hugh Boudin, rue St-Bernard 76, B-1060 Brussels, Belgium

Secretary-General: Dr. Whitney Smith, Box 580, Winchester, Mass. 01890 U.S.A.

Secretary-General for Congresses: Mr. Ralph G.C. Bartlett, Box 142 Collins Street Post Office, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia

Election of a new Board for the 1991-1993 term will take place at the end of the FIAV General Assembly.

MEMBER APPLICANTS

The following associations have submitted applications for adhesion to FIAV which will be acted on during the 1991 General Assembly:

SAVA: Southern African Vexillological Association, P.O. Box 836, Pinetown, Randburg 2123, Republic of South Africa

SFV: Societe Francaise de Vexillologie, Residence Elvira, 25 ruelle A. Riou, 92160 Antony, France

CURRENT MEMBERS

Associacio Catalana de Vexil.lologia, Mineria 17 3er 9a, 08038 Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

Centro Italiano de Studi Vessillologici, Via L. Bravo 7, 21026 Gavirate (VA), Italy

Flag Institute, 10 Vicarage Road, Chester CH2 3HZ, United Kingdom

Flag Design Center, 8704 Linton Lane, Alexandria, Virginia 22308, U.S.A.

Flag Research Center, Box 580, Winchester, Mass. 01890 U.S.A.

Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka, 19/1 Cyril Jansz Mawatha, Panadura, Sri Lanka

Flag Society of Australia, Box 142, Collins Street Post Office, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia

Gessellschaft fur Osterreichische Heereskunde, Heeresgeschichtliches Museum, Arsenal Obj. I, 1030 Vienna, Austria

National Flag Foundation, Flag Plaza, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219 U.S.A.

Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde, Niermangang 125, 7514 DN Enschede, Netherlands

North American Vexillological Association, 1977 North Olden Avenue, Suite 225, Trenton, New Jersey 08618 U.S.A.

Partioheraldikot Ry, Heikkiläntie 6, 21250 Masku, Finland

*Nordisk Flagselskab, Pension Solbakken, 3140
Aalsgaarde, Denmark*

*Sociedad Espanola de Vexilologia, Mineria 17
3er 9a, 08038 Barcelona, Spain*

*Societas Vexillologica Belgica, rue St-Bernard
76, 1060 Brussels, Belgium*

*Societe Suisse de Vexillologie, Allmendstrasse
14, 8700 Kusnacht, Switzerland*

*Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags, 435 Martha
Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104 U.S.A.*

*United States Flag Foundation, Flag Plaza,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219 U.S.A.*

*Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap, För-
troligheten 4, 412-70 Göteborg, Sweden*

*Vexillological Society of Ireland, 10 Marettimo
Road, Blackrock, County Dublin, Ireland*

*Wappen-Herold, Pro Heraldica, Postfach 70 03 35,
7000 Stuttgart 70, Germany*

*Members are requested to send any address changes
to the Secretary-General.*

CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

I. PURPOSES OF THE FEDERATION

Art. 1 The International Federation of Vexillological Associations unites those associations and institutions throughout the world whose object is 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.

Art. 2 The International Federation of Vexillological Associations (hereafter called "the Federation") has as its purposes:

a) to create a strong bond among those associations and institutions and to encourage and coordinate their work, studies and research;

b) to promote periodically the organization of International Congresses of Vexillology and to lend its support to their organizers;

c) to encourage the creation in all countries of associations and institutions dedicated to vexillology;

d) to sanction international standards facilitating the development of these activities.

Art. 3 The Federation, being strictly scientific, has no commercial ends and renounces any political or religious activity or stand.

II. HEADQUARTERS

Art. 4 The administrative headquarters of the Federation are located at the residences of its Secretaries-General. It may also have a legal headquarters.

III. MEMBERSHIP

Art. 5 An applicant for membership in the Federation

a) must be an organization of the type expressed in Art. 1 of the Constitution of the Federation;

b) must be committed to the purposes of the Federation expressed in Art. 2 of its Constitution;

c) must be constituted in conformity with the laws of the country where it is located.

Art. 6 Full membership in the Federation is open to any association or institution anywhere in the world having as its principal purpose the scientific study of vexillology. Associate membership in the Federation is open to other associations or institutions anywhere in the world having vexillology as a center of subsidiary interest.

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 appointed by them for this purpose. The procedure consists of the following:

a) The candidate member is to complete the membership application form, which must be received by the Board no later than six months before the opening of the next General Assembly of the Federation.

b) The Board shall consider the form and make recommendation to the General Assembly relative to the applicant and shall communicate that recommendation to the applicant and to existing members of the Federation not later than three months before the opening of the next General Assembly.

c) The Board may recommend acceptance of the applicant as a Full Member, as an Associate Member, or may recommend rejection of the application.

d) The General Assembly at its next meeting shall vote on the application. An authorized representative of the applicant may appear at the meeting to represent its case. A rejected applicant has the right to reapply for membership at any later 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 and its provisions;

b) the vexillological and non-vexillological activities of the applicant, including i. meetings, ii. publications, iii. international relations;

c) in the case of an association, the number of its dues-paying members (minimum of five);

d) registration of its members in International Congresses of Vexillology sponsored by the Federation;

e) the length of time it has existed; and

f) the presence of an autochthonous and authorized representative of the applicant at the General Assembly dealing with the membership application.

Art. 7 The voluntary resignation of any Member must be received in writing by the President of the Federation; it is effective upon the date of its receipt.

Art. 8 At its discretion the Board may require a Member to furnish

evidence of its continued qualification for membership under the terms set forth in Art. 6. 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 the Federation or change its status from full to associate membership, the Member in question must be notified at least three months in advance of the General Assembly which is to 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. 9 Each Member of the Federation regulates its own affairs in complete freedom, limited only by the laws in effect in the territory where it functions. The Federation may not limit the rights of the Members in this respect.

Art. 10 Members of the Federation shall not undertake any activities contrary to the interests of the Federation.

Art. 11 The Federation may not act on behalf of its Members without their authorization expressed in the General Assembly. Members may not make commitments nor act on behalf of the Federation, nor may they hold international meetings for vexillology on their own.

Art. 12 The General Assembly may name as Laureates of the Federation individuals who have made outstanding contributions to vexillology. This status does not confer any right within the Federation.

IV. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Art. 13 The General Assembly is composed of the officers of the Board together with a delegate from each of the Full and Associate Members of the Federation. Each delegate must present to the President of the General Assembly 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 of the Federation.

The General Assembly is not validly constituted unless at least half its duly represented Full Members, as determined at the beginning of the session, are present, except as provided for in Art. 24. Each Full Member and each officer of the Board is entitled to one vote in the General Assembly.

Art. 14 Majorities in General Assembly sessions are constituted of the following fractions of those present and voting:

a) a simple majority in the election of an officer;

b) two-thirds for ordinary resolutions; and

c) three-quarters for amendments to the Constitution or dissolution of the Federation.

Art. 15 The powers of the General Assembly are the following:

- a) The election of the President and the two Secretaries-General;
- b) examination and approval of the administration of the Board and the Commissions;
- c) the examination of all questions concerning the Federation and in particular the organization of the International Congresses of Vexillology;
- d) interpretation of the Constitution of the Federation;
- e) the appointment of Laureates of the Federation and the awarding of such distinctions as it deems appropriate to persons or institutions who have shown particular merit in the field of vexillology;
- f) the determination of the amount and disposition of the annual dues to be paid by Members;
- g) the appointment of special Commissions.

Art. 16 The General Assembly meets at least once every two years, normally on the occasion of each International Congress of Vexillology. It must be convened by the Board at least three months in advance with notification of the agenda including any proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Art. 17 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.

V. ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERATION

Art. 18 The administration of the Federation is entrusted to a Board which acts only by unanimous agreement. The Board is composed of the President of the Federation and its two Secretaries-General.

The Board is elected at the end of each General Assembly and serves until the election of the new Board at the next General Assembly. Consent of the nominees for election is required. The Members are eligible for re-election.

The two Secretaries-General shall reside in different continents. One Secretary-General manages the Permanent Secretariat of the Federation and the other manages the Permanent Secretariat of the International Congresses of Vexillology. The Board is considered to be in continuous session, conducted by correspondence. In addition it must meet at least once between the International Congresses of Vexillology.

Art. 19 The Board of the Federation:

- a) Manages the current affairs of the Federation and establishes the duties and obligations of its officers;
- b) issues directives which it considers necessary to the success

of the activities of the Federation, including the International Congresses of Vexillology;

c) establishes such Commissions as it deems necessary and appoints members;

d) convokes General Assemblies in accord with Arts. 16 and 17 of the Constitution;

e) represents the Federation in its relations with other national and international institutions;

f) manages membership procedures in accordance with Art. 6 of the Constitution and encourages the adherence to the Federation of new members.

Art. 20 All acts binding upon the Federation must be signed by the President and both the Secretaries-General. Current correspondence may be signed either by the President or one of the Secretaries-General.

VI. LANGUAGES

Art. 21 The official languages of the International Congresses of Vexillology and of the communications of the Federation shall be English, French, German, and Spanish. Other languages may be used as well, where appropriate.

VII. PUBLICATIONS

Art. 22 The official journal of the Federation is THE FLAG BULLETIN (ISSN 0015-3370). In addition the Federation shall publish a newsletter concerning its activities at least once a year for the benefit of its Members, which may be freely reproduced. The General Assembly may initiate or authorize other publications.

VIII. SYMBOLS

Art. 23 The flag of the Federation is as described and illustrated in the *Recueil du II Congrès International de Vexillologie Zurich 1967*. The General Assembly may initiate or authorize other symbols for the Federation.

IX. DISSOLUTION

Art. 24 Dissolution of the Federation may be considered only at a session of the General Assembly attended by at least three-quarters of the Full Members. Members prevented from attending the General Assembly may submit written, notarized votes. This General Assembly establishes the terms of the dissolution.