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Historical References
The Flag Selection Committee of the Washington Flag Congress has chosen a flag for the 24th International Congress of Vexillology (also NAVA 45), which will be sponsored by NAVA with the Chesapeake Bay Flag Association in Washington, D.C. 1-5 August 2011.

The design of the Congress flag was selected from among 27 [this is a mistake, it was 37] proposals submitted by interested vexillographers, and modified slightly by the selection committee. The white stars on blue and the red stars on white echo the flags of the host nation and city—the United States and Washington, D.C., while the 24 stars signify the twenty-fourth ICV. The blue-and-white and the quartered design also recall the state flags of Virginia and Maryland, the two states bordering the District of Columbia.

The design was created by Tony Burton, of New South Wales, Australia, a member of the Flag Society of Australia and the editor of its journal, *Crux Australis*. Mr. Burton's original design showed gold stars in the blue quarters. While the original blue-and-gold motif suggested the colors of the FIAV flag, the committee felt that there should be a stronger reference to the host nation.

Coincidentally, the concept of the 24 ICV flag is similar to the one used for 14 ICV in Barcelona in 1991, exactly 20 years earlier. However, the use of the stars instead of numerals to represent the number of the ICV creates an additional symbolic link between the ICV and the host nation and city.

The Flag Selection Committee comprised former NAVA president Peter Ansoff (chair) and Baron Fain, John Purcell, and Cindy Williams, who thank Peggy Rose for rendering the design in vector format, and all the vexillographers who submitted outstanding designs.

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Year designed: 2010  
Designer: Anthony C. Burton

Mfg dimensions (inches): Hoist: 34  
Fly: 60

Mfg ratio: 4:7  
Fringe color: Spanish gold  
Mfg type: printed

Manufacturer: Advertising Flag Co. (Chicago, Illinois)  
Year mfg: 2011

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