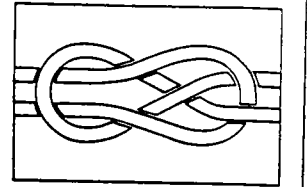


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## XVII. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY, CAPE TOWN, 1997

The 17th FIAV congress, organised by the Southern African Vexillological Association, took place from 10 until 15 August 1997 in the BMW Pavilion at the Victoria and Albert Waterfront in Cape Town, Rep. of South Africa.

63 participants and 18 accompanying persons from 18 countries gathered in flags and friendship during a beautiful and most interesting week in Cape Town. Most of the participants came from South Africa of course (15 persons), followed by the United States with 9 persons, Germany with 8 and Australia with 5 persons. 4 participants came from Spain and each 3 from Switzerland and France. The other 11 nations were represented each by either one or two participants.

29 lectures of about 20 to 30 minutes of duration were presented, simultaneous translation in the French, German and English language was provided. Almost all of the lectures were delivered in English, 3 were in French and 2 in German. The scientific program was complemented by a computer seminar and several very interesting exhibits, like the exhibition of flag designs and prototypes which led to the South African national flag in the National Archives, and the one at the Maritime Museum, where replicas of historical flags of Southern Africa were exhibited. A magnificent day-long tour took the congress from interesting Cape Town Castle, past an ostrich farm, to a wine estate, where a splendid meal was served. The tour continued to the lovely Franschoek Valley, where a Huguenot memorial was visited.

The excellent closing banquet at the Kelvin Grove Club gave opportunity not only to present the Vexillon and some other awards, but to thank our Southern African friends for the successful congress and for their hospitality and to farewell our colleagues and friends until vexillology meets again in Victoria, British Columbia.

## XVIII. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY, VICTORIA, 1999

Mr. and Mrs. Webb, co-owners of *The Flag Shop*, and the Canadian Flag Society will host the 18<sup>th</sup> international congress of vexillology in Victoria, Victoria Island, British Columbia, Canada. The congress is scheduled for July 28 to August 2, 1999. You are invited to contact:

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# REPORT ON THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1997

The FIAV General Assembly took place during the 17<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Vexillology at the Victoria and Albert Waterfront in Cape Town, South Africa, with sessions on 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of August 1997.

A preliminary remark by the record keeping past secretary-general:

This report is based on my tape recordings and personal notes. Where recording is clear and/or notes are explicit, text has been transcript either literally word by word, such passages being put between quotation marks, or in sentences as close to the original as possible. Sometimes however, due to low voices in the background or several voices at the same time, due to noise, to change of tape cassette or batteries, to a marked accent in several cases or to other circumstances, recording is not sufficiently clear or complete to permit an exact transcription. Other times speakers were just faster than my writing down. In those cases the text is only as accurate as recording, notes, my memory and my interpretation in a logical sense allow. Though I tried best to reproduce the whole issue as accurate and complete as possible, minor errors may have occurred. I ask the reader to accept my apologies. I can assure though, that this report contains almost all of what was said during the 3 sessions of the General Assembly (=GA), and of course it certainly contains all the results of votings and of decisions taken during the GA.

Emil Dreyer

## SUMMARY

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Flaggenkunde e.V. (DGF), the Société Bretonne de Vexillologie (SBV), the Heraldry and Vexillology Society of Malta (HAVSOM) and the Burgee Data Archive (BDA) were accepted as FIAV full members.  
The Mauritius Buch Verlag GmbH (MBV) was accepted as an associate member.

Victoria, in British Columbia, Canada, was chosen as the site of the 18<sup>th</sup> FIAV Congress, to be organised in late July of 1999 by the Canadian Flag Association and Mr. and Mrs. Webb, co-owners of the Flag Shop.

A new Board of FIAV has been elected: it is composed of Michel Lupant as president, Charles Spain as secretary-general and Bruce Berry as secretary-general for congresses.

The standing orders commission is composed of Ralph Kelly, Roman Klimes and Don Healey. It will study the Canadian standing orders rules and best adapt them to the needs of FIAV.

The membership commission is composed by Ales Brozek, Philippe Rault and Whitney Smith. It will analyse membership requirements of some actual FIAV members, specially that of APCRA.

The Canadian standing orders rules will be applied on a trial basis during the FIAV GA in Victoria for consultation, should it be needed. There is no further commitment.

Article 14, chapter a) of the FIAV constitution was amended to read: "A simple majority in the election of an officer. If more than 2 candidates stand for election of an officer, and if no one reaches the simple majority, then the candidate with least votes will be eliminated from the next ballot, and so on."

Investigations into FIAV membership in UNESCO have been dropped.

The GA agrees to have a flag manufacturer's prize of US \$ 100.- for the best lecture at every congress.

The Vexillon was awarded to Mr. Ales Brozek.

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> of August 1997**

Ⓜ After the mourned death of FIAV president Dr. William Crampton, the Board of FIAV is composed only by Dr. Emil Dreyer as the secretary-general and by Mr. Ralph Bartlett as the secretary-general for congresses (see INFO-FIAV. Nr. 9, June 1997). Emil Dreyer acts as a temporary chairman. Dreyer calls to order and explains the unusual procedure decided in accordance with Ralph Bartlett to conduct the general assembly until the point is reached where decision on a new Board will have to be taken. Dreyer officially opens the General Assembly of the 17<sup>th</sup> congress in Cape Town.

Ⓜ Written credentials of delegates are presented to the chairman, who verifies them:

FIAV MEMBER		DELEGATE	11-8	12-8	14-8
Asociación Argentina de Vexilología	(AAV)				
Asociación Profesionales Ceremonial Rep. Arg.(ex CIDECA)					
Associació Catalana de Vexil.lologia	(ACV)	Mr. José Luis Brugués	✓	✓	✓
Canadian Flag Association	(CFA)	Mr. Kevin Harrington	✓	✓	✓
Centre Belgo-Européen d'Etudes des Drapeaux	(CEBED)	Mr. Michel Lupant	✓	✓	✓
Centro Italiano Studi Vessillologici	(CISV)	Dr. Mario Fabretto	✓	✓	✓
Centrum Flaga Ziemi/Earth Flag Centre	(CFZ)				
Chesapeake Bay Flag Association	(CBFA)	Mr. Donald Healy	✓	✓	✓
Flag Association of New Zealand	(FANZ)	Mr. John Moody	✓	✓	✓
Flag Design Center	(FDC)	Dr. Whitney Smith	✓	✓	✓
The Flag Institute	(FI)	Mr. Michael Faul	✓	✓	✓
Flag Research Center	(FRC)	Mr. James Croft	✓	✓	✓
Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka	(FRCSL)	Mr. Ralph G.C. Bartlett	✓	✓	✓
Flag Society of Australia	(FSA)	Mr. Ralph D. Kelly	✓	✓	✓
Heraldica Slovenica	(HS)				
Heraldischer Verein "Zum Kleeblatt" e.V.	(HVK)	Dr. Emil Dreyer	✓	✓	✓
National Flag Foundation	(NFF)	Dr. John Lowe	✓	✓	✓
Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde	(NVV)				
Nordisk Flagselskab	(NF)	Mr. Sten Dahlström	✓	✓	✓
North American Vexillological Association	(NAVA)	Mr. Charles A. Spain	✓	✓	✓
Partioheraldikot Ry	(PR)				
Polskie Towarzystwo Weksylologiczne	(PTW)				
Société Suisse de Vexillologie	(SSV)	Dr. Emil Dreyer	✓	✓	✓
Sociedad Española de Vexilología	(SEV)	Mr. Tomás Rodríguez	✓	✓	✓
Societas Vexillologica Belgica	(SVB)				
Société Française de Vexillologie	(SFV)	Mr. Alain Raullet	✓	✓	✓
Southern African Vexillological Association	(SAVA)	Mr. Theo Stylianides	✓	✓	✓
Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags	(TWMF)	Dr. Whitney Smith	✓	✓	✓
Ukrayins'ke Heral'dychno Tovarystvo	(UHT)				
United States Flag Foundation	(USFF)	Dr. Peter Orenski	✓	✓	✓
Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap	(VSHS)	Mr. Lars C. Stolt	✓	✓	✓
Vexilologický Klub	(VK)	Mr. Jaroslav Martykán	✓	✓	✓
World Vexillological Research Institute	(WVRI)	Mr. Roman Klimes	✓	✓	✓
Zászlókutató Intézet	(ZI)				
Burgee Data Archive	(BDA)	Mr. Peter Edwards			✓
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Flaggenkunde	(DGF)	Dr. Andreas Herzfeld	✓	✓	✓
Heraldry and Vexillology Society of Malta	(HAVSOM)	Mr. Adrian Strickland			✓
Mauritius Buch Verlag GmbH	(MBV)	Mr. Jiri Tenora		✓	✓
Société Bretonne de Vexillologie	(SBV)	Dr. Philippe Rault		✓	✓

Ⓜ The statutory quorum is fulfilled with 25 votes of accredited members present. Together with the 2 votes of the Board members a total of 27 votes can be carried, the two-thirds majority is 18 votes.

Ⓜ Two volunteers are appointed by the chairman as vote-counters: Michael Faul and Don Healy

Ⓜ Emil Dreyer asks, if there are any comments to his report of the GA of 1995. Whitney Smith has a correction to the minutes of Warsaw (INFO-FIAV No.7, p.3, statutory quorum) in as "according to the FIAV constitution the quorum is fulfilled with the votes of only the 22 members present, not including the board

member votes. It doesn't change anything but for the sake of accuracy". The thus corrected minutes are accepted by show of hands.

Ⓜ The secretary-general for congresses Ralph Bartlett reports on the activities of the Board (item 6 of Standing Business): he has written to the organisers of the past 3 congresses, of which only the SSV has sent a written answer indicating that redaction work is still going on, but hopefully the report will be printed soon. The organisers of the Warsaw congress seem to have difficulties in gathering the material.

The FSA has withdrawn its tentative application in 1997 to host the 1999 congress. Just recently the CFA has applied to host the next congress in Victoria. The application of NAVA to host the 1999 congress in Chicago has also been withdrawn. No applications for future congresses have been received. The Flag Institute is going on with preparations for the 2001 congress in the London area.

Dreyer continues reporting on the activities of the Board: The Board has had repeated correspondence during the past 2 years, as well as several phone calls and multiple messages by fax, the activities having increased after our president's death. Letters of condolence upon William's death have been sent to the secretary-general by the SEV, SFV, VK, ACV, SSV and PTW.

The secretary-general has had correspondence with the Nordic Flag Society, which was preparing to host a congress in Stockholm for 1999, but this plan has been abandoned. They will nevertheless continue efforts to host may be the 2003 congress. Dreyer has maintained correspondence with UNESCO, with Ales Brozek from the membership committee, with Charles Spain from the standing orders committee, with Anibal Gotelli on the APCRA matter, as well as with several FIAV members on diverse, less important matters (address changes, etc).

Smith comments, that "we might possibly want to find out, whether there is any FIAV correspondence within William's material, which should be passed on to the next Board". Dreyer answers: "Jos Poels, who happened to be in Chester during the time William passed away, since he was working with him and actually did the work on the last Flagmaster, when William was already in bad health, phoned me several times and then sent the only material concerning FIAV which was in William's office. This was one e-mail from NAVA, in which Charles Spain tells him that Michael Faul has retired from the standing orders committee and another e-mail from SAVA, in which Bruce Berry tells him about preparations for the congress." Faul adds: "I'll go through the Flag Institute files in September and send any FIAV matters to the newly elected FIAV president."

Ⓜ Announcements (item 7 of Standing Business): Bartlett has received a fax of the Flag Shop applying to host the 1999 congress. Kevin Harrington, representing CFA, backs this application and reads a presentation of the Flag Shop in Victoria, British Columbia, including a draft time-table for tours, presentations and FIAV agenda. The congress would be held in late July. Harrington hands out table flags of British Columbia.

Dreyer continues with various announcements: the applicants for membership, DGF, MBV, SBV and HAVSOM, the integration of CIDEK into APCRA, with a short comment on the structure of APCRA, the retirement from FIAV of the GOH and the retirement of himself and Bartlett from FIAV office at the end of this congress. Dreyer announces the candidature of Michel Lupant for FIAV president and continues "are there any other candidates?" Roman Klimes proposes Charles Spain for president. Spain declines because he is willing to run for another office.

Upon the question of Dreyer for candidates for secretary-general, Klimes answers that we should first vote the president before going on. Bartlett states, that the acting Board is in function until the end of the congress, and that we are only talking about nominations to office, the election taking place at the end of the sessions, as the agenda states.

Dreyer suggests to the GA that the Board may appoint a temporary chairman during the congress to assist the Board during the sessions, until a new Board will be elected at the end of the congress. Smith agrees to it and states that "this is very much in keeping with the constitution, because article 18 says *the Board is elected at the end of each general assembly* and at the same time article 19 says that *the Board issues directives, which it considers necessary to the success of the activities of the Federation*, and if the Board considers the appointment of a temporary chairman helpful to the activities of the GA then he may do so." Smith is not sure whether the appointed chairman will have a vote as a Board member.

Dreyer thanks for the statement and underlines, that the Board was aware of the fact that it was entitled to just issue directives, but that it preferred to reach a consensus on the procedure proposed, and that is the reason why the Board is proposing the chairman and not just appointing it. Dreyer proposes Michel Lupant as the temporary chairman of the FIAV assembly, without having a vote, elections for president taking place at the end of the GA and since there is no other candidate for president, this "would allow to introduce Michel Lupant to the office, which hopefully he, if elected, may have to run for the next 2 years."

Michael Faul asks if Michel would stay in the chair, if another candidate for president emerged, so that he would supervise his own election. Bartlett replies, that - as in the past - the president never conducts his own election, another member of the Board does it. Nominating Michel Lupant for the chair does not

exclude anyone else to run for the office of president. The Board asks Michel Lupant if he accepts to be the chairman and he replies affirmatively.

Dreyer: "Any proposals for the office of secretary-general?" Peter Orenski proposes Charles Spain, Spain accepts the nomination. No other candidate shows up.

Dreyer: "Any proposals for the office of secretary-general for congresses?" Frederick Brownell proposes Bruce Berry, Berry accepts the nomination. Jaroslav Martykan proposes Ales Brozek. Since Brozek is not present, the Board will ask for his consent later. John Lowe proposes Ron Strachan, Strachan accepts nomination.

Ⓜ **Selection of the 1999 FIAV venue** (point 1 of Old Business): Bartlett gives some details about the 1999 FIAV venue candidate, according to the fax message, dated 25 June 1997, he had received from Mr. and Mrs. Webb, co-owners of the *Flag Shop* in Victoria, "the Webb family will do the job, the congress in Victoria is scheduled from 28 of July to 3 of August 1999, a period of 7 days." The draft time-table includes time for more than 30 lectures of 20 minutes duration, for 3 seminars of 1 hour each, for 3 FIAV sessions of 2 hours each, for 3 half-day tours and for the closing dinner. Dreyer asks, as delegate of the SSV, if there is any representative of the organiser present. Bartlett explains, that they are not represented directly but through the CFA.

Harrington then continues giving further details of the proposed Victoria venue, mainly on the tourist aspect of the city of Victoria and its historic buildings, the tours to the Maritime and Naval Museums, the Duncan Native Cultural Centre, the Ceremony of Flags and other events. Doreen Braverman, best known to NAVA, and he himself will be members of the organising committee.

Dreyer points out that the situation "is somewhat delicate, since the only information on the candidate we have at the time is a fax-message from the Flag Shop in Victoria, but on the other hand there is no other candidate." Smith comments the following points: "Though some members may find it unusual, that a non FIAV member is going to sponsor a FIAV congress, this has happened in the past, for example with the Heraldry Society sponsoring the very successful Oxford congress. The important thing is FIAV's oversight. Secondly, in terms of confidence, Kevin and I personally know the people who are saying to carry this congress through and I have great confidence in the Braverman family. I don't know the Webb's, but I do know their business. I can trust them and I expect, that they will be co-sponsors, and the Flag Research Center will offer its services". He highly recommends Victoria both for the advantages of the site and for the organisers. Dreyer thanks Smith for his intervention "because FIAV is in need of some moral guarantee, as we are in a very uncomfortable position, because if we reject Vancouver we then don't know where to go".

Ralph Kelly asks, if the congress is going to be sponsored by the CFA and Harrington answers, that though he "wasn't aware of the plans of the Flag Shop in detail, the CFA will certainly sponsor the congress."

Bartlett suggests that "NAVA may hold its annual meeting during the Victoria congress to secure a maximum number of attendants to that congress" and asks the NAVA representative about their opinion. Spain answers that NAVA is confident about the CFA being capable of organising the congress, expresses the gratitude to Kevin and the Webb's for doing that and continues "due to some circumstances, which really were no one's fault, the bid came up after NAVA had its annual meeting last year, this being the reason that though I have spoken to the Webb's, to the Braverman's and to Kevin, and though I am the president of NAVA, I am not able to make a commitment on behalf of NAVA. What I can tell you is that I personally and the rest of the board members stand behind this bid 100% and that NAVA will certainly take this very seriously in co-hosting it, if that's amenable to CFA, and it's my full expectation that when we meet in Chicago next October, that's exactly what we will do."

The secretary-general for congresses recommends to the GA to accept the application from CFA and the Webb's for 1999 in Victoria, British Columbia. Smith seconds it.  
The application is accepted by show of hands, with NAVA abstaining and no vote against.

Ⓜ **Membership committee report:** Smith reports that in spite of correspondence hence and forth the task had been very difficult and that the committee intended to wrap up its conclusions for presentation to the GA today, but "unfortunately Ales Brozek is ill today and so there was no opportunity to meet." Smith asks the Board to have their report delayed to later in this week. This is accepted.

Ⓜ **Report of the interim committee on the standing orders project:** Faul having retired from the committee, Spain makes a very long and explicit report on the thoughts of the committee, which basically were focussed on 3 questions: Do we need rules, do we want to have our own rules or should we adopt existing rules, which are already in use at other organisations, and, if we adopt rules, which ones should be adopted? As a result of the analysis, the committee definitely recommends to have written rules. Spain continues: "The difficulty to adopt own rules of FIAV as proposed at the Warsaw meeting lies in that nobody

within FIAV is an experienced parliamentarian and so nobody feels competent to write these rules, which is an extremely difficult work. So we recommend to adopt an existing set of parliamentary rules, which are available in many countries. Though it was said in Warsaw, that FIAV members should provide the committee with rules of their respective countries, the only ones available to the committee were a Canadian and a US book. So the committee only had a look at these two books, of which the one by *Boernough's* seems to be better suited for FIAV, though we do not recommend its plain adoption as that. If the GA wishes that this matter be continued, then the committee suggests that a deeper study of the *Boernough's* rules or of any others which might come up be made by a commission which then should make a recommendation in 1999. Another suggestion the committee would like to discuss is, that the committee should have a look at the FIAV constitution and the requirement for majorities in voting. If the GA wants to continue this enquiry, then the committee would recommend, that the committee be empowered to make a recommendation about any possible constitutional amendments there would be necessary."

Dreyer fears that if FIAV should adopt a huge set of new rules, then those delegates being a lawyer by profession would be in great advantage. Don Healy ads to the speech of Spain, that the advantages of *Boernough's* are its bilingual French and English text and its very simple rules on only 30 pages. Dreyer replies that in his opinion even only 30 pages would be too much for delegates at an organisation like ours. Dreyer tells the GA that William Crampton had the idea about standing orders mainly because he felt the necessity to improve voting procedures, which tended to be long and often embarrassing, and continues that "when William visited me in 1994 we discussed the standing orders matter and I convinced him to drop an important part of the original articles he had prepared, but he would stick to the rest as presented to the GA in Warsaw. The Board feels that FIAV probably would only need to amend voting procedures to render FIAV sessions more effective, leaving the rest of the constitution as it is. Roman Klimes has prepared a motion (see point 2 of New Business), which deals with voting procedures, and the Board proposes to discuss the matter on standing orders focussed on the voting procedures when we reach point 2 of New Business, while the rest of rules could be sent back for study to the committee to report about again in two years."

Faul states that if new rules should be necessary, then these rules should be adapted to the needs of FIAV, so that those 30 pages could be cut down, and that regarding the change of voting procedures a change of constitution will be required. Dreyer repeats that FIAV will have to consider carefully which rules if any it really needs and that FIAV must adapt existing rules to its needs and not just take them over from a specific Canadian, American or whatever model. Bartlett agrees to what Dreyer states to underline the position of the Board in this matter. Faul continues that this is not a matter of law, but a matter of procedure within a meeting.

Bartlett suggests that "if the standing orders committee favour a particular type of laws, they may play with those laws and evolve them to what they think suits FIAV best and present their result in two year's time" – the results could be published in INFO-FIAV prior to the next congress. Orenski has concerns about the word "playing" and would suggest to the Board to elaborate some guidelines for the committee within which it can act, sort of a mission statement, because he fears that a new Board may not be able to overlook the matter and decide in a wrong direction. Bartlett replies that it is the GA which decides about rules, not the Board. Dreyer reminds the GA, that "some years ago the Board had tried to know the opinion of FIAV members about voting procedures and constitution amendments through questionnaires and that finally nothing resulted from this action. FIAV works only during the session, otherwise it doesn't work."

Smith: "It occurs to me, that the idea of standing orders is so that when there is confusion what to do one has guidelines. And we have had circumstances like that, but for the first part of FIAV's history we worked by consensus. I looked at the records until 1979, we didn't take any votes, we simply said yes, let's do it." Smith recommends one possibility, which is to ask the commission to have the Canadian system brought to the FIAV GA in the next meeting and have it tested there on a provisional basis, "it might possibly give us a practical guide, which unless anyone objects, we can follow without making a commitment."

The Board agrees to this idea, no comments come from the floor. Dreyer repeats that the proposition of Smith does not imply that the GA uses those rules, it just gives the GA the opportunity to look at the book whenever need is felt to do so. James Croft argues that "the commission has made its recommendation that having studied the matter the existing set of rules better be adopted with as little modifications as possible. I think that Whitney's proposal is a very sound one, first a trial of those rules, should the occasion require that we need a record spot. The commission, if it is willing to continue its work, should study these rules to see if it can be shrunk and made more relevant to an international organisation such as this, so we seem to be making progress. But it is not developed enough for us to make a definitive decision."

Dreyer reminds the floor that if Spain, being a candidate for office, be elected into office, then the GA would need to choose a new member for the standing orders committee at the end of the GA, since as a Board member he wouldn't be able to continue as a committee member. Michael Faul states that two new members will have to be chosen, since he has retired from the committee. Bartlett then asks Don Healy, if he is willing to continue in the standing orders committee and he replies affirmatively. There is no opposition from the floor to Healy remaining in the committee.

Dreyer finally summarises the conclusions of the standing orders debate:

"The membership commission, in its new composition, will study the situation further focussing on the **Canadian rules**, to have it at hand during the **Victoria congress for consultation if necessary**. Further steps will then be decided by the GA." This is **accepted by general consensus**.

Martykan asks if this statement won't block any other proposal we will deal later on, Bartlett denies.

Ⓜ **UNESCO** (point 4 of Old Business): Dreyer shortly explains the new regulations regarding the formal relations of UNESCO with NGO's (=Non Governmental Organisations) as published in INFO-FIAV Nr. 8, pointing out that it is getting more and more difficult to be accepted as a NGO. Some of the requirements needed represent an almost impassable obstacle to FIAV. Dreyer reads a couple of those requirements listed in the UNESCO regulations.

Bartlett continues explaining that "the Board sees no advantage in trying to adhere to UNESCO, this would mean an enormous deal of work, which somebody would have to do and unless somebody is volunteering to do the job, the Board will not do it, because there is no direct benefit to FIAV, and it may be even cost involved." Bartlett suggests, that unless something develops, which makes it absolutely essential that FIAV goes through this application process, we let it drop. Dreyer warns against the obligations FIAV would have within UNESCO.

Croft asks if UNESCO has shown any interest in FIAV, Dreyer denies. Martykan asks about how FIAV came to contact UNESCO, Dreyer tells the whole story as can be read in past INFO-FIAV bulletins. Martykan then states, that the matter was discussed within the Czech Vexillological Club committee and that they saw advantages in applying to UNESCO membership, because UNESCO has a big library which would be useful first to our research and second to keep collections of vexillologists as a heritage accessible to all.

Dreyer answers, on a personal point of view, that "libraries and museums generally do not show any interest in acquiring and not even in being presented with flag book collections unless it is a unique, most valuable one, of national interest or so, because they do not have the money to pay for its maintenance, for the rooms, for the librarian to catalogue it and the like. Anyway, the library is not the point about UNESCO." Bartlett adds that collections usually get buried in the archives. Faul says, that he will make a presentation during the congress about exactly the problem Martykan has raised.

The Board motions that any further investigations into UNESCO be dropped, Orenski seconds. Vote:  
Yes : 20    No : 3    Abstentions : 4  
A majority of 20 votes decides that no further steps regarding UNESCO will be taken.

Ⓜ **Consideration of Membership applications** (point 1 of New Business): The acting chairman Michel Lupant calls on Andreas Herzfeld, representative of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Flaggenkunde. Herzfeld tells the GA in German that the DGF, founded in 1995, actually counts some 40 members. Of its regular bulletin, the "Flaggenkurier", 3 issues have been distributed so far, as well as several issues of an irregular, smaller info bulletin. Research is devoted mainly to German flags, specially colonial flags, city and district flags, fair flags, as well as to bibliography of German flag items. (*Peter Orenski translates into English.*)

Martykan remarks that he is deeply impressed by the work of the DGF and recommends to accept it as a full FIAV member. The Board too recommends to accept the DGF as a full member.

The GA votes the DGF into FIAV as a **full member** by 26 votes in favour. 1 vote of a delegate is missing, since the FANZ delegate had to leave the room shortly before voting started.

**Mauritius Buch Verlag GmbH**: Dreyer reads a letter of Mr. Volker Bernhardt, owner of Mauritius, appointing Mr. Jiri Tenora and Dr. Peter Orenski as the representatives of the Mauritius Buch Verlag at the GA. Tenora explains that Mauritius is the only publishing house in the world dealing with reprints of flag books. The house is having some difficulties at the moment, because its first book, the reprint of the 1939 German Navy flag book, is selling below expectations. Nevertheless Mauritius would like to continue with reprints. Mauritius has no members, only customers. Bernhardt says that publishing such books means encouraging vexillology and hence he thinks to fulfil the FIAV requirements.

Dreyer asks for questions, and Faul wants to know if Mauritius is going to publish new books also, because "authors are in need of publishers interested in vexillology, not only in profit." Tenora answers that this should be possible. Faul continues asking if Mauritius is going to reprint old flag charts as well, but Tenora has no instructions as to such an issue. Don Healy asks if Mauritius is publishing exclusively on flags, Tenora answers positively. Martykan doesn't know how to vote on Mauritius because he is expecting the recommendation of the membership commission.

Dreyer points out that, as we have heard earlier in this session, the opinion of the membership commission is not ready yet and that we will hear later about it, but "the Board does not recommend to

accept Mauritius into FIAV. Full membership is not possible, because article 6 of the constitution says that full membership is open to associations or institutions having as its principal purpose the scientific study of vexillology. Just printing and selling books does not fulfil this requirement. Taking into consideration a subsidiary interest in flags, which would make possible an associate membership, then we possibly could accept, that selling a flag book means spreading knowledge on flags. But then we set a precedence and have to deal with representatives of Penguin, of Warner, of Larousse or any other publisher. Editors are not vexillologists, they just want to sell books, that's all." Tenora answers, that publishing of reprints enables the study of flags, and Dreyer replies that libraries do this too.

Faul: "If I remember correctly, in Warsaw, when the Ukrainian Association wanted to join, it was the Ukrainian Heraldic Society, and they were originally off with just associate membership on the grant that they were not a primarily vexillological association. The argument was made, that it is not necessarily the primary or secondary concern but the contribution which they are making to vexillology. And the publishers which you mention, along with many others, who publish flag books, are general publishers, and they publish flag books as a small part when they see a profit. And I guess the Mauritius Verlag, they are making a commitment to vexillological publication, which no one else has done. I don't say this is necessarily determining, but it should be considered."

Dreyer: "We have just one book published by Mauritius and I wonder if the GA is going to accept to have Mauritius as a member whatever category, he will use it for his purposes in selling books. I mean, in my opinion as the Swiss delegate, that the aim to adhere to FIAV is a commercial interest, and not really the study of flags, like the German society or any other association represented here."

Orenski asks if an associate membership can be motioned, Dreyer replies that any motion is allowed and that he is just stating the Boards recommendation regarding Mauritius.

Smith: "I would like to suggest that the commitment to vexillology has been expressed we can say exclusively or principally in the publication of one book, which in fact has not, to my knowledge, made a profit and the promise to come with other books we heard as early as 1993. I shouldn't question without knowledge the motivations but I would like to point out that my name was used in promotional literature for the 1939 book without my prior knowledge or permission and that it would not be inconceivable that a publisher with a large stock of unsold books having membership in a stable international organisation might use the public promotion of that membership as a way of selling books. Furthermore, the point of a publisher, and this is not obviously a rebuke, its the nature of business, that the purpose of a publisher is to make money, unless it's a hobby in which case its not really a business. If it is to make money, then the commitment however well intentioned to publish future books really will be conditioned on making money and they haven't made money yet, so they would not be prepared, I'm sure, to promise that they will never publish non-vexillological books and they could end up as one book on vexillology and many books on other subjects. So I think it's a bit early to determine whether they are committed even to publishing and I think you had a good point that publishing is not scientific study in itself, and there might also be we have no clear rules at the present as to how the name of FIAV may be used. I personally would not see it advantageous to accept them as member in either category."

Orenski asks to move the focus a second away from this and to think about the important contribution Mauritius has made to the publication of "Flaggenkurier", and asks "my German colleagues, if it is fair to say, that without the Mauritius Verlag there would be no "Flaggenkurier" today?" Herzfeld answers in German, that Mauritius has sponsored the first 4 issues of the "Flaggenkurier", but because of the constant delays in publishing, the DGF is going to publish the bulletin from now on alone (Orenski translates into English).

Klimes remarks in German, that by publishing the 1939 Flaggenbuch, Mauritius, which is denied membership in FIAV, has probably done more for vexillology than many a FIAV member, of which we have never seen any representative at congresses or which are always represented by the same person, and of which we never have seen any scientific paper whatsoever. Dreyer first translates into English and then answers that "the fact that some of the members may be badly qualified for FIAV, is not a sufficient reason to therefore accept Mauritius, which in the opinion of the Board does not fulfil the FIAV standard". Dreyer proposes to now vote on admission of Mauritius as a full member. Martykan says that "APCRA is a FIAV member but does not at all qualify to that". Dreyer interrupts to state that the issue on APCRA is already on the agenda and will therefore be treated later.

Tenora says, that Alfred Znamierowski is a good friend of him, but he must say, "that his Flag Design Center is a one man FIAV member with very great commercial interests and so it would be possible to compare the activities of the FDC and the Mauritius Verlag". Dreyer answers, that "you cannot compare them, because Alfred is an artist, he does artwork, he is creative, he designed flags, he generates vexillology, he is an author and he has no more profit thinking than all of us, every association has dues." Tenora: "But then you don't know the German flag book, because it is not just a simple reprint, but also a great research to compile all the additional parts and not only those but also the non-published parts, and that was a very great research work, I want to underline this".



Spain moves to delay the issue of the admission until after the report of the membership commission. Bartlett asks the floor if this motion is accepted and if it is seconded. Faul seconds.

Vote on the motion to delay the issue on <b>Mauritius Verlag</b> until the membership committee has stated its opinion on a later session of the GA during this congress:			
Yes : 23	No : 1	Abstention : 2	(1 delegate missing)

Ⓜ The session closes at 21.45 p.m. .

## Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> of August 1997

Ⓜ Michel Lupant opens the session as chairman at 19.40 p.m. . As proposed by the Board the day before, Michel Lupant takes over the chair of the GA ad interim until elections for office take place. Before starting business Kevin Harrington is given the opportunity to show a video tape on Victoria.

After the video presentation Lupant officially opens the session. Dreyer counts the delegates, 25 are present (that makes 25 votes of delegates plus 2 votes of the two Board members, totalling 27 votes).

Ⓜ Lupant asks the membership commission to present its report. While Brozek is still absent due to illness, Smith tells the GA that it has been a very difficult task to come up with it not having the written report at hand. As an introduction he reads some of the FIAV constitution articles concerning membership and then continues saying that "the distinction between full and associate membership at the time the constitution was revised, about ten years ago, the idea behind it was that as we increased in membership and as more organisations applied for membership we should perhaps make the voting members, those with rights to actually run the organisation, to change the constitution, to decide what would or would not do, we should limit that to those whose principal interest was the scientific study of flags, and that others who had vexillology as a secondary or subsidiary interest would be full members in every way except for it, so they would be associate members in that.

Now, what the commission has come to suggest is the following: either that one, we retain the current constitution, no changes, but if we do that the commission would recommend that we have more explicit details about everything, about what an association is, about what an institution is, what interest in vexillology means and so forth and also in terms of the application for membership..., in addition, that if we retain the constitutional provision, in addition to having this explicit details, also we review all current members to see whether they meet those qualifications. In other words, first we draft the concept of what it is, members should be, can be, and the conditions, and after that's been hammered out, that then we turn around and say, all right, are there current members that do not for some reason meet those qualifications, which should be changed from full to associate, from associate to full or should perhaps be considered as not being an appropriate member at all.

Now, there's another possibility we were suggesting, and that is to adopt a new system. If we take the first course then there would be no constitutional changes, if we take the second course we anticipate there will be constitutional changes. If there is either one or the other chosen the commission anticipates that there might very well be changes in current membership, upgrades, downgrades or possibly even appropriate measures towards removing members, so it would be the same there. Now, if you think that possibly the second course is the one that should be taken we have some thoughts about what that might mean to have new constitutional provisions, but it's extremely difficult and that means a much fuller study. However, amongst the considerations, there were five concerns that had been raised, that led to this commission in the first place.

First of all there have been disputes over the question who should be a full member and who should be an associate member, secondly there have been disputes over whether there should be any proxy voting and if so, whether they should be limited in any way, third there have been concerns over possible lack of a future quorum in a GA which would prevent us from doing any business legally at all, fourth there have been questions raised about the suitability of certain member applicants, specifically we have the case of Mauritius Buch Verlag at hand and two years ago we had the case of the Burgee Data Archive, and fifth there have been concerns about the fact that with the increase we are no longer the intimate group that for many years we were, where around one table 10 or 12 people could sit and discuss things and we now haven't got that, and that's just a fact of life and in a sense it's a very positive thing, it means we have grown but it also present problems.

Now what could we do about that, there have been some suggestions, Roman made one about limiting the vote to one vote per state, another suggestion has been made about a candidate membership, that a candidate possibly would be admitted as a candidate member and that possibly at the second congress thereafter we would both know each other and he would then possibly become a full member or an

associate member at that time with no further action, but on the other hand if they never show up again or if the internal structure totally changes that then it might in fact lapse. And there are many things like that, like for instance having local groups and many, many more suggestions like that. All of those are dependent on the question of whether you want to retain the current constitution but tighten things up or whether you want to look into a new system.

And then, to conclude, we had the specific question of Mauritius Buch Verlag and its application, and this is very difficult, because we're dealing both with the macrocosmic issue that was raised and with the microcosmic of this candidate, and our feeling was, the principle in this is not here, and there have been some delegates which have expressed some reservations. Those two points plus the fact that we don't know what we're doing about membership in general suggests to us that it might be appropriate to wait until the next congress to deal with this, when hopefully we will resolve some of the macrocosmic bunch of questions and possibly some of the questions regarding the specific candidate. I don't know if Bruce wants to do anything to this, Bruce? No? Then this is our report."

The Board proposes to vote on the recommendation of the membership committee to postpone the issue of Mauritius Buch Verlag to the next GA in Victoria. Dreyer summarises very shortly in German the speech of Smith and the proposal of the Board, so that Tenora may understand. Tenora replies that Mauritius fulfils all the points of the constitution regarding membership and that he'd prefer to vote now on associate membership instead of postponing it to Victoria. Bartlett says that "we went through the arguments last night and we won't do this discussion again. The motion at the moment is, do we transfer it to the next congress yes or not. If we don't, do we then have another motion if you like, do we accept them now as an associate member."

Spain wants to know, whether we're going to vote on Mauritius or whether we first should deal with the main recommendations made by the membership committee regarding the change or keeping of the constitution. Dreyer replies that Smith was quite explicit about that and that the issue on the agenda is consideration of membership and that we're dealing with this exact issue at the moment. Spain repeats his question about voting on the commission's report, "not because I want to be contentious, but because I think that this has a direct impact on this particular member, because we were talking about changing the membership requirements potentially."

Dreyer answers that "as a matter of fact this has not directly to do with Mauritius, we do not reconsider Mauritius because he's not a member yet, so that is another issue". Spain is not satisfied with the answer and repeats again his question. Bartlett interrupts, explaining again what the commission report said, "that we need another two years to make a recommendation". Dreyer continues "I think the mess is, that you can interpret two issues from Whitney's speech, the one you say and at the end he said specifically on Mauritius what Ralph just said. I think you have to separate them, or to decide now which one we do first - that's your question - but the Board has recommended and moved to vote on Mauritius."

Smith: "And I think in this particular case it's appropriate because the report was called upon because we had the question of the Mauritius membership, so although the bigger issue is the more important one, we didn't say we submit this as a recommendation, we were really asking you which you may want, so the Mauritius issue raised the request for the report. We didn't make a recommendation, you proposed to move ahead on that, that's all right. I think the Board's motion is correct."

Orenski moves to vote on associate membership for Mauritius. Dreyer: "But then we have first to vote on the proposal of the Board." Lupant asks the floor to now vote on the Board's proposal to postpone the Mauritius issue to Victoria. Roman protests in German, because only Americans and Board members have spoken about the issue and he proposes to have a vote on acceptance of Mauritius as a full member, and if this is not accepted then he proposes a second vote on the associate membership. Dreyer translates and tells the floor, that "first we're going to vote on the motion of the Board, so let's proceed". Dreyer asks if a majority would like secret ballots, this is not the case.

Vote on the motion of the Board to postpone the Mauritius issue to the next congress:		
Yes : 16	No : 9	Abstentions : 2
The motion is not accepted, as there's not the $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of votes needed for ordinary resolutions.		

Klimes moves to vote on the admission of Mauritius as a full member. Nobody seconds. Don Healy asks if motions have to be seconded. After looking at the constitution Lupant replies, that this is written nowhere, but it has been a habit ever since.

Healy thinks that by putting the Mauritius issue on the agenda, the GA necessarily has to vote on it. Bartlett and Dreyer both explain, that the point of the agenda is just a consideration of membership application, not implying any determined procedure, the Board may propose a procedure but it is the GA which finally decides about it. . . .

