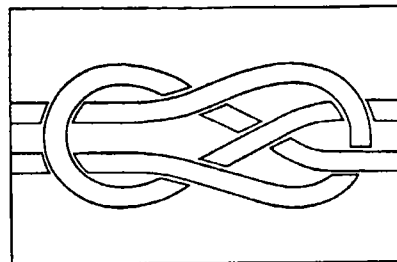

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA NOTICE

The next issue of *Info-FIAV* will be published in April 2001 and will contain the agenda for the Seventeenth Session of the FIAV General Assembly. FIAV Members wishing to place items on the agenda, including bids to host future International Congresses of Vexillology and proposed amendments to the FIAV Constitution, must submit the items to Secretary-General Charles Spain so that they are received no later than **March 15, 2001**. If possible, agenda items should be in English or be accompanied by an English translation. It would greatly assist the Secretary-General if the items were sent to him by e-mail at sec.gen@fiav.org so that the agenda items do not need to be retyped.

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**ICV 19 Information Available at
<http://www.flaginstitute.org/congress/index.htm>**

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the modern Union Flag, the 19th International Congress of Vexillology and the 17th Session of the General Assembly of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques (FIAV) will be held in the City of York, United Kingdom. The Congress will take place from Monday, July 23, 2001 to Friday, July 27, 2001, with registration and an evening civic reception on the preceding Sunday, July 22, 2001. Vexillologists and flag enthusiasts from around the world are invited to attend this biennial event.

The Congress and General Assembly will be held in the Tempest Anderson Hall, which sits in the ten acres of beautiful gardens that surround the Yorkshire Museum, right in the heart of the medieval City of York. The Hall was built as a lecture theater, so it is ideal for presentations.

The Yorkshire Museum is internationally recognized for its rich collections of Roman, Viking, Anglo-Saxon, and medieval artifacts and decorative arts, as well as exhibits on geology and the natural sciences. The Museum covers a thousand years of Yorkshire's heritage. You can view elegant Roman jewelry, impressive mosaics, and Anglo-Saxon silver.

The world-famous 15th Century Middleham Jewel—one of the most exquisite pieces of English Gothic jewelry—was found in 1985 near Middleham Castle in North Yorkshire, once the home of Richard III and the destination of the All-Day Tour on Wednesday.

The museum lies in the shadow of Saint Mary's Abbey, once the North's wealthiest abbey, and near a Roman fortress wall. The gardens are also home to a 15th Century timber-framed guest house—better known as The Hospitium. For the Congress, this will house a specially mounted flag display. A further two displays will be housed in the Merchant Adventurers' Hall, an outstanding example of a Medieval Guildhall, built between 1357 and 1361, and one of the best preserved in Britain.

The final banquet will be held in the York Viking Moat House hotel, on the banks of the River Ouse.

The Delegate Fee for the Congress will be £230, with a £100 fee for people wishing to participate in the Accompanying Persons Programme. The fee for Junior Delegates (those less than 18 years old) will be £50. The fees will include the cost of the closing banquet, teas, and coffees, but Delegates are free to make their own arrangements for lunch. Applications received after March 31, 2001 will incur a further £25 fee.

Details of hotel accommodation in York will be sent to Delegates, but for preliminary information, hotels cost from about £45 (bed & breakfast) to £150+ (this may be on a half- or full-board basis) per night.

In the event that you cannot attend the Congress after booking your place, no refunds are guaranteed—each case will be considered by the organizers.

Delegates wishing to give papers or presentations at the Congress should include a short synopsis (two or three paragraphs) with their application form. Submissions should be timed to last between 20 and 25 minutes, with an additional five minutes for questions.

The presentations at the Congress will be given using a computer and Microsoft PowerPoint to remove the need for slide handling at the actual event. The organizers will create the PowerPoint presentation from your text and slides. If you have any questions, please contact us at the address below or e-mail congress@flaginstitute.org.

The final text of the paper or presentation and the accompanying slides should be submitted by March 31, 2001. Submissions should be on floppy disc or by e-mail to congress@flaginstitute.org. They should be in Microsoft Word or plain text format. Papers will be accepted in English, French, German, or Spanish, but it would be of great help if they could be in English. In exceptional circumstances, submissions will be accepted on paper.

The slides to accompany the submission should ideally be on a Kodak PhotoCD so that they are computer-readable. Alternatively, they can be supplied as computer graphics files in the following formats: PICT, JPEG, BMP, TIFF, EPS, Adobe Illustrator, or Macromedia Freehand. If the PhotoCD service is not available locally, 35mm slides will be accepted, but they should be submitted by March 31, 2001 so they may be transferred to computer files. If the submission is not already on slides or in electronic form, the organizers may be able to help.

If you would like to use PowerPoint yourself, a template will be available soon at <http://www.flaginstitute.org/congress/index.htm>.

ICV 19 DELEGATE APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the form, print it out, and then mail it to the address given below.

I wish to attend the Congress in York on March 23-27, 2001:

Name: _____
Town/City: _____
Country: _____
Telephone: _____

I will be bringing the following Accompanying Persons (you need only list those who wish to participate in the Accompanying Persons Programme):

Name(s): _____

I will be bringing the following Junior Delegates (you need only list those who wish to participate in the Congress):

Name(s): _____

I wish to give a paper or presentation on the following subject: _____

I enclose a check (drawn on a UK bank)/charge my credit card for the sum of £ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send the completed form to:

The Flag Institute
22 Money Hill Road
RICKMANSWORTH
Hertfordshire
WD3 7EQ
United Kingdom

If you wish to give a paper or presentation, please include a short synopsis below, or on a separate sheet firmly attached to this form (the sheet should include your name). Please also use the space below to give any special requirements you or a member of your party may have, such as wheelchair access, dietary requirements, etc.

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

On November 12, 2000, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:

VLAGGEN DOKUMENTATIE CENTRUM NEDERLAND
International - non commercial and political neutral - institution

Secretary General FIAV
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Your ref.: Membership FIAV

Our ref.: DV

Amsterdam, 12 November 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

From Mr. Michel Lupant I received the faxnumber to which we could send our application for a membership of the FIAV.

Hereby we would be honoured to apply for membership of the FIAV.

The VDCN (Vlaggen Dokumentatie Centrum Nederland) translated: Flag Documentation Centre Netherlands is a non-commercial and political strict neutral and international institution.

Director is Derkwillem Visser Jr.

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Established: November 1st, 1978.

Territory: Netherlands

Periodical Publications: VLAGGEN-INFO (ISSN 1383-312X) Dutch/English, quarterly since 2000, before that semiannual since 1978.

Beside that we reprint (on request when available) old flagbooks. (already 7 titles).

Closing with the most kind regards,

/s/ Derkwillem Visser Jr.
Derkwillem Visser Jr.
Vlaggen Dokumentatie Centrum Nederland

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Established: 1978 Nov 1
Territory: Netherlands
Periodical Publications: *Info-Bulletin* (ISSN 1383-312X; Dutch/English; semiannual 1978 to 1999)
Vlaggen-Info (Dutch/English; quarterly since 2000)

On December 16, 2000, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:

Thierry E. Gilabert
President SVO

BP 111
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France

Monsieur Charles A. Spain
Secrétaire-General FIAV

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Etats Unis d'Amérique / United States of America

Obj : Inscription SVO/FIAV

Parthenay, le 4 decembre 2000

Cher Monsieur Spain,

Thank you for your letter and for your encouragement.

I confirm to you that we want to join FIAV. It will be easier for us to understand, to accept, and to respect the FIAV constitution and the way to apply, if it was written in French, because our English is poor (our French is better).

Here is the information you need for our registration, I hope we didn't forget anything.

You must know that we are not sure yet if we will attend the York congress, because we are working and we may not have holidays. Please, can you tell me how much will the congress cost, because we are young and not rich.

Maybe we will see you in York.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Thierry Gilabert

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PUBLICATION

La Société Vexillologique de l'Ouest publie une revue annuelle qui présente plusieurs articles sur des drapeaux poitevins.

Le premier numéro était exceptionnellement entièrement consacré au drapeau poitevin. Ce numero a paru en 1999.

Le deuxieme numero correspond à l'année 2000.

ZONE DE TRAVAIL de la Société Vexillologique de l'Ouest au regard de ses statutes.

Zone A POITOU : Poitou-Charentes, Vendée, Pays-de-Retz, Mauges et canton du Blanc.

Nous étudions les drapeaux historiques de notre région, encourageons l'usage du drapeau poitevin, et favorisons la création de drapeaux de nos micro-régions et villes. Nous aidons les collectivités à respecter les règles et usages vexillologiques et essayons de lutter contre les drapeaux logotypes. Nous nous voulons ici, interlocuteurs privilégiés en matière de drapeaux.

Zone B OUEST-FRANCE : Bretagne, Pays-de-la-Loire et Basse-Normandie. Mais aussi Limousin et Aquitaine.

Nous pouvons faire des études ou des articles concernant ces région or leurs micro-régions et aider à la création de drapeaux.

Zone C OUEST-EUROPE / Arc Atlantique et pays frères : Royaume-Uni, Irlande, France, Espagne et Portugal. Mais aussi les pays d'élection de la "diaspora" poitevine : Acadie, Nouveau-Brunswick, Québec, Afrique du Sud st Pays Baltes.

Nous pouvons faire des études ou des articles concernant ces région or leurs micro-régions.

Nous pouvons aussi aider, en matière de communication vexillologique, les pays de l'Arc Atlantique.

Société vexillologique de l'ouest (SVO)

c/o Thierry E. Gilabert

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Established: 1996 Jun 18

Territory: France

Periodical Publication: title unknown (French; annual since 1999)

On January 8, 2001, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:

Confederate States Vexillological Association
159 Womack Road
Portland, Tennessee 37148-5454
USA

8 January 2000

Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques
Charles A. Spain, Esquire, General Secretary
504 Branard St
Houston TX 77006-5018

To the FIAV Executive Board,

The Confederate States Vexillological Association (CSVA) hereby applies for full membership in Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques (FIAV).

CSVA's sole purpose is the advancement of the pursuit of vexillology, that is the creation and development of a body of knowledge about flags and flag usage, in general, and in particular those that are associated with the Confederate States of America during the period of their independence, and of the use of those flags, and flags derived from them, in the States formerly members of the Confederate States of America, in the post-bellum period and the modern era, as well as other flags, ensigns, colours, standards, guidons, and related insignia associated in the past or present with any State or Territory formerly composing a portion of the Confederate States of America.

CSVA hereby formally commits itself to the FIAV purposes, namely:

- 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.

CSVA is an unincorporated association, constituted in conformity with the laws the State of Tennessee, and was founded in 2000. Enclosed, you will find a copy of our By-Laws, which form our constitution. We are an internet based organization, in continuous virtual session, exchanging vexillological information on a constant basis, but our By-Laws require meetings of our Council (Board of Directors), either in person or via internet, in the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December of each year, which meetings are required to be open to the general membership. CSVA also holds a bi-annual meeting of the general membership for the election of officers, which also may be in person or via the internet, in November or December of each even numbered year.

We publish a quarterly internet newsletter, *Stars and Bars*, in January, April, July, and October of each year, and the Confederate States Vexillological Association Web Site on the internet at the World Wide Web address <<http://www.csvex.org>>. A printout of the January 2001 edition of *Stars and Bars* is included herewith. Unfortunately, I do not have a colour printer, and the black and white printout does not do justice to *Stars and Bars*. I refer you to the direct URL for *Stars and Bars* <http://csvex.org/stars_bars/html> for a more effective presentation of the publication.

Our membership includes some well-known names in Confederate vexillology, as well as some well-known vexillologists who have made their marks in other fields. Membership is open to all, and currently includes members from ten or more American States and from Europe. Several of our members are also members of other vexillological associations that are currently FIAV members.

Our membership currently stands at 21. At least four of our members are planning to attend the next International Congress of Vexillology sponsored by the Federation. We will elect an autochthonous and authorized representative of CSVA to represent us at the General Assembly in York, England prior to the next session of FIAV.

Thank you for your consideration of our application. If there is any further information you need or any question you may have, please don't hesitate to write or call. Email may be sent to me at presiden@csvex.org and/or to Richard Gideon at gensecretary@csvex.org.

Sincerely,

/s/ Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr.
Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr.
President, CSVA

Encl.: CSVA By-Laws [URL = <http://csvex.org/bylaws.html>]
Stars and Bars, Winter 2001 [URL = http://csvex.org/stars_bars.html]

Cc: via e-mail attachment:

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Michel R. Lupant <pres@fiav.org>

Secretary-General
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Secretary-General for Congresses
Graham Bartram <sec.cong@fiav.org>

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Periodical Publication:	<i>Stars and Bars</i> (ISSN pending; English; quarterly since 2001; available online at www.csvex.org/stars_bars.html)

On January 12, 2001, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:

Hereby we send you our application and a list of members. We wish to be considered for full membership.

Any questions what will come out, please don't hesitate to ask. e-mail is Kalmer.Saar.001@mail.ee

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Publications: no
Field of activity: heraldry, vexillology, faleristic
No membership fee

Heraldry College is an independent part of EHS (Estonian Heritage Society)

With best wishes

Kalmer Saar

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Established: 1988 Dec 12
Territory: Estonia
Periodical Publication(s): None

On January 18, 2001, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:

January 18, 2001

Mr. Spain, Jr.
FIAV Secretary General

Dear Mr. Spain,

I would like to thank you sincerely for your letter of November 30, 2000. I apologize for delaying in answering immediately. I should explain my silence on that. First of all myself, as well as the society members don't speak English, but French and we had some problems to find a translator for such a big letter. In December through the first half of January, we have been busy with different activities and measures to terminate the registration of our Society. This was the other reason for the delay. Now when all issues are tackled, I am responding to your letter as soon as I can.

First of all, I would like to inform you that it is not the National Archives of the Republic of Moldova that wishes to join FIAV, but it is the: Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldica si Arhivistica "Paul Gore."

In English: Paul Gore Genealogy, Heraldry and Archive Society
In French: Societe de Genealogie, d'Heraldique et d'Archivistique Paul Gore

Our society is a public, scientific, independent, non-governmental, nonpolitical, non-profitable organization as provided by its statute.

The objectives of the society under Article 2.1 of the Statute are as follows:

- a) To bring together researchers in genealogy, heraldry, archives and other related fields, and all those interested in that for the purpose of attaining their scientific and practical interests;
- b) To develop and promote research and activities in genealogy, heraldry, archives and other

related fields, and to enhance creativity in this field;

c) To disseminate information to members of domestic and international societies relating to the theory and practice of genealogy, heraldry, archives and other connected fields;

d) To raise public awareness of the historical documents interest and value;

e) To establish and maintain information and cooperation relations with domestic and international organizations and societies of this type.

f) To enhance the use of the national archival, genealogical and heraldic patrimony through different ways; to publish scientific papers, books and magazines in the above mentioned fields.

Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldica si Arhivistica "Paul Gore" was set up on the 22nd of October 1997 and registered by the Ministry of Justice on the 12th of October 2000 with all due rights and responsibilities provided under the country's legislation.

Today, the number of Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldica si Arhivistica "Paul Gore" members account for 51. The full membership (active member) is provided to 41 persons from the Republic of Moldova and the associate membership (correspondent member) is granted to 10 persons from Romania. The active members pay an annual membership fee estimated in minimum wage amount. This is a special computation unit applied in the whole country. One wage amount accounts for 18 lei (about 1,5 US\$) now.

The General Meeting of the members is the supreme administration body that is held at least every two years. The Board of Directors comprising 7- 13 persons and the Society Chairman manage the society between General Meetings. The society is located at the address of the National Archives of the Republic of Moldova, as follows:

Str. Gheorghe Asachi 67-B
Chisinau MD 2028
Republic of Moldova

I am the society Chairman. My name is Silviu Tabac, deputy Chief of the National Archives. You can contact us at:

Tel. 373 2- 73 58 38
Fax: 373 2- 73 58 36
E-mail: museum@mnc.md
silviu_tabac@hotmail.com

The society holds monthly scientific, informational workshops, organizes exhibitions and is engaged in other activities relating to its objectives. Vexillology is considered to be heraldry branch (in the large sense of this concept) and is one of the top activities preformed by us.

The society doesn't have its own publication yet. But sine 1999, a special "Paul Gore society" heading has been published with the support of the society members on the Parchment archives yearbook, whose summaries are in French and Russian.

The decision to join an international specialized society is taken by the society Board of Directors, as provided under Article 4.4.3, subsection h) of the statute. The Board of Directors decided to join FIAV under full membership and observe FIAV constitutional provisions during its meeting on January 17, 2001, after discussing the FIAV adhesion proposal, its constitution and compatibility of FIAV objectives with the society objectives. Hereinafter, I take on the responsibility to prepare all needed documents and papers.

I would like to thank you Mr. Secretary-General for the proposal you made under the letter. I would like to inform you about the society's desire to join FIAV and to ask you to develop all forms provided under FIAV constitution in order to fulfill our wishes.

Please feel free to contact us if you need any information.

And finally, we would be very grateful if you could send us a copy of FIAV constitution in French.

Yours sincerely,

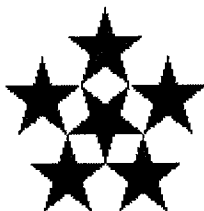
Dr. Silviu Tabac
Chairman of the Society

Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldica si Arhivistica "Paul Gore" (SGHAPG)

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Established: 1997 Oct 22
Territory: Moldova
Periodical Publication: none

On January 21, 2001, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:



Flags of the World
FIAV Liaison Committee
Edward Mooney, Jr., Chair
40552 156th Street East
Lancaster, California 93535 USA

January 7, 2001

International Federation of Vexillological Associations (FIAV)

Mr. Charles Spain
504 Branard St
Houston TX 77006-5018

To the FIAV Executive Board,

The Flags of the World internet group (FOTW) hereby applies for full membership in the International Federation of Vexillological Associations (FIAV). FOTW's sole purpose is the advancement of the pursuit of vexillology, that is the creation and development of a body of knowledge about flags and flag usage of all types.

FOTW hereby formally commits itself to the FIAV purposes, namely:

- 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.

FOTW is constituted in conformity with the laws that govern the Internet and was founded in 1993. Enclosed, you will find a copy of our rules, which form our constitution. We are in continuous virtual session, exchanging vexillological information on an hourly basis. We publish The Flags of the World Web

Site (and its mirrors) on the internet at the World Wide Web address <<http://www.fotw.digibel.be/flags>>.

As for international relations, our membership includes vexillologists from every continent, including members from vexillological associations around the world. The membership includes several members from other associations that are currently FIAV members.

Our membership currently stands at 252. At least four of our members are planning to attend the next International Congress of Vexillology sponsored by the Federation (Dave Martucci, Graham Bartram, Edward Mooney, Rob Raeside). We will elect an autochthonous and authorized representative of FOTW to represent us at the General Assembly in York, England prior to the next session of FIAV.

Thank you for your consideration of our application. If there is any further information you need or any question you may have, please don't hesitate to write or call. Email may be sent to our Liaison Committee Chair, Edward Mooney, at <moonbase@qnet.com>. You may telephone him at USA (661) 264-3278

Sincerely,



Edward Mooney, Jr.
FOTW Liaison Chair
FOTW Editor, Listmaster Emeritus

/s/ Rob Raeside
Rob Raeside
FOTW Director

Liaison Committee Members:

Ole Andersen, Denmark
Dave Martucci, Maine, USA
Edward Mooney, Jr., California, USA
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Flags of the World (FOTW)

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On January 22, 2001, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:

VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

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February 4, 2001

Mr. Charles Spain, Secretary-General
Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques
504 Branard Street
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USA

Re: Application for FIAV membership

Dear Kin,

The Vexillological Association of the State of Texas (VAST) requests that it be considered for full membership in the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques.

VAST's purposes are set forth in article 4 of its articles of incorporation:

The purposes for organizing the Corporation are to perform charitable, scientific, and/or educational activities within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3). Specifically, the Corporation is organized to: (1) promote vexillology, which is the creation and development of a body of knowledge about flags of all types and their forms and functions, and of scientific theories and principles based on that knowledge; (2) cooperate with other vexillological associations and institutions; and (3) represent Texas vexillologists on a national and international level.

In applying for FIAV membership, VAST commits itself to the purposes of FIAV expressed in article 3 of the FIAV Constitution:

FIAV 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 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; and
- (d) to sanction international standards facilitating the development of these activities.

VAST is a Texas nonprofit corporation organized under, and subject to, the provisions of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. VAST received its charter from the Texas Secretary of State on March 8, 2000. Copies of VAST's articles of incorporation, bylaws, and corporate charter are attached as exhibits to this membership application. Although originally organized in 1991, VAST became re-activated in late 1999. Much of the work of VAST's officers has been taken up with legally incorporating itself and in applying for recognition by the United States Internal Revenue Service as a charitable, scientific, and/or educational organization exempt from taxation (this recognition is still pending). VAST, however, has held two general membership meetings in 2000 (in Houston and Dallas) at which goals for the association have been discussed and a flag and a seal have been chosen. VAST will shortly publish the first issue of its semiannual publication, *VAST News* (ISSN 1531-1783). VAST will send copies of the first issue of *VAST News* to both the FIAV Board and current FIAV Members. A website is under construction at www.texflags.org, which VAST intends to use to educate the public on Texas vexillology. Finally, VAST will be holding a conference in Spring 2002 in connection with the Museum of Fine Arts Houston's planned exhibit on Texas flags.

As of December 31, 2000, VAST has thirty-five dues-paying members (US\$10 annually). Among its members are individuals who have attended—and in some cases sponsored—past International Congresses of Vexillology: James Ferrigan, Scot Guenter, Kevin Harrington, Michel Lupant, Harry Oswald, and Charles Spain.

There will be at least four VAST members at the Nineteenth International Congress of Vexillology in York. VAST has existed for almost ten years, since its February 16, 1991 organizational meeting in Austin, Texas. VAST will have an autochthonous and authorized representative at the session of the General Assembly in York.

Please feel free to contact me during work hours at (713) 981-3857 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/ James T. Liston
James T. Liston
President and director

attachments

cc: Chris Pinette, vice president and director

Vexillological Association of the State of Texas (VAST)

c/o Charles A. Spain, Jr.

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Territory:	USA: Texas
Periodical Publication:	VAST News (publication pending) (ISSN 1531-1783; English; semiannual since 2001)

MEMBER UPDATE

The following change in Member contact information has been received since the publication of *Info-FIAV* number 15:

The Flag Institute

e-mail:	president@flaginstitute.org (Robin Ashburner)
Home Page:	http://www.flaginstitute.org
Established:	1971 Apr 23

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Continuing the practice begun in 1999 of reprinting in *Info-FIAV* the minutes of the 1969 to 1991 sessions of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General in this issue reprints the minutes from 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, and 1983, along with unofficial summaries.

The Secretary-General has attempted to assemble a complete set of minutes and items discussed in those minutes. ***He is still missing the following items and would greatly appreciate copies of them:***

- 1969
 - flag description commission report from *Flag Bulletin* vol. 8, no. 1
 - French version of adopted statutes
- 1975
 - Klaes Sierksma's recommendations concerning changes in international system of vexillological publications
 - William Crampton's proposal for FIAV seal
- 1977
 - secretary-general's letter confirming full membership of Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka
- 1979
 - Klaes Sierksma's proposed revisions to FIAV statutes
- 1981
 - Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek's resignation letter
- 1983
 - revised statutes (French version)
- 1987
 - Association française d'études internationale de vexillologie's resignation letter
 - Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique's resignation letter
 - secretary-general's report

GA 4
IJsselmeer, Netherlands
April 17, 18, 1975

ICV 6
IJsselmeer, Netherlands
April 16 - 20, 1975
Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek

Summary:

- Officers
 - Ottfried Neubecker (Germany, West) president
 - Whitney Smith (United States) secretary-general
 - Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands) secretary-general for congresses
- Councillors (not necessarily present)
 - Austria Franz Kaindl
 - Belgium Roger E. Harmignies
 - Canada Harold A. Diceman
 - Denmark Christian Fogd Pedersen
 - France Georges Pasch
 - Germany, West Johannes Klein
 - Italy Mario Gibellini
 - Netherlands Johannes Hendrik Rombach
 - Norway Atle Grahl-Madsen
 - Sweden Leif Pålsson
 - Switzerland Peter Mäder
 - United Kingdom William G. Crampton
 - United States William C. Spangler
- Delegates
 - AFEIV Georges Pasch
 - CISV Aldo Ziggio
 - FI E.M.C. Barraclough
 - FRC Whitney Smith
 - GOH Franz Kaindl
 - HSFS E.M.C. Barraclough
 - NVvV W.A. van Ham and Johannes Hendrik Rombach
 - NF Atle Grahl-Madsen
 - NAVA Whitney Smith
 - OGHB René Wattiez
 - SSV Louis Mühlemann
 - SBH Klaes Sierksma
 - TWMF Paul Mills
 - WH Ottfried Neubecker
 - FIAV associates Paul Warming
- Not represented
 - ASM
 - NFF
 - USFF
- GA 3 minutes read and approved
- TWMF and GOH accepted as members
- Report given by Terminology Commission stating time had no arrived to adopt definitive standards
- Pasch proposed inventory of vexillological resources and was appointed head of study group
- FI proposed to adopt FIAV seal and emblem; Crampton prepare specific designs for consideration at GA 5
- Decision not to adopt personal flags for officers
- Officers re-elected
- Councillors re-elected except for following
 - Austria Franz Kaindl
 - Italy Mario Gibellini
 - Sweden Leif Pålsson

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 17 and 18 APRIL 1975

I. The meeting was called to order at the Netherlands Historical Shipping Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, by the FIAV President, Dr. Ottfried Neubecker. The following members were present, as represented by their accredited delegates: Association Française d'Etudes Internationales Vexillologiques (George Pasch), Centro Italiano Studi Vessillologici (Aldo Zigglioto), Flag Institute (E.M.C. Barraclough), Flag Research Center (Dr. Whitney Smith), Flag Section (E.M.C. Barraclough), Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde (W.A. van Ham, J.H. Rombach), Nordisk Flagselskab (Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen), North American Vexillological Association (Dr. Whitney Smith), Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique (René Wattiez), Société Suisse de Vexillologie (Louis Mühlemann), Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek (Klaes Sierksma), Wappen-Herold (Dr. Ottfried Neubecker). No delegates were present from the National Flag Foundation, Sezione Vexillologica, and the United States Flag Foundation. Dr. Paul Warming served as a delegate in accordance with Article X of the FIAV Statutes.

II. The minutes of the General Assembly of 14 and 17 September 1973 were read and approved.

III. The applications for membership in FIAV of the Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags and of the Gessellschaft für Osterreichische Heereskunde were approved and Mr. Paul Mills and Dr. Franz Kaindl were recognized as delegates, respectively.

IV. Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen, Chairman of the Terminology Commission, gave a report of his discussions and findings on the question of international norms for standardized flag terminology. He indicated that while extensive progress had been made, particularly in regard to color symbolism with the assistance of flag manufacturers, he did not feel that the moment had arrived for definitive standards to be adopted by FIAV.

V. George Pasch proposed the creation of an inventory of vexillological resources. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Pasch should be appointed the head of a study group to conduct the necessary research for compiling such an inventory in the name of FIAV, with a commercial publisher to be sought upon completion of the study.

VI. Consideration was given to proposals from the Flag Institute and the following decisions were made. William Crampton was requested to submit specific designs, based on the knots of the FIAV flag, for use as a seal and emblem by FIAV, for consideration at the 1977 General Assembly. Furthermore, other interested individuals with ideas for such a seal were requested to submit them to Mr. Crampton for consideration at the same time. It was decided not to adopt personal flags for the members of the Board of FIAV.

VII. Members of the Board and Council during 1973-1975 were re-elected for the period 1975-1977, with the exception of Dr. Natta-Soleri, who was replaced as the Italian councillor by Dr. Mario Gibellini. Dr. Kaindl was elected as the councillor from Austria. At this point the session of 17 April was adjourned.

VIII. When the session was reconvened on 18 April Mr. Leif Pahlsson was elected the councillor from Sweden. The presence of participants at the Sixth International Congress of Vexillology from Japan and Poland was noted with pleasure and fraternal greetings were extended to the National Flag Association (Tokyo) and to the Komisja Wexylogiczna (Warsaw) with an invitation to these institutions to apply for membership in FIAV.

IX. Proposals were submitted by Klaes Sierksma for changes in the current series of publications issued by members of FIAV, based on his specific proposals (of which copies were distributed to the delegates). After discussion, it was decided that suggestions and comments regarding these proposals should be sent to Dr. Whitney Smith prior to the end of 1975 and that in January 1976 he should submit a résumé of such suggestions to all FIAV members. This would then allow for discussion by member organizations in time for consideration of specific proposals at the next General Assembly. Dr. Whitney Smith suggested that consideration also be given to possible contacts with commercial publishers in order to guarantee the prompt and professional publication of future Congress Reports; action on this matter was postponed for the future.

X. The Nordisk Flagselskab was requested to suggest to vexillologists in Finland the organization of an association in that country. The offer of the Nordisk Flagselskab to sponsor the Eighth International Congress of Vexillology in 1979 was accepted with thanks, following which the General Assembly adjourned.

GA 5
Washington, District of Columbia, United States
June 12, 1977

ICV 7
Washington, District of Columbia, United States
June 10 - 14, 1977
Flag Research Center
North American Vexillological Association

Summary:

- Officers
 - Ottfried Neubecker (Germany, West) president
 - Whitney Smith (United States) secretary-general
 - Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands) secretary-general for congresses
- Councillors (not necessarily present)
 - Austria Franz Kaindl
 - Belgium Roger E. Harmignies
 - Canada Harold A. Diceman
 - Denmark Christian Fogd Pedersen
 - Finland Bo Tennberg
 - France Georges Pasch
 - Germany, West Johannes Klein
 - Italy Mario Gibellini
 - Netherlands Johannes Hendrik Rombach
 - Norway Atle Grahl-Madsen
 - Sweden Walter Rydberg
 - Switzerland Peter Mäder
 - United Kingdom William G. Crampton
 - United States William C. Spangler
- Delegates
 - FI Christian Fogd Pedersen
 - FRC Whitney Smith
 - GOH Franz Kaindl
 - NFF Hugh McClellan
 - NF Christian Fogd Pedersen
 - NAVA Hugh McClellan
 - SBH Klaes Sierksma
 - TWMF Charles Brannon
 - WH Ottfried Neubecker
 - FIAV associates Paul Warming
- Not represented
 - ASM
 - AFEIV
 - CISV
 - HSFS
 - NVvV
 - OGHB
 - SVV
 - USFF
- GA 4 minutes read and approved
- Membership of FRCSL provisionally accepted pending determination by secretary-general of FRCSL's status
- Members of Terminology Commission re-appointed and name changed to Commission on Terminology and Standardization
- Members encouraged to freely exchange their publications
- Inventory of vexillological resources and proposals for FIAV seal and emblem not addressed
- Question of inactive members discussed; no action taken
- Motion regarding dangers of flag restoration passed
- Officers re-elected
- Councillors re-elected except for following
 - Finland Bo Tennberg
 - Norway Atle Grahl-Madsen
 - Sweden Walter Rydberg

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

General Assembly, 12 June 1977

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by the President of the Federation, Dr. Ottfried Neubecker. The following members were present, as represented by their accredited delegates: Flag Institute (Christian Pedersen), Flag Research Center (Dr. Whitney Smith), Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde (Dr. Franz Kaindl), National Flag Foundation (Hugh McClellan), Nordisk Flagselskab (Christian Pedersen), North American Vexillological Association (Hugh McClellan), Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek (Klaes Sierksma), Tumbling Waters Museum (Charles Brannon), Wappen-Herold (Dr. Ottfried Neubecker). Paul Warming was elected as a delegate in accordance with Article X of the Federation Statutes. No delegates were present from the Association Française de Études Internationales Vexillologiques, Centro Italiano di Studi Vessillologici, The Flag Section of the Heraldry Society, Société Suisse de Vexillologie, United States Flag Foundation, Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde, and the Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique.
- II. The minutes of the General Assembly of 17 and 18 April 1975 were read and approved.
- III. The application for membership in FIAV by the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka was considered. The Secretary General was directed to determine from the Centre whether it was essentially a commercial undertaking or whether it met the requirements of Article V of the Federation Statutes, pending which its membership was provisionally accepted. [The required determination was satisfactorily made by the Secretary General subsequent to the General Assembly, confirming the membership of the Centre.]
- IV. The work of the Terminology Commission was discussed. The extensive work of its Chairman, Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen, was noted and the desire expressed that more members would take active part in the work of the Commission. The members appointed in 1967 and 1973 were reconfirmed, with the Commission authorized to supplement its membership as it sees fit in order to accomplish its goals. The name was altered to the Commission on Terminology and Standardization.
- V. The recommendations of Klaes Sierksma concerning changes in the current international system of vexillological publications, which were submitted to the General Assembly in 1975, having been decisively rejected by the members who expressed their opinions in writing to the Secretary General, the general question of publications in the field of vexillology was discussed. It was the consensus of the meeting that editors of national journals of vexillology should be encouraged to make their journals available on a cost-free exchange basis with each other such that all journals would be available to each association publishing a journal. [A list of the names and addresses of the journals were subsequently published in the official FIAV journal, THE FLAG BULLETIN, in its May-June 1977 issue.]

- VI. Neither George Pasch nor William Crampton being present, the inventory of vexillological resources and the proposals for a seal and emblem to be used by the Federation submitted to the General Assembly in 1975 were not dealt with, but the two individuals were invited to submit reports on the question to the next General Assembly.
- VII. It was voted to request that all members of the Federation name an individual to serve as a liaison with other organizations and that the names of those individuals, their addresses, and the preferred language of correspondence be communicated to Secretary General Dr. Whitney Smith, who would arrange for the publication of the list for the benefit of all member institutions.
- VIII. The question of inactive members of the Federation was discussed and it was determined that no action would be taken regarding membership of associations and institutions not currently active, aside from indicating this fact on the list of members to be published in accordance with the preceding paragraph.
- IX. Charles Brannon moved that the Federation resolve that no current method of flag restoration be endorsed and that, furthermore, the Federation take the official position of discouraging any individual, organization, or institution from having any of the flags in its possession restored, while encouraging such flag owners to protect their flags from decay by stabilizing their existing physical environment and conditions. After considerable discussion the motion was reworded and voted as follows: "The International Federation of Vexillological Associations calls the attention of owners of precious flags to the dangers inherent in flag restoration and strongly recommends that all matters regarding flag preservation only be carried out in consultation with specialized museums." The Secretary General was directed to write on behalf of the Federation to the International Council of Museums concerning this matter to alert museums to the problem and to request that they study the matter.
- X. Requests were made that changes in the program of an International Congress of Vexillology be given in writing to participants and that all former participants in International Congresses of Vexillology be invited when notice is given of an impending Congress.
- XI. Existing members of the Board and Council of the Federation were reelected together with councillors for Norway (Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen), Finland (Bo Tennberg), and Sweden (Walter Rydberg).
- XII. The offer of the Nordisk Selskab to sponsor the 8th International Congress of Vexillology in 1979, previously made in 1975, was reconfirmed, following which the General Assembly adjourned.

GA 6
Wien, Vienna, Austria
June 29, 1979

ICV 8
Wien, Vienna, Austria
June 26 - 29, 1979
Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde

Summary:

- Officers
 - Ottfried Neubecker (Germany, West) president
 - Whitney Smith (United States) secretary-general
 - Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands) secretary-general for congresses
- Councillors (not necessarily present)
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 - Belgium Roger E. Harmignies
 - Canada The Rev. Ralph Spence
 - Denmark Christian Fogd Pedersen
 - Finland Bo Tennberg
 - France Lucien Philippe
 - Germany, West Johannes Klein
 - Italy Mario Gibellini
 - Netherlands Johannes Hendrik Rombach
 - Norway Atle Grahl-Madsen
 - Spain Sebastián Herreros Agüí
 - Sweden Walter Rydberg
 - Switzerland Louis Mühlemann
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 - CISV Vezio Melegari
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 - SEV Sebastián Herreros Agüí
 - SVB The Rev. Hugh Boudin
 - SBH Klaes Sierksma
 - USFF Muriel Cahill
 - WH Ottfried Neubecker
 - FIAV associates Paul Warming
- Not represented
 - ASM
 - AFEIV
 - FRCSL
 - HSFS
 - TWFM
- GA 5 minutes read and approved
- SEV and SVB accepted as members
- Motion regarding membership applications passed
 - Must be submitted six months in advance to FIAV president
 - Must state number of members, vexillological purposes, and activities and publications
 - FIAV council to make recommendation and circulate to all FIAV members in advance of GA
- Motions of CISV and SEV to recognize Italian and Spanish as official languages discussed, but no vote taken
- FI motion to allow regional non-ICV international gatherings in alternate years from ICVs defeated
- Officers re-elected
- Councillors re-elected except for following
 - Canada The Rev. Ralph Spence
 - France Lucien Philippe
 - Switzerland Louis Mühlemann

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

General Assembly, 29 June 1979

Vienna, Austria

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM. by the President of the Federation, Dr. Ottfried Neubecker. The following members were present, as represented by their accredited delegates: Centro Italiano di Studi Vessillologici (Vezio Melegari), Flag Institute (William Crampton), Flag Research Center (Dr. Whitney Smith), Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde (Dr. Franz Kaindl), National Flag Foundation (George Cahill), Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde (Mr. C.H. de Koning), Nordisk Flagselskab (Christian Pedersen), North American Vexillological Association (Rev. Ralph Spence), Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique (René Wattiez), Société Suisse de Vexillologie (Louis Mühlemann), Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek (Klaes Sierksma), United States Flag Foundation (Muriel Cahill), Wappen-Herold (Dr. Ottfried Neubecker). Paul Warming was elected as a delegate in accordance with Article X of the Federation Statutes. No delegates were present from the Association Française d'Études Internationales Vexillologiques, Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka, Flag Section of the Heraldry Society, Sezione Vesillologica, and the Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags.
- II. The minutes of the General Assembly of 12 June 1977 were read and approved.
- III. The applications for membership in FIAV by the Sociedad Española de Vexilología and the Societas Vexillologica Belgica were considered and approved. The delegates of those associations, respectively, who took part in the subsequent deliberations of the General Assembly were Sebastián Herreros Agüí and Roger Baert.
- IV. Applications for membership in FIAV by the Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap, the Partioheraldikot, and the Flag Design Center were considered. In view of the absence of notification on the agenda of these applications and some questions concerning the propriety of the applications, no action was taken in the matter. The following motion was made by the delegate from the Flag Research Center: "An application for membership in the Federation is to be submitted to the Federation President at least six months in advance of the next General Assembly, in writing, with an indication of the number of members associated with the applicant; its degree of interest in and involvement with vexillology; the activities and publications of the applicant (with examples), said application to be circulated to all members of the Federation in advance of the General Assembly with the recommendations of the Council relative to membership." The motion was adopted, thirteen votes in favor and the delegate of the Flag Institute opposed.
- V. The delegate of the North American Vexillological Association extended the offer of the Heraldry Society of Canada to sponsor the 9th International Congress of Vexillology in 1981 in Ottawa, Canada. The offer was accepted thirteen votes in the affirmative and the delegate of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología opposed. The following motion was made and approved: "The

Board of the Federation is to determine the site and sponsor of any future International Congress of Vexillology when the site and sponsor originally approved by the General Assembly are withdrawn."

- VI. The motion of the Centro Italiano di Studi Vessillologici and of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología that "The Italian and Spanish languages be recognized as official languages of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations" was considered without being put to a formal vote. The President pointed out that there was no problem with the use of Italian, Spanish, or any other language in sessions of the General Assembly, in lectures delivered at International Congresses of Vexillology and the written text published in the Congress Report, or in verbal or written communications with officers of the Federation. However, recognition of further languages in the Federation Statutes might put a legal obligation on the Federation to provide oral and/or written translations of material into all official languages.
- VII. The delegate of the Flag Institute moved that "Member organizations of FIAV be permitted to hold international gatherings on a regional basis in years alternating with those of the International Congresses of Vexillology." After protracted discussions of all aspects of the question a vote was taken; five delegates voted in favor (Centro Italiano di Studi Vessillologici, Flag Institute, Sociedad Española de Vexilología, Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde, Soci t  Suisse de Vexillologie) four delegates voted against (Flag Research Center, Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek, National Flag Foundation, United States Flag Foundation); and three delegates abstained (Wappen-Herold, Societas Vexillologica Belgica, Nordisk Flagselskab). Since Article XIII of the Federation Statutes requires the affirmative vote of "two-thirds majority of the members present or represented," the motion lost.
- VIII. The following members of the Board and Council of the Federation were elected for the term 1979-1981: President, Dr. Ottfried Neubecker; Secretary-General (Permanent Bureau of the Federation), Dr. Whitney Smith; Secretary-General (Permanent Bureau, International Congresses of Vexillology), Klaes Sierksma; Councillors for France, Lucien Philippe; Italy, Mario Gibellini; United Kingdom, William Crampton; United States, Willian Spangler; Canada, Reverend Ralph Spence; Austria, Dr. Franz Kaindl; Netherlands, J.H. Rombach; Denmark, Christian Pedersen; Sweden, Walter Rydberg; Norway, Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen; Belgium, Roger Harmignies; Switzerland, Louis M hlemann; Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Johannes Klein; Spain, Sebasti n Herreros Ag  . No councillor was elected for Sri Lanka. Following the election the General Assembly adjourned.

Klaes Sierksma distributed a list of proposals relative to revision of the Statutes of the Federation which were not, however, discussed at the General Assembly. A copy is enclosed.

Inquiries relative to the 9th International Congress of Vexillology should be sent to Rev. D. Ralph Spence, 38 Claremont Street, Thorold, Ontario L2V 1R6, Canada.