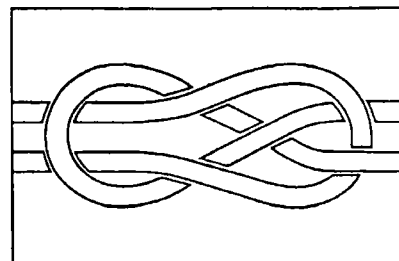

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AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE CONVENED JULY 23, 2001 YORK, ENGLAND, UNITED KINGDOM

It is the responsibility of each FIAV Member to forward a copy of this agenda to the person who will serve as the Member's delegate to the General Assembly.

Note: Pursuant to a July 30, 1999 decision of the General Assembly at its Sixteenth Session in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, the General Assembly will continue to use *Bourinot's Rules of Order* (ISBN 0-7710-8336-X) on a temporary basis.

1. Call to order by President; official opening of the Seventeenth Session
 2. Verification by the President of written credentials of delegates from FIAV Members
 3. Roll call of delegates; recognition of quorum by Secretary-General; declaration by President that the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly is constituted
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6. Reports by the Board:
 - (a) President (Michel Lupant)
 - (b) Secretary-General (Charles Spain)
 - (c) Secretary-General for Congresses (Graham Bartram)
7. Announcements:
 - (a) proposals to host ICV 21 (2005)
 - (b) proposals to host ICV 22 (2007)
 - (c) candidates for FIAV membership (arranged in order membership applications were received):
 - (i) Instytut Heraldyczny-Weksylogiczny (IHW) (received 1999 Nov 22) (see *Info-FIAV* number 15, page 3; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 7)
 - (ii) Nihon Kishougaku Kyoukai/Japanese Vexillological Association (JAVA) (received 2000 Nov 2) (see *Info-FIAV* number 15, page 4; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 7)
 - (iii) Vlaggen Dokumentatie Centrum Nederland/Flag Documentation Centre Netherlands (VDCN) (received 2000 Nov 12) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 4-5; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 7)
 - (iv) Société vexillologique de l'ouest (SVO) (received 2000 Dec 16) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 5-6; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 8)
 - (v) Confederate States Vexillological Association (CSVA) (received 2001 Jan 8) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 7-8; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 8)
 - (vi) The Heraldry College of the Estonian Heritage Society (HCEHS) (received 2001 Jan 12) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 8-9; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 8)
 - (vii) Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldică și Arhivistică "Paul Gore" (SGHAPG) (received 2001 Jan 18) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 9-11; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 8)
 - (viii) Flags of the World (FOTW) (received 2001 Jan 21) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 11-12; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 9)
 - (ix) Vexillological Association of the State of Texas (VAST) (received 2001 Jan 22) (see *Info-FIAV* number 15, pages 12-14; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 9)
 - (d) candidates for the FIAV Board
 - (i) President
 - (ii) Secretary-General
 - (iii) Secretary-General for Congresses
8. Report of the Flag Data Accuracy Commission (Graham Bartram, Mario Fabretto, Andreas Herzfeld, Whitney Smith, and Alfred Znamierowski):
9. Report of the Standing Orders Commission (Ralph Kelly (chair), Scot Guenter, and Charles Spain)
10. Report on ICV 20 (August 2003, Stockholm, Sweden)
11. Consideration of candidates for membership:
 - (a) IHW
 - (b) JAVA
 - (c) VDCN
 - (d) SVO
 - (e) CSVA
 - (f) HCEHS
 - (g) SGHAPG
 - (h) FOTW
 - (i) VAST

Note: New Members may vote only after all candidates for membership have been considered.
12. Selection of ICV 21 (2005) host
13. Discussion about ICV 22 (2007) host
14. Consideration of Board's proposed constitutional amendments (see pages 9-12)
15. Consideration of Board's proposed amendments to the Flag Information Code (see pages 12-14)
16. Consideration of Board's proposal to name persons as "Fellows of the Federation" (see page 14)

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17. Consideration of Board's proposal to allow former FIAV Officers to use their former title with the word "emeritus." (see page 14)
18. Discussion about publication of ICV proceedings in general and specific status of proceedings from:

ICV 5	1973	London, United Kingdom	FI
ICV 9	1981	Ottawa, Canada	FRC, Heraldry Society of Canada, NAVA
ICV 14	1991	Barcelona, Spain	ACV
ICV 16	1995	Warszawa, Poland	CFZ, FDC, PTW
ICV 18	1999	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	CFA, NAVA
19. Consideration of continued use of *Bourinot's Rules of Order*
20. Election of 2001-2003 Board:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Secretary-General
 - (c) Secretary-General for Congresses
21. Final adjournment of the Seventeenth Session by President (new Board takes office)



Charles Spain
 FIAV Secretary-General
 Houston, April 23, 2001

COMMENTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

Item 2: Every FIAV Member is **strongly** encouraged to appoint a delegate and alternate to represent it in York. If no person from a FIAV Member is able to come to York, that FIAV Member is **strongly** encouraged to appoint as its delegate either the delegate of another FIAV Member or one of the three FIAV Officers.

Credentials may be mailed in advance to the FIAV President (see page 1 for address), but copies must also be brought to York. Credentials must be **received** by the President **on or before July 13, 2001**. If at all possible, credentials should be on the Member's official stationery.

The suggested form of written credentials is as follows:

To the President of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques:

[Choose one of following two paragraphs:]

[Name of FIAV Member association or institution] appoints [name of person (and alternate, if desired)], who is a member of [name of FIAV Member association or institution], as its delegate to the Seventeenth Session of the FIAV General Assembly, to be convened July 23, 2001, in York, England, United Kingdom. **[or]**

[Name of FIAV Member association or institution] regrets that none of its members is able to attend the Seventeenth Session of the FIAV General Assembly, to be convened July 23, 2001, in York, England, United Kingdom. [Name of FIAV Member association or institution] therefore names as its delegate to the General Assembly [name of person], who is also the delegate of [name of other FIAV Member association or institution] [or] who is also the FIAV President [or] Secretary-General [or] Secretary-General for Congresses.

[Delegate's name] has full powers to act on behalf of [name of FIAV Member association or institution] during the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly [or] The powers of [delegate's name] to act on behalf of [name of FIAV Member association or institution] during the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly are limited as follows: [describe].

[signature of authorized representative of FIAV Member association or institution]
 [printed name]
 [title]
 [date]
 [seal (optional)]

Item 6: The Board will present both oral and written reports in York.

Item 7: HAVSOM has previously indicated its interest in hosting ICV 21 (2005) in Malta. The Board has not received any formal proposals to host ICV 22 (2007). The President, Michel R. Lupant, Secretary-General, Charles A. Spain, Jr., and Secretary-General for Congresses, Graham Bartram, announce their intention to stand for re-election.

Item 8: The Secretary-General has requested, but not received, a written report from the Flag Data Accuracy

Commission. If a written report is received in sufficient time, the Secretary-General will publish it in advance of the Session in *Info-FIAV*.

Item 9: The Secretary-General has requested, but not received a written report from the Standing Orders Commission. If a written report is received in sufficient time, the Secretary-General will publish it in advance of the Session in *Info-FIAV*.

Item 11: The Board has summarized the membership applications as they relate to the criteria set out in article 7(c) of the FIAV Constitution as follows:

Candidate name	Constitution	Interest in vexillology; Activities	Dues-paying members	Registration at past ICVs	Existence since	Representative at York
IHW	unknown	principle; research, design, and documentation of Polish flags	none (institution)	yes	1997	yes
JAVA	constitution	principle; monthly meetings	11 (3 nondues-paying)	no	2000	yes
VDCN	unknown	principle; journal	none (institution)	unknown	1978	unknown
SVO	unknown	principle; unknown	unknown	no	1996	no
CSVA	bylaws	principle; biennial meetings, website, newsletter	21	yes	2000	yes
HCEHS	unknown	unknown if primary or subsidiary; no publications	0 (7 nondues paying)	no	1988	unknown
SGHAPG	statute (no copy provided)	subsidiary; monthly meetings, news published in column of national archives publication	51	no	1997	unknown
FOTW	no	principle; website	0 (252 nondues paying)	yes	1993	yes
VAST	bylaws	principle; semi-annual meetings, website, newsletter	35	yes	1991	yes

The Board has not made any recommendations concerning candidates for membership at this time.

Item 14: The Board recommends the approval of its Resolution 1 proposing constitutional amendments. There are comments on each one of the amendments; these comments follow the text of the amendment.

Item 15: The Board recommends the approval of its Resolution 2, proposing amendments to the Flag Information Code. There are comments on the amendments following the text of the amendments.

Item 16: The Board recommends the approval of its Resolution 3, proposing the creation of "Fellows of the Federation."

Item 17: The Board recommends the approval of its Resolution 4, which would allow former FIAV Officers to use their former title with the word "emeritus."

Item 18: The Board believes FIAV should do whatever is necessary to ensure that the proceedings of all International Congresses of Vexillology are published. The following proceedings are still unpublished or only partially published:

ICV 5	1973	London, United Kingdom	FI
ICV 9	1981	Ottawa, Canada	FRC, Heraldry Society of Canada, NAVA
ICV 14	1991	Barcelona, Spain	ACV
ICV 16	1995	Warszawa, Poland	CFZ, FDC, and PTW
ICV 18	1999	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	CFA, NAVA

ICV5: FI has admitted it does not know the status of the 1973 proceedings. FRC has said it would produce a list of papers from the congress, including citations of those that have been published, for publication in *Info-FIAV* or *The Flag Bulletin*.

ICV 9: FRC said it has published all but three of the papers presented at the congress. FRC has said it would publish a list of those papers in *The Flag Bulletin*.

ICV 14: There is a question whether ACV will publish the proceedings (see pages 5-7).

ICV 16: CFZ has published part of the proceedings on the World Wide Web at www.paiz.gov.pl/wserwatowski:

Weksyli@na number 2/17/1999:

Krzysztof Braun, "Die Wappensymbolik der Stadte Nordmasowiens," pages 1-2

Aleř Brořek, "Search for Ideal Municipal Flags," pages 2-4

Weksyli@na number 3/18/1999:

Paul Dechaix, "La Vexillologie Savoyarde," pages 1-4

Weksyli@na number 4/19/1999:

Frederick G. Brownell, "The National Flag of South Africa: Evolution of the Final Design," pages 1-4

Anibal Gotelli, "Declaration de Varsovie sur la necessite de reglementer le protocole et les caracteristiques des drapeaux," page 4

Weksyli@na number 5/20/1999:

Anibal Gotelli, "Bases y Propuestas para el Progreso de la Vexilologa y la Organizacion de la Comunidad Vexilologica Internacional," pages 2-7

Weksyli@na numbers 6-7/21-22/1999:

Emil Dreyer, "Military Flags of the Canton of Bern: A Concise History," pages 1-6

ICV 18: CFA reports that publication of the proceedings has been delayed. See *Flagscan* number 61, page 19.

Item 18: Subject to the report of the Standing Orders Commission, the Board recommends the continued use of *Bourinot's Rules of Order*.

Item 21: The Board eagerly anticipates the final adjournment of the Seventeenth Session.

LETTERS

The Secretary-General received the following letter on March 5, 2001:

Srs. Lupant, Spain y Bertram:

En la pagina 22 del boletin INFO FIAV numero 15 de noviembre de 2000, el seor Whitney Smith hace unas apreciaciones asegurando que el libro de comunicaciones del 14 Congreso Internacional de Vexilologia celebrado en Barcelona y organizado por la Associacio Catalana de Vexilologica (ACV) nunca se publicara, aadiendo que los asistentes pagaron por el libro y presumiendo que la ACV se ha quedado con el dinero de los asistentes.

Yo, Anna M. Galan, como presidenta de la ACV y organizadora del Congreso aseguro que nunca se ha dicho que no se publicara dicho libro de Comunicaciones.

O sea que el seor Smith incurre en juicios temerarios, sobre la ACV y las personas que la formamos, daanando publicamente nuestra imagen y la de la ACV.

Si ustedes como editores de INFO FIAV y el señor Whitney Smith como redactor de la nota no se retractan públicamente en su boletín, entendemos que somos libres para emprender acciones judiciales contra el boletín la FIAV y el señor Smith por daño irreparable de la imagen de la ACV y de los señores Sebastián Herreros, Jordi Pérez y Anna M. Galan como vicepresidente, tesorero y presidenta de la Asociación.

Quedo a la espera de su contestación.

Atentamente,

Anna M. Galan

Presidenta

[Srs. Lupant, Spain and Bertram:

On page 22 of the November 2000 INFO FIAV bulletin, Mr. Whitney Smith makes some assumptions by assuring that the book of the Proceedings of the 14th International Congress of Vexillology, celebrated in Barcelona and organized by the Associació Catalana de Vexil·logia (ACV), will never be published, adding that the Congress attendees paid for the book and presuming that the ACV has kept the attendees' money.

I, Anna M. Galan, as president of the ACV and organizer of the Congress, guarantee that no one has said that this book of the Proceedings would not be published.

Or said another way, Mr. Smith makes rash judgments about the ACV and the persons who comprise it, publicly damaging our reputations and that of the ACV.

If you as publishers of INFO FIAV and Mr. Whitney Smith as author of the statement do not publicly retract this statement in your bulletin, we will consider ourselves free to initiate legal action against the bulletin, the FIAV, and Mr. Smith due to the irreparable damage done to the reputations of the ACV and señores Sebastián Herreros, Jordi Pérez, and Anna M. Galan, respectively the vice-president, treasurer, and president of the Association.

I await your response.

Sincerely,

*Anna M. Galan
President]*

The Secretary-General sent the following response that same day:

Dear Senyora Galan:

I received your letter expressing concern about the Flag Research Center's comments on the Fourteenth International Congress of Vexillology and the publication of those comments in *Info-FIAV* number 15 as a part of the minutes of the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly. I assume that you have sent a copy of your letter to the Flag Research Center.

As Secretary-General, part of my job is to take accurate and impartial minutes of the General Assembly's Sessions and to serve as editor of *Info-FIAV*. The delegate of the Flag Research Center made the comments during the Sixteenth Session, and the comments were relevant to the issue under discussion, which was the publication status of past Congress proceedings.

Because the minutes accurately reflect what happened at the Sixteenth Session, it would be inappropriate for me to change them. I will, however, publish your letter in *Info-FIAV* number 17, unless you instruct me otherwise, so all FIAV Members may understand the concerns you have raised. In addition, the Associació Catalana de Vexil·logia can object to the approval of the minutes later this year when the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly is held in York. I would be very pleased to print in *Info-FIAV* information about the Associació Catalana de Vexil·logia's plans to publish the proceedings from the Fourteenth International Congress of Vexillology.

Finally, I assure you that all members of the FIAV Board have no motive behind their service other than what is best for FIAV and vexillology. Michel Lupant, Graham Bartram, and I understand that disagreements will occur in FIAV, but we are committed to resolving them in a fair, nonpartisan, and professional

manner.

Looking forward to seeing you again in York, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Kin
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No further communications have been received from ACV.

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PROPOSALS BY THE FIAV BOARD

Resolution 1

Resolved by the voting members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Articles 7, 9, 14, 15, 18, and 25 are amended as follows:

- Art. 7
- (a) ~~[Full membership]~~ Membership in FIAV is open to any association or institution anywhere in the world having as ~~[its principal]~~ a substantial purpose the scientific study of vexillology. ~~[Associate membership in FIAV is open to other associations or institutions anywhere in the world having vexillology as a center of subsidiary interest.]~~
- (b) The processing of membership applications is the responsibility of the Board. The Board may delegate this responsibility to a person appointed by it for this purpose. The procedure consists of the following:
- (1) The applicant shall submit a membership application, which must be received by the Board no later than six months before the convening of the next session of the General Assembly.
- (2) The Board shall consider the application and make a recommendation to the General Assembly relative to the applicant and shall communicate that recommendation to the applicant and to existing Members not later than three months before the convening of the next session of the General Assembly.

- (3) The Board may recommend acceptance of the applicant as a ~~[Full]~~ Member, ~~[as an Associate Member,]~~ or may recommend rejection of the ~~[application]~~ applicant.
 - (4) The General Assembly at its next session shall vote on the application. An authorized representative of the applicant may appear at the session to represent its case. A rejected applicant has the right to reapply for membership at any later session of the General Assembly.
- (c) The Board and the General Assembly, in making their decisions about an applicant, shall have regard to the following:
- (1) the existence of a written constitution and its provisions;
 - (2) the vexillological and non-vexillological activities of the applicant, including meetings, publications, and international relations;
 - (3) in the case of an association, the number of its dues-paying members (minimum of five);
 - (4) registration of its members in International Congresses of Vexillology;
 - (5) the length of time it has existed; and
 - (6) the presence of an autochthonous and authorized representative of the applicant at the session of the General Assembly at which there is to be a vote on the application.
- Art. 9 At its discretion, the Board may require a Member to furnish evidence of its continued qualification for membership under the terms set forth in article 7. On the basis of this evidence, the Board may make a recommendation to the General Assembly on the continuation ~~[or modification]~~ of the membership of the association or institution. If the recommendation is made to remove a Member from FIAV ~~[or change its status from full to associate membership]~~, the Member in question must be notified at least three months in advance of the session of the General Assembly at which there is to be a vote on the matter. The Member shall be invited to present its defense before the General Assembly, but shall not participate in the vote on the matter.
- Art. 14
- (a) The General Assembly is composed of the Officers together with a delegate from each of the ~~[Full and Associate]~~ Members. Each delegate must present to the President written credentials from the Member represented. A Member may delegate any or all of its powers in writing to a delegate from any other Member or to an Officer.
 - (b) A session of the General Assembly is not constituted unless delegates of at least half of the ~~[Full]~~ Members are present, except as provided for in article 25.
 - (c) Each ~~[Full]~~ Member and each Officer is entitled to one vote in the General Assembly.
- Art. 15 Majorities in the General Assembly consist of the following fractions of those ~~[Full]~~ Members present and voting:
- (a) A simple majority in the election of Officers. If more than two candidates stand for election for an Office and no candidate receives a simple majority, then the candidate with the least votes shall be eliminated from the next ballot, and so on.
 - (b) Two-thirds for ordinary resolutions.
 - (c) Three-quarters for amendments to the Constitution or dissolution of FIAV.
- Art. 18 The General Assembly may be called into an emergency session if extraordinary conditions require this, as determined by the Board, or if three-quarters of the ~~[Full]~~ Members request this of the Board.
- Art. 25
- (a) A motion to dissolve FIAV may be considered only at a session of the General

Assembly at which delegates of at least three-quarters of the [Full] Members are present.

(b) Instead of sending a delegate, a [Full] Member may choose to submit to the President a written, notarized statement expressing that Member's vote in favor of, or in opposition to, the motion to dissolve. A [Full] Member that submits any such statement shall be considered present at the session for the purpose of determining that the session is constituted to consider a motion to dissolve.

(c) The General Assembly establishes the terms of the dissolution.

(b) On the adoption of this section, all current Associate Members immediately become Members.

(c) Comment: To eliminate the distinction between Full and Associate Members. This distinction was originally introduced in 1989, and it has been a topic of heated debate since that time as the General Assembly has voted to admit as Full Members some associations that arguably did not meet the constitutional requirements for full membership. The Board believes this debate has been extremely contentious and unhealthy, and it should be resolved.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Article 15 is amended as follows:

Art. 15 Majorities in the General Assembly consist of the following fractions of those Full Members present and voting:

(a) A simple majority in the election of Officers. If more than two candidates stand for election for an Office and no candidate receives a simple majority, then the candidate with the least votes shall be eliminated from the next ballot, and so on.

(b) A simple majority for a motion to amend a motion under consideration, to proceed to the next item of business on the agenda, to defer consideration of a motion, to refer a motion to a Commission, to appeal a ruling of the chair, for a record vote, or to adjourn a session of the General Assembly.

(c) Two-thirds for ~~[ordinary resolutions]~~ all other motions.

~~(e)~~ (d) Three-quarters for amendments to the Constitution or dissolution of FIAV.

(b) Comment: To allow certain specified procedural motions to be decided by a majority vote. The Board believes FIAV should continue to require a super majority vote on all main motions, which bring business before the General Assembly for action. It is fundamentally antidemocratic, however, to require a super majority vote on the types of procedural motions addressed in this proposal. For example, it makes no sense to require a two-thirds vote to adjourn a session of the General Assembly when it is clear that a simple majority of delegates no longer desires to continue deliberating. The Board has discussed this proposal with the Standing Orders Commission, and the Commission recommends that the proposal be adopted.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Article 23 is amended as follows:

Art. 23 ~~[The official journal of FIAV is *The Flag Bulletin* (ISSN 0015-3370). In addition,]~~
(a) FIAV shall publish a newsletter concerning its activities at least once a year for the benefit of its Members, which may be freely reproduced. The General Assembly may initiate or authorize other publications.

(b) The Flag Bulletin (ISSN 0015-3370) is recognized as a journal for the publication of scientific articles in the field of vexillology.

(c) Comment: To alter the designation of *The Flag Bulletin* from FIAV's "official journal" (adopted in 1989) back to "a journal for the publication of scientific articles in the field of vexillology" (adopted in 1967). The Board wishes to continue FIAV's longstanding recognition of *The Flag Bulletin*, yet make it clear that FIAV does not own or control *The Flag Bulletin*.

SECTION 4. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Severability. Each of sections 1 through 3 of this resolution may be separately considered by the General Assembly, and approved or disapproved individually.

(b) Font. Additions to the Constitution are indicated by underlining and deletions to the Constitution are indicated by ~~enclosure in brackets and strikeouts~~. If approved, the modified text shall appear in nonunderlined font without the bracketed and

struck out text.

(c) Comments. The comments to sections 1 through 3 of this resolution are provided for explanatory purposes only and do not form part of the proposed amendment.

(d) Effective date. Each of sections 1 through 3 of this resolution receiving approval shall be immediately effective at the time of its approval.

Resolution 2

Resolved by the voting members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CODE.

(a) The Flag Information Code is amended as follows:

~~[The International Federation of Vexillological Associations recognizes the following Flag Information Code and recommends its use to its members, to individual vexillologists, and to publishers and others concerned for flags.]~~

FLAG INFORMATION CODE

Sec. 1 The Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques (FIAV) adopts this Flag Information Code and encourages its use by FIAV Members, individual vexillologists, publishers, and others who study flags.

~~[It is clearly understood that use of the Code in no way is intended to substitute for a complete textual exposition of the information to which the symbols of the Code refer.]~~

~~[H:]~~ Sec. 2 The purposes of the Code are:

~~[A:]~~ (a) ~~[Fø]~~ to allow basic information about flags to be recorded and transmitted concisely, accurately, and in a manner which (1) insofar as possible eliminates misunderstandings and [which] (2) is both easy to learn and comprehensible to persons knowing different languages [and easy to learn];

~~[B:]~~ (b) ~~[Fø]~~ to standardize knowledge of flags in order to facilitate comparative studies of flag characteristics;

~~[C:]~~ (c) ~~[Fø]~~ to provide a convenient system for researchers, publishers, and others to record, [data for personal use and for] exchange[s], and [publication of] publish information[-]; and

~~[D:]~~ (d) ~~[Fø]~~ to eliminate, insofar as possible, the confusion that [existing] exists in the terminology employed by governments and others [when reference is made] to describe [to different flags and] national flags and their use[s].

~~[H:]~~ Sec. 3 FLAG COLORS

~~[A:]~~ (a) The following ~~[letters are adopted for use to]~~ abbreviations indicate ~~[the]~~ flag colors ~~[of a flag in illustrations]:~~

R	(red)
O	(orange)
Y	(yellow)
V	(green)
B	(blue)
P	(purple)
N	(black)
W	(white)
G	(grey)
M	(brown)
Au	(gold)
Ag	(silver)

~~[B:]~~ (b) Colors other than those listed ~~[shall be written out in full]~~ above are not abbreviated.

[E:] (c) The following symbols [are adopted for use in illustrations to] indicate approximate color shades [of a flag]:

- (light)
-- (very light)
+ (dark)
++ (very dark)

[B:] (d) The [letters used] use of a color description without [any] a symbol indicates a medium, normal, or unknown shade of the color.

[W:] Sec. 4 FLAG PROPORTIONS

[The following system of identification is adopted for use as part of illustrations of flags of all kinds to indicate relative proportions.] Flag proportions are indicated by a ratio. The first figure corresponds to the width of the flag, which is defined as the side normally attached to the pole or staff. The second figure corresponds to the length of the flag. [Thus a] A flag with a width of 3 units and a length of 5 units [shall be] is written either 3:5 or 3x5.

3x5 (hand-written form)
3:5 (printed version)

[V:] Sec. 5 NATIONAL FLAG [TYPOLOGY] USE

[A:] (a) The following [symbol] grid is [adopted for use in illustrations of] used to describe the use or uses of a flag[s] whose primary purpose is to identify nationality rather than some other characteristic (such as the rank of an individual, [er] the existence of a specific government or military institution [or unit], or some other concept):



[B:] (b) The six areas of the grid indicate[s] the six basic uses of national flags [of nationality, i.e.]: (1) use by private [citizens] individuals and institutions on land; (2) use by [public] nonmilitary governmental institutions on land; (3) use by military institutions on land [and the corresponding usages at sea]; (4) use by private individuals and institutions at sea; (5) use by nonmilitary governmental institutions at sea; and (6) use by military institutions at sea. Private, [public] nonmilitary governmental, and military use [are] is indicated from left to right by the three vertical columns; use on land and at sea [are] is indicated [by the] from top [and] to bottom by the two horizontal [columns] rows, respectively].

[G:] (c) The grid [is to be] is written or printed in the line of identifying text near [an] the flag illustration [of a flag], together with the [symbol] ratio indicating proportions. The use or uses of the flag [design illustrated for one or more of the six uses shall be] are indicated by placing a point (•) or an x in the appropriate area or areas of the grid [in printed versions and an x in the appropriate area or areas in a hand-written version].

[D:] The following symbol is adopted for use, as appropriate, in illustrations of flags which identify civil and/or military aircraft and air installations, a point (•) or x in the appropriate vertical column above the top horizontal line indicating the usage:



Sec. 6 The flag information summarized by the Code is not a substitute for a specific textual description of a flag and its use or uses.

[W:] Sec. 7 [Changes and additions] An amendment to the Code may be adopted only by [a] the FIAV General Assembly [of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations]. [When possible, all such modifications shall] Before the General Assembly considers an amendment, the amendment should be discussed [fully in advance] by [all participants at] individuals attending the International Congress of Vexillology during which the General Assembly [is] session will be held. FIAV Members [associations] and individual vexillologists are encouraged to [consider desirable modifications] propose amendments based on their

[actual] experience in using the Code.

(b) Comment: To (1) revise and clarify the Flag Information Code in plain English using structure and terminology similar to that used in the FIAV Constitution and (2) eliminate the symbol used to designate flags which identify civil and/or military aircraft and air installations. The symbol used to designate flags which identify civil and/or military aircraft and air installations has never been widely used, if used at all, and the Board believes any use of that symbol would be extremely confusing.

SECTION 2. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Font. Additions to the Code are indicated by underlining and deletions to the Code are indicated by [~~enclosure in brackets and strikeouts~~]. If approved, the modified text shall appear in nonunderlined font without the bracketed and struck out text.

(b) Comments. The comment to section 1 of this resolution is provided for explanatory purposes only and does not form part of the proposed amendment.

Resolution 3

Resolved by the voting members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,

(a) That the Board may, on behalf of FIAV, name as “Fellows of the Federation” persons who have made significant contributions to vexillology and/or have contributed significant service to FIAV or a FIAV Member.

(b) That the General Assembly, pursuant to article 16(e) of the Constitution, delegates to the Board its authority to name persons as “Laureates of the Federation,” with the understanding that this designation shall be made for an outstanding, original contribution to the science of vexillology.

Comment: The Board believes there is a need for greater recognition of people for significant contributions to vexillology and/or significant service to FIAV or a FIAV Member. However, the Board does not believe it is appropriate to use the “Laureate of the Federation” designation for that purpose. In addition, the Board needs the permission of the General Assembly to allow the Board to name “Laureates of the Federation” as has been FIAV’s custom since 1991.

Resolution 4

Resolved by the voting members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,

That the former Presidents, Secretaries-General, and Secretaries-General for Congresses be allowed to use, as appropriate, the title President Emeritus, Secretary-General Emeritus, or Secretary-General for Congresses Emeritus.

Comment: The Board believes FIAV should take this modest step to recognize the dedication of its former Board Members.

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Vexillological Letters (Czech; irregular 1976 to 1989)
Vexilokontakt (Czech; irregular since 1989 (in collaboration with Støedisko Vexilologických Informací/Flag Data Centre))
Vexilokontakt - Special Issue (English; annually since 1997 (in collaboration with Støedisko Vexilologických Informací/Flag Data Centre))
Proceedings of the Czech National Congress on Vexillology (Czech; every four years since 1996 (in collaboration with Støedisko Vexilologických Informací/Flag Data Centre))

The Secretary-General does not have e-mail addresses for the following FIAV Members:

The Flag Design Center (FDC)
Heraldica Slovenica (HS)
Heraldischer Verein "Zum Kleeblatt" von 1888 zu Hannover e.V. (HVK)
The Heraldry and Vexilology Society of Malta (HAVSOM)
New Zealand Flag Association (NZFA)

Polskie Towarzystwo Weksylologiczne (PTW)
Societas Vexillologica Belgica (SVB)
Société française de vexillologie (SFV)
World Vexillological Research Institute (WVRI)

Please contact the Secretary-General at sec.gen@fiav.org if you have an e-mail address for any of these Members.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Continuing the process 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 1985 and 1987, along with unofficial summaries.

GA 9
Madrid, Madrid, Spain
May 27, 28, 31, 1985

ICV 11
Madrid, Madrid, Spain
May 26 - 31, 1985
Sociedad Española de Vexilología

Summary:

● Officers

The Rev. Hugh Boudin (Belgium)

Whitney Smith (United States)

William G. Crampton (United Kingdom)

President

Secretary-General

Secretary-General for Congresses

● Delegates

ACV

FI

FDC

FRC

FSA

GOH

NFF

NAVA

OGHB

NF

PR

SEV

SVB

SSV

TWMF

USFF

VSHS

Josep Porter

William G. Crampton

Whitney Smith

David Heisser & David Phillips

Ralph G.C. Bartlett

Franz Kaindl

George Cahill

John Purcell

René Wattiez

Christian Fogd Pedersen

Tero Vaarna

Adolfo Durán

Roger E. Harmignies

Günter Mattern

Whitney Smith

Randolph Beard

Leif Pålsson

● Not represented

ASM

AFEIV

CISV

CVE

FRCSL

HSFS

NVVV

WH

- Captain E.M.C. Barraclough's death noted with moment of silence
- Motion by SVB to change order of agenda fails for want of second
- GA 8 minutes approved as amended
- Membership application of AAV not submitted to vote as no delegate from Argentina was present
- Request to reconsider membership application of VSHS—originally submitted in 1979—not considered because application not included in agenda
- Discussion regarding text of statutes adopted at GA 8
- SSV delegated pointed out that no question should be raised about appropriateness of multiple FIAV members from same country since that was already true of Belgium, the United Kingdom, and the United States
- Motion of FI passed to waive requirement in statutes that membership applications be circulated in advance to existing FIAV members
- Motion of NFF passed that in future membership requirements in statutes be followed or statutes be altered
- Motion of FI failed due to lack of second to waive requirement in statutes that delegate from membership candidate must be present
- ACV, FSA, and PR accepted as members
- CVE accepted as member despite requirement in statutes that delegate from membership candidate must be present

- Motion of FRC to accept AAV as member fails
- Motion of NFF passes that Secretary-General encourage AAV to reapply
- Meeting temporarily adjourned for want of quorum
- Board appoints statutes commission with Roger E. Harmignies and Günter Mattern as members (John M. Purcell added as member later)
- President indicates that in future Secretary-General for Congresses will supervise ICVs more closely; local organizing committee responsible for tours, facilities, registration, and similar matters, while Secretary-General for Congresses will supervise lectures and other substantive parts of ICV
- Request by FSA for translation of presentations
- President indicates that Secretary-General will review status of current members and establish procedures for new member applications; motion by NFF that Secretary-General make such a report passed
- VSHS accepted as member
- FRC's proposal for ICV 12 to be held in San Francisco approved
- Motion by NFF passes for President to appoint multilingual commission to establish FIAV newsletter
- The Rev. Hugh Boudin re-elected as President
- One European and one North American nominated for Secretary-General, and two Europeans nominated for Secretary-General for Congresses; due to requirement in statutes that the two Secretaries-General reside on separate continents, nominations of individuals by specific offices were withdrawn; previous nomination of two Europeans was withdrawn and new nomination of one European and one North American made; OGHB requested remaining four candidates to promise not to run again if elected, none so promised; election by secret ballot to choose two of four nominated individuals; William G. Crampton and Whitney Smith elected by majority vote as Secretaries-General without specifying who would be Secretary-General and who would be Secretary-General for Congresses (later resolved by Board that Smith would be Secretary-General and Crampton would be Secretary-General for Congresses)

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

Protocol of the General Assembly, 27-31 May 1985

Madrid, Spain

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the President of the Federation, Rev. Hugh Boudin. The following members were present, as represented by their accredited delegates: Flag Institute (Mr. William Crampton), Flag Design Center (Dr. Whitney Smith), Flag Research Center (Dr. David Heisser), Gesellschaft fur Osterreichische Heereskunde (Dr. Franz Kaindl), National Flag Foundation (Mr. George Cahill), North American Vexillological Association (Dr. John Purcell), Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique (Mr. René Wattiez), Nordisk Flagselskab (Mr. Christian Fogd Pedersen), Sociedad Española de Vexilología (Mr. Adolfo Duran), Societas Vexillologica Belgica (Mr. Roger Harmignies), Société Suisse de Vexillologie (Dr. Günter Mattern), Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags (Dr. Whitney Smith), and the United States Flag Foundation (Mr. Randolph Beard). No delegates were present from the Association Française d'Études Internationales Vexillologiques, Centro Italiano di Studi Vessillologici, Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka, Flag Section of the Heraldry Society, Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde, Sezione Vessillologica, Wappen-Herold. The President recognized the presence of the required quorum.
- II. The President mentioned the passing of Capt. E.M.C. Barraclough. Commander Bruce Nicolls spoke of his meeting with Capt. Barraclough to present the award "Laureate of the Federation" and the delegates stood for a moment of silence in tribute to the late Capt. Barraclough.
- III. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved a change in the agenda which had been submitted to members before the meeting by shifting point IX (Consideration of proposed revisions to the FIAV Statutes) to follow immediately after point VI (Adoption of the Protocol of the General Assembly held at Oxford in 1983). The delegate of the Société Suisse de Vexillologie objected that that might put off the admission of new member applicants because consideration of revisions of the statutes could be lengthy. The delegate of the Flag Design Center indicated that there were no new proposals on statutes for consideration, but the delegate of the National Flag Foundation pointed out there were unresolved points from the last General Assembly. A vote was taken but the motion failed when only four voted in the affirmative.
- IV. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica moved that point VI of the agenda be combined and considered with point IX, with the understanding that any new members admitted to FIAV would not be allowed to vote on point VI when it was considered. There was no second to the motion and therefore the agenda was accepted in the form originally submitted.
- V. The President called on the Secretary General of the Federation to present for consideration the protocol of the General Assembly held at Oxford in 1983. The Secretary General noted that the following change should be made in the printed version which had been sent out: In paragraph X a new sentence should be added following the first sentence, to read "The delegate of the Gesellschaft fur Osterreichische Heereskunde proposed Ingolstadt or Pittsburgh as the site of the 12th International Congress of Vexillology in 1987." The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved for the adoption of the protocol as previously distributed, incorporating the mentioned change.

The motion was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Institute. The motion was approved by eleven votes in favor, one vote against, and one abstention.

- VI. Turning to consideration of point VII, the President indicated that no delegate was present from the member applicant from Argentina, the Asociación Argentina de Vexilología. Mr. Leif Pahlsson requested that consideration be given to the membership application of the Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap, originally submitted to the General Assembly in 1979. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation objected that membership procedures were set forth in the statutes and should be followed for all member applicants; if the application of the Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap was not included in the present agenda it was the fault of the Board. At the request of the President, the Secretary General of the Federation read the membership application provisions from the statutes.
- VII. The delegate of the Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique asked which statutes were being cited and the Secretary General responded that the statutes in question were those approved at the General Assembly in 1983. The delegate of the Office Généalogique objected that no such approval had been given. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation pointed out that the protocol of the 1983 General Assembly, approved by the present General Assembly, included in its points XXXI and XXXVI an indication that unanimous approval had been given in Oxford to the statutes under consideration at that time. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica indicated that there was disagreement on the status of the statutes because the protocol of the 1983 General Assembly indicated that further proposals would be sent to members of FIAV for consideration at the 11th International Congress of Vexillology. He indicated that a commission was required for resolving the disagreement. The delegate of the Flag Design Center pointed out that amendments and additions were certainly possible, but that no question existed as to the validity of the 1983 statutes since they had been unanimously approved at the Oxford General Assembly, as indicated by point XXXVI of the protocol. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica protested that that association had not received the protocol but had only seen the published version of the statutes as they appeared in THE FLAG BULLETIN. The Secretary General of the Federation apologized for the fact that his records contained an obsolete address for the Societas Vexillologica Belgica and gave the delegate of that association a copy of the protocol from Oxford. The latter delegate indicated that there were seventeen points his association wished to have considered relative to the statutes. The delegate of the Flag Design Center insisted that in adopting the protocol of the 1983 General Assembly the present General Assembly had confirmed the fact that the new statutes had been unanimously adopted at Oxford, as reported in that protocol. Proposals to amend or add to those statutes were in order under the agenda of the day, but the validity of the new statutes could not be in question unless a new motion was made to revise the protocol of the 1983 General Assembly. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica indicated in that case that it would be appropriate to dissolve FIAV and reinstitute it after full consideration of the statutes. The Secretary General of the Federation pointed out that the necessary quorum for considering dissolution of FIAV, whether under the new statutes or the original ones, was not present. The delegate of the Flag Institute moved to reaffirm the approval of the 1983 protocol, including acknowledgement of the unanimous adoption of the new statutes. The delegate of the Office Généalogique indicated that he had been instructed to oppose all modifications to the original statutes, which he considered to be still in effect. The Secretary General of the Federation pointed out that, while amendment of the statutes required a unanimous vote, the

opposition of a single delegate could not defeat the motion proposed by the delegate of the Flag Institute since it was a procedural motion requiring only a two-thirds favorable vote concerning the accuracy of the protocol, rather than being a vote on the statutes themselves. No second was made to the motion of the delegate of the Flag Institute and therefore no vote was taken, the President noting the former vote approving the 1983 protocol was therefore still in effect.

- VIII. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation called for consideration of the qualifications of the new member applicants. The President noted the necessity of leaving the meeting site and called for the adjournment of the General Assembly until Tuesday, 28 May, following the completion of the working sessions of the Congress that day. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.
- IX. The General Assembly reconvened at 7:07 P.M. on 28 May. The President took a roll call and it was determined that the same delegates were present as in the previous session except that Mr. David Phillips had replaced Dr. David Heisser as a delegate for the Flag Research Center.
- X. The President called on the member applicants to present their qualifications for membership in accordance with the statutes. President Ana María Galán of the *Associació Catalana de Vexil·lologia* indicated that the organization had been founded on 20 September 1980 and had been recognized by the government of Catalonia. It had about 20 members and held meetings twice a month. It had published one issue so far of a bulletin and had been involved in the creation of approximately fifteen city flags. There was no problem with the existence of the Catalonian association within Spain, which has its own vexillological association, because Catalonia has its own language, culture, history, and government, as well as national symbols. The delegate of the *Société Suisse de Vexillologie* pointed out that no question should be raised about the appropriateness of a second member organization in Spain since there were already two FIAV members in the United Kingdom, a similar number in Belgium, several in the United States, etc.
- XI. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation asked to see the application of the *Associació Catalana de Vexil·lologia*, pointing out that we had notice of the application in the agenda but did not have a copy in advance to examine. He insisted that the proper vote could not be taken without information and that the Board had constantly been delinquent in supplying information about new member applicants. The Secretary General of the Federation stated that in fact there had been only one previous irregularity with regard to membership applications when, in 1979, the President failed to submit advance notice as required concerning member applicants. He further pointed out that, while the statutes require the membership application be sent to existing FIAV members in advance, such an application would not necessarily contain any information about the applicant, but could simply state that it was applying for membership. The delegate of the Flag Institute moved that we consider the applications on the agenda even if the letter of the statutes had not been fulfilled with regard to circularizing in advance their applications to existing members. The motion was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Design Center. The delegate of the *Office Généalogique* asked whether the Board had a file of membership applications and the President responded that he did have such applications except from the *Asociación Argentina de Vexilología*. The delegate of the *Societas Vexillologica Belgica* asked that the Secretary General submit the proper information in advance to the existing members. The Secretary General pointed out that it was not his function but that of the President to submit that information and that he had not in fact seen the actual

