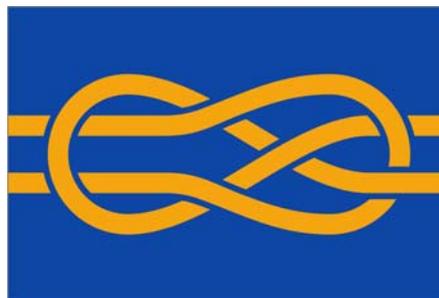


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## TWENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY AUGUST 6, 2013

Every FIAV Member is **strongly** encouraged to appoint a delegate and alternate to represent it at the Twenty-Third Session of the FIAV General Assembly on August 6, 2013. If no person from a FIAV Member is able to come to the General Assembly Session, 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. This will be the second General Assembly session to which current article 8 of the FIAV Constitution applies.

Credentials should be brought to the General Assembly Session. 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:

[Name of FIAV Member association or institution] appoints [name of person (and alternate, if desired)], as its delegate to the Twenty-Third Session of the FIAV General Assembly, to be convened August 6, 2013, in Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands.

[Delegate's name] has full powers to act on behalf of [name of FIAV Member association or institution] during the Twenty-Third 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 Twenty-Third 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)]

Information on candidates for membership is included in this issue. The General Assembly agenda will be issued shortly.

**The FIAV Board also welcomes suggestions for recipients of the Vexillon and Fellows. Any such suggestions should be sent to the Secretary-General by e-mail to [sec.gen@fiaf.org](mailto:sec.gen@fiaf.org) no later than July 17, 2013.** The Vexillon is awarded for the most important contribution to vexillology during the two years preceding an International Congress of Vexillology. Fellows of the Federation are named by the FIAV Board for making significant contributions to vexillology and/or for rendering significant service to FIAV or a FIAV Member. Suggestions for recipients of the Vexillon and Fellows should explain why the recipient qualifies.

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### **Българско хералдическо и вексилолошко общество (BHVS)** (received March 22, 2011)

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Territory: Bulgaria

Periodical Publication: *Herold* (ISSN 1313-4809; Bulgarian and English; annual; since 2008)

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Established: November ?, 2011

Territory: Nigeria

Periodical Publication: none

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Home Page: <http://www.portlandflag.org>

Established: March 1995

Territory: Unites States: Portland, Oregon

Periodical Publication: *The Vexilloid Tabloid* (ISSN \*\*, English; bimonthly; since 1999)

Notes: changed name on January \*\*, 2001 from Portland Flag Group (PFG); no formal leadership structure

**Bandiere Storiche (BS)** (received January 20, 2013)

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Home Page: <http://www.bandierestoriche.it>  
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Periodical Publication: none

**Cumann Geinealais na hÉireann Teoranta / Genealogical Society of Ireland Limited (GSI)** (received February 4, 2013)

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Established: \*\* 1990  
Territory: Ireland  
Periodical Publications: *The Genie Gazette* (ISSN 1393-3183; English; monthly; 1996 to 2005)  
*Ireland's Genealogical Gazette* (ISSN 1649-7937; English; monthly; since 2006)

**Българско хералдическо и вексилолошко общество / Bulgarian Heraldry and Vexillology Society (BHVS)**  
(received March 22, 2011)

To Mr. Michel Lupant,  
President of FIAV

Dear Mr. President,

I, Stoyan Antonov, in the function of a chairman of the Bulgarian Heraldry and Vexillology Society (BHVS) and according to the decision taken unanimously by the members at the 2010 General Meeting of BHVS, declare by this letter the will of the BHVS to become a member of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques.

We fully accept the purposes and the provisions written in the Constitution of FIAV, and all FIAV activities.

In support to this we attach:  
Constitution of BHVS,  
List of BHVS members, and  
General information about BHVS.

We authorized Mr. Peter Yanachkov to represent our case at the session of the FIAV General Assembly to be held on August 2, 2011 in Washington, DC, USA.

Sincerely yours,  
Stoyan Antonov,  
Chairman of the BHVS

The Bulgarian Heraldry and Vexillology Society is a non-government and non-profit association in the field of heraldry and vexillology, established on December 14, 2004, and registered by Sofia City Court on March 18, 2005.

Members: 20.

Annual bulletin (bilingual): Herold, ISSN 1313-4809; 2 numbers were issued (2008 and 2009), and # 3 (for 2010) is in print.

Since 2010 the BHVS is member of the Confédération Internationale de Généalogie et d'Héraldique (CIGH).

Registered address is as follows:

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The main activities till now in the field of vexillology are: flag researches (especially Bulgarian military colours and municipal flags); collecting of flag data-base (partly promoted on the website); exhibition in honour of the Bulgarian Independence Centenary (2008). Our member Mr. Ivan Ivanov is author of three monographs in vexillology.

#### **The Flag Foundation of Nigeria (FFN) (received June 22, 2011)**

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THE FLAG  
Foundation of  
NIGERIA

• Respect for our National Flag • Pride in our Great Nation

16<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

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Attention: Charles A. Spain, Jr.

Sir,

Application for Membership of Internationale des Association Vexillologiques (FIAV), International Federation of Vexillological Association.

With Love and respect from the good people of Nigeria, we right to be admitted into your noble organization.

ABOUT US:

The Flag Foundation of Nigeria, FFN, is a non-political, non-sectarian, non-governmental and non-profit making, patriotic and educational organizational organization, which was established by well accomplished, and patriotic Nigerian statesmen and women, who are passionate about the National Flag and are committed to work selflessly, in Restoring its Dignity, Honour and Respect.

We are registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission, CAC, with Incorporation number, CAC/IT/NO.18544 .

OUR SOLAN IS:

- Pride in our Great Nation, Respect for our National Flag...

OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES :

1. To propagate the National Flag, as an indispensable symbol of our National Unity, promote respect for it, and encourage proudly display, of the 'RIGHT' flag, over public premises as a constant reminder to all Nigerians that National interest, MUST come first, and above all other interests, and as a way of demonstrating patriotism practically.
2. To communicate positively to all Nigerians, emphasizing the importance and significance of the (green & white) National Flag as a symbol of the living country, representing our Unity-In-Diversity.

WHAT WE DO:

- ✦ We use the National Flag as a medium for invoking the spirit of patriotism and love for the Nation.
- ✦ We educate, advice and enlighten the government, its agencies, Corporate Bodies and Institutions, and the general Nigerian public on the importance and significance of the National Flag, and on related matters.

We generally promotional and educational materials about the National flag.

We want to emphasize that our major focus is on Flags generally and on our National Flag in particular. We

believe that being a member of your organization, will help us achieve our aims because, here in Nigeria, we generally have a very poor flag culture hence, our National Flag is not regarded as any thing important by the citizens. That is what we want to change.

Our organization, FFN, we must admit, is an American initiative, as we borrowed the idea from the National Flag Foundation of USA. We want depend on FIAV, to help us with resource materials necessary for the development our programs.

We hope that one day, Nigeria, will be called to host the World Congress of FIAV. We strongly believe that admitting Nigeria, will boost FIAV's activities in Africa, Nigeria, being the as most populous country, other African countries looks up to Nigeria, with a population of 150 million people.

We shall be sending you the live copies of our request.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Yours truly,

Agiri chris JN Esq

Director General

For and on Behalf of the Board of Trustees of The Flag Foundation of Nigeria

CC: The president and Secretary of the Congress

**The Portland Flag Association (PFA) (received October 9, 2012)**

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



6 October 2012

Dear Mr. Spain:

The Portland Flag Association (PFA) hereby applies for membership in FIAV. The PFA's purpose is the pursuit and advancement of vexillology in the region of Portland, Oregon. It is committed to the purposes of FIAV and is in compliance with local laws. The constitution of the PFA is attached.

The PFA was founded in 1995, after its organizers worked together to host NAVA 28 in Portland the previous year, and has remained continuously active since. The activities of the PFA include:

- Bimonthly, 3-hour meetings, with attendance ranging from 8 to 14 members.
- A bimonthly publication, the Vexilloid Tabloid, documenting the PFA's activities and sharing flag-related information. This circulates among PFA members and members of many international vexillological groups; a copy of the August 2012 edition is enclosed.
- Connections with other groups – many PFA members are also members of NAVA or other vexillological associations; one (the late Harry Oswald) helped found the Japanese Vexillological Association.
- A website, located at <http://www.portlandflag.org/>.
- Involvement in flag-design and flag-use efforts at the state and municipal levels (Oregon, Portland and others).
- A plan for an Oregon Flag Registry.

The PFA currently has 25 members, all in or near the city of Portland; a roster is attached. At least seven PFA members and former members have attended International Congresses of Vexillology, some more than once. I or another member will attend the General Assembly in Rotterdam in 2013 as the PFA's authorized representative.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the PFA or this application. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to the General Assembly's decision at ICV 25.

Max Liberman  
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**Bandiere Storiche (BS)** (received January 20, 2013)

November 6, 2011

Mr. President Michel R. Lupant and Mr. Secretary-General Charles A. Spain, Jr.

I am Flavio Livio Marchetto the president of the association of volunteers (as the Italian Law wants) "Bandiere Storiche" (English: "Historical Flags").

We were born April 5, 2008 and December 4, 2008 we also become non-profit organization.

We have the headquarters in Bollate (Milan, Italy).

We are member of CISV (Centro Italiano Studi Vessillologici) and I know the president Roberto Breschi who suggested us to enrol the FIAV.

We began studying our history of the flags and we disclose to the public our work with conferences, exhibitions, educational courses.

To give you an idea of our activities I invite you to visit our websites:

<http://bandierestoriche.multiply.com/>

<http://www.bandierestoriche.it/>

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Regards

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January 20, 2013

Dear Mr. Caspain

I am Flavio Marchetto president of the association "Bandiere Storiche" and I am writing you from Milan (north Italy). I wrote you a email on 10/01/2013 here attached.

I read all the attached info-FIAV XX.

I understand that:

1. at least two representatives of "Bandiere Storiche" must be present at the General Assembly in Rotterdam on August 6, 2013;
2. there are no application to fill in;
3. the scope of our association must be to promote vexillology.

I am asking you if now "Bandiere Storiche" is a candidate to the membership of FIAV or not.

Regards

Flavio Marchetto

January 21, 2013

Dear Mr. Marchetto:

I apologize for any delay in communication with you . My father was seriously ill last year and died in late November. I will treat your e-mail as Bandiere Storiche's application for FIAV membership and place it on the agenda for the Twenty-Third Session of the FIAV General Assembly.

While you are correct that FIAV has no application form that must be used, a candidate should address in its application the membership criteria set out in FIAV Constitution article 7(c):

(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.

I strongly suggest that you look at the applications previously submitted to FIAV, which are printed in Info-FIAV, and amend your application no later than February 20, 2013. Otherwise, I do not believe the General-Assembly will have the information it needs to consider Bandiere Storiche's candidacy.

Only one representative must be present in Rotterdam, not two. However, if no member of Bandiere Storiche has participated in a previous International Congress of Vexillology, the Board, absent extraordinary circumstances, will not recommend admission in Rotterdam. In that event, the General-Assembly would allow a representative of Bandiere Storiche to briefly address the Twenty-Third Session, and Bandiere Storiche could apply for membership in 2015.

I will be happy to answer any further questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

Charles A. Spain, Jr. Secretary-General  
Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques  
504 Branard Street  
Houston, Texas 77006-5018  
USA  
Telephone: 1 713 248 0416  
e-mail: sec.gen@fiav.org

January 24, 2013

Dear Mr. Spain

first of all, I am really sad about your father.

I am going to answer to the criteria:

1. we have a constitution written in Italian;
2. we have many activities: we participate in EU projects, we organize meetings, we print brochures for our conferences and then we teach in schools (Primary, Secondary and Third Age University);
3. now we are twelve members;
4. our member is Roberto Breschi that participated to the FIAV General Assembly of 2001 in York, of 2003 in Stockholm and of 2007 in Berlin;
5. we are 5 years old;
6. I will be present in Rotterdam at the General Assembly and I am an autochthonous and also like president of "Bandiere Storiche".

In Italy we cooperate with CISV (Centro Italiano Studi Vessillologici) and together the last year we organized the eighteenth national conference in Bollate (MILAN) (<http://www.cisv.it/bollate12.html> <http://www.bandierestoriche.it/eventiPassati.html>).

Your details:

Bandiere Storiche (BS)  
c/o Flavio Livio Marchetto  
Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 4  
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Activities' site:	<a href="http://bandierestoriche.multiply.com">http://bandierestoriche.multiply.com</a>
Established:	2008
Territory:	Italy
Periodical Publications:	none

Best regards

Flavio Marchetto



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4<sup>th</sup> February 2013

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c/o Mr. Charles A. Spain Jr.  
Executive Secretary-General  
504 Branard Street  
Houston, Texas 77006-5018  
U.S.A.

A Chairde,

On behalf of the Bard of Directors of the Genealogical Society of Ireland, I hereby apply for membership of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations (FIAV).

The Genealogical Society of Ireland was founded in 1990 to promote an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of Ireland's genealogical, heraldic and vexillological heritage and to promote the study of these subjects in Ireland and overseas amongst our diaspora.

The Society is a registered educational charity in Ireland (CHY 10672) and is incorporated under the laws of Ireland. It is a membership based, non-governmental, voluntary, non-profit organization with members in Ireland and overseas. Membership is open to all interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.

The Society hosts two Open Meetings each month, publishes a monthly newsletter and an annual journal, organises group projects and courses, has a website and operates an archive and research centre—*An Daonchartlann*—in Dún Laoghaire, just south of Dublin City.

The Society is a Nominating Body for Seanad Fireann (Irish Senate) and has a long and distinguished record of campaigning on legislative and public policy matters appertaining to genealogy, heraldry, vexillology and heraldry.

As the only organization in Ireland promoting heraldry and vexillology, the Society has sought to have vexillology recognized legislatively in Ireland and indeed, this year the Society will host Ireland's first symposium on the history, heritage, culture, and identities associated with flags and emblems. *Bratacha 2013* will run from Europe Day, May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup> and will feature lectures, seminars, exhibitions and a 'parade of flags'—see: [www.bratacha.com](http://www.bratacha.com)

The Society formally commits itself to the FIAV objectives, as defined by Article 3 of the Constitution:- **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; **d)** to sanction international standards facilitating the development of these activities.

Trusting that the above is in order, we thank you for considering our application for membership and should further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Mise le meas.

**MICHAEL MERRIGAN, MA, FGSi**

*General Secretary*

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### IN MEMORIAM

FIAV notes with sorrow the death of the following vexillologists:

Chrystian Kretowicz, Rubidoux, California, United States (FOTW)	June 5, 2012
John M. Purcell FF, Cleveland, Ohio, United States (NAVA & GWAV)	June 15, 2012
John Edwards, Nelson, New Zealand (FSA)	June 23, 2012
Михаил Ревнивцев (Mikhail Revnivitsev), Engels, Saratov Oblast, Russia (RCVH)	December 23, 2012
Aldo Zigioto FF, Torre Pellice, Piemonte, Italy (CISV)	February 18, 2013

## ACTION BY THE FIAV BOARD

The Board has taken the following action:

- The FIAV flag may be displayed at funerals and memorial services for Laureates, Fellows, and Officers with mourning ribbons, bands, or similar items, in keeping with local custom. The appropriate Officer flag may be similarly displayed for funeral and memorial services for an Officer.

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## ICV 27 ORGANIZER BID (2017)



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February 6th, 2013

Dear Graham,

Re: Proposal to organise the 27th International Congress of Vexillology

The Flag Institute would like to propose that we organise and host the 27th ICV in Greenwich, London from the 3rd August to 7th August 2017.

London is one of the greatest cities in the world, and is considered by many to be the most cosmopolitan. Founded nearly two thousand years ago by the Romans as a place to cross the great river Thames (the Thames) and later as the provincial capital, it has served as the English national capital since the time of William I (1066), and as the UK's capital since 1707.

Greenwich, pronounced *Gren-itch*, is the site of several royal palaces, the Old Royal Observatory (from where we get Greenwich Mean Time), and the Old Royal Naval College. It is full of beautiful and historic buildings. James II chose Greenwich as the site of the Royal Naval Hospital (for retired sailors), which later became the Royal Naval College. Along with the historic buildings, it is also home to the National Maritime Museum and the famous tea clipper, the Cutty Sark.

Greenwich is within easy reach of central London by light rail (DLR) to the City, or by train to the West End (Charring Cross). For a more leisurely trip the River Bus connects Greenwich to several piers along the Thames and terminates at Westminster.

Greenwich is served by nearby London City Airport, Gatwick (Greenwich Station is about 45 minutes from Gatwick, changing at London Bridge) and Heathrow. The connection to Heathrow will depend on progress on our new CrossRail line. If we were holding it today you would need to change trains twice from Heathrow to Greenwich.

We propose to hold the Congress in the University of Greenwich, which occupies most of the Old Royal Naval College, in the Queen Anne Court, one of the two blocks that face onto the River Thames. We are planning to have the closing banquet in one of the historical locations nearby, probably the Painted Hall, one of the most spectacular dining rooms ever created. We will have visits to the National Maritime Museum, which is only a couple of hundred yards away, the Cutty Sark and the Old Royal Observatory, where people can stand with one foot in the east and one in the west. The Observatory also house a fabulous collection of marine chronometers, including those made by John Harrison in the 18th Century to win the Longitude Prize.

We have not yet selected a Congress hotel, but there is a four-star hotel right next to the site and a range of chain hotels a little bit further away in central Greenwich.

London has a very large number of attractions that offer a wide range of activities for the accompanying persons programme. Initial ideas include visits to the V&A museum of design, the British Museum, Fortnum & Masons and Harrods, and Buckingham Palace (which is open to the public in August).

We have set up a provisional organising committee comprising myself, Geoff Parsons (Chairman), Charles Ashburner (Chief Executive), Malcolm Farrow (President) and James Joyce (Webmaster). Malcolm works in London and James both lives and works there. We also hope to draw on your own extensive experience of Congresses.

We believe that we can organise a very successful Congress in Greenwich and formally ask the General Assembly to award the hosting of the 27th International Congress of Vexillology to the Flag Institute.

Yours sincerely,



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Re: Proposal to Organize the 28th International Congress of Vexillology

Dear Mr. Secretary-General for Congresses:

The Vexillological Association of the State of Texas proposes to organize “HEMISFLAG,” the 28th International Congress of Vexillology in San Antonio, Texas from 15–19 July 2019.

San Antonio is the seventh-largest city in the United States with a distinct blend of an Old World outlook and charm tempered by New World energy. As the first civilian settlement in Texas, San Antonio was founded in 1718; many of its architectural and cultural elements remain. Five UNESCO World Heritage-nominated 18th-century missions stand as tribute to the men and women who brought European culture and Christianity to the region; La Villita, San Antonio’s first neighborhood, is still a bustle of activity, featuring art galleries, shops and charming restaurants. The King William Historic District was settled by prominent German merchants in the 1800s and grew to become the most elegant residential area in the city. It is an extremely popular destination for tourists from around the world as well as academic and other conferences.

The Association has tentatively selected the St. Anthony Hotel in downtown San Antonio as the Congress venue. Directly across from Travis Park, which would provide a delightful open-air location for opening and closing ceremonies, this historic venue was built in 1909 and is the epitome of San Antonio’s Old World charm. The hotel is currently beginning a thorough renovation process that will be concluded by 2017 ensuring the most up-to-date facilities behind a carefully refurbished interior that is faithful to the original. A downtown venue is convenient to air and travelers not wishing to rent cars; for those venues that are not within walking distance of the Congress hotel, the organizers will provide air-conditioned transportation for attendees. There are a number of other hotels in the downtown area that are available to Congress participants.

The Association has selected a flag for HEMISFLAG, a depiction of which is attached to this letter. The red represents Spain (the first European power to establish dominion over the territory now included in Texas), the gold represents the Americas, and the blue represents the Atlantic Ocean that both unites and divides the Old World and the New. Gold and blue, of course, are also the colors of FIAV. Red appears not only in the Spanish flag, but also in the flags of the Mexico, Texas, the Confederate States of America, the United States of America, and San Antonio and also appears on the coats of arms of San Antonio and Bexar County. Gold also appears on the coats of arms, as well as the French flag that flew over Texas; blue appears on the flags of Texas, the C.S.A., the U.S.A., and San Antonio. The five blue bars are larger than the gold bars to represent the five decades of FIAV’s existence and are wavy to commemorate the Riverwalk of San Antonio, one of its most popular destinations. Finally, the six gold parts represent the six flags that have flown over Texas.

The San Antonio International Airport is served by the major legacy and discount carriers: AeroMexico; AirTran Airways; Alaska Airlines; American Airlines; Delta Air Lines; Interjet; Southwest Airlines; US Airways; United Airlines; and VivaAerobus. The airport also provides International Visitors Representatives (IVRs) for every flight in the customs arrival area to answer questions and assist in directing passengers as they enter the airport. IVRs can also assist passengers with reviewing federal forms, provide interpretation services as needed and provide information regarding airport facilities, ground transportation and tourist attractions. Additionally, there are two information booths staffed by volunteers in the Terminal A baggage claim, right outside the customs area that can assist passengers. Finally, Global Entry is now offered at San Antonio International Airport. It is a new program managed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection which allows pre-approved, low-risk travelers expedited clearance upon arrival into the United States.

HEMISFLAG will follow the tradition of high-quality Congresses held in North America, beginning with Boston, Massachusetts (1969) and continuing in Washington, D.C. (1977), Ottawa, Ontario (1981), San Francisco, California (1987), Victoria, British Columbia (1999), and Alexandria, Virginia (2011). A Congress has never been held in the American Southwest, which has a rich cultural, social, political, and economy history influenced by the fight by European powers amongst themselves and settlers for dominance and control in the region before America's westward expansion ejected them. It would also return the Congress to North America after an eight-year period in which the Congress will be held in Europe twice and Australasia/Asia once.

The hosts will organize a tour of Central Texas's flag holdings, primarily at the Institute for Texan Cultures in San Antonio and the State Archives and the State Capitol in Austin. The Institute and the Archives hold flags and flag related material, while the Hall of the House of Representatives in the State Capitol holds the San Jacinto Battle Flag.

The Spanish Governor's Palace and the Witte Art Museum provide culturally significant venues for receptions and lunches. The organizers are considering locating an event under the oaks of the Alamo fort where the second most important battle of the Texas Revolution was fought. The closing dinner will be held at the restored Historic Southern Pacific Railroad Depot, also known as "The Building of 1,000 Lights." This National Historic Landmark's interior is adorned with ornate vaulted ceilings, stained glass windows, and a grand staircase which will be the setting for the group photograph—it is a space unrivaled in beauty and history throughout San Antonio.

Austin, the state capital, is just about 90 minutes from San Antonio. The "Live Music Capital of the World," the city features numerous musicians playing various genres all over the city each night. Other attractions of the Austin area include the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library, the Blanton Art Museum, and the Lady Bird Johnson National Wildflower Research Center. Austin is roughly 90 minutes from San Antonio and the Alamo, and two hours from the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library. The area's cultural and historical offerings make it attractive to accompanying persons and for before/after meeting extended stays. The Austin-Bergstrom International Airport is served by the major legacy and discount airlines: AirTran Airways, Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines, and US Airways.

The Association's organizing committee consists of James Liston, H.P. (Pete) Van de Putte, Jr., Charles A. Spain, and Hugh L. Brady, FF. Initial meetings with the San Antonio Convention and Visitor's Bureau have been fruitful in preparing this letter, and the committee expects to continue working with the Bureau to produce a high-quality event. The Association will make every effort to keep registration fees low by soliciting financial support from governments, corporations, universities, and foundations.

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The Association believes San Antonio, Texas, is a vexillologically-interesting destination that would draw strong attendance from vexillologists around the world. San Antonio will attract high-quality presentations and a large number of delegates because it is an accessible, attractive, economical, and international location.

We are excited about the prospect of welcoming the premiere vexillological event to the United States in 2019. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Proposed HEMISFLAG ICV 28 (2019) flag

### UPCOMING DATES

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| <b>July 15, 2013</b>    | Deadline for late registration for ICV 25 ( <a href="http://www.nfc2013.com">www.nfc2013.com</a> )   |
| <b>July 17, 2013</b>    | Deadline for Members to submit suggestions for Vexillon and Fellow recipients to the Secretary-General for consideration by the FIAV Board |
| <b>August 5–9, 2013</b> | Twenty-Fifth International Congress of Vexillology, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands   |
| <b>August 6, 2013</b>   | Twenty-Third Session of the General Assembly convenes  |