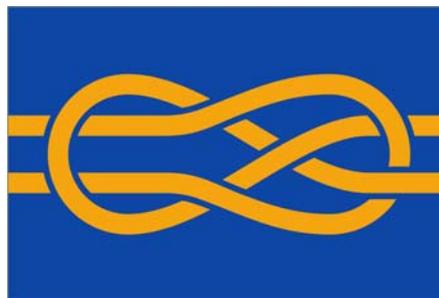

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COMMENTS TO THE AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE CONVENED AUGUST 6, 2013 ROTTERDAM, ZUID-HOLLAND, NETHERLANDS

Item 2: 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)]

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

Item 7(a): The President, Michel R. Lupant, Secretary-General, Charles A. Spain, and Secretary-General for Congresses, Graham Bartram, announce their intentions to stand for re-election.

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Item 13: The Commission is actively working on this topic, but will not have a final report for the Twenty-Third Session.

Item 14: The Board supports FI's bid to organize ICV 27 (2017) in Greenwich, England UK.

Item 15: The Board supports VAST's bid to organize ICV 28 (2019) in San Antonio, Texas USA.

Item 16: After significant interaction with each of the candidates, the Board has summarized BHVS's, FFN's, PFA's, BS's and GSI's 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 Rotterdam
BHVS	constitution	principal; conducts research into Bulgarian military and municipal flags, publishes journal, maintains web site	21	yes	2004	yes
FFN	constitution	promotes Nigerian national flag and proper use of national flag, seeks legislation to protect national flag, maintains web site	21,342	no	2005	yes
PFA	constitution	principal; holds bimonthly meetings, promotes flag-design and flag-use, publishes bimonthly newsletter, maintains web site	21	yes	1995	yes
BS	constitution	principal; organized 2012 conference with CISV, teaches in schools, maintains web site	13	yes	2008	yes
GSI	memorandum of association and articles of association	principle; organized 2013 symposium on flags and emblems, maintains public registry of Irish flags and emblems, publishes monthly newsletter and annual journal, holds biannual meetings, maintains business name "Vexillology Ireland," maintains web site	220	yes	1990	yes

Copies of each applicant's constitution or similar document have been examined by the Board and are available from the Secretary-General.

The Board's recommendation on a membership application is ministerial. The Board considers whether an application demonstrates the candidate is an "association or institution anywhere in the world having as a substantial purpose the scientific study of vexillology," see FIAV Constitution article 7(a), and whether the application satisfies the criteria of article 7(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.

If the application complies with article 7, then the Board will recommend the acceptance of the applicant as a Member. If the application does not, then the Board will not recommend the acceptance of the applicant as a Member. The nonministerial decision whether to accept an applicant as a FIAV Member lies with the General Assembly, not the Board.

Consistent with this policy, the Board recommends the acceptance of the following applicants as Members: BHVS, PFA, BS, and GSI. The Board at this time does not recommend the acceptance of the following applicant as a Member: FFN.

On June 22, 2011, the Board acknowledged the receipt of FFN's application and noted that it was received too late to be placed on the agenda for the Twenty-Second Session of the General Assembly (2011). The Board nonetheless encouraged representatives from FFN to attend the Twenty-Fourth International Congress of Vexillology so that FFN could learn about FIAV and vexillology. Unfortunately, no representative from FFN attended. A similar situation occurred in 2011 with BHVS, and a representative of BHVS attended the Congress and addressed the General Assembly as a prelude to seeking admission in 2013.

The Board informed FFN in September 2011 that a recommendation favoring admission was unlikely and told FFN the following: "The Board therefore strongly urges FFN to have one or more representatives present at the Twenty-Fifth International Congress of Vexillology (2013) in Rotterdam, The Netherlands (www.nfc2013.com) with the goal of a General Assembly vote on FFN's candidature at the Twenty-Sixth International Congress of Vexillology (2015) in Sydney, Australia." The Board believes that interaction between representatives of FFN and current Members attending ICV 25 will be very beneficial in exploring how the scientific study of vexillology can be promoted in Nigeria.

Item 17: The Board hopes that the business of the General Assembly can be conducted as efficiently as in recent sessions.

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