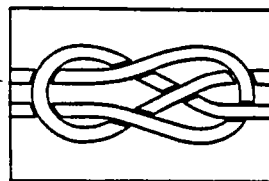


# INFO FIAV

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## XV. International Congress of Vexillology, Zurich, 1993

The 15th FIAV Congress was organised by the *Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Fahnen- und Flaggenkunde / Société Suisse de Vexillologie* and took place at the Swiss National Museum (=Landesmuseum) from Monday, August 23, until Friday, August 27, 1993.

110 full registrants and 46 accompanying persons from 25 countries were offered a varied program of tours, receptions, visits to historic museums with important flag collections and a total of 37 scientific presentations, which were enhanced by audio-visual media and simultaneous translation in German, French and English. The Landesmuseum had set up a huge special flag exhibition and had published an illustrated catalogue.

The FIAV General Assembly started on Monday evening, August 23, and continued on Wednesday evening, August 25, and Friday afternoon, August 27.

## XVI. International Congress of Vexillology, Warsaw, 1995

The 16th FIAV Congress will be organised by *The Earth Flag Center, The Flag Design Center and The Polish Vexillological Association* and will take place at the Art Center Studio (=Muzeum Ziemi Pan) in Warsaw, Poland, from Saturday, July 1, until Wednesday, July 5, 1995.

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Excerpt from a letter of Mr. Serwatowski to the FIAV secretary-general, dated December 30, 1993:

*"After careful consideration The Earth Flag Center, The Flag Design Center and the Polish Vexillological Association have taken decision on the site, the date and the program of the Congress. It will be held in the spacious and quite luxurious premises of the Art Center Studio in the very heart of Warsaw. Registration of the participants will take place in the early evening of June 30, 1995, followed by the cocktail party.*

*During the next five days (July 1-5), the participants will have the opportunity to enjoy some 40 lectures, several flag exhibitions and two unforgettable excursions to historic capital of Cracow and to the castle Golub Dobrzyn, where a medieval tournament will be held. With my professional staff in the Art Center Studio we will spare no effort to extend every kind of assistance to make your stay in Poland the most enjoyable."*

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**Association Française d'Etudes Internationales Vexillologiques**  
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 FIAV member since 1967, resigned in 1987

**Flag Plaza Foundation**  
 Pittsburgh, USA  
 FIAV member since 1967, changed its name into **National Flag Foundation** in 1972

**Heraldry Society, Flag Section**  
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 FIAV member since 1967, was removed in 1987

**Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique**  
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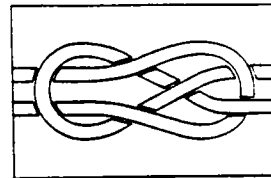
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 FIAV member since 1985, resigned in 1992

## International Vexillological Congresses 1965-93

no.	organiser	place	date	report
I	Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek	Muiderberg	Sept 4-5, 1965	-
II	Société Suisse de Vexillologie	Zurich	Sept 1-3, 1967	+
III	The Flag Research Center, North American Vexillological Association, Heraldry Society of Canada, United States Flag Foundation, Boston University	Boston	Sept 5-7, 1969	+
IV	Accademia di San Marignano	Turin	June 24-27, 1971	+
V	The Flag Institute	London	Sept 13-18, 1973	-
VI	Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek	Muiderberg	Apr 16-20, 1975	+
VII	North American Vexillological Association	Washington	June 10-14, 1977	+
VIII	Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde	Vienna	June 25-29, 1979	+
IX	North American Vexillological Association, Heraldry Society of Canada	Ottawa	Aug 24-27, 1981	+
X	The Flag Institute, Heraldry Society	Oxford	Sept 25-30, 1983	-
XI	Sociedad Española de Vexilología	Madrid	May 27-30, 1985	+
XII	North American Vexillological Association, The Flag Research Center	San Francisco	Aug 12-16, 1987	+
XIII	Flag Society of Australia	Melbourne	Sept 24-29, 1989	+
XIV	Associació Catalana de Vexil·lologia	Barcelona	30.6.-5.7., 1991	-
XV	Société Suisse de Vexillologie	Zurich	Aug 23-27, 1993	-

# FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS VEXILLOLOGIQUES

The secretary-general : **Dr. Emil Dreyer**  
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*QUESTIONNAIRE No. 2, May 1994*

Please complete and return to the secretary-general by the end of June 1994. Thank you.

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name of member : .....

president (name,address) : .....

secretary (name,address) : .....

address for official correspondence: .....

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year of constitution : ..... number of members end of 1993 : ..... membership fee /year : .....

If you see a cross here O send in updated membership list.

schedule of meetings : .....

type of meetings : .....

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other activities : .....

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publication (name, editor's name and address, schedule) [if you see a cross here O send in latest issue of publ.] : .....

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other publications : .....

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would you consider hosting an international congress (indicate year)? .....

which requirements should a FIAV member meet? (please indicate and add criteria) :

regular publication : ..... type of publication : .....

schedule of meetings : .....

activities (specify) : .....

minimum number of members (specify) : ..... attendance to FIAV congresses of personal delegate : .....

other (specify) : .....

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what is your opinion on proxy voting at FIAV General Assemblies? .....

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what is your opinion with regard to 2 categories of FIAV membership (*full* = vote / *associate* = no vote) ?

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do you have any comments, criticisms, proposals? .....

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# REPORT ON THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The FIAV General Assembly took place during the XV. International Congress of Vexillology at the Landesmuseum in Zurich on 23, 25 and 27 August 1993, with 19 of FIAV's 23 members present.

## SUMMARY

- ⌘ 7 vexillological associations and institutes were accepted as new FIAV full members: AAV, CEBED, CFA, CIDEK, HVK, SS and WVRI.
- ⌘ The FIAV General Assembly voted not to join UNESCO, though later it decided to have the SFV and SEV investigate the UNESCO question again and to report to the Board.
- ⌘ Warsaw was elected as the site of the XVI. FIAV Congress, to be organised in 1995 by the Earth Flag Center.
- ⌘ The proposal of the SFV to host the 1997 Congress in Paris was welcome. A moral commitment of FIAV to adjudge the 2001 Congress to the United Kingdom (under condition of the presentation of a report on its preparations in 1995) was voted.
- ⌘ The Vexillon was awarded to Maria-José Sastre y Arribas.
- ⌘ The Board of FIAV will decide alone on adjudgement of the Vexillon.
- ⌘ William Crampton was elected FIAV president.
- ⌘ Ralph Bartlett and Dr. Emil Dreyer were confirmed as secretary-general for congresses and secretary-general respectively.

## Monday, 23 August

⌘ FIAV president Rev. Hugh Boudin officially opened the General Assembly (=GA) at 8 p.m.. Written credentials of members were presented and verified by the Board of FIAV:

### **FIAV member**

*Associació Catalana de Vexillologia (ACV)*  
*Centro Italiano Studi vessillologici (CISV)*  
*The Flag Design Center (FDC)*  
*The Flag Institute (FI)*  
*The Flag Research Center (FRC)*  
*Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka (FRCSL)*  
*Flag Society of Australia (FSA)*  
*National Flag Foundation (NFF)*  
*Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde (NVV)*  
*North American Vexillological Association (NAVA)*  
*Société Suisse de Vexillologie (SSV)*  
*Sociedad Española de Vexilología (SEV)*  
*Societas Vexillologica Belgica (SVB)*  
*Société Française de Vexillologie (SFV)*  
*Southern African Vexillological Association (SAVA)*  
*Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags (TWMF)*  
*United States Flag Foundation (USFF)*  
*Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap (VSHS)*  
*Vexilologický Klub (VK)*

### **representative**

*Jordi Pérez*  
*Alfredo Betocchi*  
*Alfred Znamierowski*  
*Michael Faul*  
*Dr. Whitney Smith*  
*Ralph Bartlett (by proxy)*  
*Ron Strachan*  
*George F. Cahill*  
*Gerrit J. ten Hoeve*  
*Dr. Scot Guenter*  
*Dr. Emil Dreyer*  
*Sebastián Herreros*  
*Rev. Hugh Boudin*  
*Michel Sicard*  
*Bruce Berry*  
*Dr. Whitney Smith (by proxy)*  
*William Spangler (by proxy)*  
*Sebastián Herreros (by proxy)*  
*Aleš Brožek*

The *Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde (GOH)*, the *Nordisk Flagselskab (NF)* and the *Partioheraldikot Ry (PR)* had sent no accredited representative. After the regretted death of Dr. Ottfried Neubecker the *Wappen-Herald (WH)* is no longer functioning. The GA took a minute of silence to honour Dr. Neubecker.

⊞ The statutory quorum was fulfilled with 19 members out of 23 present.

⊞ Two volunteers were chosen as vote-counters: Ron Strachan and Michael Faul

⊞ The minutes of the FIAV General Assembly of Barcelona, July 1991, were unanimously approved.

⊞ The FIAV president announced a change of order of the agenda, since he would step down from his post, hence a new president would have to be elected. To give the GA time for deliberations before the election of a new Board, he announced the names of candidates as listed in the questionnaires received.

The candidates for president were (in alphabetical order): W. Crampton, K. Harrington, S. Herreros, W. Jurečić, R. Klimeš, J. Kosic, A. Rabbow, I. Sorli. Other candidates were welcome to offer themselves.

⊞ The candidates for FIAV membership were introduced by its representatives:

| <b>membership candidate</b>                                               | <b>representative</b>                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Asociación Argentina de Vexilología (AAV)</i>                          | <i>Gustavo Tracchia (by proxy)</i>   |
| <i>Centre Belgo-Européen d'Etudes des Drapeaux (CEBED)</i>                | <i>Michel Lupant</i>                 |
| <i>The Canadian Flag Association (CFA)</i>                                | <i>Kevin Harrington</i>              |
| <i>Fundación Centro Interdisciplinario de Estudios Culturales (CIDEC)</i> | <i>Gustavo Tracchia (by proxy)</i>   |
| <i>Heraldischer Verein "Zum Kleeblatt" (HVK)</i>                          | <i>Dr. Günter Mattern (by proxy)</i> |
| <i>Slovenski Scit - HGV Club (SS)</i>                                     | <i>Walt Jurečić</i>                  |
| <i>World Vexillological Research Institute (WVRI)</i>                     | <i>Roman Klimeš</i>                  |

After consideration of all candidates the GA proceeded to vote on admission of the candidates one at a time. CFA and CEBED were voted in unanimously, SS and AAV were voted in by 21 votes in favour and 1 abstention each (note: the 3 members of the Board have one vote each).

The WVRI was voted in by 16 yes and 6 no.

General controversy ensued on the membership status of HVK and CIDEC. Some members feared that these two candidates might threaten the independence of vexillological science, since both are mainly devoted to heraldry, and hence an associate status was proposed. The fact that these candidates come from countries where a FIAV member already exists was criticised.

Other members underlined the vexillological merits of these candidates, also pointing out, that a couple of FIAV members are heraldic associations. They argued too, that 4 countries already have at least two members in FIAV, so full membership should not be denied.

Generally FSA, FRC, NFF, USFF and TWMF favoured an associate membership, whereas mainly European FIAV members (SEV, CSIV, SFV, SSV and FI) favoured a full membership.

Ultimately, HVK and CIDEC were accepted by a narrow majority as associate FIAV members only, thus having no vote.

⊞ FIAV secretary-general Dr. Emil Dreyer reported on the results of the questionnaire, which had been sent to all FIAV members in spring 1993. Questionnaires were filled out by the following FIAV members: VK, NFF, USFF, FRC, SEV, ACV, SSV, NVV, FI, SFV, CISV, SAVA - that is 52% of the members. FIAV candidates CFA and SS had sent in their questionnaire too.

The table below shows the answers to the questionnaire:

| <b>name</b> | <b>establ.</b> | <b>members (foreign)</b> | <b>meetings</b>  | <b>UNESCO</b> |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| VK          | 1972           | 165 (35)                 | annual + monthly | yes           |
| NFF         | 1968           | 1727 (27)                | quarterly        | no            |
| USFF        | 1950           | 8 (0)                    | annual           | no            |
| FRC         | 1962           | 1125 (475)subscr.        | annual           | --            |
| SEV         | 1977           | 116 (23)                 | annual           | yes           |
| ACV         | 1981           | 32 (8)                   | annual           | yes           |
| SSV         | 1967           | 96 (34)                  | annual           | --            |
| NVV         | 1966           | 94 (13)                  | annual           | --            |
| FI          | 1971           | 351 (173)                | twice a year     | --            |
| SFV         | 1985           | 131 (29)                 | monthly          | yes           |
| CISV        | 1972           | 46 (16)                  | --               | yes           |
| SAVA        | 1990           | 45 (26)                  | quarterly        | yes           |
| CFA         | 1985           | 206 (90)                 | annual           | yes           |
| SS          | 1991           | 60 (5)                   | monthly          | yes           |

Asked for the requirements a FIAV member should meet, most associations pointed out that the FIAV member should issue a regular publication at least once a year, should organise general meetings at least annually, should attend international congresses (not by proxy) and should have a minimum membership of 5-10 persons.



⊞ The FIAV secretary-general reported on his inquiries at the United Nations office in Geneva regarding a possible adhesion of FIAV to UNESCO as a non-governmental organisation (NGO). During the XIV. Congress in Barcelona 1991, the GA had commissioned the SEV to look into the question and to report to the Board. Since no report was made, the secretary-general wrote to the UN headquarters in Geneva. There he was informed, that to become a NGO within UNESCO, you first had to apply for recognition by another UN department (ECOSOC), which meant a multitude of forms to complete.

On recommendation of the Board the GA voted by 18 no, 8 yes and 1 abstention not to pursue the UNESCO matter.

### Wednesday, 25 August

⊞ Between the issue of FIAV-INFO No. 4 in May 1993 and the beginning of the XV. Congress in August 4 sites had been presented as candidates for the 1995 FIAV Congress: *Warsaw, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Moscow*. The candidates explained their offer to the GA:

Warsaw: W. Serwatowski, director of the Earth Flag Center in Warsaw, with a thorough, well documented and very detailed presentation of his home-town and its infrastructure possibilities, convinced the GA that the Earth Flag Center should host a congress. He can rely on his professional staff and the sympathy of government officials. In 1995, Poland will celebrate the 700th anniversary of its white eagle.

Pittsburgh: G. Cahill, director of the National Flag Foundation, withdrew his offer to host a congress in 1995 after knowing that there were other candidates.

Cincinnati: Dr. S. Guenter, president of NAVA, presented the advantages of Cincinnati as a site for the 1995 Congress, which would be organised by the Great Waters Association of Vexillology in conjunction with NAVA, concurrently with the annual NAVA meeting.

Moscow: Prof. I. Blishchenko, director of the Institute of International Law in Moscow had sent a fax to apply for hosting the XVI. FIAV Congress. Correspondence by both the secretary-general for congresses and the secretary-general was not answered, nor did any FIAV member know of that institution. Upon recommendation of the Board, Moscow's application was disallowed.

Warsaw was accepted as the site of the next FIAV Congress in 1995 by 25 yes and 2 abstentions.

⊞ The SFV announced its proposal to host the 1997 FIAV Congress in Paris. The GA approved by 24 yes and 3 abstentions a motion to take the offer into consideration, though the motion is not binding and further offers are welcome. The definitive decision on the site of the 1997 Congress will be taken in Warsaw.

⊞ The Flag Institute informed the GA of its plans to celebrate the Bicentennial of the present British flag in 2001 and proposed to host a FIAV Congress on the occasion. The FI plans to contact Royal Mail authorities to commemorate the event with a special stamp issue and this needs to be done a minimum of 5 years in advance. The FI asked the GA to definitively adjudge the 2001 FIAV venue to Britain because of the long time needed for preparation.

The FDC wanted to know, if a decision by the GA would be binding. The Board answered positively, being criticized then by the NFF, since the earlier motion on Paris had not been binding. The FRC pointed out, that the moral authority of the British flag should be sufficient for a definitive vote on the 2001 Congress in Britain. Finally, the FIAV secretary-general for congresses suggested to vote moral support for 2001 in Britain, and to ask the FI for a report on the preparations, to be delivered at the GA in Warsaw in 1995. If the FI should fail to present its report, no definitive decision would be taken in Warsaw. The FI accepted this proposal, the NFF disagreed with the word "morally".

On his request Michael Faul was exempted from counting votes on this occasion.

The GA voted by 1 no and 26 yes to morally adjudge its XIX. Congress to the FI under condition of receiving in Warsaw a report as to the progress of congress preparations, otherwise FIAV would not be bound to have a Congress in Great Britain in 2001.

⊞ FIAV president Rev. H. Boudin announced that the Board had taken a decision on the winner of the Vexillon, and that the GA could approve or disapprove its choice, but no other name from those listed in the questionnaire would be given.

The Board proposed to award the Vexillon to María-José Sastre y Arribas for her research on Spanish medieval vexillology and for her publications (*Diccionario de Vexilología, Normas de Descripción y Codificación Vexilológica, El Escudo de Madrid*).

The GA accepted the Board's nomination by 23 yes and 4 abstentions.

The *Vexillon* is a gift of the Flag Society of Australia to FIAV to present to a vexillologist, who has achieved an outstanding work in the promotion and excellency of vexillology.

☞ NAVA proposed to entrust to the Board the choice concerning the *Vexillon* award without voting by the GA. The FSA seconded this motion.

The GA voted by 24 yes, 1 no and 2 abstentions to have the Board decide alone on the award of the *Vexillon*.

☞ Next point on the agenda was the election of a new FIAV president.

There was general hesitation about the qualification and convenience of accepting the Slovenian candidates. The FDC nominated Dr. Whitney Smith for president. NAVA nominated Ron Strachan. Kevin Harrington withdrew his candidacy.

The candidates were asked by the FIAV president, if they accepted nomination: Ron Strachan, Sebastián Herreros, William Crampton and Roman Klimeš accepted. Dr. Whitney Smith declared, that it would be inappropriate for him because of the polarity between himself and William Crampton.

The NFF reminded the assembly to consider carefully for whom and on what they were going to vote, since a FIAV president should serve FIAV and not vice-versa.

The FDC nominated Michel Lupant, but he declined.

The candidates then had each a few appropriate words in front of the GA, which afterwards proceeded to a secret vote on the candidates. 23 delegates were present, totalling 26 votes (23 FIAV members and the Board). A simple majority was needed for the election:

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| First ballot :                         | Crampton 9  | Herreros 9  | Strachan 5 | Klimeš 1      | abstentions 2 |
| Klimeš retired after the first ballot. |             |             |            |               |               |
| Second ballot :                        | Crampton 11 | Herreros 11 | Strachan 3 | abstentions 1 |               |
| Third ballot :                         | Crampton 13 | Herreros 10 | Strachan 2 | abstentions 1 |               |
| Fourth ballot:                         | Crampton 14 | Herreros 9  | Strachan 2 | abstentions 1 |               |

William Crampton, director of the Flag Institute, was elected as the new FIAV president. He started his office at the end of the XV. Congress.

### Friday, 27 August

☞ Sebastián Herreros proposed to nominate a "computer standards" commission, which would work on coordination of vexillological programs with the idea of having a single universal standard for vexillological documentation. He had been doing successful research in this field for a couple of years.

The following persons showed interest in forming such a commission: J. Tenora, G. Staack, W. Crampton, Dr. W. Smith, A. Znamierowski, E. Linder, A. Brožek, J. Poels, C. Fernández-Espeso, D. Deseniss and S. Herreros.

This commission, whose president will be Sebastián Herreros, will work on the project for the next two years and report to the FIAV GA in Warsaw. FIAV may then discuss on the matter.

The Board took the proposal into consideration.

☞ Ron Strachan and Dr. Emil Dreyer were nominated for election as FIAV secretary-general. Ralph Bartlett was nominated as secretary-general for congresses.

Since the Board of FIAV has to be composed by 3 persons from different countries and both Ron Strachan and Ralph Bartlett were Australian, Ron Strachan withdrew his candidacy.

The NFF moved to vote each secretary-general unanimously by acclamation, since there was but one candidate for each office. NAVA seconded and both secretaries-general were re-elected by acclamation.

Following the election the WVRI stated, that it opposed the election of Dr. E. Dreyer.

The FIAV secretary-general was thus confirmed by 26 yes and 1 no, the secretary-general for congresses by 27 yes.

☞ Several FIAV members expressed their disagreement with the decision of Monday, 23 August, not to accept the HVK and CIDEK as full members.

The SEV moved to vote again on the status of these two FIAV members, the VK, FDC and AAV seconded. Arguments in favour and against a change of their status were discussed:

Dr. Whitney Smith argued that only pure vexillological societies should have the right to full membership status (i.e. having a vote), whereas the parting FIAV president Rev. Hugh Boudin noted that the purely heraldic VSHS and WH were full FIAV members. Dr. W. Smith proposed to change the status of those FIAV members which were not mainly vexillological associations, instead of voting against the associate status of HVK and CIDEK.

The FIAV secretary-general criticised the arbitrary way in which members were classified, enhancing the necessity of having but one membership category to avoid injustice and continuous dispute.

The question of a change of the FIAV constitution arose (put forward by the FDC and SFV), but such a change had to be announced 3 months in advance. The SFV proposed to accept heraldic associations only as long as there were no vexillological societies in that country.

Dr. Günter Mattern was astonished at the exclusion from full membership of the outstanding, scientific and traditional HVK, which has published scholarly on flags and public heraldry for more than a hundred years. He underlined the necessity to respect both vexillology and heraldry as complementary sciences and earned enthusiastic applause from the audience.

Roman Klimes expressed his conviction that there cannot be a separation between vexillology and heraldry.

Dr. Scot Guenter urged the GA not to be elitist and to acknowledge the achievements of scholarly colleagues, despite their not sharing pure vexillological research. He pleaded for abolition of different membership categories.

Finally, the status of HVK and of CIDEK were changed from associate to full membership by subsequent votings:

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| Kleeblatt : | 23 yes | 2 no | 1 abstention  |
| CIDEK :     | 16 yes | 5 no | 6 abstentions |

H<sup>1</sup> Sebastián Herreros informed the GA, that it was not necessary to apply for ECOSOC to become a NGO at UNESCO. The information given by the FIAV secretary-general was erroneous, since it came from the UN headquarters in Geneva and not from UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

The SEV moved in conjunction with ACV to have the UNESCO question examined again in Warsaw, whilst the SFV would investigate at UNESCO headquarters in Paris and prepare the necessary forms in conjunction with SEV and the FIAV secretary-general. The papers would then be sent to the Board of FIAV for control and signature.

The SEV motion was seconded by the SFV and voted by 18 yes, 7 no and 4 abstentions.

H<sup>2</sup> On proposal by George Cahill, the outgoing FIAV president Rev. Hugh Boudin was acclaimed by the GA for his exemplary service to FIAV for more than a decade.

H<sup>3</sup> FIAV president Rev. Hugh Boudin closed the FIAV sessions of the XV. International Congress of Vexillology in Zurich on Friday afternoon, 27 August, 5 p.m. .



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