



REPORT of the XLVIIth F.I.S.A. CONGRESS and GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Royal Philatelic Society, London
May 12th 2015

Verification of the proxies

Inaugural addresses and honouring ceremony

President Ross Wood thanks the Board of the Royal Philatelic Society and the Organizing Committee of the Pillage Trophy for inviting F.I.S.A. here in London.

The attending Board Members were introduced: Ross Wood, Stefan Bruylants, Wolfgang Porges, Hans Mierl, Peter Beer, Dominique Petit, Derrick Pillage and Richard Saundry.

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

The Agenda was accepted.

2. Election of Tellers

Achim Lange and Ken Sandford were elected as tellers.

3. Endorsement of the minutes of the last General Assembly

The minutes were accepted unanimously.

4. Report and Endorsement of the President's annual report

President Ross Wood read the yearly report, which afterwards was accepted unanimously.

5. Report and Endorsement of the Treasurer's and Auditors report for 2013 and 2014

The Treasurer read the reports for 2013 and 2014.

Wolfgang Porges read the Auditor's report and asked for approval.

Note of the members : is it possible to lower bank costs to 0 % (now 6 %) ?

Both, Treasurer's and Auditor's report were accepted unanimously.

6. Discharge of the Board and the Auditors

The General Assembly discharged the Board and Auditors.

6 BIS. The Future of F.I.S.A.

Motion introduced by British Air Mail Society (BAMS):

F.I.S.A. has, through its continuous persuasions and deliberations, fulfilled its original aims and objectives of universally establishing Aerophilately and Astrophilately as disciplines in their own class, and the organization is to be congratulated on this outstanding achievement.

As this original purpose has been achieved, the British Air Mail Society now considers (that) F.I.S.A. has run its course, and proposes the dissolution of the Federation.

Bill Trower, BAMS Delegate to FISA

Since F.I.S.A. has no official task, no sponsoring, no official publication and members have few insight what happens with the money, F.I.S.A. has fulfilled its task. However BAMS want to thanks F.I.S.A. for what has been done.

The motion was followed by a debate in the audience. Most of the delegates clearly supported the idea of continuation of FISA and finally a huge majority declined above motion.

7. Admission and exclusion of members

No admissions, no exclusions.

8. Election of the President

Peter Beer (PCS) proposed Wolfgang Porges as the best candidate.

Wolfgang Porges wanted first to thank Ross Wood for his Presidency during the last four years : four years ago, Wolfgang Porges was not ready to be President and was happy the Ross took this function. Now Wolfgang has a lot more experience in F.I.S.A. and accepted the Presidency of F.I.S.A.

The General Assembly voted unanimously for Wolfgang Porges as President.

9. Election of the remaining Board Members

The remaining Board Members were elected unanimously by the General Assembly and will have the following responsibilities:

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| <i>Wolfgang Porges</i> | <i>President</i> | <i>Aerophilately + Germany/Austria</i> |
| <i>Dominique Petit</i> | <i>Vice-President</i> | <i>French speaking World + website</i> |
| <i>Stefan Bruylants</i> | <i>Secretary-General</i> | <i>Astrophilately + website</i> |
| <i>Peter Beer</i> | <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>Finances + Switzerland</i> |
| <i>Hugo Goggel</i> | <i>Member</i> | <i>Latin America</i> |
| <i>Bedrich Helm</i> | <i>Member</i> | <i>Eastern Europe</i> |
| <i>Hans Mierl</i> | <i>Member</i> | <i>Balloon post</i> |
| <i>Derrick Pillage</i> | <i>Member</i> | <i>North America</i> |
| <i>Neville Polakov</i> | <i>Member</i> | <i>Africa (Non-French)</i> |
| <i>Richard Saundry</i> | <i>Member</i> | <i>UK + Commonwealth (ex. Australia/N.Zealand)</i> |
| <i>Romano Savini</i> | <i>Member</i> | <i>Mediterranean + Southern Europe</i> |
| <i>Ross Wood</i> | <i>Member</i> | <i>F.I.P. link, Australia + Asia</i> |

10. Determination of annual fees

The Annual Fee remains unchanged.

11. Handling of proposals and appeals

Creating a new F.I.S.A. website with the new techniques (responsive website, forum, newsletter etc.) is necessary to have a worldwide contact with our member societies. This creation of a website can't be developed by one of us, we need a professional web designer to generate a high-tech website. The Board asked the General Assembly to agree with a budget of maximum 5.000 euro (five thousand) for the development and maintenance of the website.

This proposal was accepted unanimously.

12. Determination of date and place of the next General Assembly

The next F.I.S.A. Congress in 2017 will be hosted in China, as proposed by David Lu, in the city of Qingdao. The General Assembly accepted this location unanimously.

13. Miscellaneous

Due to all the other tasks and since there were unfortunately no proposals presented by the members, the Granting of Awards is postponed to 2017.

Secretary-General

Stefan Bruylants