



MINUTES of the 45. FISA CONGRESS in Graz-Unterpremstätten, Austria, May 14, 2011

At 10:00 Dr. Stefan Bruylant, acting FISA President welcomes the Presidium Members, Representatives, Delegates and Guests and opens the 45th FISA-Congress

1. Acceptance of Agenda

Unanimously accepted

2. Election of Tellers

M. Matejka/A and J. Lauwers-Bekaert/B were elected unanimously

3. Report & Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous General Meeting (Meyrin Switzerland)

Acceptance of Minutes as published.

The Presidium thanks Hon. Sec.-Gen. J. Lauwers-Bekaert/B

4. Report & Acceptance of the Annual Reports 2009 & 2010

Gen.-Sec. W. Porges/D regrets that no meaningful Annual Reports can be presented as none were received during the last 2 years and only very little information came from the Members of FISA.

This is also one of the reasons for the Presidium' Motion (TOP 9) which will be discussed later.

5. Report & Acceptance of the internal audited Treasurer's Report 2009 & 2010

H. Mierl/A reads the treasurer's reports for both business years as well as providing Copies to all those present. FISA hat net assets of EURO 16395,95.

W. Porges/D reads the audited Treasurer's Report produced by P. Beer/CH and R. Stimm/D, who propose to discharge the Treasurer

6. Discharge of Directorium and Auditors

The Treasurer and the Directorium were discharged unanimously.

Thanks to the Auditors

7. Grant of Honours

Gold Medal	B. Helm / Czech Republic
Silver Medal Literature	H. Judmaier / Austria (Journalist)
Bronze Medal Literature	U. Schulz/ Germany (Berlin Airmail Studies)
Bronze Medal Literature	E. Schuppan / Germany (Editor of „Luftpost“)
Golden Pen	W. Porges / Germany

8. Resignation of President Stephen Reinhard as per January 31, 2011

Stephen Reinhard declared his resignation in writing as per 01-31-2011 stating Personal reasons. The Directorium very much regrets this decision and thanks Stephen Reinhard for his work over a number of years.

9. /10. Motion of Directorium to dissolve FISA until 12-31-2011 and Discussion

Already in preparation of the Congress the Directorium's Motion caused some alarm and intensive discussions. A lively – partially controversial- discussion started and it became soon clear that a strong majority of the Members favoured the continuation of FISA. Even within the Directorium the members had differing views

on the continuation of FISA.

More or less all participants would request to speak and formulated suggestions, wishes, proposals etc. In the next weeks the Directorium will work on this valuable input - structure, format and communicate to the Members.

11. Open Ballot of Directorium's Motion

After about one hour the ballot took place. The Motion of the Directorium received 14 Yes and 12 No votes, thus the Motion was declined as the necessary 2/3 majority was not reached. That means FISA is still alive!

12. Election of Directorium until 12-31-2011

The Members of the Directorium (Presidium and Board of Directors) had already agreed to continue until 12-31-2011, uncertain was the question who would be prepared to run for Presidency. During the Presidium's Meeting on 05-12-2011 Ross Wood/AUS announced his willingness to run for Presidency. The General Meeting unanimously elected the following Directorium: Ross Wood, President, Dr. Stefan Bruylant and Dr. Bedrich Helm, Vice-President, Wolfgang Porges, Secretary General, Hans Mierl, Treasurer, and the Board of Directors: Gérard Collot, Hugo Goeggel, Derrick Pillage, Nevill Polakov and Romano Savini.

The Presidium will enter into a dialogue with the members in due course in order to prepare the ground for a continuing reasonable cooperation.

The President then addressed the meeting on what was required for the current Presidium to continue beyond 31 December 2011 and on to the next Congress that has already been arranged for April 2013 at Westpex in San Francisco USA. He stated:

"I would like to thank you all for the confidence that you have in the support of FISA. However we have a lot of work to do in the next six months if FISA is to continue. We need your Member clubs to advise FISA of your activities so that all the other clubs and their members can be advised of future meetings, publications and exhibitions. This means that you not only send the Secretary General your publication, but write directly to him or myself to ensure all the information is put on our website. This information needs to be in PDF or word format so that it can be easily added to the website or added to the newsletters that will send to each of our Member clubs.

If in November the Directorium agrees that the Members have provided sufficient information and support to show that FISA has a real purpose to exist and it is my wish and hope that this will happen so that we will continue."

End of Meeting: 11:50

Wolfgang H. Porges
Secretary General