



International Art Medal Federation
Fédération Internationale de la Médaille d'Art

FIDEM XXXIII CONGRESS 2014

MINUTES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Saturday 6th September 2014

14.00-15.30

Hall Triaditsa, Grand Hotel, Sofia

Participating members: 51 members present

Taking the minutes: Marie-Astrid Pelsdonk

1. Opening by FIDEM President Philip Attwood

2. Honoring deceased members

Claude Arthus-Bertrand (France), Del Newbigging (Canada), Guido Veroi (Italy), Cesare Johnson (Italy), Maria Lugossy (Hungary), Ralph Sonnenschein (USA), Giorgio Segato (Italy), Gay van der Meer (The Netherlands), Merlin Szasz (USA), Arsène Buchet (Belgium). One minute of silence was kept in their memory.

3. Financial report by Ms Ines Ferreira, the treasurer and Ms Ana Pereira

a. income statement 2013

Members tend to pay the year of the congress but forget the in-between year and this is shown on the figures. The revenues of FIDEM are good thanks to the great donations from the University Museum of Bergen. Money has also been saved with the layout and editing of *Médailles Magazine* since the work was done free of charge by Marie-Astrid Pelsdonk, the printing was done by the Mint of Portugal and the postage for sending the magazine to all FIDEM members was given by the Gulbenkian Foundation.

b. budget 2014

The treasurer elect Ana Pereira introduced herself as working for the Mint of Portugal in the department of production of coins and medals.

She then told the meeting that reminding letters for the memberships for 2012 and 2013 had been sent out to institutions, museums and mints. This had given some results. A new time deposit bond is planned. A bank account would be open in Portugal so that cheques and cash could be more easily deposited. The main FIDEM bank account would remain the one at Nordea bank in Finland. She informed the participants that FIDEM would continue to support the coming congress with 15000€, scholarships with 15000€ and a Grand Prix with 2000€.

Ines Ferreira was thanked for the work she had done since 2007. The University of Bergen, the Portuguese Mint and the Gulbenkian Foundation were also thanked for their donations.

(For the detailed financial report see the enclosed PDF - doc. 1)

It was asked whether the membership could change, so that, instead of an annual payment, members would pay biennially for two years, to avoid the lack of income in between the congresses. A show of

hands indicated strongly that this is not an option for FIDEM.

4. Report of the accountancy auditor Mr Mikko Timisjärvi

Having supervised the finances of FIDEM according to the established rules, the account auditor remarked that the accounts are in perfect order and confirmed the financial statement for the years 2012-2013 (1st January 2012-31 December 2013). (For the whole report see enclosed PDF - doc. 2).

The auditor did ask that in the future the treasurer would provide an estimate of the costs for the making, printing and sending of *Médailles Magazine*. This to be aware of what FIDEM would need to pay if it could no longer be sponsored. He also stated that the treasurer should provide statistics concerning the membership.

5. General Secretary's Moral report by Marie-Astrid Pelsdonk, General Secretary

(For the moral report see the enclosed PDF - doc. 3)

6. Deciding on the membership fees of FIDEM

It was proposed that the membership fees would remain the same until the next congress in 2016. The fees are as follows: 30€ for students, 50€ for ordinary members and artists, 120€ for museums, libraries, associations and other non-profit organizations, 200€ for mints, foundries, medal-makers, publishers, galleries and other commercial enterprises. No objections were made.

7. New

a. member countries

Iran

b. delegates and vice delegates

Armenia – new delegate: Mr Gurgen Hakobyan

Brazil – no delegate, the Portuguese Mint will contact them for a possible delegate

Canada – new vice-delegate: Susan Taylor

China – new vice-delegate: Mr Wang An

Hungary – new vice-delegate: Katie Keszthelyi

Iran – new delegate: Mona Paad

Ireland – since no contact with the current delegate Robin Daly is possible, it was decided to remove him.

Mexico – new delegate: Estefania Gomez Counahan

Netherlands – new delegate: Linda Verkaaik

Poland – new delegate: Hanna Jelonek

Portugal – new delegate : Maria João Gaiato and vice-delegate: Maria Rosa Figueiredo

Serbia – no contact with delegate Tatjana Bosnjak, new attempts will be made

South Africa – Natanya van Niekerk of the South African Mint accepted but shortly after left the Mint. We are waiting for the Mint to appoint a new delegate

Tunisia – will be removed since no contact is possible

Uganda – will be removed since no contact is possible

United Kingdom – new delegate: Irene Gunston

All the propositions were approved by the Assembly.

8. Election/re-election members of

a. EC

A new treasurer was proposed in Ms Ana Pereira, who was unanimously voted in. The remaining members of the committee were re-elected and approved by the Assembly.

b. CC

Eniko Szollossy from Hungary informed us during the interim meeting in 2013 that she would step down. Eniko Szollossy was thanked for her support for FIDEM over the years. The remaining members of the

CC were re-elected and approved by the Assembly.

It was resolved that the President would contact Mme Sylvie de Turckheim-Pey, current French delegate and ask if she would agree to become a member of the CC.

9. Next congresses

a. 2016 - Belgium

Paul Huybrechts gave a presentation for the coming congress. The dates would be 6-10 September 2016 with a post-congress tour on 11 September. His plan had been to have the congress in Louvain. But had to find another location since the exhibition room was already booked for another exhibition in 2016.

He presented the idea of having the congress in two different cities: Namur and Gent. Namur has a provincial museum, which can hold the exhibition for three months and the university of Namur has the possibility of having lecture rooms available for the lectures. The congress would start in Namur and on the Friday, all the congress participants would be transferred with their luggage to the city of Gent. He is planning on having 6 medal exhibitions during this congress. The medals would need to be in Belgium by September 2015.

b. 2018 - Ottawa, Canada

Lynden Beesley presented the city of Ottawa as the 2018 FIDEM congress city. She has been working closely with Susan Taylor and the Royal Canadian Mint. They have found a place for the exhibition, which can also hold the lectures. It is the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa. They can host the exhibition for 3-4 months. The museum wanted FIDEM to have the theme of Women. In 2018, they are celebrating the centenary of the right to vote for women and since it was in the same building and the Rotunda that the Parliament signed the treaty. This was accepted by FIDEM and Delegates were asked to draw it to the attention of artists. The museum would award a prize for the best medal on the theme.

c. 2020 - Beijing, China

The President explained that a meeting between himself, the general secretary, the Chinese delegate, vice-delegate and people from China Gold Coin had taken place during the congress week. China Gold Coin was about to create a Coin and Medal Association in China where artists, collectors, scholars, students would be invited to join. They were hoping to host an event in Beijing in 2017 where FIDEM members would be invited to attend (exhibition and possible lectures).

d. other proposals

No other proposals were made.

10. Interim meeting after 2015

The next interim meeting will be held beginning of July 2015 in Belgium. Artists will be invited to join already in June 2015 for workshops.

11. Website - report by Marie-Astrid Pelsdonk, webmaster

After Glasgow, FIDEM was able to upgrade the program used to make the website and *Médailles Magazine*, thanks to a generous donation from the University Museum of Bergen. The same institution also provided funds for the ISP (Internet service provider) until 2016, funds to buy a scanner to continue scanning the old issues of *Médailles Magazine* and contributed with a fund for the work of making them accessible on the website. The institution was thanked for its generosity.

Modifications had been made to the payment page with the change of contact person in FIDEM, from Gunnel Sievers to Tapio Suominen, with the credit card company in Finland. Codes and the decimal system were changed. Also new to the website are the guidelines for delegates, guidelines for congress organizers and all the issues from *Médailles Magazine* from 1938 until 2008.

FIDEM is going to need more space for the website and there are plans to make a medal database including all the medals exhibited during the congresses.

Médailles Magazine 2012 and 2014 - report by Marie-Astrid Pelsdonk

Marie-Astrid Pelsdonk indicated that the layout work and editing of *Médailles Magazine* took her about 240 hours. The result was a 270 page magazine, printed for free by the Mint of Portugal and posted for free to all the members by the Gulbenkian Foundation.

For the coming issue, Marie-Astrid Pelsdonk invited all lecturers and people writing reports for the magazine to send her their papers and pictures via www.wetransfer.com to fidem.general.secretary@gmail.com. The dead-line is set to 15th October 2014. She asked that:

- lectures/reports in a Word document (Power Point or other types of documents will not be accepted)
- a list with the titles of the pictures with details such as size, material, year, name of photographer etc should be provided in a separate Word document
- maximum of 15 pictures in jpg or tiff-format with a resolution of a minimum of 300 dpi
- obverse and reverse of a medal count as one picture
- the pictures will not be accepted if they are included in a Power Point presentation

13. Other topics

Speaking for the Bulgarian exhibition organizers, Nadia Rozeva Green raised a couple of issues concerning the delegates and the sending of the medals to the congress. It was promised that the EC would look into these and modify the *guidelines for congress organizers* accordingly.

Amanullah Haiderzad's initiative in collecting medals for the museum in Kabul was commended.

14. Closing the meeting