



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

FIDEM XXXVI CONGRESS 2020-2021

MINUTES FROM THE **ONLINE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Saturday 4th December 2021

6pm – 8pm (Tokyo time)

Zoom meeting

Participating members: 37 members present

Taking the minutes: Marie-Astrid Pelsdonk

1. Opening by President Philip Attwood

2. Honoring deceased members

- Aimo Viitala (Finland)
- Guus Hellegers (Netherlands)
- Štefan Hudzík (Slovakia)
- Velga Eizenberga (Lithuania)
- Ladislav Prítel (Slovakia)
- Valentin Kochetkov (Russia)
- Sándor Tóth (Hungary)
- Hanneke Mols van Gool (Netherlands)
- Marit Hartman (Belgium)
- Jozef Stasinski (Poland)
- Esther Gómez Blanco (Spain)
- Philip Schofield (Australia)
- Lorenzo Rafale (Mexico)
- Lajos Cseri (Hungary)
- Heidi Dobberkau (Germany)
- Andrzej Nowakowski (Poland)
- Silvana Balbi de Caro (Italy)
- Robert Ellis (New Zealand)

3. Financial report by the treasurer (see enclosed PDF1-2)

Ana Pereira opened by saying that the finances of FIDEM are looking good, although the number of paying members has decreased since the last congress. This is largely due to the current worldwide corona pandemic situation. She urged the delegates to remind their members not to forget to pay for their membership fees.

The expenses are the same since the last congress, the revenues are lower. FIDEM has received financial support from the University Museum of Bergen for the bursaries and has also received the support of the Portuguese Mint for the printing and postage of *Médailles 2018* magazine.

Ana also reported about the move of the bank account for the Finnish bank Nordea to Portugal, which took a lot of time. The treasurer suggested that in the future the bank account should be in the same

country as the treasurer to avoid such issues and difficulties. She thanked Mikko Timisjärvi for his help in this matter.

She proposed a new time-bound deposit of 70,000€. She proposed to find an entity to print *Médailles* 2020-2021 as well as finding an entity to do or support the postage of the magazine. And she has still to implement invoicing and book-keeping software.

She proceeded by showing some graphs of the numbers of members which have gone from 385 in 2019 to 308 in 2021. In another graph it was apparent that the decrease was mainly to be found in the individual and artist category. In 2019 FIDEM counted 50 new members and in 2021 only 13.

The president informed the meeting that during the EC/CC and the meetings the accounts had been approved. He then proceeded to ask if anyone at the present meeting had any concerns or questions regarding the finances. No questions were raised and no objections were made.

The president then thanked both Ana and Mikko for their hard work with the move of the bank account. He also thanked Henrik von Achen and the University Museum of Bergen for its generous contributions.

4. Report of the accountancy auditor (see enclosed PDF 3)

The finances of FIDEM are in good shape (regardless of the problems due to the worldwide pandemic and economical crisis) and in good order. He proposed that both the financial report and the board of directors' report should be approved.

The president then asked if anyone had any objections or issues. Since nothing was raised, he thanked Mikko Timisjärvi for the positive report.

5. Secretary General's Moral Report (see enclosed PDF 4)

6. Website and Médailles magazine reports

Since Ottawa in 2018, three more congresses are out: Seixal (2004), Ghent (2016) and Ottawa (2018). FIDEM now has 7 congresses online, more than 5,800 medals and more than 2,300 artists. The Swiss delegate has promised pictures of medals exhibited in Neuchatel in 1996, but because of an IT-migration, the pictures are lost. So now the webmaster is working on the congresses from Paris (2002) to the one in London (1992). She is writing to all the artists who exhibited and asking them for pictures. She has now come to Belgium. Some artists have responded and she will ask the delegates to encourage the artists to send pictures.

Médailles 2018 magazine was published and sent out in 2019. All the lectures, with the exception of one, were published. Marie-Astrid Voisin Pelsdonk thanked Javier Gimeno who had helped in the editorial work.

For the coming issue of *Médailles*, she will send out invitations to all the speakers of the Tokyo congress in a couple of weeks. She is currently working with Javier Gimeno on the guidelines for the writers. The dead-line to send the lectures has been set for the 1st February 2022.

The president thanked Marie-Astrid Voisin Pelsdonk for her work with the website. The medal database is a very good record of what FIDEM has achieved and what FIDEM has shown in the past. He also thanked her and Javier Gimeno for the last issue of *Médailles* magazine.

7. Membership fees

These were discussed at the EC/CC and delegates' meetings and it was agreed that they would remain the same. The participants were asked if they objected to the fees remaining the same. No one objected.

The fees for 2021 until 2023 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.

8. New

a. member countries

FIDEM has three new member countries since the last congress in 2018: Argentina, Belarus and Congo.

b. delegates and vice delegates

It has been reported to the EC that the following delegates will be stepping down:

- Bulgaria vice – Emil Bachiyiski
- China – Sophia Sun
- Finland vice – Hanna Talasmäki
- Germany – Rainer Grund
- Germany vice – Bernd Göbel
- Great Britain – Irene Gunston
- Iran – Mona Paad
- Italy – Silvana Balbi de Caro
- Netherlands vice – Linda Verkaaik
- Portugal – Maria João Gaiato
- Portugal vice – Andreia Pereira
- Serbia – Svetozar Mirkov
- Switzerland vice – Gilles Perret

These are the new names reported to the EC, which will be presented and voted on during the GA:

- Argentina – Marcelo Toledo
- Belarus – Aleksandra Shevyakova
- Bulgaria vice – Ventislav Shishkov
- China – Wang An
- China vice – Adam Sun
- Congo – Pierre Lubanza Madiata
- Finland vice – Marjut Villanueva
- Germany – Martin Hirsch
- Germany vice – Carsten Theumer
- Great Britain – Janet Larkin
- Great Britain vice – Natasha Ratcliffe
- Iran – Masih Ahmadi
- Italy – Valeria Vettorato
- Lithuania vice – Lina Kalinauskaite
- Netherlands vice – Jennifer Hoes
- New Zealand vice – Michael Reed
- Portugal – João Bernardo Santos
- Portugal vice – Maria João Ferreira
- Serbia – Jelena Mihajlovic Visnjic

The president asked the GA to take a vote. The vote was unanimous and the new delegates and vice-delegates were welcomed.

c. honorary and titular members

No changes to the honorary and titular members.

9. Election/Re-election members of

a. EC

Then following members of the EC are stepping down:

- Hanna Jelonek
- James MaloneBeach
- Tapio Suominen
- Lynden Beesley (organiser of the XXXV FIDEM Congress in Ottawa)

They were all thanked for their work and contribution as members of the EC.

The new candidates for the EC are:

- Susan Taylor
- Christine Massey
- Valeria Vettorato (organiser of the XXXVII FIDEM Congress in Florence)
- Martin Hirsch (organiser of the XXXVIII FIDEM Congress in München)

The president asked the GA to take a vote. The vote was unanimous and the president added that 12 e-mail votes had reached the secretary general and that they were added to the count as well. The new candidates were welcomed to the EC.

b. CC

One member of the CC has decided to step down: Pierre Zanchi. The president thanked him for his contribution to FIDEM and the CC.

The proposed name to replace him is James Malone Beach. The vote was unanimous and the new member was welcomed.

10. Next congresses

a. 2023 - Florence, Italy

The congress of 2023 has become an uncertain one because of the development lately. The congress organisers in Florence, ENIC, had approached FIDEM before Ottawa and was the company who had organised the very successful congress in 1983. Because of the pandemic and the change of delegates, very little has been done. The president was hoping to be able to make a trip to Italy in a couple of weeks to meet with representatives of ENIC and discuss the current situation and see the venues. Since the current congress had to be postponed, this meant that the Florence congress, which should have been held in 2022, was postponed as well, with the implication that changes at the Italian Mint meant it might not be able to give its initial support.

b. 2025 - München, Germany

The new German delegate, Martin Hirsch has proposed to hold the congress in 2025 in his home town München. He has found a congress venue in the Central Art Institute in München but has been unsuccessful so far in finding an exhibition venue. The Duke of Bavaria has agreed to become the patron of the XXXVIII congress. Martin will get back to the EC once he has more news.

c. other proposals

The president asked the meeting for suggestions for venues beyond 2025.

11. Interim meeting in 2022

With the current situation, no plans have been made yet.

12. Prizes

The FIDEM prizes will be revealed during the closing ceremony after the General Assembly.

13. Other items

No other points were raised.

14. Closing the meeting

The president thanked the meeting for their participation and closed the meeting at 7.02 pm (Japan time).