



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

MINUTES OF THE INTERIM MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES WITH THE FIDEM DELEGATES AND VICE-DELEGATES

Saturday 14th September 2013 – the National High School of Applied Arts, Sofia

Participating members: 16 members present + 1 via skype.

Taking the minutes: Marie-Astrid Pelsdonk and Philip Attwood

1. Opening of the meeting

The President welcomed everyone to Sofia and said how much we are all looking forward to the congress next year.

2. Financial report

FIDEM finances are in good shape. The loan to Glasgow for the 2012 congress has been repaid. In future such loans will be the subject of written agreements and the expectation always is that they will be repaid. The Treasurer recommended that FIDEM should:

1. retain 80000 euro in a time-bound deposit account;
 2. continue to give 15000 euro to help finance each congress;
 3. allocate the sum of 15000 euro to each congress to support the attendance of 15 or more students;
- and
4. pay for the General Secretary's attendance at FIDEM meetings and congresses if he/she is not supported by an institution.

All these recommendations were approved by the meeting.

The Treasurer introduced Ana Pereira from the Portuguese Mint, who will work alongside her for the next year and will be proposed for Treasurer at the 2014 General Assembly. The Treasurer was thanked for her work during the past year.

3. New delegates

The following were noted, to be confirmed at the General Assembly in 2014:

- Canada – Jeanne Bates (vice)
- China – Mr WANG An (vice)
- Iran – Mona Paad
- Iraq – Zaynab Abdul-Razzack (zuzet2000@yahoo.com)
- Mexico – Estefanía Gómez Counahan
- Poland – Tomasz Bylicki is stepping down. Hanna Jelonek will act as delegate until a new appointment is made.
- Portugal - Margarida Ortigão Ramos (vice) retired recently from the Lisbon mint she will be

replaced by Maria João Gaiato, also part of the staff of the Lisbon mint (maria.gaiato@incm.pt).

- South Africa – Natanya Van Niekerk
- Eniko Szollossy is retiring from the Consultative Committee and was thanked for all her work for FIDEM over very many years.

4. Médailles Magazine

Marie-Astrid Pelsdonk (present via skype) informed that the Glasgow congress Médailles magazine is now finally being printed. She was able to show the proof she had recently received from the Mint. The printing is being made for free by the Portuguese Mint. This was made possible with the good help of Maria Rosa and Ines. The exact date when it will be sent is not known but probably in a very near future.

To get to this point she worked on the layout and the editing for 233 hours and the magazine was ready for printing in late January of this year. All the lectures are unfortunately not going to be published. About 5 persons giving lectures in Glasgow decided not to have their lectures published. But still the magazine is of 271 pages! She promised that every member should expect a big thump when it arrives in the mail boxes.

5. Website

Since the congress in Glasgow last year, FIDEM has received a very big gift from the University Museum of Bergen. They are contributing with money making it possible to upgrade the programs FIDEM is using to make the website and Médailles Magazine. FIDEM has also received funds from the same institution to keep the website running until 2016. The webmaster thanked for this very generous gift.

The biggest change on the website has been made on the payment pages. The contact with the credit card company has gone to Tapio Suominen and with him taking over it meant changing codes and the next domino effect was that FIDEM needed to change the coding on the website for making payments possible. The webmaster had to ask for some professional help in this matter. With this help, it was also possible to correct the entering of the membership fee a member should pay from 5000 to 50. The webmaster hoped that this change has not only helped the members but especially the treasurer. New guidelines for Delegates and for Congress organisers have been agreed by the EC and CC and placed on the website.

Otherwise changes are made constantly and it is now possible to read online Médailles magazine from the first issue in 1938 until 1973. The accessibility to the magazine from 1975 until 2007 is limited due to the fact that the Geldmuseum In Utrecht (the Netherlands) are going to close its doors in December of this year. What will happen to the collection and its library is not known yet. The webmaster promised to inform FIDEM about any development in this matter. As a response to this, the FIDEM archive in Lisbon can make available past issues of Médailles for scanning and the University of Bergen should be able to fund the purchase of a scanner.

The webmaster informed that since the Glasgow congress, she has worked on the website for 174 hours.

The Webmaster was thanked for the enormous amount of work she has put in to FIDEM and it was suggested that she should be remunerated more appropriately.

6. XXXIII congress Sofia (2-6 September 2014)

It was agreed that:

- The medals from Europe should be sent to arrive in Bulgaria by the end of January 2014 and the medals from the rest of the world by the end of February 2014. Any delegate who cannot meet this deadline should contact Bogomil.
- The national quotas will be made available shortly. Space restrictions mean that it is likely that somewhat fewer medals will be shown in Sofia than was possible in Glasgow.
- The forms for information on artists and medals should be available online, so that they can be submitted electronically.
- National Delegates should encourage artists to place low values on their works, to ease customs clearance and reduce insurance costs.
- It would be good to have more than one FIDEM prize. Extra prizes need not be monetary.

7. 2016 and 2018 congress and other candidates

Paul Huybrechts presented his plans for a congress in Louvain (Belgium) in 2016. A proposal from Sophia Sun for a congress in Beijing (China) was also heard. It was resolved to proceed with Louvain for 2016. The meeting warmly welcomed the Beijing proposal and there was general agreement that a congress in China would be highly desirable.

Lynden Beesley presented her plans for Ottawa in 2018, which were also well received.

It was agreed that Beijing would be an excellent venue for 2020 if that could be arranged.

8. Other topics

Tetsuji Seta, winner of the FIDEM Grand Prize at Glasgow, said he is making a medal to be awarded to the 2014 Grand Prize winner. This proposal was warmly received, and it is to be hoped that this will become a FIDEM tradition.

9. Closing the meeting

The General Secretary/webmaster thanked Bogomil Nikolov for making the skype connection possible. The President confirmed arrangements for the rest of the weekend and closed the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 1.00 p.m.