ALL GOOD THINGS . . .

Having achieved all the goals they set since their first election in Cape Town (1997), President Michel Lupant and Secretary-General Charles Spain announce they will not stand for re-election in San Antonio. In order to provide continuity, Secretary-General for Congresses Graham Bartram will stand for re-election in San Antonio.

Since the 1969 recognition of FIAV’s Charter Members and the first election of the FIAV Board by those Members, Lupant is the fifth FIAV President, and Spain is the fourth FIAV Secretary-General. Each has served for 22 years, a record of service equaled only by FIAV co-founder Whitney Smith, who served as Secretary-General from 1969 to 1981, Secretary-General for Congresses from 1981 to 1983, and again as Secretary-General from 1983 to 1991.

Along with Secretaries-General for Congress Bruce Berry (1997 to 1999) and Graham Bartram (1999 to present), the Board has worked to promote vexillology, expand the geographic reach of the International Congresses of Vexillology to South America and Asia, modernize communications and procedures, amend the Constitution to serve the current needs of FIAV (including promoting doctoral-level scholarship and providing an incentive for Members to remain active), and—most of all—emphasize civility, respect, and friendship.

While the current Board’s work will not be done until the adjournment of the Twenty-Sixth Session of the General Assembly and the subsequent submission of the minutes from that session, the Board looks forward to handing the mantle of leadership to a new team, confident it has fulfilled the promises it made in Cape Town.
MEMBER UPDATE

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VRCC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Zhao Xinfeng attended the NAVA 51 meeting in Boston, Massachusetts USA, October 13-15, 2017 and discussed with the Secretary-General the membership application of a China flag institute previously announced at GA 25 in London. The following correspondence followed:

Dear Charles,

Thank you very much for your support of the bid to organize IVC 30 in Beijing which i believe will be an unprecedented grand conference.

I am also actively applying to form a China flag institute based in Beijing to be a FIAV Member and to hold ICV 30 in Beijing.

Let us together wish for an wonderful result.

Keep in touch!

Yours sincerely,

Zhao Xinfeng
December 17, 2017, Beijing

The Secretary-General followed up with a request for the specific information required by FIAV Constitution article 7(c):

The Board and the General Assembly, in making their decisions about an applicant, shall have regard to the following:

1. the existence of a written constitution and its provisions;
2. the vexillological and non-vexillological activities of the applicant, including meetings, publications, and international relations;
3. in the case of an association, the number of it active members (minimum of five);
4. registration of its members or representatives in International Congresses of Vexillology; and
5. the length of time it has existed.
Dear Mr. Spain,

Thank you for your kind reply. I will reply to the five questions you mentioned in the email as follows:

The establishment of the Vexillological Research Center of China was supported by many experts and scholars. The Founding Conference of the Center also attracted a lot of attention from scholars and media.

Members of the Vexillological Research Center of China, Dr. Fei Xing and I, have participated in several International Congress of Vexillology. In addition, the Center also held the First Chinese Vexillological Seminar in Beijing.

The Vexillological Research Center of China has 9 active members so far. Please check their details in the attached brochure.

As the representative of the Vexillological Research Center of China, I have completed the registration in the Twenty-Eighth International Congress of Vexillology.

The Vexillological Research Center of China is a new organization, and it was formally founded in Beijing on March 23, 2019, about three months ago.

The specific information responding to the questions is in the brochure. I have sent the brochure to you in the form of attachment, please check it. If there are any questions, please let me know, and I will add information as necessary. When I attend the Congress in San Antonio, I will bring some printed brochures.

In addition, the definitive name for the association of institution is the Vexillological Research Center of China (VRCC), and the Chinese name is 中国旗帜学研究中心

Furthermore, I invited honorary chairman Li Yukun of the center to weave the FIAV flag out in silk. The work will take three months and be completed by early July. I will also bring this silk handmade flag to the congress. Li Yukun is a master artist in China, and he was a representative of the 7th, 8th and 9th National People's Congress. His silk work for the bird of happiness was collected by former US President Clinton.

I look forward to seeing you at the San Antonio Congress.

Kind regards,

Zhao Xinfeng

June 26, 2019, Beijing

VRCC’s brochure is reprinted on pages 5 to 20.
The Board at the Twenty-Fifth Session of the FIAV General Assembly: Michel Lupant, President; Charles Spain, Secretary-General; and Graham Bartram, Secretary-General for Congresses.

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"C'est avec ces hochets qu'on mène les hommes."

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要组成部分，我中心同意与贵中心在旗帜文化研究及国际交
流相关项目上形成战略合作关系，并支持贵中心申办第30届
世界旗帜学大会。

特此函复。

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2019年4月9日
The speech of founding chairman

In 2013, Lin Dong, a British Chinese, contacted me through the Chinaflag website. He suggested that I attend the International Congress of Vexillology (ICV) and bid for the congress.

In 2015, Dr. Han Buxin and I went to the Netherlands from Beijing to attend the 25th International Congress of Vexillology. In the Netherlands, we got to know Dr. Fei Xing and his wife Ms. Li Linna, who came from Guangzhou to attend the congress. After that, Dr. Fei Xing, Ms. Li Linna and I attended the Sydney ICV in 2015, London ICV in 2017, the NAVA meeting in New Orleans in 2014 and in Boston in 2017.

After years of deliberation and with the support of the SILK-ROAD PLANNING RESEARCH CENTER and Chinese vexillology scholars, I established the Vexillology Research Center of China in Beijing on March 23, 2019. With the aim of ‘studying flag science, spreading flag culture, implementing international exchange, and sharing the achievement of civilization’, the center is committed to the research, dissemination and international exchange of Chinese vexillology. In addition, the center is also actively biding for the 30th International Congress of Vexillology to be held in Beijing.

I hope to invite more like-minded Chinese and foreign friends to support our work and join our team. Our goal is to let Chinese people know more about the development of international vexillology and let Chinese vexillology enrich the connotation of international vexillology.

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2019.6.19
Flag Research Center of China

Time of establishment: March 23, 2019
Venue of establishment: Beijing

Honorary chairman: Li Yukun.
Proposer of “Law of the People's Republic of China on the National Flag”, Representative of the 7th, 8th and 9th National People's Congress, the 10th and 11th Jiangsu Provincial People's Congress Standing Committee, the President of the Jiangsu Provincial Flag Research Association.

Managing Director: Zhao Xinfeng
The founder of Chinese Flag Website and Vexillological Research Center of China; Presenter at the 25th -27th International Congress of Vexillology (ICV); General Instructor of national school flag raider.

Deputy Managing Director: Jiang Xiezhu:
Former Deputy Director of the National Astronomical Observatory, Former director of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Honorary Director of the Flag law and Flag knowledge Shenzhouxing activities, Editor-in-chief of the "People's Republic of China Standard Lifting Time".

Fei Xing:
Doctorate in History, Lecturer of Shaanxi Normal University and Guangzhou University, Overseas Member of the North American Vexillological Association (NAVA).
Flag Research Center of China

Time of establishment: March 23, 2019
Venue of establishment: Beijing

Executive Directors:

Ji Ruxun:
China National Museum Researcher, Flag Cultural Relics Researcher.

Huang Danshu:
Member of the National Revolutionary Committee, Flag making expert, Director of the Tongli National Flag Factory of Jiangsu Province.

Sun Qianya:
The Chief Producer of the documentary "Cultural China".

Wang Renfu:
Historical scholar, Former librarian & researcher of Library of Baicheng Normal University, Honorary president of The Tang Hongyu well carved stone Research Association.

Li Linna:
Former Curator of the Western Han Dynasty Nanyue Wang Museum.

Consultant:
In order to bid for the Thirtieth International Congress of Vexillology to be held in Beijing in 2023, promote Chinese vexillological studies, lead flag research of new era in China and strengthen communication between international vexillological associations. After so many years preparation, with the support of relevant domestic leaders and scholars, the founder of Chinese Flag Website—Zhao Xinfeng initiated and successfully organized The Founding Conference of Vexillological Research Centre of China. It is the first Chinese Vexillological Seminar on March 23, 2019.

Special delegates include Liu Jian (grandson of the Chinese general Zhu De, members of The National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference), Jiang Zhigang (Vice-Chairman of the Silk Road Planning Research Center), Shen Yi yang (Associate Researcher of Silk Road Planning Research Center, Ph.D), Zhao Xinfeng (Presenter at the 25th-27th ICV) Li Yukun (Proposer of “Law of the People’s Republic of China on the National Flag”, Representative of the 7th, 8th and 9th National People’s Congress, the 10th and 11th Jiangsu Provincial People’s Congress Standing Committee, the President of the Jiangsu Provincial Flag Research Association), Ji Ruxun (China National Museum Researcher, Flag Cultural Relics Researcher), Fei Xing (Ph.D. in History, lecturer of Shaanxi Normal University and Guangzhou University, Overseas Member of the North American Vexillological Association (NAVA), Presenter at the 25th-27th ICV), Wang Renfu (Historical scholar, Former librarian & researcher of Library of Baicheng Normal University, Honorary president of The Tang Hongyu well carved stone Research Association), Huang Danshu (Member of the National Revolutionary Committee, Flag making expert, Director of the Tongli National Flag Factory of Jiangsu Province), Liu Jin (Office manager of the Beijing Xinfeng Flag Culture Communication Center), Sun Qianya (the Chief Producer of the documentary column “Cultural China”), Li Linna (former Curator of the Western Han Dynasty Nanyue Wang Museum, accompanied by the representatives of the 25th, 26th and 27th ICV), Lu Jiaguo (Deputy Secretary-General of the Suzhou Traditional Culture Research Association) attended the meeting.
The seminar lasted for one day and was hosted by Zhao Xinfeng. In the morning, Ji Ruxun, Huang Danqi, Sun Qianya and Li Linna made presentations from their respective fields. The representative Wang Renfu, who is nearly 80 years old, returned the train ticket because of the heavy snow in Jilin. However, he shared his research results with the participants by video connection and expressed his willingness to donate his flag historic books to the Vexillological Research Center of China. Representative Jiang Xiezhu (former Deputy Director of the National Astronomical Observatory, former director of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Honorary Director of the Flag law and Flag knowledge Shenzhouxing activities, Editor-in-chief of the "People’s Republic of China Standard Lifting Time"), was unable to attend due to temporary activities but he wrote a congratulatory letter to Zhao Xinfeng.

In the afternoon, Li Yukun made a speech. He said that the seminar filled the gap in the domestic study of vexillology. After the establishment of the Vexillological Research Center of China, there was still a long way to go. The academic research of the flag was wide-ranging and the task was heavy. He stressed that academic and humanities studies should be based on rescuing cultural heritage perspective.

Special representative Liu Jian said in his speech that vexillological studies cover aspects of history, archaeology, military, ceremonies, culture, and folk customs. It is of historical significance to initiate the study of vexillological studies in China. China must have a place in the world of vexillological society. This is also the goal of the study of vexillological studies.

The professor Fei xing introduced the International Congress of Vexillology and International Federation Associations. He also introduced his experience at the International Congress of Vexillology. He believed that vexillological studies ushered in a good opportunity for great development, vexillological institutions of China must establish academic links with national flag organizations as soon as possible.
Zhao Xinfeng reviewed the history of Chinese vexillological culture, expounded the background of the founding of Vexillological Research Center of China, and reported on the progress of bidding to hold the 30th International Congress of Vexillology in Beijing in 2023, and emphasized the difference between Vexillological Research Center of China and Xinfeng Flag Center and the Chinese Flag Website in terms of purpose and work. Xinfeng Flag Center and the Chinese Flag Website focus on patriotism education, red education, and socialist core values education. They are the leading institutions for Chinese flag education. The newly established Vexillological Research Center of China pays more attention on academic research and international communication. He hopes that delegates can widely publicize and attract more experts, scholars and enthusiasts from other flag research institutions to join the research center in order to win the bid to host the 30th International Congress of Vexillology to be held in Beijing.

After the seminar, the conference elected the leading members of the Vexillological Research Center of China. Li Yukun served as the honorary chairman of Vexillological Research Center of China, Zhao Xinfeng served as the director of the board, and Jiang Xiezhu and Fei Xing as the vice director.
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Let Chinese vexillology enrich the connotation of international vexillology.
Conference venue

National Political Consultative Hall

The National Political Consultative Hall was built in 1954 with European architectural style. It stands solemnly, but elegantly, with a magnificent hall. It is one of the important buildings in China.
Beijing Hotel, which was founded in 1900, was the Olympic Family Hotels of the 29th Olympic Games in 2008. It was also awarded the Five-Star Diamond by the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. The hotel is advantageously located in the center of Beijing, east to the well-known Wangfujing......
Visit the project

The Forbidden City (紫禁城)

The Forbidden City was the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming dynasty (1420–1912). It is located in the centre of Beijing, China, and nor houses the Palace Museum.

The Temple of Heaven (天坛)

The temple of heaven was built in the 18th year of Yongle in the Ming dynasty (1420), and was rebuilt during the reign of emperor Qianlong and Guangxu in the main building is the inner altar, which is located in the south, near the valley altar, and the two altars are in the north.
Visit the project

**The Summer Palace (颐和园)**

The Summer Palace, dominated mainly by Longevity Hill and Kunming Lake, covers an area of 2.9 square kilometers, three quarters of which is under water. Its 70,000 square meters of building space features a variety of palaces, gardens and other ancient-style architectural structures.

**The Great Wall (长城)**

The Great Wall of China is a series of fortifications made of stone, brick, tamped earth, wood, and other materials, generally built along an east-to-west line across the historical northern borders of China in part to protect the Chinese Empire or its prototypical states against intrusions by various nomadic groups or military incursions by various warlike peoples or forces.
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Thank you

We hope you can vote and support the bid to host the 30th International Congress of Vexillology in Beijing!