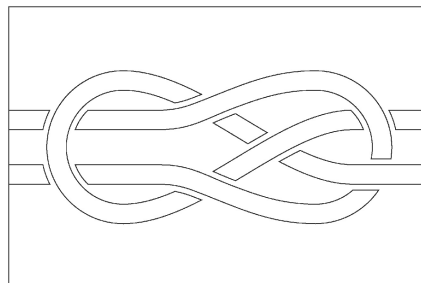

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MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY AUGUST 7, 2007 BERLIN, GERMANY

Summary:

- FDC resigned as Member
- GA 19 minutes approved
- www.fiav.org website established
- HGZD and IVA admitted as Members
- NAVA selected to organize ICV 23 in 2011 in area of Washington, District of Columbia, United States
- Constitution amended (1) to establish procedures for vacancies on the Board and (2) to clarify design of FIAV

flag

- Designs of Officers' flags modified
- Proposal for medals, ribbons, and lapel pins for Laureates of the Federation and Fellows of the Federation

defeated

- Best Paper Award created, replacing IAFM Award
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- Commission created to study adoption of flag-description conventions
- Current Board reelected
- Fellows of the Federation presented to Frederick G. Brownell, Kevin Harrington, Sebastiá Herreros i Agüí, Andreas Herzfeld, Ralph D. Kelly, Michael Krag-Juel-Vind-Frijs, Rob Raeside, Gustav Söderlund, and Gerd Vehres
- Vexillon Award presented to Howard M. Madaus and Whitney Smith LF, FF
- Best Paper Award presented to Emil Dreyer FF

1. Call to order by the President; official opening of the Twentieth Session The President called the meeting to order on August 7, 2007 at 3:45 p.m. at the Deutsches Historisches Museum in Berlin, Germany and officially opened the Twentieth Session of the General Assembly of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques.

2. Verification by the President of written credentials of delegates from FIAV Members The President verified the written credentials of the following FIAV Members and Applicants (LF = Laureate of the Federation, FF = Fellow of the Federation):

AAV	Gustav Tracchia FF
AVS	Gustav Tracchia FF
ACV	Sebastiá Herreros i Agüí
BDA	Peter Edwards
CFA	Kevin Harrington
CEBED	Rudi Longueville
CISV	Roberto Breschi FF
CVS	Jaroslav Martykán
CSVA	Philippe Rault
DGF	Andreas Herzfeld
FHF	Whitney Smith LF, FF
FI	John Ford
FRC	Whitney Smith LF, FF
FRCSL	Michel Lupant
FSA	Ralph Bartlett FF
FOTW	Rob Raeside
CIDEC	Gustav Tracchia FF
GWAV	David Breitenbach
HVK	Günter Mattern
HGZD (applicant)	Željko Heimer
IVA (applicant)	K. Sanjeeva Rao
IHW	Alfred Znamierowski FF
KVV	Alain Raullet
MZT	Lászlo Balogh
NVvV	Marcel van Westerhoven
NEVA	Whitney Smith LF, FF

NZFA	John Moody
JAVA	Yoshinori Koshikawa
NF	Michael Krag-Juel-Vind-Frijs
NAVA	Edward Kaye
RCVH	Petr Exner
SSV	Emil Dreyer ^{FF}
SEV	José Alegría Díaz
SVB	Roger Baert
SGHAPG	Michel Lupant
SRV	Alexandru Dan Mandru
SFV	Michel Sicard
SAVA	Michael Clingman
SVI	Petr Exner
TWMF	Whitney Smith ^{LF, FF}
VAST	Scot Guenter ^{LF}
WVRI	Roman Klimeš

3. Roll call of delegates; recognition of a quorum by the Secretary-General; declaration by the President that the Twentieth Session of the General Assembly is constituted

The SG called the roll as follows:

Members present (40): AAV, AVS, ACV, BDA, CFA, CEBED, CISV, CVS, CSVA, DGF, FHF, FI, FRC, FRCSL, FSA, FOTW, CIDEDEC, GWAV, HVK, IHW, KVV, MZT, NVvV, NEVA, NZFA, JAVA, NF, NAVA, RCVH, SSV, SEV, SVB, SGHAPG, SRV, SFV, SAVA, SVI, TWMF, VAST, and WVRI.

Members absent (10): CFZ, CBFA, HS, HAVSOM, MBV, NFF, PH, PTW, UHT, and VSHS.

Officers present (3): Michel R. Lupant, President; Charles A. Spain, Jr., Secretary-General (SG); and Graham M.P. Bartram, Secretary-General for Congresses (SGC).

The SG announced that FDC submitted a letter of resignation to the President on August 7, 2007, which lowered the total FIAV Members from 51 to 50. The SG determined that 40 of the 50 Members were present, which satisfied the constitutional requirement that delegates of at least half of the Members be present. The SG recognized the presence of a quorum, and the President declared that the Twentieth Session of the General Assembly was properly constituted.

Because the representatives of 40 Members and three Officers were present for a total of 43 possible votes, the SG reminded the General Assembly that a simple majority vote would require 22 votes, a two-thirds majority vote would require 29 votes, and a three-fourths majority vote would require 33 votes, as long as the persons authorized to exercise the 43 possible votes remained present.

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4. Appointment by the President of tellers to count votes The President appointed Andries Burgers and Ron Strachan as tellers to count votes.

5. Approval of the minutes of the Nineteenth Session of the General Assembly held August 1, 2005 in Buenos Aires, Argentina Moved by the SG, seconded by NAVA, "That the minutes of the Nineteenth Session of the General Assembly, as published in *Info-FIAV* number 22, July 2007, be approved." Passed by two-thirds majority.

6. Reports by the Board:

(a) President. Michel Lupant—The President expressed his wish that the discussions in the General Assembly would be plain, short, and respectful. He reminded delegates of the requirement that a motion be seconded.

The President noted the cordiality of the Board and how it operated on the basis of a consensus. He thanked the SG and SCG for their hard work. Carrying out his objective to be an ambassador for FIAV, the President has visited twenty-four countries in the past two years. He noted he has been in contact with vexillologists from Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Columbia, Estonia, Greece, Indonesia, Israel, Latvia, Pakistan, Serbia, and Uruguay, and he expressed hope that vexillological associations would develop in those countries.

(b) Secretary-General. Charles Spain—The SG expressed his appreciation for the hard work of the President and the SGC. He pointed out that the Officers do not always initially agree with each other, but that the cordial and collegial nature of their relationship has always led to consensus decisions with which each Officer has been comfortable.

The SG again thanked Jon Radel for both Mr. Radel's generosity in hosting the Internet domain www.fiaf.org and providing e-mail addresses for the FIAV Officers, as well as having the foresight to reserve the domain in the first place. The SG announced that the FIAV website authorized by the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly has finally been established and thanked VAST for underwriting the cost of the website, including registering the Internet domain.

The SG reported that two issues of *Info-FIAV* (numbers 22 and 23) were produced and distributed in the last two years. He noted that the amount of correspondence he received in the past two years was small, which he hoped was due to the fact that people were generally pleased with the direction the Board and FIAV have taken in recent years. The SG noted that *Info-FIAV* 22 cost US\$16.65 (photocopying US\$9.60 [120 pages at US\$0.08 per page] and postage US\$7.05) for the two copies the SG mailed to Members, costing US\$8.33 each. The primary distribution of *Info-FIAV* is now by e-mailing an Adobe PDF document and by posting that document to www.fiaf.org.

(c) Secretary-General for Congresses. Graham Bartram—The SGC first thanked the President and the SG for their assistance and second thanked the individuals who have volunteered to organize the Twenty-Second International Congress of Vexillology in Berlin. He especially thanked Gerd Vehres, Andreas Herzfeld, and the other individuals working with DGF and the Deutsches Historisches Museum.

The SGC announced that he had a new FIAV ceremonial flag made, which was present at the Congress. [Note by the SG: The new FIAV ceremonial flag and flagpole were personally paid for by the SGC].

The SGC noted that pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board by the Nineteenth Session of the General Assembly, on May 15, 2006 the Board selected JAVA as the organizer of the Twenty-Third International Congress of Vexillology. The Congress will be held in Yokohama, Japan, from July 12 to 17, 2009.

The SGC reported that he had spent several weeks attending congress trade shows in Barcelona and Frankfurt, meeting hundreds of people involved in the business of organizing conventions, congresses, and exhibitions. There are resources available for little, if any, money to assist in planning congresses such as ICVs, and the SCG offered his assistance to potential ICV organizers in using these resources.

The SGC noted that FIAV needs organizers for ICV 25 (2013) and ICV 26 (2015), and asked interested parties to contact him.

7. Announcements:

(a) Proposals to organize ICV 24 (2011)—NAVA for the area of Washington, District of Columbia, United States.

(b) Proposals to organize ICV 25 (2013)—CVS for Praha, Czech Republic; IVA for Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India; and NVvV for Rotterdam, South Holland, Netherlands.

(c) Applicants for FIAV membership (arranged in order membership applications were received):

(i) Bannieloù Breizh (BB) (received September 21, 2006). No representative present.

(ii) Hrvatskog grboslovno i zastavoslovno društvo / Croatian Heraldic and Vexillologic Association (HGZD) (received December 23, 2006). Representative present.

(iii) Indian Vexillological Association (IVA) (received January 31, 2007). Representative present.

(d) Candidates for the FIAV Board

(i) President. Michel Lupant announced his candidacy for reelection.

(ii) Secretary-General. Charles Spain announced his candidacy for reelection.

(iii) Secretary-General for Congresses. Graham Bartram announced his candidacy for reelection.

8. Report on ICV 23 (Yokohama, Japan, July 12 to 17, 2009) organized by JAVA The President announced that JAVA would give a report later at the Congress.

9. Consideration of applicants for membership:

The President reminded the applicants that new Members may vote only after all applicants for membership have been considered.

(a) BB—No representative was present. The Board made no recommendation on BB's admission, and the President did not solicit a motion.

(b) HGZD—The Board recommended the admission of HGZD. Moved by the SGC, seconded by CSVA, "That HGZD be admitted as a Member." Passed by two-thirds majority, increasing the number of FIAV Members to 51. HGZD is the sixty-second association or institution admitted as a FIAV Member, of which eleven are no longer FIAV Members.

(c) IVA—The Board recommended the admission of IVA. Moved by DGF, seconded by CSVA, "That IVA be admitted as a Member." Passed by two-thirds majority, increasing the number of FIAV Members to 52. IVA is the sixty-third association or institution admitted as a FIAV Member, of which eleven are no longer FIAV Members.

The President recognized HGZD's delegate, Željko Heimer, and IVA's delegate, K. Sanjeeva Rao, who were given seats in the General Assembly. As a result, the number of Members present increased from 40 to 42 (3 Officers were still present). With the admission of two new Members, a simple majority vote would require 23 votes, a two-thirds majority vote would require 30 votes, and a three-fourths majority vote would require 34 votes, as long as the persons authorized to exercise the 45 possible votes remained present.

10. Selection of ICV 24 (2011) organizer Moved by the SG, seconded by the SGC, "That NAVA be selected as the organizer for the Twentieth-Fourth International Congress of Vexillology in 2011, to be held in the area of Washington, District of Columbia, United States." Passed by two-thirds majority. NAVA stated that CBFA will also be an organizer of ICV 24. The tentative dates for ICV 24 are August 6–13, 2011.

11. Selection of ICV 25 (2013) organizers Moved by the SGC, seconded by the SG, "That the selection of the organizer for the Twentieth-Fifth International Congress of Vexillology in 2013 be tabled." Passed by two-thirds majority.

12. Consideration of Board's resolution regarding vacancies on the Board and revisions to the FIAV flag and Officer flags Moved by the SG, seconded by the SGC, "That the Board's resolution regarding vacancies on the Board and revisions to the FIAV flag and Officer flags be approved."

Resolution by the FIAV Board

Resolved by the Members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Articles 19(d) is amended as follows:

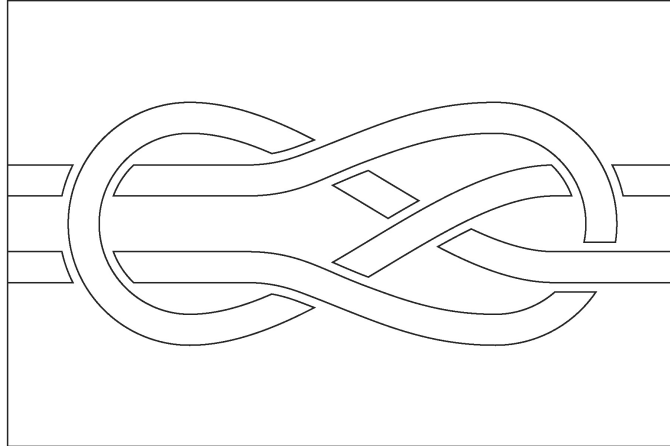
(d) A vacancy on the Board occurs if [if] an Officer dies, resigns, or lacks mental [is mentally or physically incapable of carrying out the duties of the office,] capacity under the laws where the Officer resides. Absence of an Officer at a session of the General Assembly creates a vacancy on the Board unless excused by the General Assembly. The resignation of an Officer must be received in writing by another Officer, or if no Officer remains, then by the organizer of a previous International Congress of Vexillology (as determined by reverse chronological order). The resignation is effective on the date of its receipt. If a vacancy occurs, the position shall remain vacant and the [those] duties of that Officer shall be performed by the remaining Officers. If no Officer remains to perform the duties of the Board, then the organizer of a previous International Congress of Vexillology (as determined by reverse chronological order) shall select an interim Secretary-General who shall have the limited authority to take those acts necessary to convene a session of the General Assembly pursuant to article 17 or 18 and preside until the General Assembly elects a presiding officer for the remainder of the session.

(b) Comment: With the exception of absences in 1969 and 1973 and the 1997 death in office of past President William Crampton LF, FF, FIAV has been fortunate that the Officers have served their terms and been present at the General Assembly sessions. Rather than wait for a possible crisis to occur, the current Board believes there should be specific provisions in the Constitution to provide continuity should some or all of the Officers be unable to serve or unable to attend the General Assembly session. The proposal specifically prohibits the remaining Officers from filling a vacancy on the Board and looks to the organizer of a previous Congress to select an interim Secretary-General to fill the void should all of the Officers be unable to serve.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Article 24 is amended as follows:

- Art. 24 (a) FIAV's flag is described as follows: "On a blue field, extending horizontally from hoist to fly, two yellow halyards forming two interlaced loops." The color blue is defined as Pantone Matching System U293 and the color yellow is defined as Pantone Matching System U123. The Flag is illustrated as follows:

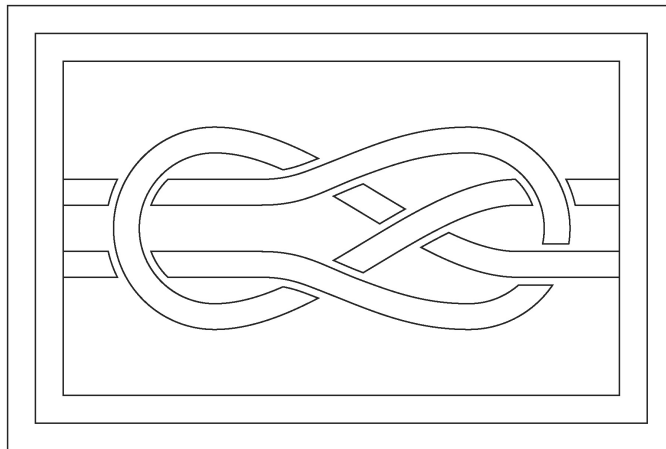


- (b) The General Assembly may initiate or authorize other symbols for FIAV.

(b) Comment: The amendment replaces the original 1967 drawing of the FIAV flag with one that is more precise.

SECTION 3. REVISION OF OFFICER FLAGS.

(a) The design for the Officer flags adopted on July 30, 1999 at the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (see *Info-FIAV* number 14, page 2, 1999 and *Info-FIAV* number 15, page 25, 2000) is revised as follows:



The colors for each Officer's flag shall remain the same (see *Info-FIAV* number 14, page 2, 1999).

(b) Comment. The revised drawing provides a standard border and is more precise.

SECTION 4. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Severability. Each of sections 1,2, and 3 of this resolution may be separately considered by the

General Assembly, and approved or disapproved individually.

(b) Font. Additions to the Constitution are indicated by underlining and deletions to the Constitution are indicated by ~~enclosure in brackets and strikeouts~~. If approved, the modified text shall appear in nonunderlined font without the bracketed and struck out text.

(c) Comments. The comments to sections 1, 2, and 3 of this resolution are provided for explanatory purposes only and do not form part of the proposed amendment.

(d) Effective date. Each of sections 1, 2, and 3 of this resolution receiving approval shall be immediately effective at the time of its approval.

Moved by SAVA, seconded by IHW, "That section 1(a) of the motion be amended to provide for the election of alternate Officers at the same time as the election of the Officers by the General Assembly, so that any vacancy on the Board would be filled by the appropriate alternate." Amendment failed.

Moved by SSV, seconded by FSA, "That section 1(a) of the motion be amended as follows: A vacancy on the Board occurs if [H] an Officer dies, resigns, or lacks mental [is mentally or physically incapable of carrying out the duties of the office,] capacity under the laws where the Officer resides. Absence of an Officer at a session of the General Assembly creates a vacancy on the Board unless excused by the General Assembly. The resignation of an Officer must be received in writing by another Officer, or if no Officer remains, then by the organizer of the next International Congress of Vexillology. The resignation is effective on the date of its receipt. If a vacancy occurs, the position shall remain vacant and the [those] duties of that Officer shall be performed by the remaining Officers. If no Officer remains to perform the duties of the Board, then the organizer of the next International Congress of Vexillology shall select an interim Secretary-General from among the Fellows of the Federation, if available, who shall have the limited authority to take those acts necessary to convene a session of the General Assembly pursuant to article 17 or 18 and preside until the General Assembly elects a presiding officer for the remainder of the session." Amendment passed by simple majority.

Amended motion passed by the three-quarters majority required for constitutional amendments (vacancies on the Board and revision of the FIAV flag) and the two-thirds majority required for a regular motion (revisions to the Officer flags).

13. Consideration of ASV's proposed medals, ribbons, and lapel pins for Laureates of the Federation and Fellows of the Federation Moved by AVS, seconded by AAV, "That AVS's proposed medals, ribbons, and lapel pins for Laureates of the Federation and Fellows of the Federation be approved."



Laureate of the Federation

Fellow of the Federation

During debate, FRC argued that the adoption of such tangible acknowledgments of existing FIAV recognitions would be inconsistent with FIAV's purpose in promoting vexillology, because other scientific associations do not have similar physical acknowledgments and, therefore, FIAV's perceived academic stature would be diminished. Failed.

14. Consideration of FSA's proposal to recognize the best paper presented at a Congress Moved by FSA, seconded by the SGC, "That a Best Paper Award be established, replacing the IAFM Award, to recognize outstanding scholarship and presentation of a paper at an International Congress of Vexillology, and that the Board select at each Congress a panel of three persons to select the award's recipient, consisting, if possible, of a representative of the Congress organizers, flag manufacturers, and vexillologists."

Moved by CSVA, seconded by the President, "That the motion be amended to change 'That a Best Paper Award' to 'That the Lucien Philippe Award.'" Amendment failed.

Original motion passed by a two-thirds majority.

15. Consideration of SAVA's proposal on behalf of Christopher Southworth, Terence Martin, and Andries Burgers to adopt vexillological conventions for flag descriptions Moved by SAVA, seconded by NAVA, "That a commission be established by the Board to study SAVA's proposal on behalf of Christopher Southworth, Terence Martin, and Andries Burgers to adopt vexillological conventions for flag descriptions, including possible amendments to the Flag Information Code, and that the commission report back to the General Assembly at its next session in 2009." Passed by two-thirds majority.

16. Discussion about publication of ICV proceedings in general and specific status of proceedings from:

ICV 5	1973	London, United Kingdom	FI
ICV 9	1981	Ottawa, Canada	FRC, Heraldry Society of Canada, and NAVA
ICV 16	1995	Warszawa, Poland	CFZ, FDC, and PTW
ICV 19	2001	York, England, United Kingdom	FI
ICV 21	2005	Buenos Aires, Argentina	AAV and CIDEDEC

The Board yet again expressed its belief that FIAV should do whatever is necessary to ensure that the proceedings from International Congress of Vexillology are published and that this issue continue to be discussed until a resolution is reached.

ICV 5: Of the ten papers presented at the Congress, three have been published in the *Flag Bulletin* and seven have not been published anywhere. FI could not find a copy of the following four unpublished papers: (1) H. Michael Madaus, "The Evolution of the Color Guard in the US Army"; (2) C. Pama, "Republic Flags in South Africa in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries"; (3) Georges Pasch, "Les fonctions du drapeaux et le développement de la conscience socio-politique"; and (4) J.H. Rombach & Klaes Sierksma, "Les drapeaux officiels aux Pays-Bas." If anyone has a copy of one of these papers, please contact FI. The remaining three unpublished papers found by FI will be published on FI's website along with a list of the papers published in the *Flag Bulletin* and the names of the four papers that could not be found. This will conclude the publication of the ICV 5 proceedings.

ICV 9: No progress reported by either FRC or NAVA.

ICV 16: CFZ has issued part one of the proceedings on CD-ROM and will issue the remaining papers on CD-ROM if the papers are provided to CFZ by the authors.

ICV 19: FI announced that the proceedings will be published in 2007 on FI's website, and individuals who attended the Congress will be sent a CD-ROM. FI will offer a printed copy of the proceedings for an additional fee.

ICV 21: AAV and CIDEDEC explained that the person responsible for editing the proceedings had resigned without handing over the work that had been done to date. Fortunately, all but two papers have been resubmitted, and the proceedings should be published shortly.

The SGC noted it appears possible that by the Twentieth-First Session of the General Assembly in 2009, all of the ICV proceedings may be published with the exception of ICV 9.

17. Election of 2007–2007 Board Moved by GWAV, seconded by VAST, "That Michel Lupant, Charles Spain, and Graham Bartram be reelected as President, Secretary-General, and Secretary-General for Congresses, respectively." Passed by simple majority.

18. Final adjournment of the Twentieth Session by President With no further business pending, the President adjourned the Twentieth Session of the General Assembly at 5:45 p.m. without fixing a time and day for another meeting of the session, noting with approval that the session lasted for only two hours.

FELLOWS OF THE FEDERATION

On August 10, 2007, the FIAV Board presented Fellowships at the closing banquet, which was held at the SAS Radisson Hotel. The Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly in York in 2001 created the honor of the Fellow of the Federation. These fellowships acknowledge the efforts of persons who have made significant contributions to vexillology, or have contributed significant service to FIAV or to a FIAV Member. The new Fellows are Frederick G. Brownell, Kevin Harrington, Sebastiá Herreros i Agüí, Andreas Herzfeld, Ralph D. Kelly, Michael Krag-Juel-Vind-Frijs, Rob Raeside, Gustav Söderlund, and Gerd Vehres.



THE VEXILLON AWARD

On August 10, 2007, the FIAV Board presented the Vexillon Award at the closing banquet, which was held at the SAS Radisson Hotel. FIAV established the Vexillon Award in 1989 to recognize the person or persons who have made the most important contribution to vexillology during the two years proceeding the International Congress of Vexillology. Since 1989, the FIAV Board has selected the recipient of the Vexillon and the Flag Society of Australia has graciously provided the plaque for the Vexillon. The Vexillon Award recipients are Howard M. Madaus and Whitney Smith for their book, *The American Flag: Two Centuries of Concord & Conflict*. Sadly, Howard Madaus died on July 21, 2007.

BEST PAPER AWARD

On August 10, 2007, the FIAV Board presented The Best Paper Award at the closing banquet, which was held at SAS Radisson Hotel. FIAV established the Best Paper Award in 2007. The Award recipient is chosen by a panel of three judges selected by the FIAV Board, which bases its decision on the quality of the paper's contents, its presentation, and its appeal to the audience. NAVA has graciously agreed to provide a plaque for the Award recipient. The Best Paper Award recipient is Emil Dreyer FF for "Flags of the Pope's Swiss Guard Since 1798."

VEXILLOLOGICAL CONVENTIONS FOR FLAG DESCRIPTIONS COMMISSION

The Twentieth Session of the FIAV General Assembly directed the FIAV Board to create a Vexillological Conventions for Flag Descriptions Commission. Accordingly, the Board establishes the Commission as follows: Graham Bartram, chair; Michael Clingman; Željko Heimer; Ivan Sarajčić; and Charles Spain.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Spain
FIAV Secretary-General
Houston, October 10, 2007



The flag of "FlagBerlin 2007" is a square with a white field and a narrow border in the German national colors (black-red-gold). The border colors start with black at the outermost. At the center is the yellow Congress logo, the Roman numerals "XXII" in shape of the "Brandenburg Gate," on a blue disk. From the yellow edge surrounding the blue disk, four diagonal stripes resembling halyards run diagonally to the four corners of the flag, forming in their mid-sections the "vexillological knot" of FIAV. The halyards at the lower right and upper left are black, those on the lower left and upper right are red; each meets a yellow halyard emanating from the yellow rim of the blue circle.

The flag's square shape, the form of a historic standard, recalls the Congress venue, the German Historical Museum, which houses a great collection of over 2,000 flags. It comprises above all the flags of the former Prussian arsenal and many flags of German parties and organizations. The white field of the flag represents the peaceful coexistence of the nations of the world. The logo expresses the international character of the Congress. It shows the FIAV colors, royal blue and yellow. On the blue disk, the yellow Roman "XXII" stands for ICV 22, on an image of the Brandenburg Gate, the well-known symbol of Berlin, the site of "FlagBerlin 2007." Here, within the visual range of the Brandenburg Gate, vexillologists from all corners of the World are meeting, represented by the diagonals and their "vexillological knots" running from the four corners to the center of the flag and reminding of the close ties between the two hemispheres. The knot is the emblem of the FIAV, which was introduced by Klaes Sierksma in 1967, during the Second International Congress of Vexillology in Zurich (Switzerland). German national colors form the border, representing Germany as host of ICV 22.

The black-red-gold colors have been a symbol of the German national movement since the first half of the 19th century. They appeared in the modern form of a horizontal tricolor for the first time in 1832, expressing the all-German thinking and liberal views. Revolutionary events in March 1848 brought about their general acceptance. In 1866, Chancellor Otto von Bismarck introduced, in deliberate contrast to them, a black-white-red flag for the North-German Union and eventually for the German Empire, which flew until the German Revolution in November 1918. In 1918, black-red-gold became the symbols of the German Republic. But the National Assembly of the Weimar Republic made a grave political compromise: while the colors of the republic were black-red-gold, the merchant flag was black-white-red with the national colors in the upper corner near the hoist. This compromise was abolished by Hitler's government in 1933, when black-red-gold colors were banished from public life. After the fall of the Hitler regime in 1945, black-red-gold had their renaissance. In 1949, two German states came into being, both making black-red-gold their colors, with the German Democratic Republic placing its arms in the center of its flag in 1959. Since 1990, the black-red-gold colors have formed the flag of reunited Germany.

The Congress flag was designed by Jens Pattke, member of the German Vexillological Society, and in April 2006 it was selected out of more than 125 proposals by the Organizational Committee of "FlagBerlin 2007" after a two-phase competition with international participation.

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Presidents

Louis Mühlemann FF† (Switzerland)	September 7, 1969	to	September 17, 1973 ¹
Ottfried Neubecker LF, FF† (Germany, West)	September 17, 1973	to	August 28, 1981
Hugh Boudin FF (Belgium)	August 28, 1981	to	August 27, 1993
William G. Crampton LF, FF† (United Kingdom)	August 27, 1993	to	June 4, 1997 ²
vacant	June 4, 1997	to	August 14, 1997
Michel R. Lupant (Belgium)	August 14, 1997	to	present

Secretaries-General

Whitney Smith LF, FF (United States)	September 7, 1969	to	August 28, 1981
Ottfried Neubecker LF, FF† (Germany, West)	August 28, 1981	to	September 29, 1983
Whitney Smith LF, FF (United States)	September 29, 1983	to	July 4, 1991
Emil Dreyer FF (Switzerland)	July 4, 1991	to	August 14, 1997
Charles A. Spain, Jr. (United States)	August 14, 1997	to	present

Secretaries-General for Congresses

Klaes Sierksma FF† (Netherlands)	September 7, 1969	to	August 28, 1981
Whitney Smith LF, FF (United States)	August 28, 1981	to	September 29, 1983
William G. Crampton LF, FF† (United Kingdom)	September 29, 1983	to	September 27, 1989
Ralph G. C. Bartlett FF (Australia)	September 27, 1989	to	August 14, 1997
Bruce B. Berry FF (South Africa)	August 14, 1997	to	July 30, 1999
Graham M. P. Bartram (United Kingdom)	July 30, 1999	to	present

Councillors (abolished September 29, 1983)

Austria	Franz Kaindl	April 17, 1975	to	September 29, 1983
Belgium	Roger E. Harmignies	September 7, 1969	to	September 29, 1983
Canada	Harold A. Diceman	September 7, 1969	to	June 29, 1979
	Ralph Spence	June 29, 1979	to	September 29, 1983
Denmark	Christian Fogd Pedersen FF	September 17, 1973	to	September 29, 1983
Finland	Bo Tennberg	June 12, 1977	to	September 29, 1983
France	Georges Pasch	September 7, 1969	to	June 29, 1979
	Lucien Philippe FF†	June 29, 1979	to	September 29, 1983
Germany, West	Ottfried Neubecker LF, FF†	September 7, 1969	to	September 17, 1973
	Johannes Klein	September 17, 1973	to	September 29, 1983
Italy	Raffaele Natta-Soleri	September 7, 1969	to	April 17, 1975
	Mario Gibellini	April 17, 1975	to	September 29, 1983
Netherlands	Johannes Hendrik Rombach†	?	to	June 24, 1971
				(interim, named by NVvV after GA 1)
Norway		June 24, 1971	to	September 29, 1983
	Atle Grahl-Madsen†	September 17, 1973	to	September 29, 1983

¹ Named Honorary President September 17, 1973.

² Died in office.

Spain	Sebastiá Herreros i Agüí ^{FF}	June 29, 1979	to	September 29, 1983
Sweden	Leif Pahlsson	April 18, 1975	to	June 12, 1977
	Walter Rydberg	June 12, 1977	to	September 29, 1983
Switzerland	Peter Mäder	September 7, 1969	to	June 29, 1979
	Louis Mühlemann ^{FF†}	June 29, 1979	to	September 29, 1983
United Kingdom	E.M.C. Barraclough ^{LF†}	September 7, 1969	to	June 24, 1971
	vacant	June 24, 1971	to	September 17, 1973
United States	William G. Crampton ^{LF, FF†}	September 17, 1973	to	September 29, 1983
	William C. Spangler	September 7, 1969	to	September 29, 1983

FDC's Letter of Resignation

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Berlin, 6 Aug. 2007

Mr. Michel Lupant
President of FIAV

Dear Mr. President,

Hereby I would like to inform you that the Flag Design Center has discontinued its activities. Therefore it is not entitled to be a member of the FIAV anymore.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Alfred Znamierowski

Received Berlin 7/8/2007
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/s/ M. Lupant

IN MEMORIAM

FIAV notes with sorrow the death of the following vexillologists:

Jürgen-Waldemar Rimann	December 23, 2006
Jordi Pérez Ibáñez	February 1, 2007
Teodoro Amerlinck y Zírion ^{FF}	February 28, 2007

AWARDS

Laureates of the Federation (for an outstanding, original contribution to the science of vexillology)

E.M.C. Barraclough†	September 28, 1983
Whitney Smith	July 5, 1991
Ottfried Neubecker†	August 2, 1999
William G. Crampton†	August 2, 1999
Scot M. Guenter	July 29, 2003

Fellows of the Federation (for significant contributions to vexillology and/or significant service to FIAV or a FIAV Member)

Teodoro Amerlinck y Zírion†	July 27, 2001
Barrie Kent†	July 27, 2001
Bruce Nicholls	July 27, 2001
Christian Fogd Pedersen	July 27, 2001
Lucien Philippe†	July 27, 2001
Whitney Smith	July 27, 2001
Aldo Ziggio	July 27, 2001
Alfred Znamierowski	July 27, 2001
Ralph G. C. Bartlett	July 29, 2003
Bruce B. Berry	July 29, 2003
Hugh Boudin	July 29, 2003
William G. Crampton†	July 29, 2003
Emil Dreyer	July 29, 2003
Louis Mühlemann†	July 29, 2003
Ottfried Neubecker†	July 29, 2003
Klaes Sierksma†	July 29, 2003
Robin B. Ashburner	August 5, 2005
Roberto Breschi	August 5, 2005
Anibal Gotelli	August 5, 2005
Alberto Rubén Perazzo	August 5, 2005
John M. Purcell	August 5, 2005
Gustav Tracchia	August 5, 2005
Frederick G. Brownell	August 10, 2007
Kevin Harrington	August 10, 2007
Sebastiá Herreros i Agüí	August 10, 2007
Andreas Herzfeld	August 10, 2007
Ralph D. Kelly	August 10, 2007
Michael Krag-Juel-Vind-Frijs	August 10, 2007
Rob Raeside	August 10, 2007
Gustav Söderlund	August 10, 2007
Gerd Vehres	August 10, 2007

Vexillon (for the most important contribution to vexillology during the two years preceding an International Congress of Vexillology; sponsored by the Flag Society of Australia Inc.)

Bruce Nicolls FF	September 29, 1989
William G. Crampton LF, FF†	July 5, 1991
María José Sastre y Arribas	August 25, 1993
Frederick G. Brownell FF	July 5, 1995
Aleš Brozek	August 15, 1997
Donald T. Healy and the editorial board and staff of <i>Raven: A Journal of Vexillology</i> who worked on "Flags of the Native People of the United States"	August 2, 1999
Armand Noël du Payrat	July 27, 2001
Alfred Znamierowski FF	July 29, 2003
Petr Exner	August 5, 2005
John M. Purcell FF and the other authors, editors, and staff of <i>Raven: A Journal of Vexillology</i> who worked on "American City Flags"	August 5, 2005
Howard M. Madaus and Whitney Smith LF, FF	August 10, 2007

IAFM Award (for the most creative paper delivered at an International Congress of Vexillology; sponsored by the International Association of Flag Manufacturers; discontinued in 2005)

Bruce B. Berry ^{FF} and Theodoulos S. Stylianides August 2, 1999

“Vexistats”

Philippe Rault July 27, 2001

“New Flags for an Old Country”

Edward Kaye August 1, 2003

“Flags over Antarctica”

and

Mason Kaye

“The Flags of Portland, Oregon
(1916–2002)”

Best Paper (for the best paper delivered at an International Congress of Vexillology based on the quality of the paper’s contents, its presentation, and its appeal to the audience; sponsored by the North American Vexillological Association)

Ralph Kelly ^{FF} August 5, 2005

“Caudillos, Coups, Constitutions and
Changes: An Analysis of Flag Changes
in Latin America”

Emil Dreyer ^{FF} August 10, 2007

“Flags of the Pope’s Swiss Guard
Since 1798”

International Congresses of Vexillology

	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Organizer(s)</i>
ICV 1	Muiderberg, Noord-Holland, Netherlands	September 4 to 5, 1965	Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek
ICV 2	Zürich, Switzerland	September 1 to 3, 1967	Gilde der Zürcher Heraldiker and Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Fahnen- und Flaggenkunde / Société Suisse de Vexillologie / Società Svizzera di Vessillologia
ICV 3	Boston, Massachusetts, United States	September 5 to 7, 1969	The Flag Research Center, Heraldry Society of Canada, North American Vexillological Association, and United States Flag Foundation
ICV 4	Torino, Piemonte, Italy	June 24 to 27, 1971	Accademia di San Marignano Sezione Vessillologica
ICV 5	London, England, United Kingdom	September 13 to 18, 1973	The Flag Institute
ICV 6	IJsselmeer, Flevoland, Netherlands	April 16 to 20, 1975	Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek
ICV 7	Washington, District of Columbia, United States	June 10 to 14, 1977	The Flag Research Center and North American Vexillological Association
ICV 8	Wien, Austria	June 26 to 29, 1979	Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde
ICV 9	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	August 24 to 28, 1981	The Flag Research Center, Heraldry Society of Canada, and North American Vexillological Association
ICV 10	Oxford, England, United Kingdom	September 25 to 30, 1983	The Flag Institute and Heraldry Society Flag Section
ICV 11	Madrid, Spain	May 26 to 31, 1985	Sociedad Española de Vexilología
ICV 12	San Francisco, California, United States	August 12 to 16, 1987	The Flag Research Center and North American Vexillological Association
ICV 13	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia	September 24 to 29, 1989	Flag Society of Australia Inc.
ICV 14	Barcelona, Catalunya, Spain	June 30 to July 5, 1991	Associació Catalana de Vexil·lologia
ICV 15	Zürich, Switzerland	August 23 to 27, 1993	Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Fahnen- und Flaggenkunde / Société / Suisse de Vexillologie / Società Svizzera di Vessillologia
ICV 16	Warszawa, Poland	July 1 to 5, 1995	Centrum Flagi Ziemi / Earth Flag Centre, The Flag Design Center, and Polskie Towarzystwo Weksylologiczne
ICV 17	Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa	August 10 to 16, 1997	Southern African Vexillological Association
ICV 18	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	July 28 to August 2, 1999	The Canadian Flag Association / L'Association canadienne de vexillologie and North American Vexillological Association
ICV 19	York, England, United Kingdom	July 23 to July 27, 2001	The Flag Institute
ICV 20	Stockholm, Sweden	July 28 to August 1, 2003	Nordisk Flaggselskap / Nordisk Flagselskab / Nordiska Flaggsällskapet / Norræna Fánafélagið / Pohjoismaiden Lippuseura
ICV 21	Buenos Aires, Capital Federal, Argentina	August 1 to 5, 2005	Asociación Argentina de Vexilología and Fundación Centro Interdisciplinario de Estudios Culturales
ICV 22	Berlin, Germany	August 5 to 10, 2007	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Flaggenkunde e.V. and Deutsches Historisches Museum

FIAV General Assembly Sessions

	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>
GA 1	Boston, Massachusetts, United States	September 7, 1969
GA 2	Torino, Piemonte, Italy	June 24, 1971
GA 3	London, England, United Kingdom	September 14, 17, 1973
GA 4	IJsselmeer, Flevoland, Netherlands	April 17, 18, 1975
GA 5	Washington, District of Columbia, United States	June 12, 1977
GA 6	Wien, Austria	June 29, 1979
GA 7	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	August 27, 28, 1981
GA 8	Oxford, England, United Kingdom	September 26, 28, 29, 1983
GA 9	Madrid, Spain	May 27, 28, 31, 1985
GA 10	San Francisco, California, United States	August 13, 14, 15, 1987
GA 11	Melbourne and Ballarat, Victoria, Australia	September 25, 27, 1989
GA 12	Barcelona and Montserrat, Catalunya, Spain	July 1, 2, 4, 1991
GA 13	Zürich, Switzerland	August 23, 25, 27, 1993
GA 14	Warszawa, Poland	July 1, 2, 3, 5, 1995
GA 15	Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa	August 11, 12, 14, 1997
GA 16	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	July 29, 30, 1999
GA 17	York, England, United Kingdom	July 23, 2001
GA 18	Stockholm, Sweden	July 28, 2003
GA 19	Buenos Aires, Capital Federal, Argentina	August 1, 2005
GA 20	Berlin, Germany	August 7, 2007

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Established: ? 1988
Member Since: August 23, 1993 (number 33)
Territory: Argentina
Periodical Publication: *Estandarte* (Spanish; since 1991)

Asociación Venezolana de Simbología (AVS)

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Established: 2001
Member Since: August 1, 2005 (number 61)
Territory: Venezuela
Periodical Publication: none

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Member Since: May 28, 1985 (number 22)
Territory: Spain: Catalonia
Periodical Publication: *Vexil·la Catalana* (Spanish; since 1985)

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Member Since: August 14, 1997 (number 47)
Territory: Canada
Periodical Publication: *The Private Signal* (English; irregular; since 1996 January)
Notes: changed name on August 31, 1993 from Canadian Flag Institute

The Canadian Flag Association (CFA)

L'Association canadienne de vexillologie

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Member Since: August 23, 1993 (number 30)
Territory: Canada
Periodical Publication: *Flagscan* (ISSN 0833-1510; English/French; quarterly; since 1986)
Supplements: *Banderin* (ISSN 1492-8256; English; since 1999)
Dragonflags (ISSN 1492-840X; English; since 1999)
Ensign & Jack (ISSN 1492-8477; English; since 1998)
Flag City (ISSN 1492-837X; English; 1998 to ?)
Flagnaut (ISSN 1492-8396; English; since 1998)
Flagsam (ISSN 1492-8388; English; since 1998)
Heraldo (ISSN ?; English; since ?)
Ifulegi (ISSN 1492-823X; English; since 1998)
Pavillonnerie (ISSN 1492-8248; French; since 1998)

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Established: April 1, 1990
Member Since: August 23, 1993 (number 31)
Territory: Belgium
Periodical Publication: *Gaceta de Banderas* (Spanish/French/English; eight times a year; since 1979 (in collaboration with Sociedad Española de Vexilología))

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Established: 1972
Member Since: September 14, 1973 (number 14)
Territory: Italy
Periodical Publication: *Vexilla Italica* (Italian; since 1974)

Centrum Flagi Ziemi (CFZ)

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Member Since: July 3, 1995 (number 37)
Territory: Poland
Periodical Publication: *Weksyli@na: Biuletyn informacyjny rynku flagowo - heraldycznego* (ISSN 1505-3784; Polish, with selected texts in English and Spanish; since 1997; available by e-mail request to wserwatowski@onet.eu)
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Established: January 29, 1972
Member Since: August 23, 1993 (number 29)
Territory: Czech Republic
Periodical Publications: *Vexilologie* (ISSN 1211-2615; Czech (English translations of articles available); since 1972)
Vexillological Letters (Czech; irregular 1976 to 1989)
Vexilokontakt (Czech; irregular; since 1989 (in collaboration with Středisko Vexilologických Informací / Flag Data Centre))
Vexilokontakt - Special Issue (English; annually; since 1997 (in collaboration with Středisko Vexilologických Informací / Flag Data Centre))
Proceedings of the Czech National Congress on Vexillology (Czech; every four years; since 1996) (in collaboration with Středisko Vexilologických Informací / Flag Data Centre)
Notes: recognized July 1, 1991 as "Honorary Affiliate"; changed name on April 2, 2005 from Vexilologický Klub (VK)

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Member Since: July 3, 1995 (number 38)
Territory: United States: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia
Periodical Publication: *The Flagship* (English; since 1993)

Confederate States Vexillological Association (CSVA)

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Member Since: July 23, 2001 (number 54)
Territory: United States: Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia
Periodical Publication: *Stars and Bars* (ISSN 1535-6779; English; quarterly; since 2001; available online at http://www.csvex.org/stars_bars.html)

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Established: February 4, 1995
Member Since: August 12, 1997 (number 43)
Territory: Germany
Periodical Publications: *Der Flaggenkurier* (ISSN 0949-6173; German; semiannual; since 1995)
DGF-Nachrichten (German; since 1995)

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Member Since: July 28, 2003 (number 58)
Territory: United States
Periodical Publications: *The Standard* (English; irregular; since 2002)

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 Established: April 23, 1971
 Member Since: June 24, 1971 (number 13)
 Territory: United Kingdom
 Periodical Publications: *Flagmaster* (ISSN 0142-1271; English; semiannual; since 1978)
Flag Institute Bulletin (ISSN 0309-085X; English; irregular 1977 to 1978)
Flagmaster (ISSN 0142-5129; English; quarterly 1971 to 1975)
eFlags (ISSN ?; English; ? since ?)
 Notes: formed from the Heraldry Society, Flag Section (HSFS)

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 Established: February 1, 1962
 Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
 Territory: United States
 Periodical Publications: *The Flag Bulletin* (ISSN 0015-3370; English; bimonthly; since 1961)
 Supplements:
Flag Bulletin Newsletter / Courier de drapeau / Flaggenmitteilungen (English; bimonthly; 1967 to 1973)
Flag Information Sources (English; 1970 to 1973)
The Vexillo-File (English; irregular; since 2002)
Flag Specification Sheets (English; irregular; since 1960)
Flag Data Archives (English; 1969 to 1975)
End of the Year Review (English; annual; since 1976)
News from the Vexillarium (English; irregular; since 1982)
Flag Etiquette & Usage Standards (English; irregular; since 1996)
FlagInform (English; irregular; since 2001)

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 Member Since: June 12, 1977 (provisional); September 8, 1977 (full) (number 18)
 Territory: Sri Lanka
 Periodical Publication: *Flag* (1982 only)

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Established: August 20, 1983
Member Since: May 28, 1985 (number 23)
Territory: Australia
Periodical Publication: *Crux Australis* (ISSN 0814-5008; English; quarterly; since 1984)

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Home Page: <http://www.flagspot.net>
Established: September 1993
Member Since: July 23, 2001 (number 56)
Territory: Canada
Periodical Publication: *Flags of the World* website (English; continuous; since 1993; available online at <http://www.flagspot.net>)

Fundación Centro Interdisciplinario de Estudios Culturales (CIDECA)

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Home Page: <http://www.funcidec.org.ar>
Established: March 7, 1990; 1992 (registered as nonprofit foundation)
Member Since: August 23, 1993 (number 36)
Territory: Argentina
Periodical Publications: *Boletín CIDECA* (Spanish; bimonthly; since 1992)
La Page Française (French; since 1992)
Anglo-American Journal (English; since 1995)
C.I.D.E.C. en Acción: Boletín Informativo Virtual (Spanish; since 2001)
Notes: originally admitted as Associate Member; became Full Member August 27, 1993; temporarily known as Asociación de Profesionales del Ceremonial de la República Argentina (APCRA)

Great Waters Association of Vexillology (GWAV)

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 Home Page: <http://gwav.tripod.com>
 Established: May 11, 1991
 Member Since: July 29, 1999 (number 49)
 Territory: United States: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio
 Periodical Publication: *FlaGWAVer* (English; semiannual; since 1996)
 Notes: changed name on November 6, 1996 from Great Waters Chapter (GWC) after NAVA voted not to establish chapters

Heraldica Slovenica (HS)

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 Established: 1991
 Member Since: August 23, 1993 (number 32)
 Territory: Slovenia
 Periodical Publication: none
 Notes: changed name in 1995 from Slovenski Ščit - HGV Club (SS)

Heraldischer Verein "Zum Kleeblatt" von 1888 zu Hannover e.V. (HVK)

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 Home Page: <http://www.zum-kleeblatt.de>
 Established: December 4, 1888
 Member Since: August 23, 1993 (number 35)
 Territory: Germany
 Periodical Publications: *Kleeblatt: Zeitschrift für Heraldik und verwandte Wissenschaften* (German; since 1984)
Jahrbuch—Heraldischer Verein "Zum Kleeblatt" von 1888 zu Hannover e.V. (ISSN 0341-9908; German; annual; since 1963)
 Notes: originally admitted as Associate Member; became Full Member August 27, 1993

The Heraldry and Vexilology Society of Malta (HAVSOM)

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 Established: January 23, 1995
 Member Since: August 12, 1997 (number 46)
 Territory: Malta
 Periodical Publication: *It-Tarka u 'l-Bandiera / The Shield and the Flag* (English; since 1996)

Hrvatskog grboslovno i zastavoslovno društvo (HGZD)**Croatian Heraldic and Vexillologic Association**

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Established: May 4, 2006
Member Since: August 7, 2007 (number 62)
Territory: Croatia
Established: May 4, 2006 (organized); June 8, 2006 (registered)
Territory: Croatia
Periodical Publication: *Grb i Zastava* (Croatian and English; semiannual; since 2006)

Indian Vexillological Association (IVA)

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Member Since: August 7, 2007 (number 63)
Territory: India
Periodical Publication: none

Instytut Heraldyczno-Weksylologiczny (IHW)

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Home Page: http://www.pl.info.pl/IHW_WWW/index.php
Established: September 1, 1997
Member Since: July 23, 2001 (number 51)
Territory: Poland
Periodical Publication: *Flagi miast polskich* (Polish; bimonthly; since 2000)

Kevarzhe Vannielouriezh Vreizh (KVV)**Société Bretonne de Vexillologie**

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<http://www.sbvex.org> and <http://drapeauxbretagne.canalblog.com>

Established:

June 23, 1996

Member Since:

August 12, 1997 (number 45)

Territory:

France: Brittany

Periodical Publication:

Ar Banniel (ISSN 1274-5596; Breton/French; triannual; since 1996)

Notes:

previously know by abbreviation "SBV"

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Established:

January 6, 1994

Member Since:

July 5, 1995 (number 42)

Territory:

Hungary

Periodical Publication:

Zászlóvilág / Flagworld (Hungarian; since ?)

Notes:

changed name on ? 2000 from Zászlókutató Intézet (ZI); changed name on ? 1997 from Magyar Vexillológiai Társaság / Hungarian Vexillological Association (HUVA)

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April 11, 1991

Member Since:

August 12, 1997 (number 44)

Territory:

Germany

Periodical Publication:

none

Notes:

originally admitted as Associate Member; became voting Member July 23, 2001

National Flag Foundation (NFF)

c/o Joyce J. Doody
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Home Page: <http://www.americanflags.org>
Established: March 26, 1968
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Territory: United States
Periodical Publications: *The New Constellation* (ISSN 1048-7980; English; triannual; since 1990)
Flag Plaza Standard (ISSN 0882-2220; English; triannual 1970 to 1990)
Notes: changed name on April 12, 1972 from Flag Plaza Foundation (FPF)

Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde (NVVV)

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Home Page: <http://home.planet.nl/~marksens/nvvv>
Established: June 19, 1966
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Territory: Netherlands
Periodical Publication: *Vexilla Nostra* (ISSN 1382-2497; Dutch; monthly/bimonthly; 1966 to 1998)
Vlaggen tijdschrift Vexilla Nostra (Dutch; quarterly; since 1999)

New England Vexillological Association (NEVA)

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Home Page: <http://www.midcoast.com/~martucci/neva>
Established: April 21, 1991
Member Since: July 29, 1999 (number 50)
Territory: United States: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont
Periodical Publication: *New England Journal of Vexillology* (English; semiannual; since 1995)

New Zealand Flag Association (NZFA)

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Established: January 16, 1994
Member Since: July 3, 1995 (number 39)
Territory: New Zealand
Periodical Publication: *Masthead* (ISSN 1173-1850; English; since 1994)
Notes: changed name on June 2, 1999 from The Flag Association of New Zealand / Te Roopu Haki Matua o Aotearoa (FANZ)

Nihon Kishougaku Kyokai (JAVA)**Japanese Vexillological Association**

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Established: January 1, 2000
Member Since: July 23, 2001 (number 52)
Territory: Japan
Periodical Publication: none

Nordisk Flagselskap (NF)**Nordisk Flagselskab****Nordiska Flaggsällskapet****Norræna Fánafélagið****Pohjoismaiden Lippuseura**

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Home Page: <http://www.nordicflagsociety.org>
Established: January 27, 1973
Member Since: September 14, 1973 (number 15)
Territory: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden
Periodical Publications: *Nordisk Flaggkontakt* (ISSN 0109-7539; multilingual; semiannual; since 1984; variant title is *Nordisk Flagkontakt*)
Nordisk Flagskrift (ISSN 0108-7916; Danish; irregular; 1975 to 1991)
Note: Nordisk Flagselskap (Norwegian), Nordisk Flagselskab (Danish), Nordiska Flaggsällskapet (Swedish), Norræna Fánafélagið (Icelandic), and Pohjoismaiden Lippuseura (Finnish)

North American Vexillological Association (NAVA)

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Established: June 3, 1967 (organized), March 19, 1968 (incorporated)
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Territory: Canada and United States
Periodical Publications: *NAVA News* (ISSN 1053-3338; English; quarterly; since 1967)
Raven: A Journal of Vexillology (ISSN 1071-0043; English; annual; since 1994)
NAVA Yearbook (English; annual 1973 to 1983)
NAVA Handbook (English; 1986 and 1989)

Partioheraldikot r.y. (PH)

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Home Page: http://heraldikot.partio.net
Established: November 22, 1972
Member Since: May 28, 1985 (number 24)
Territory: Finland
Periodical Publication: *Liehuvat Värit* (ISSN 0357-1432; Finnish; quarterly; since 1970)
Notes: previously know by abbreviation "PR"

Polskie Towarzystwo Weksylologiczne (PTW)

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Established: October 10, 1992
Member Since: July 3, 1995 (number 40)
Territory: Poland
Periodical Publication: *Flaga* (Polish; ?: since 1999)

Российский Центр флаговедения и геральдики (RCVH)**Russian Centre of Vexillology and Heraldry**

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Home Page: http://www.russovex.org
Established: September 11, 1975 as Volgo Vexillology Club
Member Since: July 28, 2003 (number 59)
Territory: Russia
Periodical Publications: *The Flag* (Russian; 1976 to 1977; Russian and English since 2003)
Notes: changed name on September 11, 1991 from Volga Vexillology Club (VVC)

Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Fahnen- und Flaggenkunde (SSV)**Société Suisse de Vexillologie****Società Svizzera di Vessillologia**

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Home Page: <http://atlasgeo.span.ch/ssv/index.htm>
Established: January 21, 1967
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Territory: Switzerland
Periodical Publication: *Vexilla Helvetica* (German and French; since 1969)

Sociedad Española de Vexilología (SEV)

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Established: October 31, 1977
Member Since: June 29, 1979 (number 19)
Territory: Spain
Periodical Publications: *Banderas* (ISSN 0213-0955; Spanish; quarterly; since 1979)
Gaceta de Banderas (Spanish/French/English; eight times a year; since 1979 (in collaboration with Centre Belgo-Européen d'Études des Drapeaux))

Societas Vexillologica Belgica (SVB)

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Established: August 30, 1977
Member Since: June 29, 1979 (number 20)
Territory: Belgium
Periodical Publications: *Vexilla Belgica* (ISSN 0772-3261; multilingual; annual; 1977 to 1993)
Vexillinfo (ISSN 0772-3253; multilingual; irregular; 1980 to 1990)

Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldică și Arhivistică "Paul Gore" (SGHAPG)

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Member Since: July 23, 2001 (number 55)
Territory: Moldova
Periodical Publication: none
Notes: originally admitted as Associate Member; became voting Member July 23, 2001

Societatea Română de Vexilologie (SRV)

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Established: April 3, 1998
Member Since: July 29, 1999 (number 48)
Territory: Romania
Periodical Publication: *Societatea Română de Vexilologie* (Romanian; annual; since 1998)

Société française de vexillologie (SFV)

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Established: March 16, 1985
Member Since: July 1, 1991 (number 27)
Territory: France
Periodical Publications: *Franciae Vexilla* (ISSN 1270-0096; French; quarterly; since 1996)
Emblèmes et pavillons (ISSN 0769-7864; French; quarterly 1985 to 1996)
Annuaire de la Société française de vexillologie (ISSN 0981-2180; French; 1986 only)

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 Established: November 26, 1990
 Member Since: July 2, 1991 (number 28)
 Territory: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe
 Periodical Publications: *SAVA Journal* (no ISSN; English; annual; since 1992)
 1/92 ISBN 0-620-16598-7
 2/93 ISBN 0-620-17683-0
 3/94 ISBN 0-620-18833-2
 4/95 ISBN 0-620-19798-6
 4/96 ISBN 0-620-21797-9
 5/97 ISBN 0-620-22837-8
 6/98 ISBN 0-620-25670-2
 SAVA Newsletter (English; triannual; since 1991)

Středisko Vexilologických Informací (SVI)**Flag Data Centre**

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 Established: March 1994
 Member Since: July 28, 2003 (number 60)
 Territory: Czech Republic
 Periodical Publications: *Vexilokontakt* (Czech; irregular; since 1989 (in collaboration with Vexilologický Klub))
 vexilINFO (Czech with English summary; bimonthly; since 1994)
 Vexilologický lexikon (Czech; semiannual; since 1996)

Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags (TWMF)

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 Home Page: http://www.flagsbyatlantis.com/tumbling_waters_museum_of_flags.htm
 Established: July 1, 1974
 Member Since: April 17, 1975 (number 16)
 Territory: United States
 Periodical Publication: *Flags* (English; 1975 to 1978)

Українське Геральдичне Товариство (UHT)**Ukrayins'ke Heral'dychne Tovarystvo****The Ukrainian Heraldry Society**

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Home Page: <http://uht.org.ua>

Established: July 9, 1990

Member Since: July 3, 1995 (number 41)

Territory: Ukraine

Periodical Publications: *Знак (Znak)* (in English *The Sign*) (Ukrainian; since 1993)*Генеалогічні записки УГТ* (in English *Genealogical Notes of the UHT*) (Ukrainian; since 2000)

Notes: originally admitted as Associate Member; became Full Member later same day

Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap (VSHS)

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Established: December 14, 1960 (branch of Societas Heraldica Scandinavica), ? 1963 (established as independent organization)

Member Since: May 31, 1985 (number 26)

Territory: Sweden

Periodical Publication: *Meddelande från VSHS* (Swedish; irregular; since ?)**Vexillological Association of the State of Texas (VAST)**

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Established: February 16, 1991 (organized); March 8, 2000 (incorporated)

Member Since: July 23, 2001 (number 57)

Territory: United States: Texas

Periodical Publication: *VAST News* (ISSN 1531-1783; English; irregular; since 2001)

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 Established: November 30, 1992
 Member Since: August 23, 1993 (number 34)
 Territory: Czech Republic
 Periodical Publication: *Flaggen, Wappen und Siegel* (ISSN 0948-3748; German; since 1986 (since 1992 as publication of WVRI) (in collaboration with Das Flaggenkabinett Berlin))

MINUTES**REPORT OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY**

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GA 7	August 27, 28, 1981	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 16, pages 27–34 (2001)
GA 8	September 26, 28, 29, 1983	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 16, pages 37–50 (2001)
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GA 10	August 13, 14, 15, 1987	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 17, pages 31–47 (2001)
GA 11	September 25, 27, 1989	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 18, pages 14–24 (2001)
GA 12	July 1, 2, 4, 1991	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 23, pages 3–13 (2007)
GA 13	August 23, 25, 27, 1993	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 5, pages 7–11 (1994)
GA 14	July 1, 2, 3, 5, 1995	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 7, pages 2–28 (1996)
GA 15	August 11, 12, 14, 1997	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 10, pages 2–21 (1998)
GA 16	July 29, 30, 1999	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 15, pages 7–26 (2000)
GA 17	July 23, 2001	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 19, pages 1–13 (2001)
GA 18	July 28, 2003	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 21, pages 5–11 (2005)
GA 19	August 1, 2005	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 22, pages 16–21 (2007)
GA 20	August 7, 2007	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 24, pages 1–9 (2007)

FORMER MEMBERS

Accademia di San Marciano, Sezione Vessillologica (ASM)

Type: institution
Established: summer 1967
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Membership Ended: removed August 13, 1987
Territory: Italy
Periodical Publication: *Armi Antiche* (ISSN 0403-2268; multilingual; annual; since 1954)
Notes: Sezione Vessillologica ceased to be active 1975

Association française d'études internationale de vexillologie (AFEIV)

Type: association
Established: December 2, 1966
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Membership Ended: resigned 1987
Territory: France
Periodical Publication: *Vexillologia* (French; 1967 to 1975)
Notes: changed name on July 28, 1969 from Association internationale d'études vexillologique (AIEV); ceased to be active in late 1975 or early 1976

Cumann Vexilleolaíoch na hÉireann (CVE)

Vexillological Society of Ireland

Type: association
Established: March 3, 1984
Member Since: May 28, 1985 (number 25)
Membership Ended: resigned 1992
Territory: Ireland
Periodical Publication: *Irish Vexillology Newsletter* (?; 1984 to 1987)

The Flag Design Center (FDC)

Type: institution
Established: September 30, 1978
Member Since: August 27, 1981 (number 21)
Membership Ended: resigned August 7, 2007
Territory: Poland
Periodical Publication: none

Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde (GOH)

Type: institution
Established: ? 1972 (established as "study circle"), ? 1975 (became "constituted association")
Member Since: April 17, 1975 (number 17)
Membership Ended: resigned January 3, 1997
Territory: Austria
Periodical Publication: *Militaria Austriaca* (German; since 1977)

Heraldry Society, Flag Section (HSFS)

Type: association
Established: September 7, 1967
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Membership Ended: removed August 13, 1987
Territory: United Kingdom
Periodical Publications: *Newsletter* (English; 1969 to ?)
Flagmaster (ISSN 0142-5129; English; quarterly; 1971 to 1975)
The Coat of Arms (English; quarterly; since ?)
The Heraldry Gazette (English; quarterly; since ?)
Notes: Flag Section ceased to be active April 11, 1972 after creation of FI

Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique (OGHB)

Type: institution
Established: May 4, 1942
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Membership Ended: resigned 1985
Territory: Belgium
Periodical Publications: *Le Parchemin* (?; since ?)
Le Héraut (?; since ?)
Le Recueil (?; since ?)

Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek (SBH)

Type: institution
Established: June 30, 1964
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Membership Ended: resigned 1981 following ICV 9
Territory: Netherlands

United States Flag Foundation (USFF)

Type: association
Established: December 31, 1942
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Membership Ended: resigned April 28, 2003
Territory: United States
Periodical Publication: none
Notes: successor to the American Flag Association (AFA), which was established February 18, 1898 and changed name on April 10, 1924 to the United States Flag Association (USFA)

Vlaggen Dokumentatie Centrum Nederland (VDCN)**Flag Documentation Centre Netherlands**

Type: institution
Established: November 1, 1978
Member Since: July 23, 2001 (number 53)
Membership Ended: removed August 1, 2005
Territory: Netherlands
Periodical Publications: *Info-Bulletin* (ISSN 1383-312X; Dutch/English; semiannual 1978 to 1999)
Vlaggen-Info (Dutch/English; quarterly; since 2000)
Note: ceased to be active after Derkwillem Visser, Jr.'s death on November 24, 2001

Wappen-Herold, Deutsche Heraldische Gesellschaft e.V. (WH)

Type: institution
Established: November 6, 1963
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Membership Ended: removed July 3, 1995
Territory: Germany
Periodical Publication: *Der Tappert* (ISSN 0082-1705; German; irregular; 1964 to 1981)
Note: ceased to be active after Ottfried Neubecker LF, FF's death in 1992

MEMBERS BY ORDER OF ADMISSION

Members that were admitted in the same year are listed in the order their names appear in the official General Assembly minutes.

charter	NAVA	1969		33	AAV	1993	
charter	FRC	1969		34	WVRI	1993	
charter	USFF	1969	ended 2003	35	HVK	1993	
charter	NFF	1969		36	CIDEC	1993	
charter	SSV	1969		37	CFZ	1995	
charter	NVvV	1969		38	CBFA	1995	
charter	SBH	1969	ended 1981	39	NZFA	1995	
charter	HSFS	1969	ended 1987	40	PTW	1995	
charter	ASM	1969	ended 1987	41	UHT	1995	
charter	OGHB	1969	ended 1985	42	MZT	1995	
charter	WH	1969	ended 1995	43	DGF	1997	
charter	AFEIV	1969	ended 1987	44	MBV	1997	
13	FI	1971		45	KVV	1997	
14	CISV	1973		46	HAVSOM	1997	
15	NF	1973		47	BDA	1997	
16	TWMF	1975		48	SRV	1999	
17	GOH	1975	ended 1997	49	GWAV	1999	
18	FRCSL	1977		50	NEVA	1999	
19	SEV	1979		51	IHW	2001	
20	SVB	1979		52	JAVA	2001	
21	FDC	1981	ended 2007	53	VDCN	2001	ended 2005
22	ACV	1985		54	CSVA	2001	
23	FSA	1985		55	SGHAPG	2001	
24	PH	1985		56	FOTW	2001	
25	CVE	1985	ended 1992	57	VAST	2001	
26	VSHS	1985		58	FHF	2003	
27	SFV	1991		59	RCVH	2003	
28	SAVA	1991		60	SVI	2003	
29	CVS	1993		61	AVS	2005	
30	CFA	1993		62	HGZD	2007	
31	CEBED	1993		63	IVA	2007	
32	HS	1993					

STATUTES AND CONSTITUTION

The FIAV provisional council adopted provisional statutes on September 3, 1967. The FIAV statutes were formally adopted on September 7, 1969 and amended on September 29, 1983. The statutes were replaced by the current FIAV Constitution, which was adopted on September 27, 1989. The Constitution has been amended on August 12, 1997, July 29, 1999, July 23, 2001, and August 7, 2007.

The current text of the Constitution is set out below. It contains the exact text as adopted and amended.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS VEXILLOLOGIQUES

- I. NAME AND PURPOSES
- Art. 1 The name of this association is the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques, which is abbreviated as "FIAV." The official translations of FIAV's name are: International Federation of Vexillological Associations (English); Internationale Föderation Vexillologischer Gesellschaften (German); and Federación Internacional de Asociaciones Vexilológicas (Spanish).
- Art. 2 FIAV unites those associations and institutions throughout the world whose object is the pursuit of vexillology, which is the creation and development of a body of knowledge about flags of all types, their forms and functions, and of scientific theories and principles based on that knowledge.
- Art. 3 FIAV has as its purposes:
- (a) To create a strong bond among those associations and institutions and to encourage and coordinate their work, studies, and research;
 - (b) to promote the organization of International Congresses of Vexillology and to lend its support to their organizers;
 - (c) to encourage the creation in all countries of associations and institutions dedicated to vexillology; and
 - (d) to sanction international standards facilitating the development of these activities.
- Art. 4 FIAV, being strictly scientific, has no commercial ends and renounces any political or religious activity or stand.
- II. HEADQUARTERS
- Art. 5 The administrative headquarters of FIAV are located at the residences of its two Secretaries-General. If necessary, the General Assembly may establish a legal headquarters for FIAV.
- III. MEMBERSHIP
- Art. 6 An applicant for membership in FIAV:
- (a) must be an organization of the type expressed in article 2;
 - (b) must be committed to the purposes of FIAV expressed in article 3; and
 - (c) must be constituted in conformity with the laws of the country where it is located.
- Art. 7
- (a) Membership in FIAV is open to any association or institution anywhere in the world having as a substantial purpose the scientific study of vexillology.
 - (b) The processing of membership applications is the responsibility of the Board. The Board may delegate this responsibility to a person appointed by it for this purpose. The procedure consists of the following:
 - (1) The applicant shall submit a membership application, which must be received by the Board no later than six months before the convening of the next session of the General Assembly.

- (2) The Board shall consider the application and make a recommendation to the General Assembly relative to the applicant and shall communicate that recommendation to the applicant and to existing Members not later than three months before the convening of the next session of the General Assembly.
 - (3) The Board may recommend acceptance of the applicant as a Member, or may recommend rejection of the applicant.
 - (4) The General Assembly at its next session shall vote on the application. An authorized representative of the applicant may appear at the session to represent its case. A rejected applicant has the right to reapply for membership at any later session of the General Assembly.
- (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 its dues-paying members (minimum of five);
 - (4) registration of its members in International Congresses of Vexillology;
 - (5) the length of time it has existed; and
 - (6) the presence of an autochthonous and authorized representative of the applicant at the session of the General Assembly at which there is to be a vote on the application.
- Art. 8 The voluntary resignation of any Member must be received in writing by the President. The resignation is effective on the date of its receipt.
- Art. 9 At its discretion, the Board may require a Member to furnish evidence of its continued qualification for membership under the terms set forth in article 7. On the basis of this evidence, the Board may make a recommendation to the General Assembly on the continuation of the membership of the association or institution. If the recommendation is made to remove a Member from FIAV, the Member in question must be notified at least three months in advance of the session of the General Assembly at which there is to be a vote on the matter. The Member shall be invited to present its defense before the General Assembly, but shall not participate in the vote on the matter.
- Art. 10 Each Member regulates its own affairs in complete freedom, limited only by the laws in effect in the territory where it functions. FIAV may not limit the rights of the Members in this respect.
- Art. 11 Members shall not undertake any activities contrary to the interests of FIAV.
- Art. 12
- (a) FIAV may not act on behalf of its Members without their authorization expressed in the General Assembly. Members may not make commitments nor act on behalf of FIAV.
 - (b) Members may not hold international vexillological meetings outside of International Congresses of Vexillology. Notwithstanding this prohibition, a Member holding a vexillological meeting in any year in which no International Congress of Vexillology is held may invite participation by a Member from a contiguous country.
- Art. 13 The General Assembly may name as "Laureates of the Federation" persons who have made outstanding contributions to vexillology. The General Assembly may delegate this power to the Board. The status as a Laureate does not confer any right within FIAV.

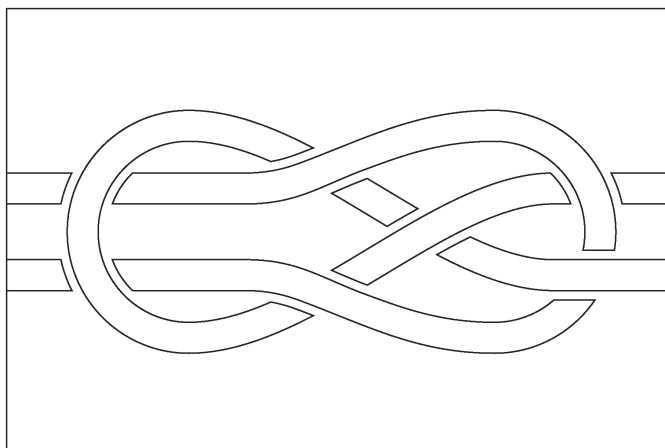
IV. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- Art. 14 (a) The General Assembly is composed of the Officers together with a delegate from each of the Members. Each delegate must present to the President written credentials from the Member represented. A Member may delegate any or all of its powers in writing to a delegate from any other Member or to an Officer.
- (b) A session of the General Assembly is not constituted unless delegates of at least half of the Members are present, except as provided for in article 25.
- (c) Each Member and each Officer is entitled to one vote in the General Assembly.
- Art. 15 Majorities in the General Assembly consist of the following fractions of those Members present and voting:
- (a) A simple majority in the election of Officers. If more than two candidates stand for election for an Office and no candidate receives a simple majority, then the candidate with the least votes shall be eliminated from the next ballot, and so on.
- (b) A simple majority for a motion to amend a motion under consideration, to proceed to the next item of business on the agenda, to defer consideration of a motion, to refer a motion to a Commission, to appeal a ruling of the chair, for a record vote, or to adjourn a session of the General Assembly.
- (c) Two-thirds for all other motions.
- (d) Three-quarters for amendments to the Constitution or dissolution of FIAV.
- Art. 16 The General Assembly:
- (a) elects Officers;
- (b) examines and approves the administration of the Board and the Commissions;
- (c) examines all questions concerning FIAV and in particular the organization of the International Congresses of Vexillology;
- (d) interprets the Constitution;
- (e) names Laureates of the Federation pursuant to article 13 and awards such other distinctions as it deems appropriate to persons or institutions who have shown particular merit in the field of vexillology (this power may be delegated to the Board); and
- (f) determines the amount and disposition of the annual dues, if any, to be paid by Members; and
- (g) establishes such Commissions as it deems necessary and appoints Commissioners.
- Art. 17 The General Assembly holds a session at least once every two years, normally on the occasion of each International Congress of Vexillology. The Board convenes a session of the General Assembly. The Board must give notice of the agenda, including any amendments to the Constitution or motion to dissolve FIAV, to all Members at least three months in advance of the session.
- Art. 18 The General Assembly may be called into an emergency session if extraordinary conditions require this, as determined by the Board, or if three-quarters of the Members request this of the Board.
- V. ADMINISTRATION
- Art. 19 (a) The administration of FIAV is entrusted to a Board which acts only by unanimous agreement. The Board is composed of three Officers: the President, the Secretary-General, and the Secretary-General for Congresses.

- (b) The Officers are elected at the end of each session of the General Assembly and serve until the election of the new Officers at the next session of the General Assembly. Consent of the candidates for election is required. The Officers are eligible for re-election.
- (c) The Secretary-General and the Secretary-General for Congresses must reside on different continents. The Secretary-General manages the Permanent Secretariat of FIAV and the Secretary-General for Congresses manages the Permanent Secretariat of the International Congresses of Vexillology. The Board is considered to be in continuous session, conducted by correspondence.
- (d) A vacancy on the Board occurs if an Officer dies, resigns, or lacks mental capacity under the laws where the Officer resides. Absence of an Officer at a session of the General Assembly creates a vacancy on the Board unless excused by the General Assembly. The resignation of an Officer must be received in writing by another Officer, or if no Officer remains, then by the organizer of the next International Congress of Vexillology. The resignation is effective on the date of its receipt. If a vacancy occurs, the position shall remain vacant and the duties of that Officer shall be performed by the remaining Officers. If no Officer remains to perform the duties of the Board, then the organizer of the next International Congress of Vexillology shall select an interim Secretary-General from among the Fellows of the Federation, if available, who shall have the limited authority to take those acts necessary to convene a session of the General Assembly pursuant to article 17 or 18 and preside until the General Assembly elects a presiding officer for the remainder of the session.

- Art. 20 The Board:
- (a) manages the current affairs of FIAV and establishes the duties and obligations of its Officers;
 - (b) issues directives which it considers necessary to the success of the activities of FIAV, including the International Congresses of Vexillology;
 - (c) establishes such Commissions as it deems necessary and appoints Commissioners;
 - (d) convenes sessions of the General Assembly pursuant to articles 17 and 18;
 - (e) represents FIAV in its relations with other national and international institutions; and
 - (f) manages membership procedures pursuant to article 7 and encourages vexillological associations and institutions to apply for FIAV membership.
- Art. 21 FIAV's assent to an agreement imposing a binding obligation on FIAV may only be given by a written document signed by all Officers. Current correspondence may be signed by any single Officer.
- VI. LANGUAGES
- Art. 22 The official languages of FIAV and the International Congresses of Vexillology are English, French, German, and Spanish. Other languages may be used when appropriate.
- VII. PUBLICATIONS
- Art. 23
- (a) FIAV shall publish a newsletter concerning its activities at least once a year for the benefit of its Members, which may be freely reproduced. The General Assembly may initiate or authorize other publications.
 - (b) The Flag Bulletin (ISSN 0015-3370) is recognized as a journal for the publication of scientific articles in the field of vexillology.
- VIII. SYMBOLS
- Art. 24
- (a) FIAV's flag is described as follows: "On a blue field, extending horizontally from hoist to fly, two yellow halyards forming two interlaced loops." The color blue is

defined as Pantone Matching System U293 and the color yellow is defined as Pantone Matching System U123. The Flag is illustrated as follows:



(b) The General Assembly may initiate or authorize other symbols for FIAV.

IX. DISSOLUTION

- Art. 25
- (a) A motion to dissolve FIAV may be considered only at a session of the General Assembly at which delegates of at least three-quarters of the Members are present.
 - (b) Instead of sending a delegate, a Member may chose to submit to the President a written, notarized statement expressing that Member's vote in favor of, or in opposition to, the motion to dissolve. A Member that submits any such statement shall be considered present at the session for the purpose of determining that the session is constituted to consider a motion to dissolve.
 - (c) The General Assembly establishes the terms of the dissolution.

Adopted September 27, 1989 by the Eleventh Session of the General Assembly held during the Thirteenth International Congress of Vexillology at Ballarat, Victoria, Australia.

Amended August 12, 1997 (article 14(a)) by the Fifteenth Session of the General Assembly held during the Seventeenth International Congress of Vexillology at Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa.

Amended July 29, 1999 (adding new article 1 and renumbering and amending remaining articles) by the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly held during the Eighteenth International Congress of Vexillology at Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

Amended July 23, 2001 (eliminating the distinction between Full and Associate Members and amending articles 15 and 23) by the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly held during the Nineteenth International Congress of Vexillology at York, England, United Kingdom.

Amended August 7, 2007 (articles 19(d) and 24) by the Twentieth Session of the General Assembly held during the Twenty-Second International Congress of Vexillology at Berlin, Germany.

FLAG INFORMATION CODE

The Flag Information Code was adopted on August 27, 1981. The code has been amended on July 5, 1995 and July 23, 2001. The current text of the code is set out below. It contains the exact text as adopted and amended.

FLAG INFORMATION CODE

Sec. 1 The Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques (FIAV) adopts this Flag Information Code and encourages its use by FIAV Members, individual vexillologists, publishers, and others who study flags.

Sec. 2 The purposes of the Code are:

- (a) to allow basic information about flags to be recorded and transmitted concisely, accurately, and in a manner which (1) insofar as possible eliminates misunderstandings and (2) is both easy to learn and comprehensible to persons knowing different languages;
- (b) to standardize knowledge of flags in order to facilitate comparative studies of flag characteristics;
- (c) to provide a convenient system for researchers, publishers, and others to record, exchange, and publish information; and
- (d) to eliminate, insofar as possible, the confusion that exists in the terminology employed by governments and others to describe national flags and their use.

Sec. 3 FLAG COLORS

(a) The following abbreviations indicate flag colors:

R	(red)
O	(orange)
Y	(yellow)
V	(green)
B	(blue)
P	(purple)
N	(black)
W	(white)
G	(grey)
M	(brown)
Au	(gold)
Ag	(silver)

(b) Colors other than those listed above are not abbreviated.

(c) The following symbols indicate approximate color shades:

-	(light)
--	(very light)
+	(dark)
++	(very dark)

(d) The use of a color description without a symbol indicates a medium, normal, or unknown shade of the color.

Sec. 4 FLAG PROPORTIONS

Flag proportions are indicated by a ratio. The first figure corresponds to the width of the flag, which is defined as the side normally attached to the pole or staff. The second figure corresponds to the length of the flag. A flag with a width of 3 units and a length of 5 units is written either 3:5 or 3x5.

Sec. 5 NATIONAL FLAG USE

- (a) The following grid is used to describe the use or uses of a flag whose primary purpose is to identify nationality rather than some other characteristic (such as the rank of an individual, the existence of a specific government or military institution, or some other concept):



- (b) The six areas of the grid indicate the six basic uses of national flags: (1) use by private individuals and institutions on land; (2) use by nonmilitary governmental institutions on land; (3) use by military institutions on land; (4) use by private individuals and institutions at sea; (5) use by nonmilitary governmental institutions at sea; and (6) use by military institutions at sea. Private, nonmilitary governmental, and military use is indicated from left to right by the three vertical columns; use on land and at sea is indicated from top to bottom by the two horizontal rows.
- (c) The grid is written or printed in the line of identifying text near the flag illustration, together with the ratio indicating proportions. The use or uses of the flag are indicated by placing a point (•) or an × in the appropriate area or areas of the grid.

Sec. 6 The flag information summarized by the Code is not a substitute for a specific textual description of a flag and its use or uses.

Sec. 7 An amendment to the Code may be adopted only by the FIAV General Assembly. Before the General Assembly considers an amendment, the amendment should be discussed by individuals attending the International Congress of Vexillology during which the General Assembly session will be held. FIAV Members and individual vexillologists are encouraged to propose amendments based on their experience in using the Code.

Adopted August 27, 1981 by the Seventh Session of the General Assembly held during the Ninth International Congress of Vexillology at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Amended July 5, 1995 (III. A.) by the Fourteenth Session of the General Assembly held during the Sixteenth International Congress of Vexillology at Warszawa, Poland.

Amended July 23, 2001 (adding new section 1 and renumbering and amending remaining articles) by the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly held during the Nineteenth International Congress of Vexillology at York, England, United Kingdom.

STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

AAV	Asociación Argentina de Vexilología
ACV	Associació Catalana de Vexil·lologia
AFA	American Flag Association (see USFF)
AFEIV	Association française d'études internationale de vexillologie (formerly Association internationale d'études vexillologique (AIEV))
AIEV	Association internationale d'études vexillologique (see AFEIV)
AMGH	Academia Mejicana de Genealogía y Heráldica
APCRA	Asociación de Profesionales del Ceremonial de la República Argentina (see CIDECA)
ARV	Association Réunionnaise de Vexillologie
ASM	Accademia di San Marcialiano, Sezione Vessillologica
ASV	Asociación Venezolana de Simbología (see AVS)
AVS	Asociación Venezolana de Simbología (incorrectly abbreviated ASV)
BB	Bannieloù Breizh
BDA	The Burgee Data Archives (formerly Canadian Flag Institute (CFI))
CBFA	Chesapeake Bay Flag Association
CEBED	Centre Belgo-Européen d'Études des Drapeaux
CFA	The Canadian Flag Association / L'Association canadienne de vexillologie
CFI	Canadian Flag Institute (see BDA)
CFZ	Centrum Flagi Ziemi / Earth Flag Centre
CIDECA	Fundación Centro Interdisciplinario de Estudios Culturales (temporarily known as Asociación de Profesionales del Ceremonial de la República Argentina (APCRA))
CISV	Centro Italiano Studi Vessillologici
CSVA	Confederate States Vexillological Association
CVE	Cumann Vexilleolaíoch na hÉireann / Vexillological Society of Ireland
CVS	Česká vexilologická společnost o. s. (formerly Vexilologický Klub (VK))
DGF	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Flaggenkunde e.V.
FANZ	The Flag Association of New Zealand / Te Roopu Haki Matua o Aotearoa (see NZFA)
FDC	The Flag Design Center
FF	Fellow of the Federation
FHF	Flag Heritage Foundation
FI	The Flag Institute
FOTW	Flags of the World
FPF	Flag Plaza Foundation (see NFF)
FRC	The Flag Research Center
FRCSL	Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka
FSA	Flag Society of Australia Inc.
GOH	Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde
GWAV	Great Waters Association of Vexillology (formerly Great Waters Chapter (GWC))
GWC	Great Waters Chapter (see GWAV)
HAVSOM	The Heraldry and Vexilology Society of Malta
HCEHS	The Heraldry College of the Estonian Heritage Society
HGZD	Hrvatskog grboslovno i zastavoslovno društvo / Croatian Heraldic and Vexillologic Association
HS	Heraldica Slovenica
HSFS	Heraldry Society, Flag Section
HUVA	Magyar Vexillológiai Társaság / Hungarian Vexillological Association (see MZT)
HVK	Heraldischer Verein "Zum Kleeblatt" von 1888 zu Hannover e.V.
IAFM	International Association of Flag Manufacturers
IHW	Instytut Heraldyczno-Weksylologiczny
IVA	Indian Vexillological Association
JAVA	Nihon Kishougaku Kyokai / Japanese Vexillological Association
KVV	Kevarzhe Vannielouriezh Vreizh / Société Bretonne de Vexillologie (formerly abbreviated SBV)
LF	Laureate of the Federation
MBV	Mauritius Buch Verlag GmbH
MZT	Magyarországi Zászlo Társaság (formerly Zászlokutató Intézet (ZI) and Magyar Vexillológiai Társaság / Hungarian Vexillological Association (HUVA))
NAVA	North American Vexillological Association
NEVA	New England Vexillological Association
NF	Nordisk Flaggselskap / Nordisk Flagselskab / Nordiska Flagsällskapet / Norræna Fánafélagið / Pohjoismaiden Lippuseura
NFF	National Flag Foundation (formerly Flag Plaza Foundation (FPF))
NVV	Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde (see NVVV)
NVVV	Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde (formerly abbreviated NVV and NVVV)
NZFA	New Zealand Flag Association (formerly The Flag Association of New Zealand / Te Roopu Haki Matua o Aotearoa (FANZ))
NZFIT	New Zealand Flag Institute Trust (NZFIT)

OGHB	Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique
P	FIAV President
PH	Partioheraldikot r.y. (formerly abbreviated PR)
PR	Partioheraldikot r.y. (see PH)
PTW	Polskie Towarzystwo Weksylologiczne
RCVH	Российский Центр флаговедения и геральдики / Russian Centre of Vexillology and Heraldry (formerly Volga Vexillology Club (VVC))
SAVA	Southern African Vexillological Association
SBH	Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek
SBV	Kevarzhe Vannielouriezh Vreizh / Société Bretonne de Vexillologie (see KVV)
SEV	Sociedad Española de Vexilología
SFV	Société française de vexillologie
SG	FIAV Secretary-General
SGC	FIAV Secretary-General for Congresses
SGHAPG	Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldică și Arhivistică "Paul Gore"
SRV	Societatea Română de Vexilologie
SSV	Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Fahnen- und Flaggenkunde / Société Suisse de Vexillologie / Società Svizzera di Vessillologia
SVB	Societas Vexillologica Belgica
SVI	Středisko Vexilologických Informací / Flag Data Centre
SVO	Société vexillologique de l'ouest
TWMF	Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags
UHT	Українське Геральдичне Товариство / Ukrayins'ke Heral'dychne Tovarystvo / The Ukrainian Heraldry Society
USFA	United States Flag Association (see USFF)
USFF	United States Flag Foundation (formerly American Flag Association (AFA) and United States Flag Association (USFA))
VAST	Vexillological Association of the State of Texas
VDCN	Vlaggen Dokumentatie Centrum Nederland
VK	Vexilologický Klub (see CVS)
VSHA	Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap (see VSHS)
VSHS	Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap (incorrectly abbreviated VSHA)
VVC	Volga Vexillology Club (see RCVH)
WH	Wappen-Herold, Deutsche Heraldische Gesellschaft e.V.
WVRI	World Vexillological Research Institute
ZI	Zászlókutató Intézet (see MZT)

PRESENCE OF FIAV MEMBER DELEGATES AND OTHERS AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS

Member	Joined	Left	1969 1	1971 2	1973 3	1975 4	1977 5	1979 6	1981 7	1983 8	1985 9	1987 10	1989 11	1991 12	1993 13	1995 14	1997 15	1999 16	2001 17	2003 18	2005 19	2007 20
NAVA charter	1969		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FRC charter	1969		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
USFF charter	1969	2003			X			X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	-----	-----	-----
NFF (FPF) charter	1969		X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SSV charter	1969		X	X	X	X		X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NVvV (NVV) charter	1969		X	X	X	X		X							X	X			X	X		X
SBH charter	1969	1981	X	X	X	X	X	X		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
HSFS charter	1969	1987	X	X		X							-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
ASM charter	1969	1987	X	X									-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
OGHB charter	1969	1985	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
WH charter	1969	1995	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X			-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
AFEIV (AIEV) charter	1969	1987	X	X	X	X						-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
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CISV 14	1973		-----	-----	X	X		X							X	X	X		X	X	X	X
NF 15	1973		-----	-----		X	X	X			X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
TWMMF 16	1975		-----	-----	-----	X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X

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SEV 19	1979		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SVB 20	1979		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X
FDC 21	1981	2007	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		-----
ACV 22	1985		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X
FSA 23	1985		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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SFV 27	1991		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
SAVA 28	1991		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CVS (VK) 29	1993		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CFA 30	1993		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CEBED31	1993		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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AAV 33	1993		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X			X	X	X	X	X
WVRI 34	1993		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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DGF 43	1997		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X	X	X	X
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IHW 51	2001		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X	X
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FHF 58	2003		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X
RCVH 59	2003		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X
SVI 60	2003		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	X	X	X
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President				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
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March 2, 2009	Deadline to submit items to the Secretary-General for placement on the agenda for the Twenty-First Session of the General Assembly
April 14, 2009	Distribution of the agenda for the Twenty-First Session of the General Assembly
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