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**SEVENTH LAUREATE OF THE FEDERATION**



Željko Heimer is without doubt one of the hardest working individuals in the flag world, with a dedication to both organized vexillology and to the history and culture of his nation. He is an officer in the Croatian Armed Forces Information Technologies Service, currently holding the rank of lieutenant colonel. He has been awarded a master of science in electronics and a doctor of philosophy in sociology.

Since 1995 Željko has been an active member of Flags of the World (FOTW). He has participated in the International Congresses of Vexillology in York (2001), Stockholm (2003), Buenos Aires (2005), Berlin (2007), Yokohama (2009), Alexandria (2011), Rotterdam (2013), Sydney (2015), and London (2017), and has served as a delegate to the FIAV General Assembly from 2007 to the present. He is a co-founder and president of the Hrvatsko grboslovno i zastavoslovno društvo (HGZD) / Croatian Heraldic and Vexillological Association (2006), and he is the editor of *Grb i Zastava*.

Željko is an associate member of the Académie internationale d'héraldique (2011), and an honorary member of the Българско хералдическо и вексилолошко общество (BHVS) / Bulgarian Heraldry and Vexillology Society (2009) and Македонско Хералдичко Здружение (MHZ) / Makedonsko Heraldičko Združenie / Macedonian Heraldry Society (2011). Željko was appointed a Fellow of the Flag Research Center (FRC) in 2016.

Željko has been twice recognized by the President of Croatia. For his work in promotion and preservation of Croatian national heritage, in 2010 Željko was awarded the Order of the Croatian Interlace. In 2017 Željko was awarded the Order of Danica Hrvatska for extraordinary merit in culture in the field of heraldry and vexillology and their long-standing promotion in the Republic of Croatia and in the world.

None of these accomplishments, however significant, qualified him for vexillology's highest recognition. It was for his doctoral thesis "Exploring Vexillology Through Military Unit Flags" that the FIAV Board, on the recommendation of FIAV Laureate Scot Guenter, at the closing banquet of the Twenty-Seventh International Congress of Vexillology in London named Dr. Heimer as the sixth Laureate of the Federation. Like his predecessor, Fred Brownell, it is fair to say Željko was not expecting that, and it was the Board's high privilege to recognize him.

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## AND A RESPONSE FROM DR. HEIMER

September 18, 2017

Mr. Charles A. Spain  
Secretary-General, FIAV

Dear Mr. Spain,

During the closing banquet of the Twenty-Eighth International Congress of Vexillology, on 11 August 2017, I have been honored by the FIAV Board, delegated by the FIAV General Assembly, with naming me as a Laureate of the Federation.

Entirely unprepared, I was indeed quite speechless and managed to utter few polite words of gratitude, I was indeed quite speechless. While I was secretly hoping that the Board might have considered my published thesis worthy of an award for the most important contribution to vexillology during the two years preceding the Congress, I was immediately convinced that the Board made the right decision granting the Vexillon to Pierre-Jean Guionin for his considerable effort to continue editing the respected French naval “Album des pavillons nationaux et des marques distinctives.” Even though I heard a few whispers from some compassionate colleagues around “It should have been you,” I answered entirely earnestly something to the effect that it is not my time yet—having no slightest suspicion that within a few minutes my name would be read aloud.

The only Laureate that was awarded previously in my presence was Frederick Brownell two years ago. He was not there, and I had no idea what the ceremonial should look like. So, in my turn, I managed to mutter out a few polite sentences, at least I hope so. I was, certainly, mighty proud, but far from grasping the fullness of the honor bestowed upon me. I was humbled trying to remember names of legendary predecessors who carried the title. Their books are venerated pieces in my library, and even those whom I had chance to meet in person and who proved to be benevolent and kind scholars of the most noble character, retained a semi-divine status in my mind. The names of Ted Barraclough, Whitney Smith, Otfried Neubecker, and William Crampton, the four giants that are sadly no longer with us, bring awe not only among vexillologists, but among scholars of related disciplines, and also among enthusiasts for identity symbols of various kinds, but among general librarians around the world. Last but not least among the Laureates that I have not mentioned above is the place for Scot Guenter, an August scholar to whose insightful lectures vexillologists flock.

All this I begun to understand only when returning from London, reading about the past awards in vexillological journals, trying to explain to my relatives, friends, and colleagues what had happened in London. It humbles me even more, and convinces me that being speechless was absolutely right feeling.

I am profoundly grateful to the FIAV Board, to FIAV Members and their delegates who might have had a hand in nominating and honoring me in such a way. It is certainly way larger than anything I had in my mind at any point while I was slowly writing my thesis, which served as the immediate reason for the award. While there is a number of people to whom I am grateful for helping me in various ways with the thesis, I must single out Ted Kaye, who painstakingly spent numerous hours transposing my English translation of it into sentences more fluent to English readers. In my thesis, I have tried to show that the science of vexillology is in essence a social science and that the understanding of the symbolic and the function of a flag may be grasped only by studying a wider social context in which it appears and in which it is used. Vexillology there has a potential for linking various interdisciplinary fields in the attempt to enlighten the phenomenon of flags.

Personally, vexillology proved to be a source of intellectual inspiration to me as well as a medium to forge friendship with vexillologists world wide. In the brief period between finishing of the thesis and receiving of this award, I have been blessed to become a father. As any parent may confirm, it is the peak of one’s successes. The distinction bestowed from esteemed teachers and colleagues, comes a close second, and both are enormous incentives to continue on the path and to try to do ever greater achievements.

With cordial regards,

LTC Dr. Željko Heimer  
Zagreb, Croatia



**PUBLIC MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR WHITNEY SMITH  
REMARKS BY FIAV SECRETARY-GENERAL CHARLES SPAIN  
OCTOBER 14, 2017  
OMNI PARKER HOUSE  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

This is the final goodbye.

Whitney died last November. His family conducted a private memorial service last December in Winchester, where he worked and lived at The Flag Research Center. Whitney asked that a public memorial service be held for the vexillological world, and one was held in South Kensington, London in August in conjunction with the Twenty-Seventh International Congress of Vexillology. This service tonight is the last formal remembrance of him and his life's work.

Whitney always kept his own counsel about his plans, and it came as a surprise to me when his son Austin informed me that Whitney had asked that I conduct the public memorial services. Both Austin and I agreed that it was "so Whitney" to leave instructions for others to carry out.

Since his death in November, there has been media coverage in newspapers spanning his local communities of Winchester and Lexington, *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Times*, *The Times (London)*, and *The Economist*. I was especially touched by a *Boston Globe* file photo of Whitney as a child holding U.S., North Korean, and Texas flags with a look of wonder on his face at the power of these bits of cloth.

The official obituary, written by Whitney, of course, was issued by The Flag Research Center on the day he died. It was published as he instructed in *The Flag Bulletin* number 234, and each of you has a copy.

Much has been written and said about Whitney since last November, and many of you here tonight knew him. Personal remembrances were given in August when we gathered at Holy Trinity Church in London. So I will assume that you know the basic information about Whitney and his many accomplishments. The majority of our time here tonight will be informal, where you can share stories of Whitney with new and old friends in small groups.

Whitney knew that vexillology depended in large part on establishing personal relationships and fellowship, and it was Whitney who first proposed in 1963 that a gathering be organized of those interested in studying flags. FIAV was born from that idea of personal relationships, and after that first gathering there came other vexillological institutions and organizations. I will keep my remarks brief so we can enjoy that fellowship Whitney realized was indispensable to the success of his vision.

And a grand vision it was, and still is.

Whitney didn't create the love of flags and the passion they engender. He didn't write the first scholarly books on flags. Preble, Neubecker, and others got there first.

But Whitney saw something different, and it was this vision that quickly become his destiny. Whitney recognized that political symbols, and specifically flags, had never before been considered by social scientists as legitimate subjects for study. He saw two reasons for this, first, flags were considered to be mere decoration for "real" events, and second, the people who deal with graphic symbols are often unfamiliar with the social sciences. Whitney concluded that social scientists treated flags as superficial or trivial objects, and therefore "having no hypotheses, no theoretical framework allowing them to deal with the subject, [social] scientists have simply not known what to do with flags, how to think about them."

I believe there was a third reason flags were ignored by academia. Flags engender intense passion, and how does an academic secure a faculty teaching position and achieve tenure while writing dispassionately about the preeminent symbol of nationalism in the 20th and 21st centuries? Such controversy has left other fields barren before—the lack of scholars of post-1949 China is a famous example in which anti-communist political orthodoxy left the United States with a very real knowledge gap from the 1950s to 1970s. Despite the popular anti-intellectual dislike of scholars in the U.S., lacking knowledge really is a bad thing.

Whitney's vision was to apply social-scientific principles to flags, which he viewed as "the strongest and most independent of time of all the symbols." And he was a teenager when he began making this seemingly impossible vision a reality. This was no mere kid with a crazy idea, this was a man with the determination of a biblical prophet.

Whitney created the word that describes the sub-discipline of the social sciences that studies flags—vexillology. With his friend Gary Grahl, Whitney founded The Flag Research Center and published the first vexillological publication, *The Flag Bulletin*. He enabled the founding of organized vexillology, becoming the father of those institutions and organizations, and a teacher, mentor, and friend to so many of us, past and present. He gave up an academic career as a professor, becoming the unlikely entrepreneur who made his living as a professional vexillologist.

I think of Whitney as a genius, not merely because he was brilliant, but because he figured out how to make his vision a reality. There was no one else like him, and there never will be. He was a Titan.

How did he do it? He did have a huge ego, but the same could be said about many in this room. He was relentless in his quest, but, again, that didn't make him unique amongst us. I think there are three reasons he succeeded.

First, he had a vision worthy of devoting a lifetime. We know the power of these symbols, of which Emperor Napoleon bluntly stated, "It is with these things that men are led." Of course flags should be studied by the social sciences to explain the human condition. Recent controversies in the United States over flag rituals cry out for a respected expert to explain the history and context of singing the national anthem at sporting events.

Second, Whitney saw everything in his life as expendable in the quest to make vexillology a reality. Just ask his family. Whitney also saw no need to micromanage vexillological institutions and organizations. Many such entities were created and vanished in his lifetime. Whitney certainly had an opinion about the value of their work, but trying to police their behavior was ultimately not his concern. He kept his eyes on the prize.

Third, Whitney cultivated friendships that enabled him to accomplish things he couldn't do by himself. While his ego was enormous, he understood his limits.

Was he successful? If the test is, "Did he accomplish everything he wanted in his lifetime?", then the answer is "No." But things rarely work out for prophets. Moses got to see the Promised Land, but he did not cross the River Jordan and set foot in it.

Whitney wanted his collection to be placed in an internationally recognized academic research library. Many of you in this room participated in discussions over the decades about how to make that happen. He also wanted an International Flag Museum, where the public could view significant flags and flag-related objects. But those projects weren't ever going to happen as long as Whitney could work at The Flag Research Center—his vast library and collection. He just couldn't separate himself from it. It was failing health that finally led him to the conclusion that it was time to act. With the help of friends and family his Collection was placed at The University of Texas at Austin, something that Whitney publicly announced in 2010 in Arcadia, California at the last vexillological meeting he attended.

The availability of the Whitney Smith Flag Research Center Collection to scholars is an enormous step forward in recognizing Whitney's vision of vexillology. Already Annie Platoff has traveled to Austin and used the Collection as she works on her dissertation. I certainly expect her to join that slowly growing group of scholars who have been conferred doctorates for writing on flags—William Crampton, Scot Guenter, Fred Brownell, and Željko Heimer.



A missing piece is still the museum. The public loves historic flags, and there are private collections that I hope can become part of that institution. I'm doubtful we can raise the money to fully support the Smith Collection if we don't also have the companion museum. Scholarship is linked to public support, and vexillology needs that public support.

So, did Whitney succeed? Absolutely. The question now is, what can we do to further vexillology?

Whitney's most complete statement on vexillology was his "Fundamental Theses of Vexillology," published 35 years ago in *The Flag Bulletin*. It's as close to a catechism of vexillology as there is. And it's pedantic, but the audience was mainly Whitney's fellow social scientists. It's a thorough justification of why flags are worthy of serious study. It's reprinted in *Flag Research Quarterly* number 3 and worthy of your time.

In the manner of Martin Luther, Whitney wrote a number of theses, which you have along with your service program. Please read them. Understanding vexillology helps us promote vexillology, as well as understanding the relationship of related flag matters. As I said before, lacking knowledge really is a bad thing.

In his article, Whitney concluded as follows: "Since vexillology is very much in its infancy, it is impossible at present to say what directions it will take in the future. Indeed it is not at all certain that it will achieve the 'escape velocity' necessary for launching as a recognized scientific discipline. A century from now it is possible that the study of flags will be considered exactly as it was a century ago—an antiquarian curiosity suitable as a hobby for children or the retired, but scarcely a fit subject for the serious consideration of adult women and men. If so, the failure will be ours for having inadequately developed the inherent possibilities of the subject."

Let us not fail him.

Please stand as you are able for a moment of silence for the Founder, Whitney Smith.



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RECOGNIZES

WHITNEY SMITH

AS A FELLOW OF THE FEDERATION

FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO VEXILLOLOGY

AND SERVICE TO THE FEDERATION AND ITS MEMBERS

NINETEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY—YORK

JULY 27, 2001

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

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Secretaries-General Emeritus: Emil Dreyer, Ralph G.C. Bartlett, and Bruce B. Berry

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## PUBLICATION OF MINUTES

### REPORT OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY

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### MINUTES AND OTHER MATERIAL RELATING TO THE FIAV PROVISIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

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### FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION MINUTES

<u>Session</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Published in</u>
GA 1	September 7, 1969	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 14, pages 12–21 (1999)
GA 2	June 24, 1971	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 14, page 23 (1999)
GA 3	September 14, 17, 1973	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 14, page 25 (1999)
GA 4	April 17, 18, 1975	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 16, pages 17–18 (2001)
GA 5	June 12, 1977	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 16, pages 20–21 (2001)
GA 6	June 29, 1979	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 16, pages 23–24 (2001)
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)
GA 9	May 27, 28, 31, 1985	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 17, pages 19–28 (2001)
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)
GA 21	July 14, 2009	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 28, pages 1–11 (2009)
GA 22	August 2, 2011	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 32, pages 1–7 (2011)
GA 23	August 6, 2013	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 38, pages 1–8 (2015)
GA 24	September 1, 2015	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 40, pages 1–11 (2016)
GA 25	August 8, 2017	<i>Info-FIAV</i> number 44, at pages 1–25 (2019)

### ERRATA

GA 5 summary printed in *Info-FIAV* number 16, at page 19, should be corrected to change “SVV” to “SSV” in the “Not represented” category

GA 10 summary printed in *Info-FIAV* number 17, at page 29, should be corrected to read as follows:

- Quorum present as ASM, CISV, FRCSL, HSFS, NVvV, and VSHS are inactive members for quorum purposes

GA 12 summary printed in *Info-FIAV* number 23, at page 2, should be corrected to read as follows:

- VK recognized as “honorary affiliate” after untimely filed application for membership was not approved to be effective at GA 12, but instead “to become a member automatically in 1993” [footer in *Info-FIAV* number 23 incorrectly reads “*Info-FIAV* number 24”]

## MISSING ITEMS

The Secretary-General is still looking for copies of the following items discussed in GA minutes:

- GA 1
  - flag description commission report from *Flag Bulletin* vol. 8, number 1
  - French version of adopted statutes
- GA 4
  - Klaes Sierksma's recommendations concerning changes in international system of vexillological publications
  - William Crampton's proposal for FIAV seal
- GA 5
  - Secretary-General's letter confirming full membership of Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka
- GA 6
  - Klaes Sierksma's proposed revisions to FIAV statutes
- GA 7
  - Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek's resignation letter
- GA 8
  - revised statutes (French version)
- GA 10
  - Association française d'études internationale de vexillologie's resignation letter
  - Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique's resignation letter
  - Secretary-General's report

## WHAT HAPPENED IN ZURICH IN 1967?

Two decades ago, the Secretary-General began "publishing [in *Info-FIAV*] the previously unpublished minutes of the General Assembly sessions (1969–1991) and the business meetings held in 1965 and 1967 that led to the creation of FIAV in 1969." "30 Years of FIAV," *Info-FIAV* number 14, page 1 (1999).

Two years ago, Secretary-General Emeritus Emil Dreyer provided the Secretary-General with documents that shed new light on what happened in Zurich, including the creation of FIAV, and what happened after Zurich leading to Boston in 1969. An important discovery was that the 1967 "minutes" published in *Info-FIAV* number 14, pages 5–6 (1999) are not the actual minutes. They are instead the report from the *Proceedings of the Second International Congress of Vexillology*, published in 1968. That report differs in several respects from the September 3, 1967 minutes taken by Louis Mühlemann that Dr. Dreyer provided to the Secretary-General.

This issue of *Info-FIAV* includes twenty pages of documents, including retyped and translated pages, that shed light both on the 1967 meeting at ICV 2 (Zurich) and the setting for 1969 meeting at ICV 3 (Boston). The correspondence from Whitney Smith and Louis Mühlemann give us insight into the origins of FIAV. There is doubtless more material in Smith's and Mühlemann's papers. Dr. Smith's life work is safely archived at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History at The University of Texas at Austin. Hopefully the work of other vexillologists will end up in similar archives.

ICV 2  
 Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland  
 September 1 - 3, 1967  
 Gilde der Zürcher Heraldiker  
 Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Fahnen- und Flaggenkunde/ Societe  
 Suisse de Vexillologie / Societa Svizzera di Vessillologia

Summary:

- Officers for the meeting
 

Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands)	president
Louis Mühlemann (Switzerland)	secretary-general
  
- Participants with associations with which they are affiliated
 

E.M.C. Barraclough (United Kingdom)	Heraldry Society
Newton Blakeslee (United States)	National Geographic Society & North American Vexillological Association
Roger Harmignies (Belgium)	Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique
Louis Mühlemann (Switzerland)	Société Suisse de Vexillologie
Raffaele Natta-Soleri (Italy)	Accademia di San Marignano
Ottfried Neubecker (Germany, West)	Wappen-HEROLD, Deutsche Heraldische Gesellschaft e.V.
Hervé Pinoteau (France)	Association française d'études internationales de vexillologie
Gunnar Scheffer (Sweden)	Svenska Flaggans Dag
J.H. Schuilenga (Netherlands)	Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde
Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands)	Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek
Whitney Smith (United States)	Flag Research Center
Lawrence Tower (United States)	United States Flag Foundation
Paul Warming (Denmark)	Statens Heraldiske Konsulent
  
- FIAV founded as Fédération Internationale des Associations de Vexillologie
- Provisional statutes adopted
- FIAV flag raised (adopted by acquiescence)
- Provisional council elected
 

Louis Mühlemann (Switzerland)	president
Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands)	vice-president*
Whitney Smith (United States)	vice-president*
E.M.C. Barraclough (United Kingdom)	councillor
Arne Danielsson (Sweden and Scandanavia)	councillor
Roger E. Harmignies (Belgium)	councillor
Hans Horstman (Germany, West)	councillor
Raffaele Natta-Soleri (Italy)	councillor
Georges Pasch (France)	councillor
  
- Terminology commission established
 

Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands & as director of Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek), secretary
William G. Crampton (United Kingdom)
Arne Danielsson (Sweden)
Karl Fachinger (Germany, West)
Pierre Lux-Wurm (United States and for Spanish language)
Georges Pasch (France)
Whitney Smith (United States & as director of Flag Research Center)
Aldo Ziggio (Italy)
  
- UNESCO/FIAV commission established
 

[Gerhard] Dumke (Germany, West)
Pierre Lux-Wurm (United States)
Louis Mühlemann (Switzerland)
Herve Pinoteau (France)
Johannes Hendrik Rombach (Netherlands)

\* Subject to title being changed

Note: The summary report published in *Info-FIAV* number 14, pages 5–10 (1999) is what was published in 1968 in the *Proceedings of the Second International Congress of Vexillology* and contain later actions taken by officers of the provisional council. It is unclear whether Louis Mühlemann's September 3, 1967 minutes or a later revision was approved by the General Assembly in 1969.

**Protocole de fondation**  
**de la FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE VEXILLOGIE**

Dimanche, le 3 septembre 1967 a été fondée à l'Institut Gottlieb Duttweiler, à Rüslikon (Zurich), Suisse, à l'occasion du II<sup>e</sup> Congrès International de Vexillologie, la Fédération Internationale des Associations de Vexillologie (FIAV).

Président de la séance de fondation :

M. Kl. Sierksma (Pays-Bas), Président du II<sup>e</sup> Congrès de Vexillologie  
Secrétaire : M. L. Mühlemann (Suisse), Secrétaire Général du Congrès

Les Associations suivantes sont représentées

(classement par ordre alphabétique des noms des représentants):

MM. Barraclough	GB	Heraldry Society	& North American
Blakeslee	US	National Geographic Society	Vexillological Association
Harmignies	B	Office Héraldique et Généalogique de Belgique	
Mühlemann	CH	Société Suisse de Vexillologie	
Natta-Soleri	I	Accademia di S. Marciano	
Neubecker	D	Wappen-Herold, deutsche heraldische Gesellschaft	
Pinoteau	F	Société Française d'études vexillologiques	
Scheffer	S	Svenska Flaggans Dag	
Schuilenga	NL	Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde	
Sierksma	NL	Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek	
Smith	US	Flag Research Center	
Tower	US	US Flag Foundation	
Warming	DK	Conseil Héraldique de l'Etat Danois	

1. Les statuts provisoires de la FIAV sont adoptés.

2. Le drapeau de la FIAV est hissé solennellement.

3. Le Conseil de la FIAV est élu ; il se compose de

MM. Louis MÜHLEMANN	(Suisse)	Président	
Klaes SIERKSMA	(Pays-Bas)	} Vice-Présidents (sous réserve d'un autre titre à leur conférer)	
Whitney SMITH	(Etats-Unis)		
Captain E.M.C. BARRACLOUGH	(Grande-Bretagne)	} Conseillers	
Dr. Arne DANIELSSON	(Suède)		
pour les pays scandinaves			
Roger HARMIGNIES	(Belgique)		
Hans HORSTMANN	(Allemagne)		
Raffaele NATTA-SOLERI	(Italie)		
Georges PASCH	(France)		

4. Est constituée une commission de terminologie comprenant

MM. Crampton (GB), Danielsson (S), Fachinger (D), Lux-Wurm (US et pour la langue espagnole), Pasch (F), les Directeurs du "Flag Research Center" (M. Smith, US) et de la "Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek" (M. Sierksma, NL).  
Secrétaire de la commission : M. Sierksma.

5. Est constituée une commission pour la reconnaissance de la FIAV par l'UNESCO, cette commission se composant de

MM. Dumke (D), Lux-Wurm (US), Mühlemann (CH), Pinoteau (F) et Rombach (NL).

Zurich, le 3 septembre 1967

*L. Mühlemann*



Protocole de fondation  
de la FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE VEXILLOLOGIE

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Dimanche, le 3 septembre 1967 a été fondée à l'Institut Gottlieb Duttweiler, à Rüschlikon (Zurich), Suisse, à l'occasion du II<sup>e</sup> Congrès International de Vexillologie, la Fédération Internationale des Associations de Vexillologie (FIAV).

Président de la séance de fondation :

M. Kl. Sierksma (Pays-Bas), Président du II<sup>e</sup> Congrès de Vexillologie

Secrétaire : M. L. Mühlemann (Suisse), Secrétaire Général du Congrès

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Les Associations suivantes sont représentées

(classement par ordre alphabétique des noms des représentants) :

MM.	Barracough	GB	Heraldry Society
	Blakeslee	US	National Geographic Society & North American Vexillological Association
	Harmignies	B	Office Héraldique et Généalogique de Belgique
	Mühlemann	CH	Société Suisse de Vexillologie
	Natta-Soleri	I	Accademia di S. Marciano
	Neubecker	D	Wappen-Herold, deutsche heraldische Gesellschaft
	Pinoteau	F	Société Française d'études vexillologique
	Scheffer	S	Svenska Flaggans Dag
	Schuilenga	NL	Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde
	Sierksma	NL	Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek
	Smith	US	Flag Research Center
	Tower	US	US Flag Foundation
	Warming	DK	Conseil Héraldique de l'Etat Danois

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1. Les statuts provisoires de la FIAV sont adoptés.
2. Le drapeau de la FIAV est hissé solennellement.
3. Le Conseil de la FIAV est élu ; il se compose de

MM.	Louis MÜHLEMANN	(Suisse)	Président
	Klaes SIERKSMA	(Pays-Bas)	Vice-Présidents (sous réserve d'un autre titre à leur conférer)
	Whitney SMITH	(Etats-Unis)	
	Captain E.M.C. BARRACLOUGH	(Grande-Bretagne)	Conseillers
	Dr. Arne DANIELSSON	(Suède)	
	pour les pays scandinaves		
	Roger HARMIGNIES	(Belgique)	
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Zurich, le 3 septembre 1967

/s/ L. Mühlemann

Note: These are the actual minutes of the meeting.

Foundation Protocol  
of the FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE VEXILLOLOGIE

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Sunday, September 3, 1967 was founded at the Gottlieb Duttweiler Institute, Rüsclikon (Zurich), Switzerland, on the occasion of the Second International Congress of Vexillology, the Fédération Internationale des Associations de Vexillologie (FIAV).

President of the foundation session:

Mr. Kl. Sierksma (Netherlands), President of the Second Congress of Vexillology

Secretary: Mr. L. Mühlemann (Switzerland), Secretary General of the Congress

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The following Associations are represented  
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3. The FIAV Council is elected; it consists of

Messrs.	Louis MÜHLEMANN (Switzerland)	President
	Klaes SIERKSMA (Netherlands)	Vice-Presidents (subject to
	Whitney SMITH (USA)	a change in title)
	Captain E.M.C. BARRACLOUGH (Great Britain)	
	Dr. Arne DANIELSSON (Sweden)	
	for the Scandinavian countries	
	Roger HARMIGNIES (Belgium)	Councillors
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Messrs. Crampton (Great Britain), Danielsson (Sweden), Fachinger (Germany), Lux-Wurm (USA and Spanish language), Pasch (France), Directors of the "Flag Research Center" (Mr. Smith, USA) and the "Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek" (Mr. Sierksma, Netherlands).  
Secretary of the committee: Mr Sierksma.

5. There is hereby established a commission for the recognition of the FIAV by UNESCO, this commission consisting of

Messrs. Dumke (Germany), Lux-Wurm (USA), Mühlemann (Switzerland), Pinoteau (France) and Rombach (Netherlands).

Zurich, September 3, 1967

/ s / L. Mühlemann

[English translation of the actual minutes of the meeting.]

## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

17 March 1968, Lexington, Mass. Dear friends and colleagues,

At last, following the receipt of very detailed comments from many of you (and especially M. Mühlemann) and having had a chance to discuss these in full with the Executive Board of the North American Vexillological Association, I would like to deal in detail with the many points raised about the Federation.

I. General Observations. Although we have had two highly successful international Congresses, we are still not entirely decided on the extent and direction of our Federation; it will be better to build slowly and solidly than quickly and with error. Since we are relatively few in numbers, our successes will be greater if all our actions are based on a universal consensus among the national associations existing or in the process of formation: a division between associations (on a geographical or other basis) would probably be fatal to our hopes for a truly international organization.

II. Legal Position. Unfortunately, Zurich left us with an ambiguous legacy: we have on the one hand a general consensus concerning the actions which must be taken next, but we are disagreed on many specific points. This problem is increased by the fact that (1) our Statutes are provisional, (2) the member associations of the Federation are not definitively decided (since the participants at Zurich did not legally stand as a constituent assembly), (3) we have no administrative officers (except the Provisional Governing Board consisting of Messrs. Mühlemann, Smith, and Sierksma, appointed at the Congress in 1965), and (4) the Commissions established have no instructions. In order to correct these anomalies, it seems both practical and in harmony with the general will that we (1) proceed provisionally with our organizing work and (2) submit our actions and proposals to the General Assembly of the Federation (at the next Congress) for approval and confirmation.

Specifically, it seems that we should: (1) draw up a list of member associations who will constitute the charter members of the Federation (the applications for membership directed to M. Mühlemann might be considered definitive providing that no association objects to the membership of another applicant; subsequent to the next General Assembly new members will be admitted by regular voting); (2) reach agreement, if possible, on modifications to be made to the Statutes so that the definitive text can be given final sanction at the next General Assembly (while there is very great value in face-to-face discussion, hopefully we can solve most problems by correspondence on this particular question); (3) confirm, provisionally, officers who can serve as a Council for the Federation until the final text of the Statutes is confirmed (there may be changes!) at the General Assembly. If we attempt to do more than this (conditional agreement on members, Statutes, and officers for the Federation) before 1969, there may justly be criticism that we are acting without authority; if we do less, we will impede the progress of the Federation.

III. Statute Modifications. The following points seem to be universally acceptable to all interested parties: (1) art. 5 should be amended to allow for the admission to membership of vexillological sections forming part of larger associations not exclusively concerned with flags. (2) The best title for the two principal functionaries of the Federation is "Secretary-General." (3) There should be a Secretariat-General for the Federation of a permanent nature (subject of course to periodic review and confirmation by the Assemblies General.)

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Note: Dr. Smith argued vigorously that associations were not represented at Zurich; instead participants were present who were affiliated with associations, meaning that FIAV had no Members.

**PROTOCOL OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS**

1. The provisional statutes of FIAV are adopted.
2. The FIAV flag is solemnly hoisted.
3. A UNESCO-recognition Committee is established, composed of Messrs. Dunke, Lux-Wurm, Muhlemann, Pinoteau, and Rombach.
4. A Terminology Committee is established, composed of Messrs. Crampton, Danielsson, Fachinger, Lux-Wurm, Pasch, Sierksma, and Smith.
5. THE FLAG BULLETIN and ARCHIVUM HERALDICUM are recognized by FIAV as the journals for the publication of scientific and scholarly articles relating to vexillology.
6. M. Muhlemann is appointed to receive applications from vexillological associations and institutions for membership in FIAV.

(please sign to the right)

*Murray Smith*

**DECISIONS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNING BOARD OF FIAV SUBMITTED FOR THE CONCURRENCE OF LEADERS OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED AT ZURICH (TO BE CONFIRMED AT THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1969)**

1. The Council of FIAV is to be composed of M. Muhlemann (President); Messrs. Sierksma and Smith (Secretaries-General); the Secretary-General of the 3rd International Congress of Vexillology (ICV); and the following Advisors (Conseillers): Barraclough (UK), Danielsson (Scandinavia), Harnaignies (Belgium), Horstmann (Germany), Natta-Soleri (Italy), Pasch (France), Tanaka (Japan), Brett-Perring (Canada), Evans (Australia), Murdoch (Swaziland), Ivanov (USSR), and Aparicio (Argentina).
2. The Third ICV shall be held in Boston, USA, on 5-7 September 1969.
3. M. Sierksma is recognized as the Secretary of the Terminology Committee; M. Pinoteau is recognized as the Secretary of the UNESCO-recognition Committee.
4. Zurich is recognized as the legal site of FIAV.
5. The ICVs and FIAV requiring continuity, it is recognized that each shall be directed, subject to Council and General Assembly directives as provided in the FIAV statutes, by one of the FIAV Secretaries-General (i.e. M. Sierksma for the ICV, M. Smith for FIAV).

(Please sign to the right)

*Murray Smith*

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/s/ Whitney Smith

Note: The summary of the 1967 minutes is inconsistent with the September 3, 1967 minutes taken by Louis Mühlemann, e.g., recognition of *The Flag Bulletin* and *Archivum Heraldicum*. The “Decisions of the the Provisional Governing Board of FIAV,” assuming those decisions were later agreed to, contain items not in Mühlemann’s 1967 minutes, some of which appear in the 1968 summary report of the 1967 meeting published in *The Proceedings of the Second International Congress of Vexillology* (and previously and erroneously published in *Info-FIAV* number 14, pages 5–10 (1999) as being the 1967 minutes).



Fondation de la FIAV  
FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE VEXILLOGIE

Dimanche, 3 septembre 1967, à l'Institut Gottlieb Duttweiler  
à Rüschlikon (Zurich)

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1. Les statuts provisoires de la FIAV sont adoptés.
2. Zurich est reconnu comme le siège légal de la FIAV.
3. Le drapeau de la FIAV est hissé solennellement:  
le drapeau est hissé par Guido Mühlemann (6 ans), le petit garçon du secrétaire général du Congrès, au son des clairons de la Société de musique de garçons de la ville de Zurich. Les dames (ou, à défaut, les délégués d'associations) se tiennent par la main et forment un arc de cercle devant le mât du drapeau, chaque personne représentant un pays.
4. Le Comité provisoire de fondation de la FIAV (Comité désigné au premier congrès de Muiderberg et composé de Messieurs Sierksma, Smith et Mühlemann) propose aux associations de vexillologie ayant envoyé un représentant au deuxième Congrès d'élire les personnes suivantes comme membres du CONSEIL DE LA FIAV:

MM. Louis MÜHLEMANN	Suisse	Président
Klaes SIERKSMA	Pays-Bas )	Secrétaires généraux <sup>+</sup>
Whitney SMITH	Etats-Unis)	
E. M. C. BARRACLOUGH	Grande-Bretagne)	Conseillers
Arne DANIELSSON	Scandinavie )	
Roger HARMIGNIES	Belgique )	
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Georges PASCH	France )	

Aucune objection n'est élevée contre ces nominations qui devront être confirmées par un vote lors de la prochaine assemblée générale de la FIAV. Il convient d'ajouter à cette liste le Secrétaire général du prochain Congrès International.

5. Est constituée une commission de terminologie comprenant:

MM. Crampton (GB), Danielsson (S), Fachinger (D), Lux-Wurm (USA et  
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pour la langue espagnole), Pasch (F), Sierksma (NL), Smith (USA) et Ziggioto (I). Secrétaire de la commission: M. Sierksma.

6. Est constituée une commission pour la reconnaissance de la FIAV par l'UNESCO, cette commission se composant de:  
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7. Les revues FLAG BULLETIN et ARCHIVUM HERALDICUM sont reconnues pour la publication d'articles scientifiques dans le domaine de la vexillologie.
8. M. Mühlemann est désigné pour recevoir les demandes d'adhésion à la FIAV de la part des associations et institutions intéressées.
9. Les débats ayant pour but de fixer le lieu du prochain Congrès international de Vexillologie n'aboutissent pas à un résultat définitif. Münster (Allemagne) et Boston (USA) sont les deux villes proposées.

(A la suite d'échanges de vues entrepris par correspondance après le Congrès, c'est pour Boston (USA) que l'on s'est prononcé.)

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<sup>+</sup> Divers titres (entre autres "vice-présidents" et "chanceliers") avaient d'abord été pris en considération; par la suite, le président du Conseil provisoire de la FIAV a proposé aux deux intéressés de les nommer "secrétaires généraux de la FIAV".

Fondation de la FIAV  
FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE VEXILLOLOGIE

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	Klaes SIERKSMA	Pays-Bas	)
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	Arne DANIELSSON	Scandinavie	)
	Roger HARMIGNIES	Belgique	)
	Hans HORSTMANN	Allemagne	)
	Raffaele NATTA-SOLERI	Italie	)
	Georges PASCH	France	)

Secrétaires généraux<sup>+</sup>

Conseillers

Aucune objection n'est élevée contre ces nominations qui devront être confirmées par un vote lors de la prochaine assemblée générale de la FIAV. Il convient d'ajouter à cette liste le Secrétaire général du prochain Congrès International.

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(A la suite d'échanges de vues entrepris par correspondance après le Congrès, c'est pour Boston (USA) que l'on s'est prononcé.)

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Foundation of the FIAV  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF VEXILLOLOGY

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Sunday, September 3, 1967, at the Gottlieb Duttweiler Institute  
in Rüslikon (Zurich)

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1. The provisional statutes of FIAV are adopted.
2. Zurich is recognized as the legal seat of FIAV.
3. The FIAV flag is solemnly hoisted:  
The flag is raised by Guido Mühlemann (6 years old), the little boy of the Secretary General of the Congress, to the sounds of the trumpets of the Boys Music Society of the city of Zurich. The ladies (or, failing that, the delegates of associations) hold hands and form an arc in front of the flagpole, each person representing a country.
4. The Interim Foundation Committee of FIAV (Committee appointed at the First Congress of Muiderberg and composed of Messrs. Sierksma, Smith and Mühlemann) proposes to the associations of vexillology that sent a representative to the Second Congress to elect the following persons as members of the FIAV COUNCIL:

Messrs.	Louis MÜHLEMANN	Switzerland	President
	Klaes SIERKSMA	Netherlands )	Secretaries-General <sup>+</sup>
	Whitney SMITH	United States )	
	E.M.C. BARRACLOUGH	Great Britain )	Councillors
	Arne DANIELSSON	Scandinavia )	
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	Georges PASCH	France )	

No objection is raised against these nominations which will have to be confirmed by a vote at the next general meeting of FIAV. To this list should be added the Secretary General of the next International Congress.

5. A terminology commission consisting of:  
  
Messrs. Crampton (GB), Danielsson (S), Fachinger (D), Lux-Wurm (USA and for the Spanish language), Pasch (F), Sierksma (NL), Smith (USA) and Ziggio (I). Secretary of the committee: Mr Sierksma.
6. There is hereby established a commission for the recognition of the FIAV by UNESCO, this commission consisting of:  
  
Messrs. Dumke (D), Lux-Wurm (USA), Mühlemann (CH), Pinoteau (F) and Rombach (NL).
7. The journals FLAG BULLETIN and ARCHIVUM HERALDICUM are recognized for the publication of scientific articles in the field of vexillology.
8. Mr Mühlemann is appointed to receive applications for membership in FIAV from interested associations and institutions.
9. The debates aimed at fixing the place of the next International Congress of Vexillology do not lead to a definitive result. Münster (Germany) and Boston (USA) are the two proposed cities.

(Following exchanges of views undertaken by correspondence after the Congress, it was decided that we chose Boston (USA).)

Various titles (among others "Vice-Presidents" and "Chancellors") had been taken into consideration; subsequently, the President of the Provisional Council of FIAV proposed to the two interested parties to appoint them "Secretaries-General of FIAV."

[English translation]

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I. Call to order and reading of the minutes of the last General Assembly (Zurich, 3 September 1967).

II. Election of a Chairman and Secretary ad interim.

III. Announcemeny by the Delegate of the FIAV President of the member-applicants and their acceptance by unanimous consent.

IV. Roll-call of the duly appointed delegates of the members.

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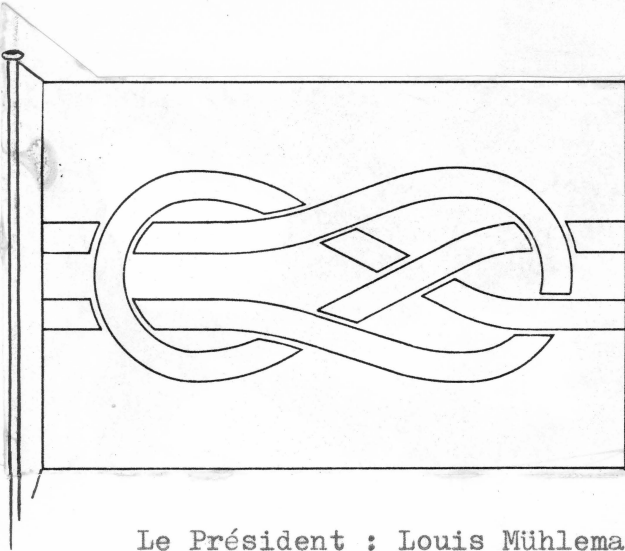
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AGENDA of the INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Sunday, 7 September 1969, Boston

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Le Président : Louis Mühlemann, Niederhofenrain 31  
CH 8702 Zollikon (Suisse)

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Zollikon (Zurich), le 5 juin 1969

Monsieur le Président,  
Messieurs, chers Collègues,

Donnant suite aux décisions prises au IIe Congrès International de Vexillologie (Zurich 1967), j'ai l'honneur et le plaisir de vous demander, au nom de la Fédération Internationale des Associations de Vexillologie (FIAV), si l'Association, Institution ou Fondation dont vous assumez la gestion est disposée à adhérer à notre Fédération en qualité de membre. Dans ce cas, je vous prie de bien vouloir me faire parvenir le bulletin d'adhésion ci-joint.

Je me permets de vous rappeler que, pour que votre Association (ou Institution ou Fondation) soit légalement représentée à l'Assemblée Générale de la FIAV qui aura lieu à Boston (USA) à l'occasion du IIIe Congrès International de Vexillologie, votre représentant devra être muni d'un pouvoir établi en bonne et due forme.

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Avec mes remerciements anticipés, je vous prie de croire, Messieurs et chers Collègues, à l'expression de mes sentiments confraternels les meilleurs.

*L. Mühlemann*

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/s/ L. Mühlemann

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The President: Louis Mühlemann,

Niederhofenrain 31  
CH 8702 Zollikon

(Switzerland)

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Zollikon (Zurich), June 5, 1969

Mister President,  
Gentlemen, dear colleagues,

Following up on the decisions taken at the Second International Congress of Vexillology (Zurich 1967), I have the honor and pleasure to ask you, on behalf of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations (FIAV), whether the Association, Institution or Foundation you manage is willing to join our Federation as a member. In this case, please send me the enclosed application form.

I would like to remind you that, in order for your Association (or Institution or Foundation) to be legally represented at the FIAV General Assembly to be held in Boston (USA) on the occasion of the Third International Congress of Vexillology, your representative must have a power established in good and due form.

If it is not possible for you to be represented in Boston, I propose the establishment of the attached authority on behalf of Peter Mäder, Küsnacht-Zurich (Switzerland), Secretary of the Swiss Society of Vexillology. Mr. Mäder, technical curator for the flags and uniforms at the Swiss National Museum (it is well known to the participants in the Second Congress), will be happy to represent your interests. Of course you have complete freedom to delegate your powers to other people attending the Third Congress.

I believe that you have received the provisional agenda for the next General Assembly (Boston, Sunday, 7 September 1969) from Mr. Whitney Smith, Secretary General of the Third Congress (and one of the two Secretaries-General of FIAV).

With my thanks, I beg you to believe, dear colleagues, the expression of my best brotherly feelings.

/s/ L. Mühlemann

[English translation]

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BULLETIN D'ADHÉSION  
(=demande d'admission)

L'Association / ~~Institution~~ / ~~Fondation~~ (biffer ce qui ne convient pas)  
mentionnée ci-après désire devenir membre de la Fédération internationale des Associations de vexillologie :

The Flag Section of the Heraldry Society *London*

fondée en 1967.

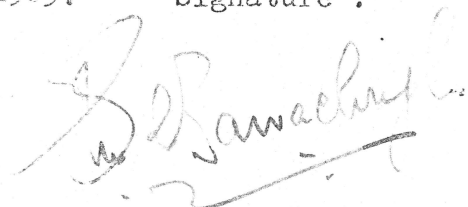
Siège (ville et pays) Londres, Angleterre.

Nom et adresse du Président : Captain E.M.C. Barraclough, C.B.E., R.N.,  
"Crosstrees", Sway Road,  
Lymington, Hants, SO4 8LR, Angleterre.

Adresse à laquelle la correspondance doit être adressée (secrétariat)  
Captain Barraclough, "Crosstrees", Sway Road, Lymington  
Hants, SO4 8LR, Angleterre.

Pour les Associations seulement :  
Nombre de membres au 1er janvier 1969 50.

Lieu et date : Lymington, 16 Juillet 1969. Signature :



Pouvoir (à remplir éventuellement)  
This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
has been appointed the official delegate of the \_\_\_\_\_  
to the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS, to be held on Sunday, 7 September 1969  
Signature :

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fondée en \_\_\_\_\_

Siège (ville et pays) \_\_\_\_\_

Nom et adresse du Président : \_\_\_\_\_

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Pour les Associations seulement :

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Pouvoir (à remplir éventuellement)

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has been appointed the official delegate of the

\_\_\_\_\_

to the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONAL OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS, to be held on Sunday, 7 September 1969

Signature :

Note: This is the original membership application.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS (F I A V)

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT  
(= application for admission)

The Association / Institution / Foundation (strike out what is not suitable) mentioned below wishes to become a member of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations:

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founded in \_\_\_\_\_

Headquarters (city and country) \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of the President: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address where correspondence should be addressed (secretariat)

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For Associations only:

Number of members on 1 January 1969 \_\_\_\_\_

Place and date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Power (to be completed eventually)

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_

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to the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONAL OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS, to be held on Sunday, 7 September 1969

Signature:

[English translation]

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