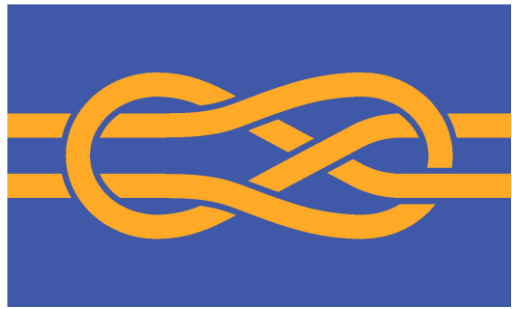


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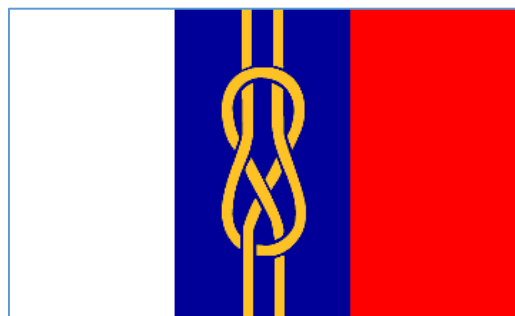
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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**ICV 29 UPDATE**  
16 – 21 July 2021, Ljubljana (Slovenia)



The Board would like to advise members that it has been agreed with the organisers that in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, a final decision on ICV29 will be taken in December 2020. The outcome of the decision will be communicated to members via *Info-FIAV* No. 52 and on the FIAV and ICV29 websites in January 2021. Until then, please assume that the Congress will take place as planned.

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## FORTHCOMING DATES TO NOTE

All dates are **subject to change** pending the situation relating to travelling as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. All deadline dates are calculated as ending on 23h59 UTC +2 (Central European Summer Time / Central African Time).

\* Dates determined by the Art. 7.b and 18 of the FIAV Constitution.

<b>January 13, 2021*</b>	Deadline to submit membership applications to the FIAV Board through the Secretary-General for placement on the agenda for consideration at the Twenty-Seventh Session of the FIAV General Assembly (send to <a href="mailto:sec.gen@fiav.org">sec.gen@fiav.org</a> ).
<b>March 13, 2021</b>	Deadline to submit items, other than membership applications, to the Secretary-General for placement on the agenda for the Twenty-Seventh Session of the FIAV General Assembly (send to <a href="mailto:sec.gen@fiav.org">sec.gen@fiav.org</a> ).
<b>April 13, 2021*</b>	Agenda for the Twenty-Seventh Session of the FIAV General Assembly to be distributed to all FIAV members.
<b>June 13, 2021</b>	Deadline for Members to submit nominations for Laureate, Fellow and Vexillon recipients to the Secretary-General for consideration by the FIAV Board (send to <a href="mailto:sec.gen@fiav.org">sec.gen@fiav.org</a> ).
<b>June 13, 2021*</b>	Deadline for the FIAV Board to inform the applicant and members of its recommendation regarding the submitted membership applications.
<b>June 13, 2021</b>	Deadline to submit to the FIAV Board the names of any deceased vexillologists which are to be honored at ICV 29 (send to <a href="mailto:sec.gen@fiav.org">sec.gen@fiav.org</a> ).
<b>June 28, 2021</b>	Members to provide the written credentials of delegates to the Twenty-Seventh Session of the FIAV General Assembly to be held during ICV 29 (send to <a href="mailto:sec.gen@fiav.org">sec.gen@fiav.org</a> )
<b>July 11-16, 2021</b>	ICV 29 Ljubljana, Slovenia
<b>July 13, 2021</b>	Twenty-Seventh Session of the FIAV General Assembly to be convened.
<b>2023</b>	ICV 30 Beijing, PR China
<b>2025</b>	ICV 31 Paris, France (candidate)

Despite the above listed deadlines, the Board kindly requests membership interest and suggestion for award recipients to be submitted as early as possible.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The criteria for membership of FIAV is outlined in Section III of our constitution (see [www.fiav.org/constitution/](http://www.fiav.org/constitution/)), the most important aspects of which for a new applicant to consider is the following:

- Membership in FIAV is open to any association or institution anywhere in the world having as a substantial purpose the scientific study of vexillology.
- The processing of membership applications is the responsibility of the Board. The procedure consists of the following:
  - 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 (the next session of the General Assembly is to be held in July 2021).

- The Board shall consider the application and inform the applicant and Members of its recommendation not later than one month before the convening of the next session of the General Assembly.
- The Board may recommend acceptance of the applicant as a Member, recommend rejection of the applicant, or make no recommendation.
- The General Assembly at its next session shall vote on the application. An authorized representative of the applicant must appear at the session to present its case. Unless excused by the General Assembly, the representative must serve an active role in conducting the applicant's affairs. If the applicant is an association, then the representative must also be a member of the association. A rejected applicant has the right to reapply for membership at any later session of the General Assembly.
- The Board and the General Assembly, in making their decisions about an applicant, shall have regard to the following:
  - the existence of a written constitution and its provisions;
  - the vexillological and non-vexillological activities of the applicant, including meetings, publications, and international relations;
  - in the case of an association, the number of its active members (minimum of five);
  - registration of its members or representatives in International Congresses of Vexillology; and
  - the length of time it has existed.

## **TRACEY MEE**

### **EIGHTH LAUREATE OF THE FEDERATION**



Tracey Mee is a cultural historian and researcher. She migrated from England to Australia in 1984. From the outset she was compelled to learn about the history of her adopted homeland. Her learning was initially fostered through the collecting of books and memorabilia that pertained to all things 'Australian'. For many years the primary focus of Tracey's life was raising her five sons, yet she never stopped wanting to learn more about Australian history and culture.

In 2009 she enrolled at Wollongong University in New South Wales where she majored in Indigenous Studies and Australian History. Tracey excelled at her studies and as a result received a scholarship that enabled her to embark on a PhD thesis. Tracey's thesis, *Australian National Identity: Somewhere Between the Flags?* investigates the signification of Australian national flag with a particular emphasis on what this primary symbol of nation might represent to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Tracey also provides a detailed account of the Aboriginal flag. She examines its creation and role as a symbol of resilience, pride and resistance.

Tracey completed her PhD thesis in 2018. Her work was passed without correction and was highly commended by the examiners. National examiner, Dr Maria Giannacopoulos, states that it is Tracey's sustained emphasis on flags which "sets her work apart from existing literature on Australian national identity". Dr Giannacopoulos continues, "Tracey Mee has without a doubt made a high value contribution to the study of flags in Australia, in particular to the contested nature of the meaning of flags and their intricate connections to the exercise of colonial power and sovereignty". International examiner, Professor Scot Guenter comments that her work should be read by all flag scholars as Tracey demonstrates, "with such integrating awareness what I have been trying to encourage in vexillology, and with a proficiency and skill that should be a model for others in flag studies to emulate."

In 2019 Tracey received the Wollongong University Professor Jim Hagan Memorial Prize for the most outstanding thesis completed in the School of Humanities and Social Inquiry in the 2018 academic year. Most recently, at the 28th International Congress of Vexillology in San Antonio, Texas, FIAV awarded Tracey a Laureate of the Federation for her "outstanding, original contributions to the science of vexillology".

Tracey has been a member of Flags Australia since 2012. She plans to turn her thesis into a book and create a subject outline which will develop her work into a teachable resource across a range of institutions.

## **FIAV FLAG AND GAVEL**

Following the intriguing history of the FIAV flag provided in Info-FIAV No. 50 provided by Secretary-General Emeritus Charles A. Spain FF, the new FIAV Board continued to investigate the history of the FIAV Gavel. As can be seen, the stories of the two are intermingled and new interesting information about both the FIAV Flag and Gavel was found in the process.

The FIAV Board contacted notable vexillologists who might have knowledge and/or access to various archives and files of the original members and their kind response has been very revealing. We are most grateful to them and we are using this opportunity to invite others to share their knowledge and stories about the early history and establishment of FIAV which will be published in future Info-FIAV issues.

The following notes on the FIAV Gavel have been kindly provided by Secretary-General Emeritus Emil Dreyer FF, in his mail of April 12, 2020 (all subsequent quotes with minor editing):

Reading through the correspondence of Louis Mühlemann concerning FIAV again, I found his letter of 30 August 1969 to Klaes Sierksma, where he writes about the planned International Vexillological Gathering (which took place from September 12 to 14, 1969).

At the end of the letter he writes a P.S. (translated from the original in German): "For Boston our Swiss Society for Vexillology has sponsored a new FIAV flag, which is thought to remain in America, as well as 60 ARCHIVUM issues. Peter Mäder will not only personally bring the "historic" FIAV flag, but the president's gavel, which you have sponsored, as well."

In an earlier letter to Whitney Smith, dated 22 May 1969, Mühlemann tells Smith, that the SSV has only one society flag, 2m x 2m, and having more flags manufactured would be very expensive. He continues by telling him that the SSV could perhaps, at the very most, have a little flag made, 80cm x 80cm. Then Mühlemann asks Smith (translated), "if the Swiss Society for Vexillology should have a second FIAV flag manufactured for the Boston congress", and continues "though this would be very expensive, since the flag would have to be hand sewn. I would try to get the money to have it done, if necessary". Obviously, Smith had asked Mühlemann to bring flags to the Boston venue, although I could not find Smith's letter dated 10 April 1969 according to Mühlemann.

So, we now know the following: The FIAV Gavel was sponsored in 1969 by Klaes Sierksma of the Stichting voor Baniestiek en Heraldiek (SBH) in the Netherlands, with the Gavel obviously being made in the Netherlands. The Gavel was sent to Mühlemann, obviously before 30 August 1969. Mühlemann gave the Gavel to Peter Mäder, then secretary of the SSV, together with the original 1967 FIAV Flag, which still was in Mühlemann's possession. Peter Mäder then handed both the Gavel and the original FIAV Flag over to Whitney Smith at the ICV3 in Boston (which took place between September 5-7, 1969).

Whereas the Gavel has been used at every ICV since Boston, the original FIAV Flag, with a dark shade of blue, seems to have disappeared, with a new FIAV Flag having to be made later in the USA. I don't know if the original FIAV flag was hoisted at ICV4 in Turin, but probably it was, since I have found no mention whatsoever of any problem with the FIAV Flag in Mühlemann's correspondence with Natta-Soleri or Ziggio during the 1970s.

In my possession is another FIAV flag, manufactured in 1993 for the ICV15 in Zurich (1m x 1,5m) and an original FIAV streamer, that was offered to the Congress delegates during Captain's dinner onboard *Prinses Christina*, the ship on which the ICV6 took place on Jsselmeer, the Netherlands, in 1975. This is "a traditional ship streamer in the FIAV colours and with the FIAV emblem" (*Recueil de Congress mondial de Vexillologie VI aux Pays-Bas* (ICV6 Proceedings), SHB, Muiderberg, 1975. p. 159). This FIAV streamer had been sponsored by the flagmaker Faber Brothers, the Netherlands. There is no label on the woolen streamer (which must have been a rather expensive gift!). I "rediscovered" the streamer a few years ago in the Mühlemann files in my archives and took it with me to ICV25 Rotterdam 2013, where it flew on board the excursion vessel during the dinner harbour tour.



**FIAV streamer during the dinner harbour tour during ICV25 in Rotterdam 2013. On right: Emil Dreyer and Michel Lupant pose holding it.**

In spite of Mühlemann's question to Smith about whether a second FIAV flag should be made, and in spite Mühlemann telling Sierksma that the SSV had sponsored a second FIAV flag, no such flag was finally made. Mühlemann himself writes, somewhat contradictorily, in a letter to Sierksma of August 30, 1969, and just after mentioning the sponsoring for the second FIAV flag, that Peter Mäder will bring "not only the original FIAV Flag, but the Gavel as well". So there were not two FIAV flags.



**Left: first hoisting of the FIAV flag, Rüschtikon, September 3, 1967.  
Right: 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SSV at the GA in 2017.**

I enclose a photo of the first solemn hoisting of the original dark blue FIAV Flag in Rüschtikon, September 3, 1967, and a picture of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary SSV General Assembly in 2017. This was also the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FIAV (hence the then FIAV president Michel Lupant being our guest of honour). There you can see the FIAV flag made in 1993 which has a medium shade of blue.

Following the correspondence of April 13 and April 27, 2020, Secretary-General Emeritus Ralph Bartlett FF added the following information on flags in his collection that may be of further interest:

Being part of the "second generation" of vexillologists to have been closely involved in the development of FIAV and ICV's during the 1990s I can tell you all that shortly after becoming the FIAV Secretary-General for Congresses, I had made at my own expense by a local Melbourne, Australia flag manufacture, my own FIAV Flag, 1,3m X 2m. I keep this with my collection of every ICV Flag that I have attended. I also had Congress Flags made up for ICV11 Madrid, and for ICV15 Zurich, as additional ICV flags were not available for these two Congress.

Regarding the inscriptions on the Gavel, my understanding - and certainly during my time as Secretary-General for Congresses – is that each ICV Organizing Committee arranged this on their own as they were given both the Gavel, plus FIAV Flag, at the end of the previous Congress to look after until their hoisting of the next Congress. With regard to the hosting of ICV13 in Melbourne 1989, I asked my brother to carve "MELBOURNE 1989" onto the Gavel and then painted it. Ralph Kelly organized the "SYDNEY 2015" engraving.

Marcel van Westerhoven FF reported on April 20, 2020, that he "contacted Klaes Sierksma's daughter Aeltsje, who in those times (around 1969) acted as a kind of secretary for SBH". She provided information (MvW translation from original in Dutch):

This hammer was chosen by my father as a nice ornament for the coming international congresses. It is an assignment made by my younger sister Coba, who made it back then for her final exams for the Middle School for Horticulture.

Emil Dreyer FF continued researching in the Louis Mühlemann's archive and on April 26, 2020 reported:

Thanks to Marcel we now know that the Gavel was made by Cobe Sierksma in the Netherlands, in 1969. The inscription "Muiderberg 1965" was probably burned in the wooden gavel by Sierksma (or on his orders) before it was sent to Mühlemann - but this we don't know for sure. The inscription "Zuerich 1967" was probably made in Zurich during the short time it remained in Mühlemann's hands, but this is not asserted either. The Gavel was then handed over to Peter Mäder for transport to Boston. The following inscriptions: "Boston 1969", Torino, London ... were most probably made locally during those Congresses. I have no record whatsoever to any burning or carving of the Gavel, nor have I ever read about this very specific procedure in any ICV report so far.

[...] The two drawings are the two original handmade drawings by Paul Krog of the FIAV flag, dating from August 1967, at the latest. They were used as pattern for the flag manufacturer Schaltegger & Co, whose owner, Mr. Ernst Oehrli, was a founding member of the SSV. One is drawn on white stiff paper, the other bigger one, on brown stiff paper. Black outlines are corrected here and there with white opaque colour.

The original idea for the flag came from Klaes Sierksma. We do not know when the original sketch or flag description by Sierksma arrived in Zurich although there are no documents about it in my archives. [...] The Zurich ICV committee (Louis Mühlemann, Klaes Sierksma and Paul Krog) slightly changed the original sketch by Sierksma, and Paul Krog was the one to draw the final pattern on two different sheets.

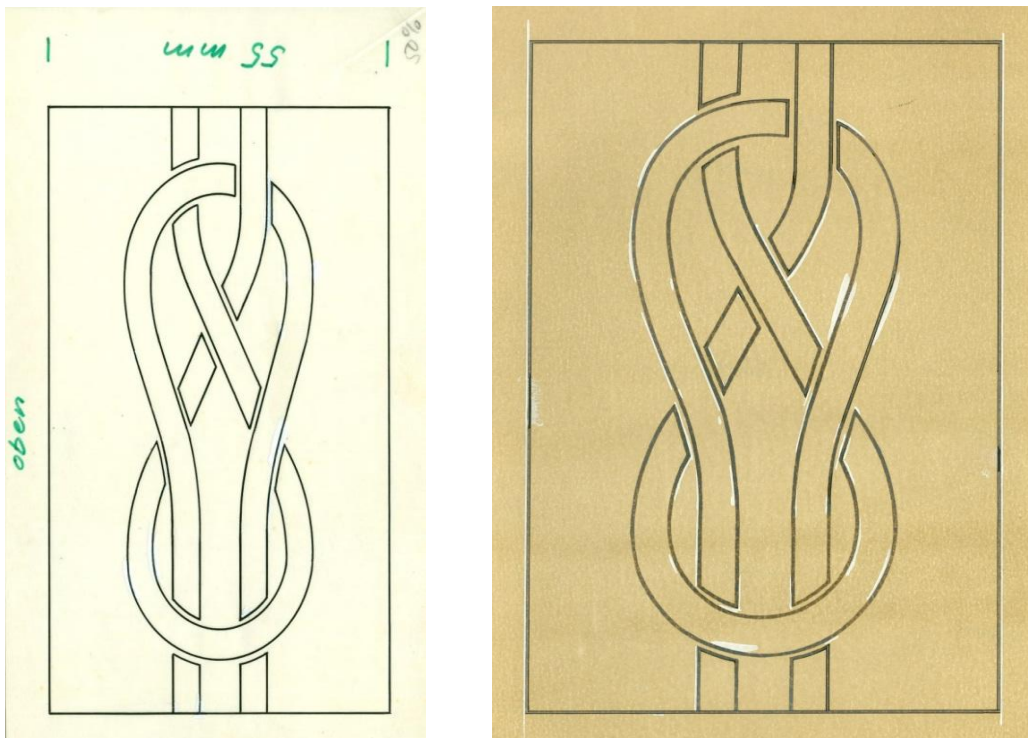
The original dark blue FIAV Flag made by Schaltegger & Co. Which was hoisted on September 3 in Rüsclikon was then kept by Louis Mühlemann until 1969, handed over to Peter Mäder before his departure for Boston (together with the FIAV Gavel) where it was hoisted at the ICV3. We have no exact records of this flag after the Boston ICV, but obviously it remained in the hands of Whitney Smith. I have no records of this flag

being used at the ICV4 in Turin 1971, but Whitney was present, and most probably brought the original flag with him to Turin.

In the first issue of *Vexilla Italica* (I,1 1974, page 5) is a report from the ICV5 in London (13-18 September 1973) translation from the original in Italian): "William Crampton and Whitney Smith have raised the flags of the Congress and of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations, spreading them out on mobile boards." I guess it was the original dark blue FIAV flag, although it can't be deduced from the text.

I have no more records about the flag since then. The next congress would be in 1975 on the Ijsellmer, the Netherlands, so possibly the flag may have been handed over to Klaes Sierksma, who was a) to organise the next congress, and b) was the FIAV Secretary-General for Congresses at the time. These two facts make it very probable that Sierksma took the flag with him.

The next congress was in Washington in 1977, so probably at the end of the Ijsellmer Congress Whitney Smith took the flag with him from the Netherlands back to the USA. Anyway, the original dark blue FIAV flag ended up with Whitney Smith, who in turn gave it in 2012 to Charles Spain, then FIAV Secretary-General. Nowadays this flag hangs in the Courthouse Office of Charles Spain in Houston, Texas, as explained in Info-FIAV 50.



**The FIAV flag design sheets by Paul Krog, August 1967.**

Emil Dreyer FF also located a photo showing the original dark blue FIAV Flag several years later at the opening ceremony of the ICV11 Madrid 1985.





**ICV11 Madrid 1985 Opening Ceremony.  
Sitting from left to right are Tomás Rodríguez, Sebastián Herreros,  
Rev. Hugh Boudin, Whitney Smith and William Crampton.**

Delving deeper in his archives Emil Dreyer FF reported on May 6, 2020 reported:

Here's the letter dated June 7, 1969, sent by Whitney Smith to Louis Mühlemann. Louis then sent the letter to Peter Mäder with his annotations in red. The German text in red at the bottom, written by Louis Mühlemann, says (translation): "You will hand out personally the big historical flag (deposited at E.Oehrli), and hoist it. I have ordered at friend Oehrli a second, smaller flag (100 X 150 cm) in the name of the SSV; he will send it by Post, so that Smith can add it to the flags in the conference rooms."

On a side is a handwritten note in French which says (my translation): "In your last letter you addressed me as "*docteur ès lettres*", while in fact it's a doctor in political science (Ph.D.) I won. Slight differences to Europe."

It seems here, that a second FIAV flag of 1m x 1,5 m was ordered by Mühlemann at the flag factory of E. Oehrli (Schaltegger & Co). Oehrli would send the flag directly to Smith. We do not know for sure if such a second FIAV flag really was made in 1969, if it was sent to Smith, and if so, if it really reached Smith, and if it did, where is it now?

We know that Peter Mäder carried the original 1967 FIAV flag to Boston. He carried a SSV flag as well. In the report of the ICV3 in Boston, published as "Notes" in *Flag Bulletin* VIII/4, it is written: "...The flags of the International Federation and of the Congress itself were hoisted, along with the flags sent by member associations in the Federation." We know, that those other flags were that of NAVA, of the FRC, of the SSV and of the French vexillological society (which had its flag made just weeks prior to the Congress in haste, omitting the golden ship in the center of the cross, as the flag should have been according to the first SFV statutes. (In the end, the originally intended ship was never added to the SFV flag, the statutes were later amended.) The Dutch had sent three flags (a Dutch national flag, an Oranje Geus flag and an Amsterdam city flag, but no flag of the NVvV, nor of the SBH. Maybe there were some other flags? In a letter of Smith to Mühlemann, Smith expresses doubts whether he will be able to decorate the conference rooms with flags of the FIAV members, having received no flags up to the present except his own (FRC) and that of NAVA.

In a letter of Mühlemann to Klaes Sierksma, dated August 30, 1969, Mühlemann tells him in the PS at the bottom of the second page in German (translation): "Our Swiss Society for Vexillology has sponsored a new FIAV flag, thought to remain in America, as well as 60 ARCHIVUM. Peter Mäder will not only personally bring the "historic" FIAV flag, but the president's gavel, which you sponsored, as well. (I still don't know, who will

preside in Boston...)." In this letter again a second FIAV flag is mentioned. I referred to this letter in previous message regarding the Gavel, so here I attach the scans of its two pages.

After these two letters from Mühlemann mentioning a second FIAV flag being made in 1969, I have not found any further mention of it in later correspondence. Did this second FIAV flag really exist? And if not, why should Mühlemann repeatedly mention it? So there must be something about this second flag and the question to be asked, is does anybody know more about it?

Consolidated from the reports of Emil Dreyer FF and Charles A. Spain FF, on May 6, 2020:

Each ICV organizer was given the responsibility to engrave the Gavel, or to label it another way. Until 1993 ICV names were burnt onto the Gavel, except for Madrid 1985, which was carved on it. After 1993 ICV names were nailed onto the Gavel with metal plates, with Warsaw 1995 being the first. Victoria 1999 was burnt on again and then plaques were attached for the subsequent five Congresses. There is very little room left on the Gavel, so to conserve space in 2011 only the year was laser engraved next to "Washington 1977" inscription. "Rotterdam 2013" has a plaque, "Sydney 2015" is a laser engraving while "2017" is engraved next to "London 1973" and "San Antonio 2019" is engraved as well.

Secretary-General Emeritus Spain had the FIAV Flag and full FIAV name engraved by laser on the Gavel's handle some years ago.



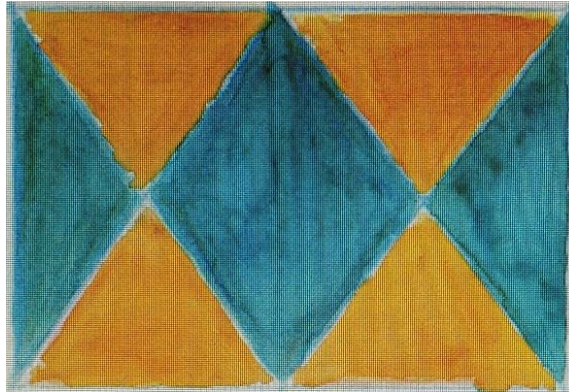
**Inscriptions on the FIAV Gavel as at ICV26 in Sydney 2015.**

Ralph Bartlett FF has provided a close-up photo of the gavel he took during ICV26 showing the diverse ways that some of the ICV's have been recorded on the Gavel.

And finally, Emil Dreyer FF, in his research of the Mühlemann's archives, has located two original flag proposal for the FIAV flag that were, obviously, not adopted, which he has graciously shared with us.

There is also William Crampton's proposal for a FIAV flag and FIAV badge. The material, which is in my Mühlemann files, is undated. It can be deduced from the title of the accompanying text that it obviously must date from 1967 before FIAV was founded in Rüschtikon.

There is also a FIAV flag proposal by John M. Purcell, dated 18 April 1967, which is in my Mühlemann files. Purcell's and Crampton's proposals are the only ones I have found in the files.



**John Purcell's proposal for a FIAV flag**

The proposal by John Purcell has its roots in heraldry since that is where vexillology began. For this reason, he proposed that the flag of FIAV comprise two colours only: gold to represent the most precious metal known to man throughout history; and a contrasting tincture of aqua blue (also called blue-green or turquoise). The linked-diamond design is suggestive of heraldic designs common in the Middle Ages as the use of heraldry developed.

The symbolism of Purcell's design is that four golden triangles represent the earth's land masses. Vertically they represent the Eastern and Western Hemispheres; horizontally they represent the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. The aqua blue diamond (lozong) shapes which separate them are representative of the oceans. The seven divisions of the flag suggest both the Earth's seven continents and its legendary seas. The aqua blue lozenge in the centre suggests a compass indicating the four cardinal points: north, south, east and west. Viewed abstractly, the golden portion of the flag appears to represent two XX's, which denotes the century of the foundation of FIAV. Furthermore, they appear to represent two large hour-glasses which signify the passage of time and the acquisition of an heraldic tradition by mankind to be preserved through the ages.

We have also been informed by Andriy Grechylo, President of the Ukrainian Heraldry Society (UHT), that it is pure coincidence that after its establishment in 1990, the UHT adopted a flag identical to Purcell's FIAV flag proposal. The UHT flag adopted on November 10, 1995, was designed by Volodimir Denisov from Chernovtsi. UHT uses the flag with or without its emblem in the central field. (Cf. *Знак, вісник Українського геральдичного товариств*, 11/1996, p. 1).



Although a badge is not asked for, the flag must logically bear some resemblance to it, in the same way that, ideally speaking, national flags are derived from armorial bearings.

The badge contains a globe, for the world, to represent the international aspect; a flag to represent our main interest; and a spear-headed flag-staff to represent our scientific progress.

The colours are blue, white and gold. Blue and white are the colours of the United Nations and represent international amity; they also represent the sky and the sea, the elements in which flags are to be found. Gold stands for the value which we put in our work.

The flag is simple, with a plain field, so that no part has precedent over another.

The main emblem is a large letter 'V' for vexillology, lying on its side (for aesthetic reasons), providing a triangular hoist, charged with the badge in gold.

An alternative would be to charge the hoist with a white disc bearing the badge in its given colours. The badge as it appears on the flag lacks the ribbon with the name, which is a dispensable part of the design (for ease of manufacture).

(Transcript of the letter accompanying the designs)

**The 1967 proposal for a FIAV badge and flag by William Crampton.**

**IN MEMORIAM**

FIAV notes with sorrow the deaths of the following vexillologists:

Michael J. Rudolf, Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, USA	December 22, 2019
David F. Phillips, San Francisco, California, USA	March 26, 2020
Rev. Richardson A. Libby, Annapolis, Maryland, USA	April 2, 2020

**FIAV Board Actions**

The FIAV Board, in accordance with Article 20 of the Constitution, to manage the affairs of FIAV, has given notice, and enacted the following, actions which are listed as published in *Info-FIAV*:

**Info-FIAV No. 11/1999:**

- 1999-1 Reservation of the fiav.org domain:
  - Kindly paid for FIAV by Mr. Jon Radel (e.g. GA19 Board report, \$70 for 2003-2005 registration, and similar in other Board reports at GA)
  - Transferred under custody of Secretary-General Berry in 2020
- 1999-2 Designation of the standard translation of FIAV in French, Spanish, English and German, to appear in the *Info-FIAV* masthead
  - Integrated in the Constitution at GA16 (1999)

- Removed from the Constitution at GA 25 (2017)
- 1999-3 Specification of the colours of the FIAV's flag as Blue PMS U123 and Yellow PMS U293)
- Integrated in the Constitution at GA 16 (1999)
- 1999-4 Determination of dates for GA16.

**Info-FIAV No. 32/2011:**

- 2011-1 Board to consider recognizing the Congress Organizing Representatives as Fellows of the Federation while the editor of Congress Proceedings only after the publication of the Proceedings.
- 2011-2 Board, in selecting the recipient of the Vexillon, to consider as a factor whether the potential recipient is known to the community of vexillologists who participate in ICVs and/or participate in the activities of FIAV Members.

**Info-FIAV No. 33/2012:**

- 2012-1 Board to consider in recognizing Fellows as a factor a recommendation from a FIAV Member
- 2012-2 The Pantone colours and the CMYK percentage values for the flags of the Officers are: Blue Pantone 293 C: 100 M: 56 Y: 0 K: 0; Gold: Pantone 123 C: 0 M: 31 Y: 94 K: 0; Red: Pantone 192 C: 0 M: 94 Y: 65 K: 0
  - Officer flags were adopted by the GA 16 (item 25A, p. 25, Info-FIAV 15/2000), their drawings presented in Info-FIAV 14/1999, p. 2.

**Info-FIAV No. 34/2013:**

- 2013-1 Policy for the FIAV flag and/or appropriate Officer flag display at funerals and memorial services for Laureates, Fellows, and Officers .

**Info-FIAV No. 35/2013:**

- 2014-1 Policy regarding requirement for member applicant representative present at GA discussing the application etc.
  - Integrated in the Constitution since beginning, reworded at GA 25 (2017).

**Info-FIAV No. 39/2015:**

- 2015-1 Board will not recommend the admission of a new Member if the primary purpose of the applicant is the patriotic promotion of one or more flags.

**Info-FIAV No. 40/2016:**

- 2016-1 Request to organizers for licencing FIAV to web host digital Proceedings of ICV1 through ICV28. From and including ICV29 it is obligation of organizers to do so.
  - Obligation integrated in Constitution on GA 25 (2017)
- 2016-2 ICV organizer to designate no more than three individuals as Congress Organizing Representatives (CORs) for communication with the Board through Secretary-General for Congresses.
  - The CORs are those considered for Fellows per Action 2011-1.
- 2016-3 Use of standard abbreviations (that may be assigned by Secretary General) for member names, use of member names in the language(s) specified when they joined FIAV, not otherwise translated.
- 2016-4 Interpretation of members listed territory for determining the effect of FIAV Constitution article 12(b).
- 2016-5 Responsibility of members to notify the Board of any substantive changes in status, especially affecting the basic membership requirements set out in Constitution articles 6 and 7(a).
- 2016-6 ICV organizer(s) to prepare voting cards for the General Assembly session

- 2016-7 - Remains the current Board policy, not integrated formally in the rules. Interpretation of the GA 20 (2007) motion establishing the Best Paper Award (renamed in 2017 the Whitney Smith Award), making papers with more than one author will be ineligible for the award, interpretation in effect from ICV27.

## REPORT BACK BY THE FIAV PRESIDENT



**Left: illustration published with the article in *Glas Slavonije*, from the lecture in Heimer's Bjelovar, March 3, 2017 (Photo: Damir Špehar / PIXSELL). Right: President Heimer presents MGD President Jonovski a FIAV membership certificate for MGD, Skopje, October 8, 2019.**

The election of FIAV President was widely covered in Croatian national media. The information and an interview with President Heimer was published by the Croatian national news agency **HINA** on August 17, 2019 (<https://www.hina.hr/vijest/10143222>), from where it was relayed by various media, such as daily newspapers **Jutarnji list** (<https://www.jutarnji.hr/vijesti/svijet/9245966/>), and weekly political magazine **Nacional** (<https://www.nacional.hr/zastavu-najvise-mijenjali-sad-i-afganistan-mozambik-na-svojoj-uz-knjigu-ima-i-kalasnjkov/>), regional newspaper **Glas Slavonije** (<http://www.glas-slavonije.hr/408097/1/Najcesca-trobojna-zastava-je-crveno-bijelo-plava>), Southern European regional CNN media partner **N1** (<http://rs.n1info.com/Lifestyle/a508424/>) and the global news platform WorldNews (<https://theworldnews.net/hr-news/najveci-domaci-strucnjak-za-zastave-otkrio-sto-misli-o-ustaskoj-trobojnici-koja-drzava-ima-najstariju-zastavu-a-koja-ju-je-najcesce-mijenjala>). The information on the election of the new FIAV Board was also published in numerous vexillological journals.

The FIAV President, visited Skopje, North Macedonia, between 6 and 9 October 2019 as a guest of Здружение за хералдика и вексилологија и фалеристика Македонско грбсловно друштво Скопје / Zdruzenie za heraldika i veksilologija i faleristika Makedonsko grbslovno društvo Skopje / Macedonian Heraldic Society (MGD).

After a casual and friendly gathering with MGD members on the first evening, he gave a lecture “*Symbols as attributes of states: with examples from the contemporary use of flag in Croatia*” at the Primus Faculty of Law at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje.

Later he gave a lecture entitled “*National Symbols of Jewish People and the State of Israel*” at the Jewish Community of the Republic of North Macedonia in Skopje, and finally, on 8 October he gave lecture on “*Croatian Municipal Identity: Coats of Arms and Flags of the Cities and Communities in Croatia*” for MGD members and interested members of the public.

During his visit he presented to MGD, President Jovan Jonovski, the Charter confirming MGD membership in FIAV. The Charter was following the (re)admission of MGD

during the GA 26 at the ICV28 on July 26, 2019 in San Antonio, Texas, United States. The original Macedonian Heraldic Society, established in 2003, was admitted to FIAV as MHZ in 2011 (during the GA 22, Alexandria, Virginia, US). Due to certain legal requirements, MHZ was formally dissolved on 15 July 2018 and reconstituted as MGD.

## NOTABLE ANNIVERSARIES OF FIAV MEMBERS

In 2020 FIAV celebrates the following member anniversaries.



**JAVA**  
**日本旗章学協会** o **Nihon Kishōgaku Kyōkai**  
**Japanese Vexillological Association**  
 Established January 1, 2000



**DGF**  
**Deutsche Gesellschaft für Flaggenkunde e.V.**  
 Established February 4, 1995



**PFA**  
**The Portland Flag Association**  
 Established March, 1995



FIAV Board sends particular congratulations to members celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary



**CIDEC**  
**Fundación Centro Interdisciplinario de Estudios Culturales**  
 Established March 7, 1990



**CEBED**  
**Centre Belgo-Européen d'Études des Drapeaux**  
 Established April 1, 1990



**UHT**  
**Українське Геральдичне Товариство**  
**Ukrayins'ke Heral'dychne Tovarystvo**  
**The Ukrainian Heraldry Society**  
 Established July 9, 1990



**GSI**  
**Cumann Geinealais na hÉireann Teoranta**  
**(Brateolaíocht Éireann branch)**  
**Genealogical Society of Ireland Limited**  
**(Vexillology Ireland branch)**  
 Established October 25, 1990



**SAVA**  
**Southern African Vexillological Association**  
 Established November 26, 1990



## WORLD VEXILLOLOGY DAY

Members are reminded to celebrate World Vexillology Day.

The FIAV GA at its 25<sup>th</sup> session held during the ICV27 in London 2017 recognized October 1 as World Vexillology Day in an effort to promote vexillology as defined in the FIAV Constitution. The idea for designating and marking such a day was brainchild of the Portland Flags Association in 2016 and has since received the support of many FIAV Members. To see more on the background to the adoption of World Vexillology Day see the article by Scott Mainwaring, who started the idea within PFA, at <https://portlandflag.org/2016/09/16/1-october-is-world-vexillology-day/>.

It has been established practice so far that every institution and individual mark World Vexillology Day in whatever manner is deemed appropriate in order to popularize vexillological science to general public. Some organizations hold public lectures, others set up exhibitions and flag-hoisting ceremonies, hold flag related workshops for children in museums or libraries, or perhaps just having informal gatherings of vexillologists and friends - *do whatever you find it works best in your community!* Marking World Vexillology Day should be non-partisan and only for the promotion of vexillology as a field of study.

FIAV would like to hear about your plans and what activity was carried out. We ask that you report these events and activities in your periodicals and in local media. Please also post your activities on the World Vexillology Day Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/vexillologyday/> and/or on Tumblr at <https://vexiday.tumblr.com/>.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

The FIAV Board kindly requests members to inform it of any change of membership data as presented on the FIAV web site at <https://fiav.org/current-members/>.

**It is particularly crucial for members to provide working e-mail addresses to receive Info-FIAV and occasional e-mail from the FIAV Board.**

We shall gratefully receive any update of any other information and corrections to the list.

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