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Le XI<sup>e</sup> congrès international de vexillologie s'est tenu à Madrid du 26 au 31 mai 1985. Remarquablement organisé par la *Sociedad española de Vexilología*, il a réuni plus de 100 participants en provenance de 19 pays d'Europe et d'outre-mer. La SVB était officiellement représentée par son Président et trois administrateurs. Trente communications ont été faites, en général de niveau élevé. Les congressistes ont pu visiter le Musée naval, le Musée de l'Armée, l'"Armeria Real" et le Palais royal à Madrid, le Musée Sta Cruz et la cathédrale de Tolède. Diverses réceptions officielles ont été offertes et le banquet de clôture a permis à chacun de féliciter le président S. Herreros Agui, le secrétaire T. Rodríguez Peñas et leurs collègues pour la parfaite réussite de cette fructueuse rencontre internationale.

FIAV

Vu son ordre du jour chargé, l'assemblée générale de la FIAV a tenu 3 sessions durant le congrès de Madrid. Six nouvelles associations ont été admises comme membres. Le bureau sortant (MM. H. Boudin SVB, Wh. Smith FRC et G. Crampton FI) a été réélu pour deux ans. Le prochain congrès se tiendra à San Francisco en juin 1987. D'ici là, une commission restreinte (MM. R. Harmignies SVB, G. Mattern SSV et J. Purcell NAVA) rédigera un texte révisé et simplifié des statuts fédéraux et, de son côté, le secrétaire général fera une enquête sur l'existence et l'activité réelles des associations-membres.

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# Emblèmes et Pavillons

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LE XI<sup>e</sup> CONGRES INTERNATIONAL LE VEXILLOLOGIE -

Ce congrès international s'est tenu à Madrid du 26 au 31 mai 1985. Il comprenait 80 participants représentant 19 nations, à savoir : Afrique du Sud (2), Allemagne fédérale (4), Australie (2), Autriche (1) Belgique (6), Canada (2), Danemark (1), Espagne (28), Etats-Unis (12), Finlande (1), France (7), Grande Bretagne (5), Italie (1), Mexique (1), Norvège (1), Pologne (1), Suède (1), Suisse (3), Tchécoslovaquie (1).

De nombreux participants étaient accompagnés de leur épouse.

Les communications, au nombre de trente, ont été principalement exprimées en langues espagnole et anglaise. Trois communications l'ont été en français, celle de Mr Cernovodeanu "Les drapeaux royaux de Roumanie et les pavillons de la marine militaire de ce pays au X<sup>e</sup>m siècle", celle de Mr Charrié "Drapeaux et étendards sous le règne de Philippe V, d'après le tableau de Anna Beek" et la mienne "Les emblèmes de la France Libre et de la Résistance en France de 1940 à 1945"

Ce congrès a été agrémenté par des visites au Musée de l'Armée au Musée naval, à l'Armeria Real et au Palais royal, ainsi que par les réceptions du Maire de Madrid et du Président de la Communauté Autonome. Le mercredi 29 mai a été réservé pour une excursion à Tolède avec visites du Musée Santa Cruz et de la cathédrale où sont conservés des drapeaux et étendards provenant de la reconquête contre les Maures et de la bataille navale de Lépante.

L'Assemblée générale de la F.I.A.V. s'est tenue le dernier jour. Il a été décidé que le prochain congrès aurait lieu à San Francisco.

Lucien Philippe



# THE FLAG BULLETIN

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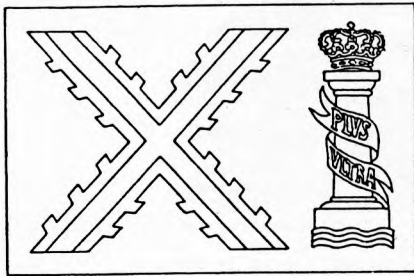
## INTERNATIONAL CHRONICLE

### 11th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY

From the welcome reception on 26 May 1985 to the closing banquet on 31 May, the 11th International Congress of Vexillology organized by the Spanish Society of Vexillology was an outstanding success. There were over 100 participants from Europe, North America, South America, Africa, and the Pacific. Trips were made to the Naval Museum, Museum of the Army, the Royal Armoury, and to historical sites in Toledo. Receptions were offered by the mayor of Madrid and the president of the Autonomous Community of Madrid.

The greatest number of lectures ever at an International Congress of Vexillology, most of them accompanied by slides, were presented in a variety of languages. Publication of a congress report has been promised. The lectures presented were "The Current Spanish Flag Proposed by Admiral Valdes" by José Codon Fernández; "Flags of Lifeboat Societies" by Günter Mattern; "The Royal Flags of Romania and the Ensigns of the Military Marine of That Country in the 20th Century" by Dan Cernovodeanu; "The Senyera: A Flag That Made History" by José Tormo Colomina; "Emblems of Free France and of the French Resistance from 1940 to 1945" by Lucien Philippe; "Flags and Standards under the Reign of Philip V according to the Chart of Anna Beek" by Pierrre Charrié; "The Standards of the Hugenot Leaders in the Battle of Jarnac, 13 March 1569" by Alfonso de Ceballos-Escalera y Gila; "Concerning the Special Privilege of Alcalá" by Manuel Vicente Sánchez Molto; "Medieval Spanish Ensigns; The Testimony of Seals" by F. Menendez Pidal de Navascués; and "Flags of the International Forces in the Spanish Civil War" by Luis Sorando Muzas.

Also presented were "A Monographic Synthesis on Villamartin" by José Bernal Cisuela; "Vexillological Representations in the *Cantigas* of Alfonso X the Wise" by María José Sastre y Arribas; "Regional Emblems of Italy" by Roberto Rossetti; "Flags, Arms and Seals of the French Overseas Territories and Departments" by Roman Klimes; "The Kanaga Symbol of Mali and the Dogon" by Whitney Smith; "Unusual City Flags of the United States of America" by John M. Purcell; "The Autonomous Regions That Never Existed; A Documental History of Iberian Irredentism" by Adolfo Duran; "Seven Cities in Search of a Flag" by Kevin Harrington; "Saint Andrew's Cross, the Scottish National Flag from 832 A.D. till Today" by Norman Logan; "A Flag for Andalucía" by Marcos Ramos Romero; "Child of the Sun Returning;



State Arms and Seals of the Philippines" by David C. R. Heisser; "Theoretical Aspects of a Flag for Europe" by W. G. Crampton; "The Flag of La Mancha" by Francisco Fuster Ruiz; "The Flags in Toledo and its Provinces" by Ventura Leblíc; "Municipal Flags in Bohemia" by Aleš Brožek; "Province of Bumbunga: Study of a Self-Proclaimed Independent State within Australia" by Ralph G. Bartlett; "Historic Flags of South Africa" by Frederick Gordon Brownell; "The Flags of the *Mary Rose*" by Bruce Nicolls; "The *Vesio* of Bernat de So" by Sebastián Herberos Agú; "Arms of the Federative Entities of Mexico" by Teodoro Amerling y Zirion; "Some Less Known Aspects of the History of Ensigns of Polish Sea-Going Vessels 1833-1919" by Andrzej Bebfowski; and "Development of the Guernsey Flag" by Bruce Nicolls.

## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

During its General Assembly, held in three sessions on 27-31 May 1985, FIAV accomplished several important matters of business. A challenge to the validity of the statutes adopted at the General Assembly of 1983 in Oxford, as published in THE FLAG BULLETIN No. 105, was resolved by a vote of 11-1 confirming the protocol of that General Assembly and the unanimous adoption of the revised statutes. In addition, the FIAV Board appointed a Statutes Commission and charged it with the responsibility of making a complete review of the statutes prior to the next International Congress of Vexillology. Ideas are to be solicited from all members and the results incorporated in statutes submitted to those members in advance of the Congress.

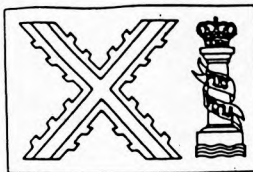
Five new members were elected to FIAV — the *Associació Catalana de Vexil·lologia*, Flag Society of Australia, *Partioheraldikot*, Vexillological Society of Ireland, and *Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap*. The members of the Board — President Hugh Boudin, Secretary-General of the Federation Whitney Smith, and Secretary-General for Congresses William Crampton — were reelected for the period 1985-1987.

The FIAV Board announced that it had decided to entrust supervision of future International Congresses of Vexillology to the Secretary-General for Congresses, leaving local organizing work to a committee in the area. The Secretary-General of the Federation was charged with reviewing the status of all current members and developing procedures for dealing with new member applications in the future.

Pittsburgh and San Francisco were suggested as sites for the 12th International Congress of Vexillology, to be held in 1987. After lengthy presentations of their respective merits, San Francisco was approved by secret ballot. The official sponsor is the Flag Research Center, with local organizing being conducted by James Ferrigan. Information is available from Flag Congress/San Francisco, 450 Ninth Street, San Francisco CA 94103 U.S.A. A tentative proposal for Belgium as the site for the 13th International Congress of Vexillology in 1989 was made and interest in organizing further congresses was expressed by members of associations from Scandinavia and Australia.

# LIEHUVAT VÄRIT

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Viikon mittainen kongressi alkoi jo sunnuntai-iltana tervetulo-ilektiöleluosuodella. Vanhat kongressikokoukset nähtävät jälleen toisensa aittien X kongressiin, joka pidettiin Oxfordissa. Ensi kertalaiset taas solmivat uusia tuttavuuksia. Tutut nimet saivat "elävän" vastineensa. Iloloisia oltiin myös siitä, että kongressin isäntänä toimi Espanjan veksillogiinen seura (*Sociedad Española de Vexillogolgin*).

Seuraavien viiden päivän ajan oli ohjelmaa samusta iltaan. Lukuisia luentoja kiinnostavista veksillogiasta kysymyksistä. Kongressin tieteiliseen antiin palaan myöhemmin. Nyt rajoitun lähinnä järjestötoiminnallisiin kysymyksiin. Isännät suunnittailivat julkaisuvansa kirjan, johon kaikki luennot kerättäisiin yksin kansiin.

Luentojen lomassa vierailimme mm. Sotamuseossa, Merivoimain museossa ja Toledon kaupungissa.

Kongressiin liittyvä FIAV:n yleiskokouksessa käsiteltiin mm. seuraavia asioita:

1. Uusien jäsenten hyväksyminen. Hakemuksia olivat lähettäneet eri yhdistykset Argentiinasta, Kataloniasta (Espanja), Australiasta, Suomesta (*Partioheraldikot ry*) ja Irlannista. FIAV:n sääntöjen mukaan kirjallisen hakemuksen lisäksi pitää olla yhdistyksen edustaja läsnä yleiskokouksessa, mm. vastaamaan mahdollisiin kysymyksiin. Katalonian ja Australian yhdistykset sekä *Partioheraldikot* hyväksyttiin jäseniksi yhdellä äänestyksellä.
2. Irlanti hyväksyttiin erikseen, vaikka edustaja ei kongressissa ollutkaan. Syynä hyväksymiseen oli se, että yhdistys oli muuten tunnettu. Lisäksi nousi kysymys ruotsalaisen yhdistyksen jäsenyydestä. Hakemuksen se oli jättänyt jo vuonna 1979 ja vielä uusintun sen myöhemmin. Nyt vasta hallituksen oli edustaja paikalla. Näin täsmäin yhdistys hyväksyttiin tässä kongressissa.
3. Sihtötoimien uusiminen, kieltäminen kehittämisen ja hallinnon (tai hallitus - presidentti ja 2 pääsihteeriä) tehtävät olivat vilkkaan keskustelun kohteena. Asiaa koskevia pöytäkirjoja hyväksyttiin. Toisikaudeksi 1985 - 87 valittiin entinen hallitus.
4. Seuraavien kongressin pitopaikka herätti paljon keskustelua. *Chdolia* oli kaksi yhdysovaltaista kaupunkia San Francisco ja Pittsburg. Kilpailun voitti edellisen. Vuonna 1989 kongressi pidetään mahdollisesti Belgiassa ja pohjoismaisten kollegojen kanssa ehdotina vuoden 1991 kongressia Tukholman tai Helsinkiin (tai molempiin).

Kokonaistilaisuus kongressi oli menestys. Järjestelyt olivat hyvin suunniteltu. 85 virallista edustajaa ja 30 puolisaa lähtivät tyytyväisinä kukin omalla tahollaan juhlan päättyä jälleillalliseen jälkeen. Luovuttin nähdä San Franciscossa, Kaliforniassa vuonna 1987.

Tero Vaarna

# vexilologie

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ZPRAVODAJ VEXILOLOGICKÉHO KLUBU PŘI OKD PRAHA 3  
obsahující odborná pojednání a informace o vlajkách

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XI-ICV

The eleventh International Congress of Vexillology took place in Madrid from 26 to 31 May 1985. Very well organised by the Sociedad Española de Vexilología, it brought together more than 100 delegates from 19 different countries of Europe and the world. The Flag Institute was represented by the Director, Secretary and three Council members. There were 30 presentations, of which the largest single number were in Spanish. Congress members were able to visit the Naval Museum, the Army Museum, the Armería Real and the Royal Palace in Madrid, and the Santa Cruz Museum and the Cathedral at Toledo. There were several official receptions, offered by the Councils of the City of Toledo, the City of Madrid, and the Autonomous Region of Madrid. The final banquet was held in the "Palacio de Crystal" in the central park of Madrid, and was an occasion for speech-making and presentations.

**FIAV affairs** There were three sessions of the Assembly of FIAV during the week. Six new member organisations were admitted, including the Australian, Irish, and Catalan societies. The retiring Board, consisting of M. Hugh Boudin, Whitney Smith, and William Crampton, was re-elected. A committee consisting of M. Roger Harmignies, Günter Mattern, and John Purcell was set up to make new proposals on the Constitution. It was also resolved to review the status of organisations whose membership may be said to have lapsed.

Ing. Aleš Brožek

## ZPRÁVA Z 11. MEZINÁRODNÍHO VEXILOLOGICKÉHO KONGRESU

O místě konání letošního vexilologického kongresu se rozhodlo již před šesti lety. Ve Vídni tehdy vystoupil předseda Španělské vexilologické společnosti Sebastián Herreros Aguiré a navrhl uspořádat kongres v r. 1985 v jeho zemi a přilápat k důstojnějším celkem 200. výročí přijetí španělské námořní vlajky. Mělo se setkat s kladným ohlasem, a tak koncem května přijal Madrid 84. vexilologů z 19 států světa. /Účastnické listiny, která zahrnuje i menšíky zúčastněných, uvádí celkem 105 osob./ Nejvíce jich bylo z pořadatelské země, však i účastníci z ostatních států. Nejvíce velmi dobrá. Kopodivu nepřišli zjedinci o studium historie a symboliky vlajek z Itálie a Nizozemí. Navzdory tomu se poprvé na kongresu objevili Australané. Vexilologie se socialistických států tentokrát zastupoval Ing. A. Bebiowski z Polska a autor těchto řádků.

Kongresu elavnostně sahají prezident Mezinárodní federace vexilologických společností H. R. Boudin 27. května 1985 dopoledne v budově Kulturního střediska Conde Duque. V jeho pěkném zasedacím sále, jenž byl vyzdoben vlajkami přihlášených států i vexilologických společností, odezněla většina přihlášených přednášek. Celkem jich bylo 30, nespočetné-li i několik krátkých sdělení a přednášek předšedů španělské společnosti. Za sice z časových důvodů nebyla přečtena, ale objeví se v kongresové sborníku, jenž pořadatelé přilíbili vydat ještě v tomto roce.

Charakteristické pro téma letošního přednášek bylo, že celá řada /asi 40 %/ se zabývala problematikou španělských vlajek, a to jak historických, tak i současných. Navíc byly správy a předneseny ve španělštině a simultánní překlad nebyl přitom zajišťován, a také proto před začátkem každé přednášky předložili stručný souhrn ve španělštině a angličtině.

Z bloku přednášek o španělských vlajkách upoutalo vystoupení mladého vexilologa L. Soranda Musasa. Hovořil o vztazích a občanské války ve Španělsku v letech 1936 až 1939, které přivedly republikánů a interbrigadistů, a nespočetní armády na prapor protiletadlové baterie Klement Gottwald. Velký zájem vzbudila také přednáška A. Durana o autonomních hnutích a jejich vlajkách, jež byla doplněna bohatým obrazovým materiálem.

Většina přednášek byla bohatá na faktografické údaje. Výjimkou v tomto směru byla vystoupení W. Smitha a především W. G. Cramptona. První se zabýval kanagou, rituální postelou slova, užívanou na vlajce Malí v letech 1960 až 1961, a pokusil se o řadu zobecnění. Naproti tomu Crampton diskutoval o teoretických aspektech celoevropské vlajky.

Z faktografických přednášek, které mimořádněji zaujaly autora této zprávy, jmenujme alespoň ty, jež proslavili G. Mattern, N. Logan, D. C. R. Heister a R. G. Bartlett. První jmenovaný seznámil účastníky kongresu o vlajkách společností, které vykonávají záchrannou službu na řekách či mořích. Opíral se přitom o odpovědi, které dostal na dotazy, jež rozeslal do 60 států. Skotský vexilolog N. Logan upoutal osobitým podáním přednášky i množstvím příkladů, jimiž došlo k užívání svatoondřejí, jakého Křesťanstvo přednáška se zabývala vlajkami jen okrajově. Týkala se především směn na státní smaku a státní pečeti Filipín. Předvedené dispoziční svědčily o tom, že autor čerpal z materiálů uložených v amerických, japonských a filipínských archívech. R. G. Bartlett hovořil o vlajce "nezvášleho" státu Buruburu, který vznikl v r. 1976 na území Austrálie majitel čtyřlístkového poselství. Vlajkou byla britská modrá sluneční vlajka se žlutým obrysem mapy Austrálie ve vlajkové části vlajkového listu.

Přínosivé byly přijaty také přednášky vexilologů ze socialistických států. A. Bebiowski seznámil přítomné a hypotézu o námořní vlajce Polska z let 1863 - 1919. A. Brožek se podrobně zabýval problematikou městských vlajek v Čechách opíraje se o dosud nepublikované materiály z archívu Severočeského kraje. Informoval rovněž o sbírkách městských vlajek v Československu, který provedl náš klub.

Organisátoři zpečetili program kongresu jednodenní návštěvou Toleda. Středem zájmu se stal prapor z bitvy u Lasnavy stavený v katedrále, a toledské radnice, kde účastníkem kongresu ukázali městský prapor. Program obohacila i prohlídka námořního muzea v Madridu s expozicí věnovanou 200 let španělské námořní vlajky majitel portulánu. Uskutečnila se rovněž návštěva madridského vojenského muzea.

Poslední den /31. května/ proběhlo zasedání Mezinárodní federace vexilologických společností. Noví členové ze stávající heraldické společnosti švédského Švédska a vexilologické společnosti z Austrálie, Irsku, Katalánska a Francie. Po několika kolech hlasování padlo rozhodnutí o tom, že další kongres se uskuteční v roce 1987 v San Francisku. Prezident FIAV /H. R. Boudin/ i tajemníci /W. Smith a W. G. Crampton/ byli zvoleni i pro další období.

Tečku za madridským kongresem udělal světořádný banket v parku Retiro. Na něm převzal W. G. Crampton diplom od světových vexilologů /v jejich nepřítomnosti předával S. Herreros Aguiré/ za mnohaletou podporu vexilologického bádání v Sovětském svazu. Skončil tím jeden z dosud nejhezčích vexilologických kongresů, na jehož přípravě se podílela překvapivě jen malá skupinka španělských vexilologů. Mrzet je máše jen, že kongres proběhl bez většího ohlasu ve sdělovacích prostředcích. Španělská vexilologická společnost tak nevyužila příležitost soustředit na sebe pozornost španělské veřejnosti a získat řadu nových členů.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### International congress held in Madrid

**T**HE Eleventh International Congress of Vexillology took place in Madrid from 26 to 31 May 1985, sponsored by the Fédération Internationale des Associations Vexilologiques and organized by the Sociedad Española de Vexilología. There was an attendance of 105, from nineteen countries. Thirty-two papers were presented, on a wide range of topics, and these will be published by the Spanish society.

The biennial general meeting of the FIAV took place during the congress, as is customary; and at its session on 28 May admitted the new vexillological societies of Australia, Catalunya, and Ireland into membership, as well as two heraldic societies in Finland and Sweden.

The outgoing officers of the federation - Rev Dr Hugh Boudin (Belgium), president; Dr Whitney Smith (United States), secretary-general; and William Crampton (Britain), secretary-general for congresses - were re-elected.

San Francisco was chosen as the venue for the twelfth international meeting, to be held in 1987, and Bruxelles, provisionally, for 1989.



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## FLAG CONGRESS GREETED IN MADRID BY CRISTOBAL COLON STATUE AND GRACIOUS HOSTS



From May 26 to 31, 1985 two Vexillological associations in Spain hosted the eleventh and second largest meeting of the world's flag associations. Nineteen countries were represented by one hundred and five participants fourteen of whom were from the USA, eleven of whom were NFF members or relatives. The podium welcomed thirty-one informative and well received lectures presented in one of four languages. The tours and social functions were educational, enjoyable and superbly done by our Spanish hosts.



NFF Vice President, founding and Charter member William J. Copeland and NFF member Thilo Biegler (right) of Hamburg West Germany enjoy their first visit with one another.



Bill Copeland visiting with Maria Jose' Lastre y Arribas who was introduced as the first lady vexillologist in Europe and Jose' Cormo Colomina both of the Spanish host association. Jose' served as the official translator for the congress. He is a professor at the Universities of Michigan, Valencia and Cambridge. Proudly wearing the flag of Spain which Copeland had just presented to him, Jose' held a small USA flag and said: "This is the most beautiful Flag in the world!"



"The Flag Man" Vexillographer and NFF member Cdr. Bruce Nicolls, O.B.E., R.N. (Retd.) presents his exciting review of "The Flags of The Mary Rose" as our always attentive host-chairman D. Sebastian Herreros Aquil, : Presidente: Sociedad Espanola De Vexillogia (left) attends the lecturer from England.



In the Congress meeting room the Flags of Poland and the USA were displayed side by side. NFF member Bruce E. Druckenmiller of St. Louis presented a Spanish Flag lapel pin to Andrej Beblowski of Warszawa Polonia.



At the opening reception from left to right, Bill Copeland of Pittsburgh meets: Arnold Rabbow of Braunschweig, West Germany author of, "A New Constellation-Wie sah das erste Sternenbanner aus?" which was published by NFF in 1980; new NFF member Ron Strachan of Victoria, Australia as all are greeted by the affable and delightful International President Rev. Hugh R. Boudin of Belgium.



Three gentlemen from three continents are representative of the world-wide nature of the flag business. Charter NFF member C. Randolph Beard, (left) USA and new NFF member Ron Strachan, Australia discuss the fabric and process used by Tony A. Hampson-Tindate in manufacturing his South Africa flag.

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### FIAV nieuws

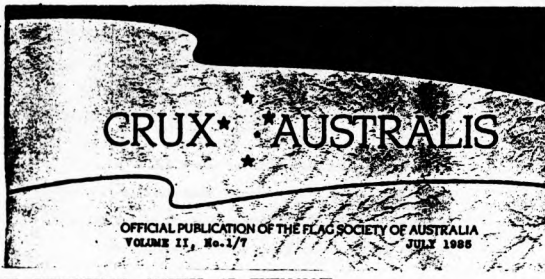
Ongeveer 100 deelnemers uit 19 verschillende landen woonden van 26 tot 31 mei j.l. het XIe FIAV congres te Madrid bij. Er werden 6 nieuwe verenigingen als lid toegelaten.

Het bestuur, bestaande uit de heren Boudin, Smith en Cranton werd herkozen.

Het XIIe congres zal gehouden worden in juni 1987 te San Francisco.

GJtH





XI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY

By Ralph G. C. Bartlett

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS :** I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Sociedad Española De Vexilología for hosting a very enjoyable and successful Congress. Also I should like to thank the International Federation of Vexillological Associations, all the individual participants of the Congress who not only made Ron Strachan and myself welcome, but also part of the growing vexillological world.

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Between Sunday, 26th. May and Friday, 31st. May 1985, the Sociedad Española De Vexilología (Vexillological Society of Spain) hosted the XI International Congress of Vexilology, at the Centro Cultural Del Conde Duque, in Madrid, Spain.

The Congress was attended by about 95 Vexillologist from 20 nations, together with some accompanying persons making a total registered attendance of 105 persons.

Listed on the next page are the nations from which attendants to the Congress came.

Argentina	Germany, Fed. Rep.
Australia	Great Britain
Austria	Mexico
Belgium	Norway
Canada	Poland
Chile	South Africa
Czechoslovakia	Spain
Denmark	Sweden
Finland	Switzerland
France	United States of America

The Australian representatives at the Congress were Ronald Strachan (President of the F.S.A.), and Ralph Bartlett (Treasurer of the F.S.A.).

During the opening ceremony, the Congress attendants from Argentina and Australia received a very warm welcome. This was summarised in the words of the President of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations, Rev. Hugh Boudin, "he welcomed attendance of vexillologists from Latin America (Argentina) and Australia complete the vexillological map of the world, by now having people from all the land masses".

It should be noted that Ralph Bartlett and Ron Strachan are not the first Australians to attend a Congress. Mrs. Elaine Peters, who in 1983 was one of the two main instigators of the establishment of the Flag Society of Australia - and thus was one of its founding members - attended the IX Vexillological Society of Australia in Ottawa, Canada, in August 1981.

During the Congress we were taken on a number of excursions, in and around Madrid. These were:-

- Welcoming Reception at the Hotel Neafis, Madrid.
- Naval Museum, in Madrid.
- Army Museum, in Madrid.
- Day long tour to Toledo (former capital of Spain), approximately 50 kilometres south of Madrid.
- Town Hall and Mayor's Office, in Toledo.
- Royal Academy of Fine Arts and Science History, in Toledo.
- Town Hall of Madrid.
- Royal Palace and its Military Museum, in Madrid.
- District of Madrid President's Office, in Madrid.
- Closing Banquet at the Gardens of Cecilio Rodriguez, in Madrid.

All of these excursions were very enjoyable, and made the Congress even more exciting.

During the Congress there were 32 Lectures presented. Listed below are the titles and authors of all the Lectures, listed in order of their presentation.

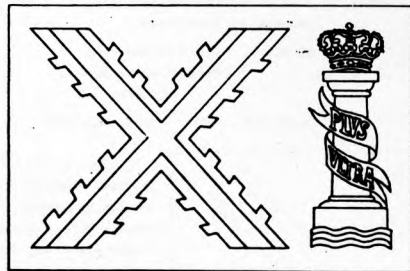
All the lectures were received very well by their audiences and were thorough and both informative and entertaining.

The lecture presented to the Congress by Ralph Bartlett, "PROVINCE OF BUMBUNGA - STUDY OF A SELF-PROCLAIMED "INDEPENDENT" STATE WITHIN AUSTRALIA", will be appearing in full in a future issue of "CRUX AUSTRALIS"

As well as the excursions and lectures, the Congress provided a great opportunity for informal detailed conversation between individual participants on any matter relating to vexillology and many other topics. Quite often these conversations increased from just two people speaking one language, to 4 or 5 people speaking 2 or 3 languages. This was quite an experience.

The flag of the XI International Congress of Vexilology (fig. 1 and 3) contained four main elements, 1) Congress Number, 2) Saltire of Burgundy, 3) State Flag of Spain, 4) Flag of the Vexillological Society of Spain (fig. 4).

The flag, with proportions of 2:3, consisted of a white field charged with the saltire of Burgundy, covering the hoist and centre thirds of the field, and one pillar of Hercules, which is itself charged with the motto "PLUS ULTRA" ("MORE BEYOND"), covering the fly third of the field.



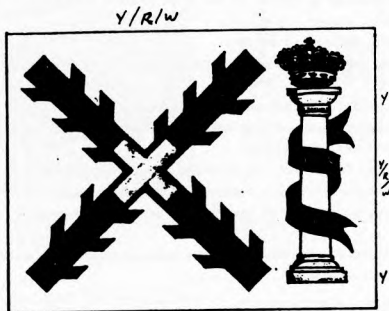
(fig. 1) Flag of the XI International Congress of Vexilology.

The Vexillological Society of Spain, adopted the Congress flag following a contest to design the flag which was held at its General Assembly Meeting, on the 3rd. November 1984.

The contest had attracted 53 proposals from 14 people in 3 nations.

On the 3rd. November 1984, at the General Assembly Meeting of the Vexillological Society of Spain (S.E.V.), a "basic model" design (fig. 2) by Antonio Mansano Lages was approved.

This design (fig. 2) consisted of a red saltire of Burgundy, which is charged with the yellow centre saltire of the S.E.V. flag (fig. 4), together with one gold, blue, red and white pillar of Hercules, which is charged with the red and gold motto "PLUS ULTRA" ("MORE BEYOND"), all on a white field. The pillar and motto come from the State Flag of Spain.

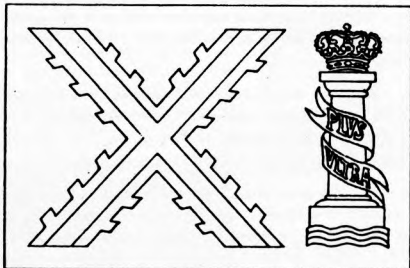


(fig. 2) Approved "Basic Model" Design for the Congress Flag.

Designer : Antonio Mansano Lahos

At the General Assembly Meeting, the Members of S.E.V. modified Antonio Mansano Lahos's design. The modifications were:-

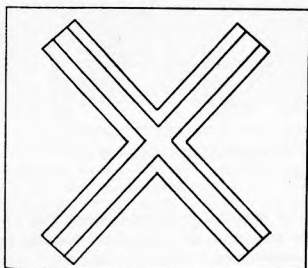
- the extension of the yellow centre saltire of the S.E.V.'s flag,
- the "flattening" of the ends of the saltire of Burgundy - parallel with the flag's edge,
- addition of the blue and white wave at the base of the pillar of Hercules, and
- slight alteration to the positioning of the motto Scroll around the pillar of Hercules.



(fig. 3) Flag of the XI International Congress of Vexillology. 2:3

Adopted : 3rd. November 1984  
(Vexillological Society of Spain)

Displayed : 27th. - 31st. May 1985



(fig. 4) Flag of the Vexillological Society of Spain. 1:1

The one and only "manufactured" Congress flag was hand painted by Antonio Mansano Lahos and his wife. Throughout the Congress week the flag was displayed behind the Congress dais together with the Spanish State Flag and the International Federation of Vexillological Associations flag.

In the early evenings of the 27th., 28th. and 31st. May 1985 General Assembly Meeting of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations was held.

The topics covered by the General Assembly Meeting were:-

- Memorial Tribute to the late Captain Edward M. C. Barrow C.B.E., R.N., F.F.I.
- Detailed discussion on the present status of the Statute F.I.A.V.
- Applications for membership of the F.I.A.V.
- Sites for future International Congresses of Vexillology
- Election of the 1985-87 Office Holders of the F.I.A.V.
- Present Status of existing Member Associations.

Prior to the holding of the General Assembly Meeting the F.I.A.V. had received applications for membership from the following vexillological Associations:-

- Vexillological Association of Argentina.
- Vexillological Association of Catalonia.
- Flag Society of Australia.
- Partioheraldikot (Scout Heraldry Society) - Finland.
- Vexillological Society of Ireland.

On the 28th. May 1985 (200th. Anniversary of the Spanish Flag Society of Australia) was admitted as a Member of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations.

There were two proposed venues and host associations for the International Congress of Vexillology. These were:-

- National Flag Foundation (U.S.A.) - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Flag Research Center (U.S.A.) - San Francisco, California

Following the presentation of their cases for hosting the Congress there was a vote on the two proposals. The result of the vote was that the XII International Congress of Vexillology (1987) will be hosted by the Flag Research Center, with the venue being San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

The last item of the General Assembly Meeting was the election of F.I.A.V. Officeholders for 1985 - 87.

The results of the elections were:-

- President - Rev. Hugh Bowdin.
- Secretary - General - Dr. Whitney Smith.
- Secretary of Congresses - William Crampton.

The final event of the Congress was a banquet held at the home of Cecilio Rodriguez, in a building set in beautiful gardens the terrace which we enjoyed as we sipped our pre-dinner drinks on the terrace. An excellent dinner was accompanied by a great deal of talk, a few minutes of the presentation of attendance certificates, a special Russian song by William Crampton, friendly farewells and many promises to meet again in 2 year's time in the U.S.A. Altogether this was a most worthwhile, interesting and enjoyable Congress.