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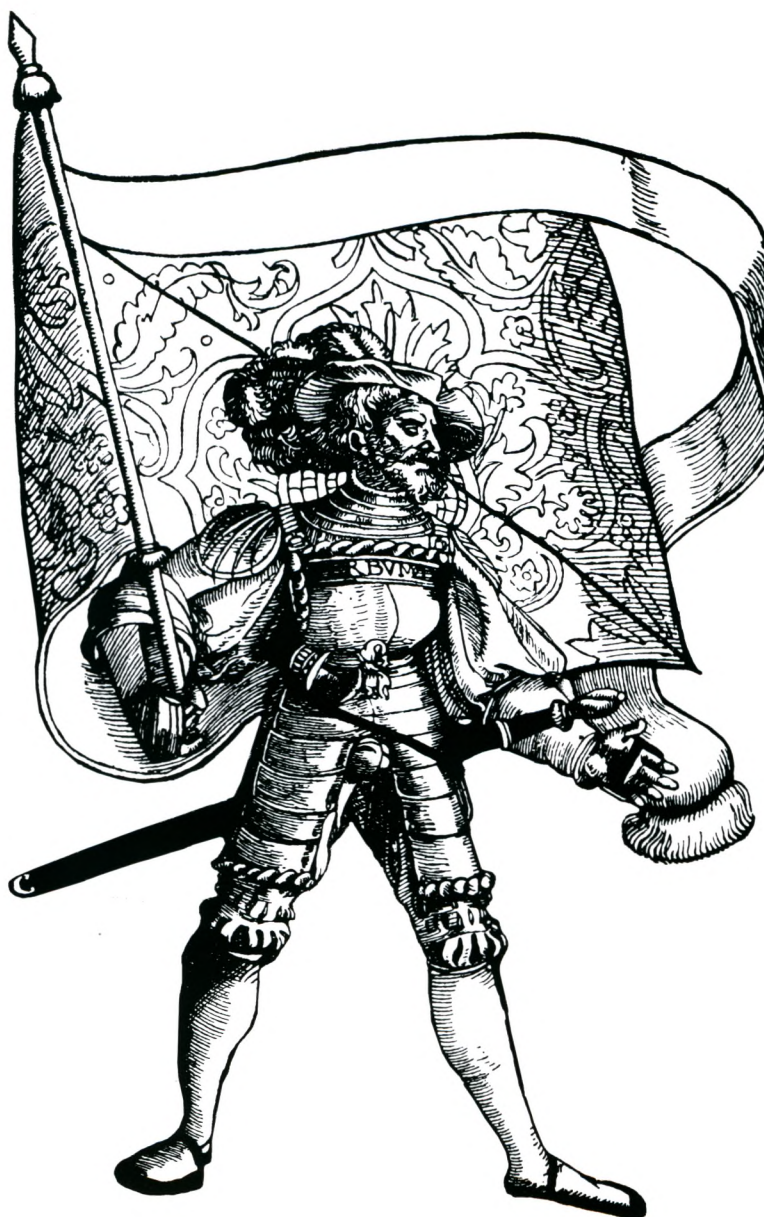


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PREFACE

Relatio quae sera tamen

The motto «Libertas quae sera tamen» on the flag of the Brazilian state of Minas Gerais, well known to vexillologists, refers to the freedom which the state did reach late, but after all did. It's not freedom this time, but the proceedings of the 15th International Congress of Vexillology in Zurich from 23 to 27 August 1993, which have been published late too, but after all here they are.

40 scientific contributions by the same number of authors from all over the world give this book a pole position amongst all other congress proceedings which have been published since the foundation of FIAV more than 30 years ago. The Swiss Society of Vexillology is proud of the privilege to have hosted a congress which yielded such an outstanding scientific success. The SSV pays tribute to each one of the authors, for this success is not due to the sheer amount of articles but to the high quality of the vexillological research undertaken by all the authors.

Out of 41 lectures presented during the congress, 37 were submitted for publication and are included in the proceedings. Furthermore, these proceedings contain descriptions of the flag collections of the museums visited during the congress, hence the proceedings contain a total of 40 contributions. Two lectures concern the flag collection of two of these museums, these lectures are therefore placed in the «museum» chapter.

Most of the contributions had to be slightly shortened and a careful selection of the many illustrations was inevitable.

Being a science, vexillology is not only collecting real flags or images or information on flags, it is primarily the research and unbiased understanding of the flags' history and symbolism, of their social, political or cultural impact on mankind. Flags are made of a perishable, fragile stuff, and if they survive historic events, they rapidly deteriorate by atmospheric or mechanic stress, by exposure to light and to environmental hazards. This makes it imperative to undertake all possible efforts to preserve flags and to accurately document them for widespread knowledge and future research, both as an original and in visual or printed media such as these proceedings.

Hopefully, the congress proceedings will serve both as an interesting and valuable source for vexillological reference, and as an amusing, richly illustrated recollection of the Zurich congress to all those having participated.

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**PROGRAM OF THE 15TH
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OF VEXILLOLOGY FROM
23 TO 27 AUGUST 1993 AT THE
SWISS NATIONAL MUSEUM IN ZURICH**

Sunday, 22 August 1993

- 10.00 Welcome and registration at the Swiss National Museum (NM) in Zurich until 9 p.m.. Congress material, coffee.

Monday, 23 August 1993

- 09.00 Official opening of the congress at the National Museum, greetings and welcome addresses by:
– Dr. Andreas Furger, Director of the National Museum
– Dr. Günter Mattern, President of the Congress
– Peter Marcel Mäder, President of SSV
– Rev. Hugh Boudin, President of FIAV
- 09.30 Hoisting of national flags in front of the NM, transfer to the lecture-hall in the NM
- 09.45 Lecture of Peter M. Mäder
- 10.15 End of the lecture, transfer to the flag exhibition
- 10.30 Visit of the flag exhibition in the NM
- 12.00 End of the visit, appetizer (offered by the Swiss National Museum)
- 13.30 Start of lectures in the lecture-hall of the NM (10 lectures), coffee-breaks
- 18.05 End of lectures
- 20.00 General Assembly of FIAV in the NM
- 22.00 End of the General Assembly

Tuesday, 24 August 1993

- 08.30 Departure from the NM to Einsiedeln
- 09.00 Arrival in Einsiedeln, visit of the monastery
- 09.45 Departure for Schwyz
- 10.15 Arrival at the Archives of Federal Charters in Schwyz, greeting by:
– Dr. Joseph Wiget, Archivist of the State
- 10.30 Visit of the Archives of Federal Charters
Appetizer (offered by the Archives of Federal Charters), flag tossing and Alp horn music
- 12.15 Departure for lunch
- 12.45 Arrival at the restaurant «Tellsplatte» in Sisikon, lunch
- 14.30 Departure to Lucerne, touring the Lake of Four Cantons
- 15.30 Arrival in Lucerne, walk along the Reuss river to the Franciscan's Church and to the Historic Museum
- 16.00 Arrival at the Historic Museum Lucerne, greeting by:
– Dr. Josef Brülisauer, Curator
- 16.15 Visit of the Historic Museum Lucerne
- 17.30 Appetizer (offered by the Historic Museum Lucerne)
- 18.15 Departure for Zurich
- 19.15 Arrival at the NM in Zurich

Wednesday, 25 August 1993

- 08.00 Start of lectures in the lecture-hall of the NM (8 lectures), coffee-break

- 11.50 End of lectures, free time for lunch
- 13.30 Start of lectures in the lecture-hall of the NM (10 lectures), coffee-breaks
- 18.10 End of lectures
- 18.15 Visit of the flag restoration department of the NM
- 19.00 End of Visit
- 20.00 General Assembly of FIAV in the NM
- 22.00 End of the General Assembly

Thursday, 26 August 1993

- 08.30 Departure from the NM to Solothurn
- 09.30 Arrival in Solothurn, stroll through the town to the Museum
- 09.45 Arrival at the Museum «Old Arsenal» in Solothurn, greetings by:
– Mr. Kurt Fluri, Mayor of Solothurn
– Dr. Marco Leutenegger, Director
- 10.00 Visit of the Museum «Old Arsenal»
- 11.30 Appetizer offered by the Museum «Old Arsenal»
- 12.15 Departure for lunch in Utzenstorf
- 12.45 Lunch at the restaurant «Bären» in Utzenstorf
- 14.45 Departure for Berne
- 15.15 Arrival in Berne at the «Gerechtigkeitsgasse». Stroll through the old City to the Historical Museum of Berne
- 16.00 Arrival at the Historical Museum of Berne, greetings by:
– Dr. Georg Germann, Director
– Prof. Dr. Franz Bächtiger, Curator
- 16.15 Visit of the Historical Museum
- 17.30 Appetizer (offered by the Swiss Society of Vexillology)
- 18.00 Departure for Zurich
- 19.30 Arrival at the NM in Zurich
- 19.45 Greetings by the authorities of the City and the Canton of Zurich, Concert by the City Music Corps of Zurich, Appetizer (offered by the City and the Canton of Zurich)

Friday 27 August 1993

- 08.00 Start of lectures in the lecture-hall of the NM (7 lectures), coffee-break
- 10.50 End of lectures
- 11.00 Transfer by bus to the Zurich lake harbour («Seequai»)
- 11.30 Boarding of the dressed ship
- 12.10 Departure of the ship, tour of the lake, lunch on board, music
- 13.15 Arrival of the ship in Zurich, stroll through the town to the NM
- 14.15 Arrival at the NM
- 14.20 Start of lectures in the lecture-hall of the NM (5 short lectures)
- 15.40 Seminar on «computer aided vexillology» (CAV)
- 16.10 End of lectures and seminar
- 16.20 General Assembly of FIAV in the NM
- 17.30 End of the General Assembly
- 20.00 Closing gala-dinner, official leaving celebration at the Casino «Zürichhorn»

Additional program

Monday afternoon (8-23-93) and **Wednesday** morning (8-25-93):

Visits at choice:

- Puppet Museum «Sacha Morgenthaler» in Zurich
- Furniture Museum in Zurich
- Porcelain Museum in the Guild House «Zur Meise» in Zurich
- Watch Museum «Beyer» in Zurich
- Tin Soldier Museum in Zurich

Wednesday, 25 August 1993

14.30 Visit of the chocolate factory «Lindt & Sprüngli» in Kilchberg



A tin figure diorama showing the main Swiss confederate forces at the battle of Murten, 1476. [By courtesy of the Tin Soldier Museum in Zurich]

THE FLAG OF THE 15TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY IN ZURICH

The congress flag is based on the traditional blue and white flag of the city and canton of Zurich. The flag shows a red «Schwenkel» – a thin upper border ending in a long tail. Such flags were in documented use in Zurich since the early 15th century while oral tradition dates its use back to the 13th century. To denote the number of the congress the «Schwenkel» on the congress flag bears the roman number XV in white, replacing the white confederated cross of the ancient banner. The FIAV emblem, two interlaced halcyons, is displayed in countercharged colours across the lower hoist towards the upper fly. This congress flag is the first ever to show the FIAV emblem.

The flag itself is square like practically all Swiss flags, the «Schwenkel» is twice as long as the flag. The width of the «Schwenkel» has not been specified. The flag which was manufactured for the congress, has a ratio of «Schwenkel» width to flag width of 1:6.

Casimir de Rham, Fritz Husi, Peter Mäder and Emil Dreyer had submitted each several proposals for a congress flag, three designs with a «Schwenkel» being immediately favoured by the congress organising committee. Emil Dreyer's drawing was chosen as the basic design, while Peter Mäder suggested to extend the FIAV halcyons to the flag borders and to change the original yellow of the FIAV emblem to blue and white, countercharged with the background colours.

