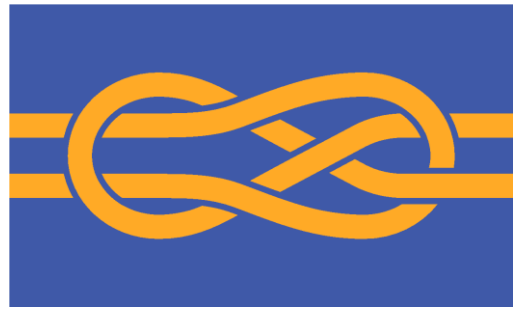

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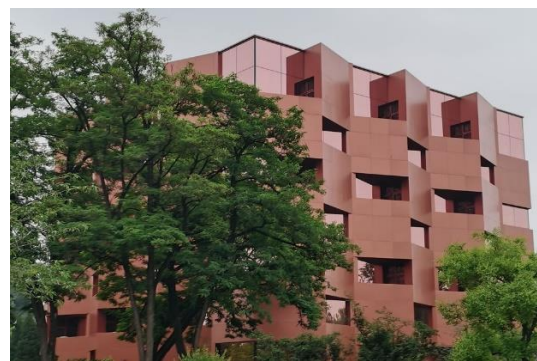
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COUNTDOWN TO ICV 30 – Beijing, 12 – 19 August 2024



The Congress flag for ICV30



Beijing University of Technology



Gengdan Institute



The Forbidden City

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ICV30 – PRELIMINARY DETAILS

The Vexillological Research Centre of China (VRCC) has released the preliminary details of ICV30. Members and potential delegates are requested to take note of the following:

Dates:

ICV30 is scheduled to take place between 12 and 19 August 2024.

Venue:

ICV30 is to be held at the Gengdan Institute of the Beijing University of Technology (BGD) in Beijing, Peoples' Republic of China.

BGD is located 24km from Beijing Capital International Airport (approx. USD15 by taxi) which is the recommended arrival option for delegates.

An alternative airport, Beijing Daxing International, is 105km from the venue (approx. USD70 by taxi).

Congress Themes:

The broad theme of the Congress is to promote and enrich vexillology through mutual understanding with the following sub-themes:

- National flags
- Political Party flags
- Military flags
- Royal flags and heraldry
- Religious flags
- Sports flags
- Flag protocol
- Theatre flags
- Flags in Poetry, Music, Art and Calligraphy
- Flags in Communication
- Manufacturing flags and flagpoles

Registration:

The Congress Fee is USD300 for delegates and USD100 for Accompanying Persons. Registration will be available from 04 February 2024 and the deadline for registration is 15 June 2024.

Details of the methods of payment will be made available once registration is open.

The Congress Fee includes breakfasts and the cost of the Congress excursion.

Accommodation:

The recommended accommodation is at the University with the following options:

- Self-catering apartments with double beds (USD65 per room per night)
- Family Room with four beds (USD35 per room per night)

Self-service meals (lunch and dinner) include a choice from 12 main courses and local cuisine (USD7.50 per meal).

Gym and sports facilities will be available free of charge to Congress Delegates and Accompanying Persons.

Preliminary Programme:

The proposed programme is as follows:

- 11 August - Registration and Welcome Dinner (USD10 per person)
Closing Ceremony of the National Youth Flag Raiser Training Camp
- 12 August – Opening Ceremony followed by paper presentations
- 13 August - Paper presentations
- 14 August – Paper presentations
- 15 August – Congress excursion to the Forbidden City and National Museum of China
- 16 August – Paper presentations
- 17 August – Paper presentations and 28th FIAV General Assembly
- 18 August – Paper presentations and interactive session
- 19 August – Closing Ceremony
- 20-23 August – Post Congress Activities

Paper presentations:

A template for PowerPoint presentations will be provided once registration is available. Papers are to be in English and/or Chinese. Sponsorship is being sought to provide simultaneous translation. If this is not possible, a synopsis of the presentations will be provided in the other working language of the Congress.

The synopsis of presentations to be submitted between 4 February and 30 March 2024, with the deadline for the submission of final presentations being 15 June 2024.

ICV30 Flag and Emblem:

The emblem of ICV30 is a combination of the FIAV knot and VRCC flag. The VRCC has a red flag with a central yellow "V" emblem with nine ribbons, above which are five five-pointed stars. In oracle bone script, "*zhong*" (the middle) and "*qi*" (the flag) are the same character. Nine is the largest singular number in Chinese culture. The two flags of "nine ribbons" are combined into the letter "V" for vexillology and represents the combination of ancient and modern, the intersection of China and the West, with the spirit of time and international vision. The five stars mean "five stars appearing simultaneously from the east which is a sign of great benefit for China". Yellow symbolises middle, heart and center in ancient China.



FIAV General Assembly:

Members are reminded to submit items for consideration at the 28th FIAV General Assembly to the Secretary-General at sec.gen@fiav.org by 31 January 2024.

The Agenda for the General Assembly will be published in *Info-FIAV* which will be distributed in July 2024.

Further details about ICV30 can be found on the VRCC website at www.vrcc.org.cn or www.icv30.org.cn or via email at xfqz98@163.com.

Further information will be provided in due course and confirmed in the next issue of *Info-FIAV* in January 2024.

OBITUARY

FIAV PRESIDENT EMERITUS ROBERT HUGH MARTIN RIGG BOUDIN

Dr Robert Hugh Martin Rigg Boudin, FIAV President Emeritus, passed away on 23 July 2023 in Brussels at the age of 97. Boudin was born in the village of Auchterderran in Fife (Scotland) on 12 May 1926 to a Belgian father and Scottish mother. He later married Anna Birgitta Schröder from Sweden with whom he had two sons and a daughter.

Between 1939 and 1944 he attended the Royal Athenaeum in Ghent (Belgium) where he specialised in Latin and Greek humanities. In 1951 he obtained a degree in protestant theology at the Free Faculty of Theology in Lausanne (Switzerland).



After a ministry in youth work, teaching and television, he was made rector of the *Faculté universitaire de théologie protestante de Bruxelles* after having obtained doctorate in the History of Christianity at the Free University of Brussels in 1976. His work in theology saw him becoming a Pasteur of the *Eglise Protestante Unie* and *Verenigde Protestantse Kerk in België*; Professor Emeritus Free University of Brussels; Professor Emeritus at the Protestant Faculty of Protestant Theology at Butare (Rwanda); Rector Emeritus at *Faculté universitaire de théologie protestante de Bruxelles* and at the *Verenigde Protestantse Kerk in België*; Pasteur at *Eglise Wallonne de Cantorbéry*, 1991-2001; Pasteur Emeritus Free Walloon Church at Canterbury (United Kingdom); and finally being awarded Honorary Military Pasteur in Belgium.

He spoke English and French, together with Dutch, German and Swedish.

He was especially interested by the history of Protestantism during the First and Second World Wars and wrote a number of books, including *Pastorat, Consulat et Espionnage* and *Le Journal de Joséphine Meyhoffer*. In 2014, he was made the Director of the *Dictionnaire historique du Protestantisme et de l'Anglicanisme en Belgique du 16e siècle à nos jours*. He was also the editor of many Belgian protestant biographies, the last to Edith Louisa Cavell, an English nurse shot by the Germans at Schaerbeek (Belgium) in 1915.

He was also the National Secretary for "Boys Work" at the YMCA.

His other interests included vexillology and he was one of the founders of *Societas Vexillologica Belgica* (SVB) on 30 August 1977, which later became FIAV's member on 29 June 1979. He was President of the SVB until 2018.

Boudin was elected President of *Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques* (FIAV) at the 9th International Congress of Vexillology held in Ottawa (Canada) on 28 August 1981, a position he held until 27 August 1993. He was made a Fellow of FIAV on 22 July 2003.

He received numerous Decorations, notably :
Officer of the Order of Leopold (Belgium)
Officer of the Order of the Crown (Belgium)
Medal of Army Resistance (Belgium).

IN MEMORIAM

FIAV also notes with sorrow the death of the following vexillologists:
Martin Thurmer, NVvV, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 7 February 2023
Gerald Naughton FF, FSA, Wellington, New Zealand, 27 May 2023
Cdr **Bruce Nicolls** RN, FF, FI, Derbyshire, United Kingdom, 2 July 2023

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