



**ICV 30**  
**12 – 19 August 2024, Beijing (People’s Republic of China)**

**FORTHCOMING DATES TO NOTE**

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>February 12, 2024*</b>	Deadline to submit membership applications to the FIAV Board, through the Secretary-General, for placement on the agenda for consideration at the Twenty-Eighth Session of the FIAV General Assembly (send to <a href="mailto:sec.gen@FIAV.org">sec.gen@FIAV.org</a> ).
<b>April 12, 2024</b>	Deadline to submit items, other than membership applications, to the Secretary-General for placement on the agenda for the Twenty-Eighth Session of the FIAV General Assembly (send to <a href="mailto:sec.gen@FIAV.org">sec.gen@FIAV.org</a> ).
<b>May 13, 2024*</b>	Agenda for the Twenty-Eighth Session of the FIAV General Assembly to be distributed to all FIAV members.
<b>July 12, 2024</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>July 12, 2024*</b>	Deadline for the FIAV Board to inform the applicant and members of its recommendation regarding the submitted membership applications.
<b>July 12, 2024</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>August 01, 2024</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>August 12-19, 2024</b>	ICV 30 Beijing, China
<b>August 17, 2024</b>	<b>Twenty-Eighth Session of the FIAV General Assembly to be convened.</b>
<b>August 20-23, 2024</b>	Post Congress Activities
<b>2026</b>	ICV 31 Paris, France (candidate)

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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).

### **Registration:**

The Congress Fee is USD300 for delegates and USD100 for Accompanying Persons. Registration will be available from 30 March 2024 and the deadline for registration is 30 May 2024.

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

Registration and payment details will be available on the official Congress website at [www.vrcc.org.cn](http://www.vrcc.org.cn).

(Note: Should the Congress get official support and sponsorship, these rates may be reduced).

### **Accommodation:**

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

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

To book accommodation, please visit the official Congress website at [www.vrcc.org.cn](http://www.vrcc.org.cn). Payment for accommodation and other expenses at the Congress venue to be settled on-site based on check-in and check-out details.

### **Preliminary Programme:**

The proposed programme is as follows:

- 11 August – Flag Raising Ceremony  
Registration and Welcome Dinner (USD10 per person)
- 12 August – Opening Ceremony followed by the Keynote Speech
- 13 August - Paper presentations
- 14 August – Paper presentations
- 15 August – Congress excursion
- 16 August – Paper presentations
- 17 August – Paper presentations and 28<sup>th</sup> FIAV General Assembly
- 18 August – Paper presentations and interactive session
- 19 August – Closing Ceremony, Award Ceremony and Closing Banquet
- 20-23 August – Post Congress Activities including the Flag Culture Festival

A 3-day programme will be available for accompanying delegates.

### **Congress Themes and Paper presentations:**

A template for PowerPoint presentations will be provided once registration is available. Papers are to be presented in English 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.

The Chinese flag culture is the earliest and has been passed down according to the rites in various dynasties. It is widely used in royal processions, military operations, religious ceremonies, folk blessings, theater stages, taverns, and tea houses. Flags are a universal language for mankind. With the development of time, countries around the world have made rich innovations and creations in flag culture, flag design, flag production, and flag usage. In 1965, Western flag experts initiated the International Congress of Vexillology (ICV) in Moerdijk, the Netherlands, and began to study flags as an academic discipline.

After nearly 60 years of development, the 30th International Congress of Vexillology will be held in Beijing, China, in August 2024, marking the first time for the East and the West to exchange and learn from each other in the field of flag culture. The aim is to promote understanding of the academic discipline of vexillology among the Chinese people and to introduce the vast flag culture of China to the world. The congress is expected to attract flag researchers and enthusiasts from more than 50 countries and over 70 international flag organizations, with the goal of enhancing the overall level of research and communication in the field of vexillology and ensuring the comprehensive sharing of achievements in flag studies. The Organising Committee of the 30th ICV invites scholars from international flag organizations from more than 50 countries. Chinese flag scholars, enthusiasts, and flag bearers are also welcome to

actively submit papers and participate in friendly exchanges and interactions with flag researchers from around the world, showcasing the Chinese flag culture at the Congress.

According to the customary practice of previous International Congresses of Vexillology, adhering to tradition while embracing innovation, the Organising Committee has announced the following themes for the papers and presentations at ICV 30:

1. National Flags –  
Flag of various countries, sub-regional flags (provinces, counties etc.)
2. Political Party Flags –  
Flags of political parties, political organisations, youth groups etc.
3. Royal Flags –  
Ancient and modern royal flags, flag etiquette
4. Military Flags –  
Ancient and modern military flags, flag etiquette
5. Religious Flags –  
Flags and etiquette of major religions together with distinctive flags and banner of local folklore and customs etc.
6. Flag Regulations –  
Flag laws and regulations in various countries
7. Flag Education -  
Flag education policies and case studies from various countries
8. Sports Flags –  
Sports flags and flag etiquette in major sports events and international competitions
9. Drama Banners –  
Drama and opera banners, classical and modern
10. Poetry Couplet –  
Classical and modern poetry couplets involving flags and banners
11. Music and Film –  
Themed songs, music and films involving flags and banners
12. Calligraphy and Seal Engravings –  
Banners in ancient paintings, mural and crafts, on seals and as used in calligraphy
13. Flag Heroes –  
Historical figures making a significant contribution to flags

14. Communication Flags –  
Ancient and modern communication using flags and banners
15. Shipping Flags –  
Transportation company flags and maritime flag etiquette
16. Public Welfare Flags –  
Flags of world renown public welfare organisations and institutions
17. Flag Supplies –  
Fabric, craftsmanship and innovation technologies in flag manufacturing
18. Flagpole Supplies –  
Materials, craftsmanship and innovative technologies in flag-pole manufacturing
19. Wine and Tea Flags –  
Historical wine and tea flags, flags of well-known wine and tea producing companies
20. Historical flag materials –  
Artifacts, paintings, handicrafts and valuable flags.

Please submit contributions according to your respective expertise and the corresponding flag themes. Papers to be submitted in English or Chinese. To avoid any potential errors in translations by the Organising Committee, English authors are welcome to submit their papers with Chinese translation, and Chinese authors are encouraged to provide English translations when submitting their papers. The Organising Committee will edit and print the conference proceedings in a bilingual format.

Papers must be original and conform to international best-practice academic standards. The author bears full responsibility for the content. The Organisers have the right to publish, exhibit, and promote the paper in various forms, with proper attribution to the author, without payment or remuneration.

Please submit the paper title and abstract within 300 words by March 10, 2024 and must include (not exceeding 100 words):

- Author name, country, affiliation, title, position
- Main Vexillological achievements
- Contact information.

The abstract must be submitted as a Word (or convertible format) document and submitted via e-mail to [ICV30@VIP.163.com](mailto:ICV30@VIP.163.com). After a preliminary review, the authors will be notified to submit the formal paper.

The formal paper, of no more than 3000 words, to be submitted by June 15, 2024 including title, abstract, keywords, references, acknowledgments, author biography, etc. The formal paper should be submitted both as a Word document and in PPT

format. Please use the provided conference PPT template for the presentation, which can include images or short videos. The conference presentations to not exceed 20 minutes, including time for questions and interaction.

The Congress presentations will be evaluated based on their content to determine different awards, and certificates and prizes will be awarded accordingly.

If papers previously published by the authors still have academic value and meet the objectives of the ICV30, the authors are encouraged to submit the original papers with a recommendation by March 10, 2024. Please indicate the publication date, journal, and include images of the published articles as well as a brief author biography. The Organising Committee will consider arranging presentations based on the content of these papers.

In accordance with the practices of previous Congresses, all expenses for speakers are to be borne by themselves.

### **FIAV Member Flags**

The Organising Committee wishes to display all the flags of FIAV member associations at ICV30. In order to manufacture these flags, members are requested to please send the following information about their respective flags to [www.vrcc.org.cn](http://www.vrcc.org.cn):

- A vector drawing (.cdr file or similar) to enable the manufacture of a flag 192 x 128 cm; and
- An explanation of the symbolism of the flag.

### **Visa Regulations**

Delegates are requested to visit the China Consular Service Network ([https://www.visaforchina.cn/BUS2\\_EN/generalinformation/news/283444.shtml](https://www.visaforchina.cn/BUS2_EN/generalinformation/news/283444.shtml)) to determine the visa requirements for the PRC. On-line applications can be made via <https://www.visaforchina.cn/globe/>. Invitation letters, if required, will be provided on request by the VRCC. Please send you request as soon as possible to [vrcc2024@163.com](mailto:vrcc2024@163.com).

### **IN MEMORIAM**

FIAV also notes with sorrow the death of the following vexillologists:  
**Michael Krag-Juel-Vind-Frijs**, NF, Copenhagen, Denmark, 18 August 2023  
**Jože Lajevce**, HS, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 26 December 2023

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