



## **Report of IVV EXECUTIVE PRESIDIUUM MEETING**

**KOBLENZ    JANUARY 20, 2016,    1.30 – 5 pm**

**PRESENT :** Giuseppe Colantonio, Graham Fawcett, Walter Motz, Raymond Claude

Tanja Müller, IVV Head Office

### **1. Welcome and Introduction**

Giuseppe Colantonio welcomed all Presidium members and Tanja Müller who interpreted the meeting. He thanked for the work in 2015 and underlined that 2016 would be an important year, as in November the IVV Congress in Brazil will be held. There, the Presidium will present a report about their work over the last 5 years and run for re-election for the next 4 years.

Giuseppe Colantonio offered his and the Presidium's condolences to Raymond Claude whose wife passed away. He ensured moral support of his Presidium friends.

Raymond Claude declared that there was no specific agenda for that meeting as the Presidium prepared the items for the United Presidium meeting on January 21 and would discuss some items at „Others“.

### **2. Olympiad Koblenz**

The Presidium visited the „Deutsche Eck“ in Koblenz on January 19, where Rhine and Moselle flow together. There, the opening and closing ceremony takes place. In the „Rheinhalle“ next to the hotel Mercure, which is situated perfectly, the start and finishing points of the Olympiad will be situated. The different infrastructure is perfect and well suitable for organizing the Olympiad as it is near to the city centre. The flag parade will start in the city centre and follow the Rhine to the „Deutsche Eck“.

The Olympiad Flyer is an official document of the IVV and only should include information about the Olympiad as well as announcements of sponsors. They should not include announcements of other national clubs for their events.

### 3. IVV Financial Report

Walter Motz gave up the claim of the 5,000 € loan to the IVV Europe as of December 31, 2015 as decided by the Presidium.

He reported about revenues and expenses in 2015 and forwarded the figures to the Presidium members.

The Presidium will be informed about unpaid invoices as of Dec. 31, 2015. Reminders will be sent by the IVV Head Office. The IVV is in a good financial situation. The budget 2016 was introduced and forwarded to the Presidium members. Graham Fawcett informed about future costs for the website. The possibility of PayPal payments will be verified.

### 4. Communication

Since inception, there were more than 100,000 visits to our website from over 160 countries. The yearly statistics are as follows:

2012 (November launch) - 5, 773

2013 - 31,656

2014 - 33,952

2015 - 32,581

The top five countries, in order of visits, are: Germany, United States, Belgium, Canada, and Luxembourg. For IVV information of all kinds, the website is now 'mature'.

In addition to publishing information, we receive several dozen requests for information through the website per year, e.g. The IVV Statutes, Rules and Regulations, IVV members and particular clubs, approved walks etc.

Two issues of Just One Minute were published last year, one in June, the other in November. The November issue was called 'The Coffee Break' since it was more than one minute / one page long. The frequency of issues depends on the availability of new information and travel schedule.

All reports have been published. 'Short reports', or summaries only, are published once the longer report has been sent to IVV members.

At the IVV-Europe meeting in Switzerland in June 2015, Michael Mallmann made a suggestion on the standardization of contact addresses for and between IVV members. He had also suggested that the IVV itself become involved in this project. Accordingly, there are two aspects of this suggestion: website domain names and email addresses.

For reasons of cost, the possibilities for harmonized email addresses are more feasible than website addresses.

We were informed by 1and1.com, our current Internet Service Provider, that we have up to 50 distinct email addresses as a part of our current website domain. We use two of these addresses at the moment. The addresses for all countries would be e.g. DE@ivv-web.org

Using these simplified email addresses would be voluntary. It would not be necessary for the members to give up their current email addresses, as each new address can forward mail to the existing address. The advantage to the proposed change is that the addresses become completely independent of language, and there is a consistent format for all IVV members.

Attempts to create a custom-programmed link between the existing database and the Internet have not been as successful as hoped. Accordingly, the use of commercially available software compatible with FileMaker Pro will be examined. Cost will still be well below the figures announced in 2011.

#### 5. Report IVV Head Office

Tanja Müller reported that at the end of 2015 3917 clubs of the different national members belong to the IVV as well as 20 direct members. Two of them joined the IVV in 2015: Ginseng Vladivostok (Russia) and Baltic Walking Association BWA (Lithuania).

Belgium handed in their application to host the IVV Congress in 2020.

A suggestion was received to award participants who attended all 15 Olympiads. Participants had to present their proof to receive their award. Participants who attended 10 Olympiads will receive their award at the IVV booth, participants of 15 Olympiads receive their award at the official closing ceremony. Another possibility would be to award participants with 13, 14, 15 Olympiads. The Presidium definitely accepted the suggestion of awarding the participants, but wanted to consider all possibilities before making a final decision about the exact procedure.

#### 6. IVV Congress in Brazil 2016

Graham Fawcett met with organizers of the IVV Congress and the director of the tourism office and representatives of the IVV Brazil. The Congress takes part in a little village of 25,000 inhabitants where there will be no safety problems for the participants. Graham Fawcett booked 20 rooms in a so called „Pousada“ for IVV Presidium members and Continental Federations for a low price. The national associations must be informed as soon as possible about fees, program, hotels and touristic possibilities etc.

#### 7. Project Winter Olympiade Shenyang

The IVV Presidium informed the CVA that they need to meet IVV Rules and competitive and collective sports are not allowed. A visit to Shenyang of Giuseppe Colantonio, Graham Fawcett and Raymond Claude is planned at the end of February to discuss the program of the Winter Olympiad.

## 8. 50th IVV Anniversary and Europiad in Sicily, May 20-27, 2018

The program is as following:

May 20: Arrival of delegates

May 21: IVV Congress (if accepted at the IVV Congress in Brazil)

May 23. Start Europiad

May 24 : Closing Ceremony (evening) with 50th IVV anniversary celebrations

May 26 : Closing of sports activities at Europiad

## 9. Others

Europiad Kitzbühel: The Presidium arrives on May 24 and departs on May 29. The Executive Presidium meeting is planned for May 25.

Graham Fawcett brought forward the electronic money transfer. It would make it easier to transfer money for countries outside of Europe and save banking fees. The Presidium agreed but they need to collect some information.

After the terrorist attack in Paris Giuseppe Colantonio, in the name of the Presidium phoned the French IVV President and expressed their condolences. If it happens again in the future, the IVV Head Office will write an e-mail in the name of the Presidium and Presidium members to the concerned national members.

Raymond Claude

IVV Secretary