



Meeting Minutes of virtual IVV-Congress of Delegates on December 15/16, 2020 in Altötting, Head Office

1. Opening and welcoming

The IVV President Giuseppe Colantonio welcomes the participants of the Congress of Delegates 2020. Due to the Corona Pandemic the Congress can only be held virtually with the participants Giuseppe Colantonio, Raymond Claude, Walter Motz, Rudi Bräuml and Gerhard Schlatter, IVV Austria for the Election Committee and Tanja Müller from the IVV Head Office. He thanks IVV-Belgium again, where the congress should have taken place originally. Since the designated members of the Election Committee and the minute-taker were not allowed to arrive, President Colantonio leads the congress, Raymond Claude is the secretary. Rudi Bräuml, Gerhard Schlatter and Raymond Claude as Election Committee take over the evaluation of the election documents on December 16, which were submitted in writing as a postal vote.

The documents for the postal vote were sent by e-mail to all member countries and the IVV United Presidium on October 23, 2020.

The convening of the congress took place on December 2, 2019. With the convening the agenda and the budgets 2018 and 2019 were sent out. Originally, the Congress was planned for May 8/9, 2020, but was subsequently postponed to October 9/10, 2020. Unfortunately, the congress could not take place on this date either due to pandemic restrictions. After detailed discussion and after agreement with the local court with reference to the Federal Law Gazette 2020 I No. 14 27.03.2020 §5, which was issued by the legislator for associations for the extraordinary pandemic situation, the IVV Presidium decided in September 2020 to hold the Congress in writing with an evaluation on December 15, 2020. Deadline to return the ballot documents was set for November 30, 2020.

2. Minute's silence for deceased

The IVV President asks those present to stand up and commemorate the deceased of the IVV family in a minute's silence.

3. Election of electoral committee and examination board

According to agenda item 11 New elections, an election committee of at least 3 persons must be formed pursuant to § 7 (1) of the Rules of Order. Since some of the persons named in the postal voting documents are not permitted to travel, the following committee members are appointed: Rudi Bräuml (IVV Austria), Gerhard Schlatter (IVV Austria), Raymond Claude (IVV Secretary, does not run for reelection)

President Colantonio thanks for the journey and for the willingness to count the submitted election documents.

In the submitted 27 election documents, the determination of the election committee was approved by 26 votes by checking the appropriate box (1 abstention)

4. Further greetings

The speech of Honorary President Horst Volkmer was sent to all member countries and the IVV United Presidium on October 22, 2020. President Colantonio notes that Horst Volkmer had his 80th birthday this year, to which he congratulated him in writing.

5. Establishment of the Delegates present and quorum

According to the Federal Law Gazette 2020 I No. 14 27.03.2020 page 571 § 5 Associations and Foundations, a resolution is valid without a meeting of the members if all members have been involved, at least half of the members have cast their votes in text form by the date set by the association and the resolution has been passed with the required majority.

Of the 36 members (IVV member countries and IVV United Presidium) 27 members have filled in the election documents and returned them to the IVV Head Office in due time until the deadline of November 30, 2020, one further member country handed in their documents but after the deadline. The quorum is therefore given. The number of participating members comprises 87 delegates.

6. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Mazara del Vallo/Sicily

The meeting minutes of Mazara del Vallo/Sicily was again sent by e-mail to all member countries and the IVV United Presidium on October 23, 2020. It has been approved by 26 members on the basis of the evaluation of the postal vote documents by ticking the appropriate box (1 abstention).

7. Reports:

a) President's report

The report of the IVV President was sent on October 22, 2020 by e-mail to all member countries and the IVV United Presidium.

b) Vice President's report

The report of the IVV Vice-President was sent on October 22, 2020 by e-mail to all member countries and the IVV United Presidium.

c) Treasurer's report

The reports of the IVV Treasurer (cash report and audit report 2018 and 2019) were sent on October 22, 2020, the budgets 2018 and 2019 again on October 23, 2020 by e-mail to all member countries and the IVV United Presidium.

d) Secretary's report

The report of the IVV Secretary was sent on October 22, 2020 by e-mail to all member countries and the IVV United Presidium.

- e) Report of IVV-Asia representative of United Presidium
The report of IVV-Asia President Mitsumasa Miyashita was sent on October 26, 2020 by e-mail to all member countries and the IVV United Presidium.
- f) Report of IVV-Europe representative of United Presidium
No report was submitted by IVV-Europe President Uwe Kneibert.
- g) Report of IVV-Americas representative of United Presidium
The report of IVV-Americas & Oceania President Diana Marshall was sent on October 26, 2020 by e-mail to all member countries and the IVV United Presidium.
- h) Auditors' report
The auditors' reports for 2018 and 2019 were sent by e-mail on October 22, 2020 to all member countries and the IVV United Presidium.

8. Discussion of the reports

On 06.11.2020 a request was received from Emil Dannemark, IVV Belgium, to the IVV Treasurer Walter Motz, which was answered by Walter Motz on November 8, 2020. The topic was the deficit of the years 2016 and 2017 as well as the request for the balance sheet and the budgets 2020 and 2021. The correspondence with the documents provided by Mr. Motz was sent by e-mail to all member countries and the IVV General Presidium on November 13, 2020.

On November 13, 2020 the statement of the Luxembourg President Romain Buschmann on the reports was sent. Topics were the state of the continental associations, the cooperation, statistics as well as the general state of the association with respective proposals for solutions. The statement was commented by IVV President Giuseppe Colantonio on November 16, 2020 and forwarded to all member countries and the IVV United Presidium.

9. Approval

Approval is granted on the basis of the evaluation of the postal vote documents by checking the appropriate box by 23 members with abstention of the 4 Presidium members for the years 2018 and 2019.

10. Motions

The two motions were sent by e-mail to all member countries and the IVV United Presidium on October 23, 2020.

Motion 1 IVV Europe:

From 2020 onwards, the continental confederation of IVV-Europe will receive 30% of the membership fees paid to the IVV by the European member countries of IVV-Europe.

The IVV Presidium has rejected this proposal and proposes that each national member association or continental confederation can submit projects for funding, which will be discussed separately by the IVV Presidium and the financial contribution will be determined accordingly.

Vote:

9 votes for the motion of IVV Europe, 40 votes for the suggestion of the IVV Presidium, 12 abstentions, 26 votes were invalid. Therefore, the suggestion of the IVV Presidium is accepted.

Proposal 2 IVV IVV Luxembourg:

IVV Luxembourg applies to waive the IVV annual membership fee 2021 to the associations of 13€ per association for all affected associations that had to cancel their events in 2020 due to the pandemic. All associations should submit a list of the affected associations to the IVV Head Office by a certain date.

The IVV Presidium has rejected this proposal and proposes to reduce the membership fee for 2021 from 13€ to 6.50€ per member country.

Vote:

6 votes for the motion of IVV Luxembourg, 54 votes for the suggestion of the IVV Presidium, 4 abstentions, 23 votes invalid. Therefore, the suggestion of the IVV Presidium is accepted.

11. Election of IVV Presidium and Boards

The members of the IVV Presidium to be elected leave the room.

The chairman of the election and examination committee Rudi Bräuml explains the course of the elections on the basis of the valid rules of procedure of the association. The ballots are being counted after having opened the sealed ballot envelopes. For the absolute majority invalid votes and abstentions will not be counted, according to the rules of order §6 (7).

The new candidates of the IVV Presidium wrote a letter of introduction, which were sent to all member countries and the IVV United Presidium on October 26, 2020.

a) IVV President

Giuseppe Colantonio confirms his candidacy upon request.

Giuseppe Colantonio is elected with 82 votes to the post of IVV President (5 abstentions)

He declares on request that he accepts the election.

b) IVV Vice President

Two candidatures were submitted. The candidates are:

Graham Fawcett, IVV Vice President and Motohiro Kawauchi (Ph.D.), President IVV Japan.

With 55 votes, Graham Fawcett is elected to the post of IVV Vice President. Ph.D. Motohiro

Kawauchi receives 27 votes (5 abstentions). On telephone inquiry by the IVV President,

Graham Fawcett declares that he accepts the election.

c) IVV Treasurer

Walter Motz confirms his candidacy upon request.

Walter Motz is elected with 87 votes to the post of IVV Treasurer.
On request he declares that he accepts the election.

d) IVV Secretary

Two candidatures were submitted. The candidates are:

Georges Kintziger, IVV Luxembourg and Emil Dannemark, IVV Belgium.

With 50 votes, Emil Dannemark is elected to the post of IVV Secretary. Georges Kintziger receives 29 votes (8 abstentions). On telephone inquiry by the IVV President, Emil Dannemark declares that he accepts the election.

e) IVV Disciplinary Board (1 chairman, 2 assessors)

Three candidatures were submitted: David Bonewitz/IVV USA, Roger Baker/IVVGB, Ionut Toma/IVV Romania

Roger Baker is elected Chairman with 43 votes, David Bonewitz receives 28 votes, Ionut Toma 9 votes (5 invalid/2 abstentions).

The chairman of the committee Roger Baker receives the absolute majority in the 1st ballot. On written request by e-mail he accepts the election. The two assessors accept the election also on written request by e-mail.

f) IVV Arbitration Board (1 chairman, 2 assessors)

Three candidatures were submitted: Guy Borsenberger/IVV France, Diana Marshall/IVV Australia, Benoit Pinsonneault/IVV Canada

Guy Borsenberger is elected Chairman with 44 votes, Diana Marshall receives 25 votes, Benoit Pinsonneault 11 votes (5 invalid/2 abstentions). The chairman of the Committee Guy Borsenberger receives the absolute majority in the 1st ballot. Upon written request by e-mail, he accepts the election. The two assessors also accept the election upon written request by e-mail. With Benoit Pinsonneault there is a retired military lawyer in this committee, a legal background in this committee is desired according to the IVV statutes.

g) IVV Audit Committee (2 auditors, reserve auditor)

Three candidatures were submitted: Konrad Teni/IVV Austria, Romain Buschmann/IVV Luxembourg, Brian Tilbury/IVV GB

Konrad Teni (38 votes) and Romain Buschmann (37 votes) are elected as cash auditors, Brian Tilbury is therefore substitute cash auditor.

12. Election of location of the next Congress of Delegates in 2022

There are two applications: IVV Germany and IVV Canada.

Both countries had the opportunity to present themselves online. The e-mail with the respective information was sent to all member countries and the IVV Presidium on October 23, 2020.

The elected host is IVV Canada with 54 votes. IVV Germany receives 32 votes (1 abstention)

13. Election of location of the next IVV Olympiad 2023

There is an application from IVV-USA. The corresponding information was sent to all member countries and the IVV Presidium on October 23, 2020.

IVV-USA is confirmed with 78 votes (9 abstentions).

14. Honours

Raymond Claude, who has been a member of the IVV Executive Committee for many years since 2007, will not stand for election and will therefore leave the IVV Committee. IVV President Giuseppe Colantonio thanks Raymond Claude for his merits in IVV and bids him farewell with the Certificate of Honour and the IVV Pin of Honour. Raymond Claude thanks the IVV President. The IVV has given him a lot in his life. He wishes the IVV and the Presidium continued success and good work.

15. Miscellaneous

IVV-Australia: Australia would like to see the continued support of the online portal and encourage other countries to enter their walks onto the database.

IVV-Brazil: In 2019 Anda Brasil entered into an important partnership with the newly created Brazilian Long Distance Trails System. That aims to integrate and signal more than 18 thousand km of trails in this country of continental size. They believe that the development of permanent and long distance circuits can bring hikers from other countries even closer. They also support the new IVV Online Portal which they classify more dynamic and modern.

IVV-China: IVV China would approve a representative from South Korea in the board of IVV-Asia in the future.

IVV France: Due to the high financial loss at the IVV Olympiad 2019, IVV France asks for financial support from the IVV. As it is regulated in the Olympiad contract that the financial responsibility for the organization and the course is solely with the host federation, this request must unfortunately be rejected.

IVV-Luxembourg: IVV-Luxembourg asks the IVV Presidium to call an extraordinary IVV Congress of Delegates in the best possible time.

According to IVV Statutes §8 (10) this would have to be decided by the Congress of Delegates or requested by at least half of the member associations. The next Congress of Delegates will take place in 2022 anyway.

16. Closing of Congress of Delegates

IVV President Giuseppe Colantonio closes the Congress of Delegates 2020, thanking all the participants and especially all the member countries that had submitted their electoral documents and thus contributed to the realization of the virtual congress. He further thanks all candidates who have made themselves available for a cooperation in the IVV Presidium and in the Committees and

is looking forward to the cooperation with the newly elected Presidium and Committee members. He wishes a personal reunion in the near future.

Raymond Claude
IVV Secretary

Election protocol:

IVV President: Giuseppe Colantonio, 82 votes, 5 abstentions

IVV Vice President: Graham Fawcett, 55 votes
Motohiro Kawauchi, 27 votes
5 abstentions

IVV Treasurer: Walter Motz, 87 votes

IVV Secretary: Emil Dannemark, 50 votes
Georges Kintziger, 29 votes
8 abstentions

Disciplinary Board: Roger Baker, Chair, 43 votes
David Bonewitz, assessor, 28 votes
Ionut Toma, assessor, 9 votes
2 abstentions/5 invalid votes

Arbitration Board: Guy Borsenberger, Chair, 44 votes
Diana Marshall, assessor, 25 votes
Benoit Pinsonneault, assessor, 11 votes
2 abstentions/5 invalid votes

Auditors: Konrad Teni, 38 votes, Romain Buschmann, 37 votes
Not elected and therefore substitute auditor: Brian Tilbury

IVV Congress 2022: IVV Canada, 54 votes, IVV Germany, 32 votes, 1 abstention

IVV Olympiad 2023: IVV USA, 78 votes, 9 abstentions