



Short Report IVV CONGRESS OF DELEGATES

Theater Garibaldi in Mazara del Vallo (Sicily / Italy)

May 21, 2018

1. Opening and Welcoming

IVV President Giuseppe Colantonio welcomed the guests of honour and delegates in this beautiful Sicily, a wonderful island in the Mediterranean. He then thanked FIASP for organizing this conference. Special thanks were also given to the police, who guarantee the safety of all those present. The venue, the Garibaldi Theatre, is a special place, as it is practically made entirely of wood from old fishing boats.

He thanked all the associations for participating in this conference, in the 50th anniversary of the IVV and in the 4th Europiad. With the presence of IVV officials, the base of IVV Italy in Sicily is to be consolidated. Fantastic landscapes, wonderful wine regions and rich history will await the visitors in the next few days.

2. Minute's silence for deceased

The IVV President asked the delegates for a minute's silence in memory of the deceased officials and members of the entire IVV family.

3. Election of electoral committee and examination board

Raymond Claude informed the delegates that he would chair this session and therefore instructed Georges Kintziger to write the report of the delegates' meeting.

The following persons were proposed from the Presidium for the election committee:

Michael Mallmann (Germany), Emil Dannemark (Belgium), Guy Borsenberger (France).

The delegates unanimously elect the aforementioned persons to the election committee, Michael Mallmann took over the chairmanship.

4. Further greetings

Alberto Guidi: The President of FIASP, IVV-Italy said he was proud to welcome the entire IVV family to Sicily. Communication between the different nations is an important part of international understanding. He wished the Congress every success.

Silvano Bonnano: The Vice-Mayor of Mazara del Vallo welcomed all delegates to the intercultural city with its international port. As a city of sun, sea and wind, this city works on a constant good coexistence of many people of different nationalities and cultures. He wished the entire IVV delegate every success.

Horst Volkmer: The IVV Honorary President is still interested in the development of the IVV, especially in this year of its 50th anniversary. When it was founded, no one had any idea what scale this organization would ever have. The IVV has created friendships beyond all borders and thus contributed to international understanding.

5. Establishment of the Delegates present and quorum

According to § 8 paragraph 5 of the IVV statutes, the Congress of Delegates is quorate when one more than half the declared number of delegates is present. 99 delegates were invited, 57 of whom were present. Thus the quorum of the Congress was given.

6. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Brazil

The minutes of Rio de Janeiro were unanimously approved by the delegates.

7. Reports

a) President's report

Giuseppe Colantonio is satisfied, as the IVV is moving forward with the help of the federations and continental federations. Finding common solutions, even in the case of disagreements, is a sign of mutual respect.

As fewer and fewer delegates attended the meetings, a survey was launched, the results of which were communicated. Many differences have been noted, due to the geopolitical situation and various legislations. Therefore, a new market situation is to be created.

The IVV will continue to exist for a long time to come. Some nations must be supported, others must understand that they must drive at the same speed. All delegates, the managers of the associations, must strengthen cooperation. In this context, the continental associations are also required to provide aid to the general association. It is gratifying that Africa has also shown interest in the IVV in the meantime.

The 50th anniversary celebration is supposed to spur on to introduce new projects, to become internationally homogeneous and to challenge the impossible. For our sport for all, with 50 years of experience, we must continue to work on the promotion as well as in the youth and age range.

b) Vice President's report

Graham Fawcett explained that after the re-election of the IVV Presidium in Rio de Janeiro a new IVV-brochure has been worked on as well as further on the new website. This new Internet portal was launched at the end of 2016 with many new pages. Currently about 30,000 visitors per year can be counted, much more are expected in the future. The mobile pages are also being redesigned. There are also plans for a discussion forum on this website. An appeal goes out to the associations to create a Facebook page to promote their organizations. Finally, the Vice President pointed out that the Data Protection Regulation would also have to be dealt with in future.

c) Treasurer's report

The annual financial statements 2016 and 2017 show a loss. IVV Treasurer Walter Motz provided the necessary figures and explanations.

d) Secretary's report

Secretary Raymond Claude did not want to go into the contents of the different meetings of the Presidium, since these were all published in the Internet. The Executive Presidium met in Mazara del Vallo, in Koblenz, in Hirtshals, in Trier and in Munich, the United Presidium in Koblenz.

After some statements on the work of the Executive Bureau and on cooperation with the individual international confederations, he expressed his special thanks to Ms Tanja Müller for her outstanding work for the IVV.

e) Report of IVV-Asia representative of United Presidium

Motohiro Kawauchi, President of IVV-Japan, was pleased that the club from Vladivostok has joined IVV Asia, due to its proximity to Korea and Japan.

The last Congress of Delegates of the Continental Confederation took place in Taipei in 2016, the next Asiapiad this year will take place in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Also in Japan several big events will take place, in Seoul there is a new long hiking trail.

The IVV Asia representative would like to see the IVV Olympiad 2021 in Seoul.

f) Report of IVV-Europe representative of United Presidium

Uwe Kneibert, IVV Europe President, looked back on the various activities of the European Continental Confederation.

18 delegates from 17 member countries were represented at the Congress of Delegates in Hirtshals (Denmark). In addition to the re-election of the entire Presidium, the Europiade 2020 was awarded to the Austrian Association with Sillian in East Tyrol as the venue. Furthermore, it was decided to discontinue the publication of the IVV Europe annual calendar for financial reasons. The next Congress of Delegates will take place in Aix-en-Provence on 14 October 2019 before the start of the IVV Olympiad.

The cup programs of the IVV-Europe are a success story, as more than 300 record books were sold for the "Europawanderer", 118 of which have already been redeemed. The "Europa wandert" cup program was launched in 2016 and 139 record books are currently in circulation.

During the IVV-Olympiad in Koblenz the new website of IVV-Europe was presented. He would like to thank the French association and Fabrice Wagner for their excellent cooperation.

A workshop on the new IVV-Digital project took place in Trier in the presence of 10 member countries with 22 representatives.

Finally, the IVV-Europe President calls for closer cooperation between all affiliated associations.

g) Report of IVV-Americas representative of United Presidium

Flávio Ferreira from Brazil reported about contacts with countries from South America, which show interest in non-performance-related activities. In addition, there is a "Caminhando+" project in Brazil which means "more walking" and which is to be integrated into the official list of sporting events. A new website has been created, but needs to be completed. In addition, sponsors are still being sought.

São José dos Pinhais in southern Brazil was chosen as the venue for the first Americaspiad and is briefly introduced by the IVV-Americas President. The name "Americaspiad" could possibly be changed to include Australia and Oceania. To promote this event, press tours and contacts to tour guides are organized.

h) Auditor's report

Michel Courtier reported that the Auditors Brian Tilbury and Michel Courtier met with Walter Motz in Koblenz (Germany) on 8 June 2017 and subjected the association's finances 2016 to an audit in accordance with the Statutes and Rules of Order of the IVV.

Brian Tilbury reported that the auditors Brian Tilbury and Michel Courtier met with Walter Motz in Strasbourg (France) on 28 March 2018 and audited the association's finances in 2017 in accordance with the Statutes and Rules of Order.

No irregularities were found during the inspection and therefore the Treasurer of the association deserves thanks and recognition for his responsible work.

Michel Courtier and Brian Tilbury asked the Delegates to approve the actions of the Treasurer and the Executive Presidium for 2016 and 2017.

8. Discussion of the reports

Emil Dannemark, IVV-Belgium, notes that for some years now there have been repeated deficits. Over the years one would have to think about it. Also the column "Other" would have to be explained more in detail.

The Treasurer explained that the congress in Brazil was very cost-intensive, and there were purchases together with the IML for the IML IVV Cup. Walter Motz also provided the necessary declarations on the "Other" section and pointed out that German tax law does not allow registered associations to receive large sums of money unless they have a larger project in preparation.

9. Approval

According to § 4 paragraph 4 of the Rules of Finances and Dues, an auditor is responsible for the motion to approve the actions of the Presidium. Michel Courtier and Bryan Tilbury - the Auditors present – carried out the act of approval.

Vote: Approval for the years 2016 and 2017 was unanimously granted to the Executive Presidium.

10. Survey (3 Workshops) afterwards discussion

Following an IVV survey of all affiliated associations with 10 different questions regarding organization, proposals, etc., the answers were sent to the associations in advance. In 3 different language workshops 4 questions in particular were to be deepened in discussions.

11. IVV-Digital – Discussion of Presentation

A separate report was prepared for the presentation of the IVV-Digital project on the same day before the conference began.

There were no further questions.

12. Motions

There were no motions.

13. Election of location of the next Congress of Delegates in 2020

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15. Honours

Official honours were awarded by the IVV President Giuseppe Colantonio to the following representatives of the Belgian association: Alfons Leys (certificate and bronze pin of merit), Joseph Derclaye and Emil Dannemark (certificate and gold pin of merit). Eduard van Hissenhoven received the certificate and pin of merit in silver, which was presented later during his stay in Sicily because he was unable to attend the congress.

16. Miscellaneous

Mitsumasa Miyashita, President of IVV Asia, asked the IVV to strive for the involvement of developing countries in the IVV. Especially in Southeast Asia and Africa, the economic future could soon change. Here, the importance of movement and walking should be emphasized. Sports activities and endurance are also to be promoted in schools. Stress reduction during hiking has been proven and moderate exercise can prevent the progression of dementia. Therefore, IVV should advertise that walking is the cheapest way to maintain physical and mental health.

Mr. Elmar Roeser, who has been a member of IVV Germany for 5 years, reported about the new IVV direct membership in Spain together with his Spanish company. The first event is a 4-day walking event (Walking Alcudia) in 2019 in Alcudia on the island of Mallorca.

17. Closing of Congress of Delegates

IVV President Giuseppe Colantonio expressed his sincere thanks for this positive conference and refers to the 50th anniversary celebration on the following day.

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