

Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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FIAP Holds 2022 Congress in Asturias, Spain

The International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP) held its 35th Congress and 9th General Assembly in Asturias, Spain, from December 1 to 4, 2022. The FIAP Congress is the formal meeting of the FIAP-member country's Liaison Officers every other year, the last Congress being held in Durban, South Africa in 2018. The FIAP General Assembly meets once a year between August and December, every other year which is during the FIAP Congress. In 2021 the FIAP General Assembly was held via videoconference.

The PAA President and FIAP Liaison Officer for the USA, **Joanne Stolte, HonFPSA, MPSA, EFIAP, ESFIAP**, attended. FIAP Liaison Officers submitted their credentials prior to the



Congress in order to vote. Some Liaison Officers assigned their proxy to Liaison Officers who were attending to a maximum of three ballots per person. Joanne had the proxies from Canada and South Africa.

The 2022 Congress was called to order by FIAP President, **Riccardo Busi, QPSA**, and FIAP General Secretary, **Ioannis Lykouris**, performed a roll call of the delegates. Both then presented their report of the past year's activity. Some country memberships were cancelled and new affiliations were approved.



FIAP Treasurer, **Kurt Batschinski**, provided a report of the 2021 & 2022 financial status, the report of the auditors, and secured approval



2022 FIAP Congress Group Photo

of the 2023 budget. The annual country membership fees will remain the same.

It was announced that FIAP Distinctions will return to pre-Covid requirements beginning in January 2024. This means that print acceptances will again be required for the AFIAP and EFIAP, and the price reduction for Photographer's Cards and distinction fees will be gone.

The second day began with the election of five of the nine members of the Board of Directors to a four-year term. Two proposals were then presented as the potential location for the 2023 FIAP Photo Meeting. The Liaison Officers voted and the 2023 Photo Meeting will be held in Asturias, Spain in June 2023.



Joanne Completing Ballots

Following lunch a group photo was taken of the Congress attendees before traveling to the Sumuno Valley Ecomuseum where everyone visited a mine. The group then traveled to the Langreo FIAP Exhibition Center for the exhibition "Moments 2020," and preceded to the Gala Dinner and closing ceremony at the Palacio de las Nieves Hotel-Restaurant in Langreo. The 2024 FIAP Congress will be organized by India.



Liaison Officers Attending the 2022 FIAP Congress Group Photo