



FIAT-IFTA

Fédération Internationale des Associations de Thanatologues
International Federation of Thanatologists Associations

March 18, 2020

FIAT-IFTA President and Board 2018 -2020

Subject: Resolution to postpone the 16th FIAT-IFTA International Convention & Conference to June 2021

The world is facing an unprecedented situation. In many countries the governments are taking measures to control the health and wellbeing of the population.

As a responsible organization FIAT-IFTA is forced to take the necessary actions. Worldwide many events have been cancelled or postponed. People are concerned and reluctant to make any travel arrangements.

In a meeting on Wednesday, 18th of March, the Board of ZENSOREN – All Japan Funeral Directors Cooperation and the President of FIAT-IFTA (advised by 1st Vice President Marek Cichewicz, Secretary Emerson De Luca and Past President Gus Nichols) have concluded after ample considerations to cancel the event of the 16th FIAT-IFTA Convention, Yokohama, Japan on 22 – 24 June 2020 and to postpone the 16th FIAT-IFTA Convention for the period of one year. Exact dates will be announced as soon as they will be available.

Therefore, the Board of FIAT-IFTA is obliged to submit a resolution to the I.C.D. members.

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Prior to this decision, FIAT-IFTA has submitted a request to the Dutch Notary, who has drawn up the FIAT-IFTA Constitution, to be of advice in this exceptional situation.

Civil Law Notary Mr. A.C.W. Graaf van Limburg Stirum, Hilversum- NL has concluded in a letter to the President of FIAT-IFTA:

The FIAT-IFTA Board is entitled and has the right to take any decision in the interest of the FIAT-IFTA Federation that does not conflict with the written articles of the Constitution:

CONSTITUTION Article XIV A, 1 c, d :

c. To oversee the operation of all programs and resources of the Federation.

d. To act on behalf of the General Assembly and the I.C.D. when not in session and, in the event the Board of Officers acts on behalf of either sub-group, to report within ten (10) days thereof on the action taken by the Board of Officers.

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RESOLUTION:

In the interest of good governance of the FIAT-IFTA Federation, the President and the Board have ruled:

- To postpone the 16th FIAT-IFTA International Convention & Conference to June 2021.
- To inform within 10 days all FIAT-IFTA members of this resolution and to fix as soon as possible new dates and location.
- That the FIAT-IFTA Board shall operate as Interim FIAT-IFTA Board bestowed with all powers in accordance with the Articles of the Constitution.
- That the FIAT-IFTA Finances 2018- 2019, 2019 – 2020 and the Budget 2020 shall be submitted to the Audit Committee members: Mr. Runar Geirmundsson (Iceland) and Mr. Ulf Lerneus (Sweden).
- That the FIAT-IFTA Funeral Heritage Report 2020 shall be published in four languages (English, Spanish, Chinese and Japanese language).
- That the Interim FIAT-IFTA Board invites all National Members to submit a National Report. All National Reports shall be published in a book to be presented at the FIAT-IFTA Convention in 2021.
- That the Interim FIAT-IFTA Board shall continue to execute previously adopted resolutions.

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Signed:

Hiroshi KITAJIMA, President

Emerson De LUCA, Secretary

The President and the Secretary of FIAT-IFTA draw the attention of the members to the following:

- FIAT-IFTA Constitution Article XI, 1 states: *General Assembly: to nominate the members of the I.C.D.* To this end the FIAT-IFTA secretariat shall send a special form to each I.C.D. Member. In this form each National Members confirms the name of the delegate who will have voting rights (2020 – 2021).
- Article XII, D of the FIAT-IFTA Constitution is applicable in case the I.C.D. Members should wish to convene in an Extraordinary I.C.D. Meeting.

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