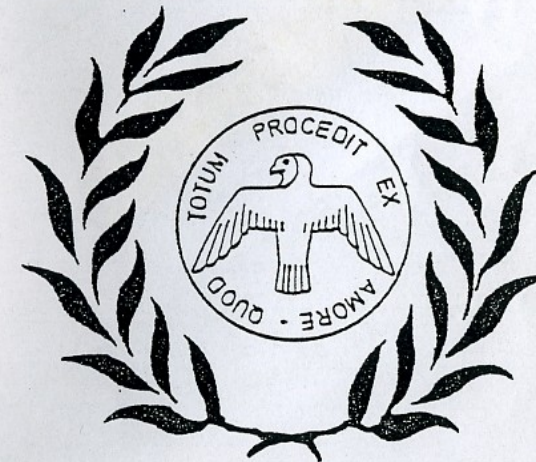




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XXXth ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The "Associação Portuguesa de Falcoaria" very kindly offered to host our XXXth Anniversary General Meeting.

We are extremely grateful to Mrs Natalia Correia Guedes, president of the Associação Portuguesa de Falcoaria, to our Portuguese colleagues and especially to those who took an active part in the organisation of our meeting.

The General Meeting will take place

at the Haras of Alter de Chao
(Coudelara de Alter do Chao)

at 10 h 00

AGENDA

ELECTIONS

President

We have one candidate : Ferrance PRATESI
Ferrante Pratesi, born in Rome the 20.12.1940
Profession : architect
Speaks Italian, English, French, Spanish.
Practising falconry without interruption since 1956
President of the Circolo Falconrieri d'Italia per lo Studio e la Protezione dei Rapaci, of which he has been Board member for 20 years.
Collaborated actively with the WWF in the protection of diurnal birds of prey and in the study and census of Red Deer of Sardinia and ensuing publication.
Collaborated actively in the organisation of the world falconry meeting in Abu-Dhabi in 1976.

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PROF.DR. THOMAS RICHTER
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on Saturday 28th November 1998

Vice-president (s)

We have one candidate : Patrick MOREL

We shall perhaps have a second candidate : if the North American Falconers' Association applies for membership in the IAF and is admitted, we suggested them to propose a candidate, in which case we could elect two vice-presidents.
Candidates are welcome.

Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee consists of maximum six members, currently of the following persons are members :
Gilles Nortier, Robert Kenward, Eckart Shormair, Frank Bond (NAFA) and Jim Chick (British Hawk Board).
Candidates are welcome.
According to the Belgian law on international associations, one member of the Advisory Committee must be a Belgian citizen.

MEMBERSHIP

The following associations have applied for membership :

New countries

Brazil : Associação Brasileira de Falcoeiros e Prservação de Aves de Rapina
Lithuania : Lietuvos Sakalninku Klubas
Slovakia : Slovensky Klub Sokoliarov
Sweden : Svenska Falkenerareförbundet

Countries already represented (20)

Belgium : Belgische Vereniging van Vlaamse Valkeniers en Havikeniers
Great Britain : The Hawking Club
Spain : Club Felix Rodriguez de la Fuente

By the time of our general meeting, other candidatures may be added to our agenda; we would of course examine them too.
The North American Falconers' Association will decide if they apply for membership or not at their general meeting, two days

before our own general meeting, they will immediately let us know their decision.

REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT

REPORT BY THE TREASURER

REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Written report is attached.

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

Frank Bond, General Counsel of the North American Falconers' Association proposed to amend IAF's Constitution. He took the pains to re-draft our Constitution and submitted his text to the Advisory Committee.

After discussions at its meeting of 25th July in Brussels, the Advisory Committee agreed on the attached text.

The text of the present Constitution is attached as well, in order to facilitate the comparison with the proposed new text.
The amendments to the Constitution require a majority of 2/3 of the members present.

Comments are welcome.

FUTURE POLICY OF THE IAF

POINTS RAISED BY THE MEMBERS

If you wish some items to be discussed at the meeting, please do it in writing and sent it as soon as possible to Christian de Coune.

NEXT MEETING

Suggestion or invitations are welcome.

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At 20 h 30, the XXXth Anniversary Dinner will be held at Pousada de S. Miguel in Sousel. Homage will be paid to the memory of Anthony Jack.

For informations or reservations, contact :

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CITES

At the meeting of the Animals' Committee in Caracas in May this year, it was decided to produce a list of "species commonly bred in captivity".

Following abstract of Circular 4.1998 will help you remembering what it is about.

1.1 List of Species Commonly Bred in Captivity

That list is a part of the definition of "bred in captivity" : among other conditions for being considered as captive bred, a specimen must have been produced in a breeding operation that has already produced F2 generation; if the specimen belongs to a species "commonly bred in captivity", there is no need to prove that the breeding operation has already produced F2.

DISCUSSION :

it was decided that we would not discuss a list of species, but criteria for listing the species;

it was agreed that the list would be an ongoing process resulting in having more and more species on the list;

it was not agreed to that the rich countries can have very large breeding centres that compete with the sustainable use by developing countries of their natural resources, hence a socio-economic loss for them, CITES should not prevent the Third World from utilising their resources, sustainable use being a tool for conservation, there would be a loss to conservation;

it was objected that a species can be easy to breed in a country and difficult elsewhere, reply : the list must be global;

it was agreed that countries may oppose the listing of some species, but one objection should not stop the whole process, even if it is an endemic species;

Tony Crosswell and Frank Bond made useful contributions to drafting the criteria.

DECISION :

The following criteria for the listing of a species commonly bred in captivity was ultimately adopted :

The species is regularly bred in captivity (in accordance with the provisions of Resolution Conf. 10.16) at numerous facilities, and the captive population is self-sustaining.

Process : the countries propose a list of species to the Secretariat; the Secretariat send them to the members of the Animals' Committee, the next Animal's Committee meeting examines the proposals and send them for comments to the countries concerned and to experts (e.g. IUCN), these comments are sent to the Animals' Committee who will at its next meeting submit a list to the Standing Committee, who will adopt a list.

As you may realise, the whole process may take some time. As long as the list is not adopted, the breeder will have to demonstrate that the methods he uses for breeding have proved to be efficient for that purpose, which should pose no problem to raptor breeders.

IAF ASKS YOU :

Members of the European Union
before 10th November,

Other countries
before 1st December

WRITE to the CITES Management Authority of your country the
following letter (and send a copy to Patrick Morel) :

Concerning :

Animal Species Commonly Bred in Captivity

*Parties to the CITES have been asked by the Secretariat
to make proposals for the inclusion of species in the
list of animal species commonly bred in captivity.*

*We would be grateful to you to add to the list you will
propose to the Secretariat the following species :*

1.- common name, scientific name

- the captive population of the said species is self-
sustaining given the fact that it breeds reliably
and the specimens can be easily reared and
maintained in captivity,

- the species is bred in captivity at (number)
facilities

- the species started to be bred in captivity in (year)

- approximately (number) specimens of the species are
held in captivity at those breeding facilities

- approximately (number) specimens have been produced
in captivity in (year)

2.- common name, scientific name

etc...

We thank you in advance and remain,
yours faithfully,

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QUESTIONNAIRES

In order to update the administrative and statistical data
concerning the IAF members, please fill in and send back to
Patrick Morel the questionnaires included in the middle of this
Circular.

ANTHONY JACK'S BOOK

You remember (see IAF Newsletter 1-1997) that Anthony Jack
published a translation of a XVIIth century Portuguese falconry
treatise.

That book is extremely interesting! It is a must in every
falconer's library. It is also a souvenir of Anthony.

Some copies are still available at a reduced price of

15 £

An order form is attached to this Circular, send it very soon!

IAF'S CONSERVATION POLICY

The joint project between the West Byelorussian Society for Bird
Conservation and the IAF is actively pursuing its aim of
monitoring rare nesting birds of prey. The Press refers regularly
to our joint project, which conveys not only in Byelorussia the
conservation image of the IAF.

This joint project is a long term, it must then continue for
several years.

This project has been made possible thanks to the generosity of
fellow falconers :

Falconers' Association Adriaan Mollen, Cees de Bruin, Count
Umberto Caproni di Taliedo, Eckart Schormair, Christian de Coune,
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The involvement of falconry in raptor conservation will prove
essential to the future of falconry.

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MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE IAF
Hotel Campanile, Brussels, on Saturday 26 July 1998, starting at 09.00
* indicates points requiring action

Attendance:

Christian de Coune (President), Patrick Morel (Secretary), Robert Kenward (Chairman),
Schormair, Gilles Nortier, Jim Chick, Frank Bond

Eckart

Opening by the Chairman.

New members of the Advisory Committee were welcomed; Gilles Nortier had been elected at the 1997 AGM, and positions reserved for NAFA (represented by Frank Bond) and the UK Hawk Board (represented by Jim Chick). The meeting was to run through 26 July and as long into 27 July as required; speaking time would be limited to two minutes per intervention.

Minutes of the last AC meeting (5 February 1996) had been circulated and were approved.

The AC was reminded that its power extends only to advising the President; the immediate task is to help the President prepare for the next AGM.

The Chairman thanked the President for his tremendous work and regretted his retirement; his contributions to IAF could no longer be replaced by one person.

It was decided to start the meeting only with the members of the AC. Observers invited from BFC and DFO would be admitted when relevant points of the agenda were reached.

Matters arising as a result of Christian de Coune's impending retirement.

The President reported that IAF had not performed badly, but had become an enormous job for one person. New organisations for the Board structure were discussed for sharing the responsibilities in future. Present responsibilities were:

President: policy, club-liaison & candidacy, meetings, minutes & records, board-liaison, newsletter, external representation; Secretary: assisting President; Treasurer: finances; AC: policy advice.

Possible new allocations were for all to share external representation, with:

President: policy, club-liaison & candidacy; Secretary: meetings, minutes & records; Treasurer: finances; Editor: newsletter; AC: policy advice & board liaison.

A second alternative would be for a Director elected by the AGM, to relieve the President of responsibility for club-liaison and the Secretary of responsibility for meetings.

These two structures would give all officers clearly-defined responsibilities, but oblige team-work to fulfil the roles. Responsibilities for external representation would be shared, such that different officers would liaise with other organisations, although a team might be needed at meetings. In either case, officers would be elected by the Council, upon nomination by President and/or AC. It was becoming essential, for communication with minimum effort, for all Board members to be connected by E-mail.

There were arguments in favour of the present structure. Division of responsibilities makes it difficult to have a overall view; international representative must know all the aspects of problems, which would not be the case if responsibilities were divided. Moreover, it was good for a single face to be known at meetings, of a trusted individual viewed as the guardian of the falconry ethic; by its regular presence, falconry then becomes part of the landscape. There would also be financial problems linked to multiple representation at meetings.

On the other hand, there was no single person available to take over from Christian de Coune and people feel more involved as a team. NAFA has a Board of Directors elected from each Region, with the Board electing the president. NAFA also has tax advantages as a non-profit organisation. It was desirable for continuity of representation to have one primary representative for each organisation, but some meetings require essentially political skills, others (eg IUCN) respect representatives with scientific background.

NAFA's potential membership of IAF.

NAFA's Board would need to be convinced that IAF's vision is worldwide, to know how IAF functions and what are its financial structures. The two organisations have similar goals and could continue to represent different regions, especially since the international threat was now reduced, but if NAFA became a member, financial benefits would increase the effectiveness of IAF.

BFC and DFO observers were invited to join the meeting at 10.15:

John Fairclough (BFC), Tony Crosswell (BFC), Hermann Döttlinger (DFO)

Relations between IAF and NAFA.

Frank Bond explained that he had been encouraged by NAFA Board to attend this meeting. Joining the IAF is to be decided by the Board. What affected North American falconry recently had come from outside, including the EU.

Mexican falconry associations may become able to join NAFA, and further outward links could include IAF. It would be important for member clubs to have more influence in IAF, especially as far as the utilisation of the funds is concerned. NAFA would require 2 votes, one on behalf of the USA and one for Canada, which are both represented. There would also need to be changes to make the Code of Conduct less restrictive. The President pointed out that the IAF Constitution was already adapted for NAFA, as Article 6 includes: "in case a member association or club represents more than one country, it may appoint as many delegates as countries it represents".

It was agreed that falconry would have a more united front if NAFA joins IAF; having different representations at CITES might weaken the perception of a united front. Moreover, involvement of NAFA falconers in conservation work would benefit reintegration of falconry into the conservation movement, as a defence against animal welfarism. IAF should be welcome to have a standing representation in NAFA, but without a voting right.

Frequency of AC meetings.

* It was agreed to hold one meeting per year between AGMs, on the 3rd week-end of July, and provisionally in Brussels.

Revision of the IAF Constitution.

It was important to understand why changes were needed. IAF was founded 30 years ago, to preserve falconry. That aim had been met so far, and IAF was recognised by IUCN, WWF and other organisations as the interlocutor for falconry. The flexibility of the current IAF statutes reduced the urgency of redrafting, but the text drafted by Frank Bond was more professional than the current one. Out of 21 Articles, 10 remained unchanged, 9 were slightly different and 2 were completely different.

There was considerable discussion of the proposed article 2, extending IAF's representation to cover "related activities", because if these included commercial development of falconry many clubs would be unhappy and IAF's reputation as an international upholder of falconry ethics and philosophy might be damaged. It was pointed out that the AC could not decide new Statutes, but only make proposals to the AGM for amendment of the Constitution; the decision lay with the AGM. It was agreed that some revisions to proposed wording were necessary. Although IAF's activities often benefited other types of hawk keeping, rehabilitation and related activities, it was not necessary for IAF to take responsibility for these.

It was pointed out that IAF is now a non-incorporated association. With registration, there might be benefits from charity donations and "tax preference" - though these were less available in Europe than in North America, and accounting costs could be greater. Although the President had not registered IAF, his analysis had come to the conclusion that the Belgian law on international associations is the most flexible.

* It was decided that Frank Bond would revise his draft to incorporate the many points made before and after lunch, after which Christian de Coune would consult with the Federation of International Associations to see if the proposed statutes are still compatible with the Belgian laws.

* Gilles Nortier and Frank Bond would liaise to reduce the Code of Conduct to a level likely to be acceptable to NAFA and clubs from a variety of cultural backgrounds, without overly reducing the ethical standards required of IAF member organisations.

During the lunch break, the AC welcomed the newly arrived treasurer Antonio Carapuço.

Sunday 26 July, starting 09.05

Future Board structure for IAF.

Re-examination of a leadership team structure was re-opened. In the absence of suitable candidates, no conclusion was reached as to whether a director was needed, with vice-presidential positions a possible alternative. Possible external representatives with CITES, EU, IUCN, Council of Europe, FACE and CIC were discussed, without firm conclusions being reached, though it was noted that Frank Bond's experience would make him an appropriate link for CITES, the Chairman's work was the theme of IUCN (and took him to all WWGBP and most RRF meetings) and the Secretary lived within easy reach of FACE headquarters.

It was noted that care would be needed to obtain maximum benefit from representatives without possible conflicts of interest, for example between commercial breeding and sustainable use of wild birds of prey, which in many countries motivated conservation work by falconers. Some of those at the meeting felt that this would not be a problem,

because although captive breeding was the rule in Britain, the Hawk Board's primary support was field falconers and it never let commercial interests take priority over falconry; duplicate representation of IAF & Hawk Board would be wasteful when costs could be reduced by sending only one representative. Other AC members felt that the system in Britain encouraged rapid growth in number of falconers and could cause problems elsewhere; in France, for example, goshawks could be taken from the wild because there were few falconers. It was noted that although the last AGM had reserved a position for the Hawk Board on the AC, following representations by BFC, the BFC delegate remained the voting member for the UK at the AGM. Agreement was reached that IAF must prioritise actions for falconry at an international level, avoiding the internal problems of countries, and that any IAF representative must be approved by the Advisory Committee and his mandate limited to defending falconry.

Finance

The new Treasurer had moved rapidly to identify the main reasons for IAF's financial deficit as: delayed payment or no payment of the fees and insufficient payment of the "extra contribution" that had been decided at the last AGM. However, there was also a structural deficit.

Proposed solutions were:

- 1) finding sponsors to contribute for subscription-exempted countries, or offset arrangements;
- 2) making arrangements for tax-deductible donations;
- 3) strict forward-budgeting, with travel of representatives to meetings only where affordable.

It was pointed out that individual members of NAFA would not accept NAFA having only two votes (or 3 with Mexico), whereas the exempted countries would have one vote, and suggested that subscription-exempted members might become "associated members" without voting right.

Subscriptions and arrears

The previous Treasurer's implementation of a 7 DEM rate per person had resulted in increases of 200-300% for the big clubs, which was unacceptable. The new treasurer had made several simulations for a fixed charge based on the size of the club plus a contribution per member.

It is agreed to calculate the fixed charge as follows:

- 300 DEM for clubs of less than 100 members,
- 400 DEM for clubs of 100-200 members,
- 500 DEM for clubs of more than 200 members,
- + 3.5 DEM per individual member.

* The treasurer will send a modified financial statements to all the members. The representatives present from clubs in default agreed to pay the "extra contribution" decided at the 1997 AGM.

On that basis, financial balance should be reached by the end of November and all debts towards the President would be cleared.

* There should by that meeting be an estimated budget to meet anticipated commitments in 1999, and a simulation of income both based on current membership and on the addition of NAFA.

Other business

The final part of the meeting discussed the basis for future cooperation between IAF and the UK Hawk Board, with Gilles Nortier in the Chair.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FALCONRY AND CONSERVATION OF BIRDS OF PREY

CONSTITUTION

TITLE I

NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE, DURATION AND OBJECTIVES.

Article 1: Name. Registered Office. Duration.

1.1. "THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FALCONRY AND CONSERVATION OF BIRDS OF PREY" (hereafter, "I.A.F.") is a nonprofit international association formed pursuant to the laws of the Kingdom of Belgium of 25 October 1919, which has its registered office at:

FACE
Rue F. Pelletier 82
B-1030 Brussels
Belgium

1.2. Said office may be established at any other location within Belgium, or at such other alternative locations outside of Belgium, by resolution of the Council.

1.3. The I.A.F. is established for an indefinite duration of time.

Article 2: Objectives.

2.1. As an international federation of falconry organizations the objectives of the I.A.F. are:

2.1.1. To represent falconry throughout the world.

2.1.2. To preserve and encourage falconry within the context of sustainable use of wildlife.

2.1.3. To encourage conservation, the ecological and veterinary research on birds of prey and promote, under scientific guidance, domestic propagation for falconry.

2.1.4. To develop, maintain and amend national and international laws, treaties and conventions to permit the pursuit and perpetuation of falconry.

2.1.5. To promote and uphold a positive public image of falconry with specialist organisations which regulate or otherwise affect falconry.

TITLE II MEMBER ORGANISATIONS.

Article 3: Membership.

3.1. Membership shall be limited to falconry organisations (hereafter, "Member Organisations" or "Associate Member Organisations").

3.2. A potential Member Organisation may apply for membership after it has formally existed for at least two (2) years of operation as a legal organisation or association in a country where falconry is recognized as a legal field sport. A potential Associate Member Organisation may apply for membership after it has formally existed for at least two (2) years of operation as a legal or informal organisation or association in a country where falconry is not recognized as a legal field sport. The applicant Member Organisation must subscribe to the Constitution (and Code of Conduct).

3.3. The Council shall admit an applicant Member Organisation or Associate Member Organisation by a majority vote of the full Council.

3.4. Membership entitles the Member Organisation or Associate Member Organisation to international representation by the I.A.F., subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the resolutions of the Council.

3.5. Individual members of a Member Organisation or Associate Member Organisation may attend Council meetings, but attendance and participation, if any, may be limited by the Council at its sole discretion.

3.6. Loss of Membership. Membership shall terminate upon any of the following: (a) by the dissolution of the Member Organisation or Associate Member Organisation; (b) by resignation; (c) by suspension for an act contrary to the Constitution (and Code of Conduct); (d) by repeated failure to pay dues; or, (e) by expulsion.

3.6.1. A Member Organisation or Associate Member Organisation shall only be expelled

for cause upon a two thirds (2/3) vote of the full Council at a regular or special meeting after notice is provided to the Member Organisation or Associate Member Organisation proposed to be expelled. The Member Organisation or Associate Member Organisation proposed to be expelled shall be afforded a hearing, upon request, before the Council prior to any vote on expulsion.

TITLE III THE NATIONAL DELEGATES.

Article 4: Election of the National Delegates.

4.1. The National Delegates shall be selected by the Member Organisations and Associate Member Organisations. The selection procedures of National Delegates are left to the initiative of the Member Organisations and Associate Member Organisations.

4.2. Member Organisations and Associate Member Organisations from the same country shall select a single National Delegate from their country to the Council. Only National Delegates from Member Organisations shall be entitled to vote on matters before the Council.

4.2.1. In the event that a Member Organisation represents individual regular voting members from several countries, a National Delegate shall be selected from each country so represented by such a Member Organisation.

Article 5: Role of the National Delegates.

5.1. Member Organisations and Associate Member Organisations are responsible for providing their National Delegates with funds and appropriate office equipment to be able to attend and participate fully in the deliberations of the Council.

5.2. The National Delegates shall attend and represent their Member Organisations or Associate Member Organisations at meetings of the Council, or they shall be represented by proxy. The National Delegates shall elect the President.

5.3. The National Delegates shall represent and report decisions of the Council and activities of the I.A.F. to their Member Organisations or Associate Member Organisations.

5.4. The National Delegates shall discharge faithfully any special responsibility assigned to them.

**TITLE IV
COMMITTEES.**

Article 6. Formation and Appointment of Committees.

6.1. The President, in consultation with the Advisory Committee, may appoint regular committees and ad hoc committees as needed from among the Council membership, the Member Organisations, Associate Member Organisations and from the membership of cooperating organizations.

6.2. Each regular and ad hoc committee shall elect a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and Secretary from among its membership.

6.3 When necessary, decisions shall be made by a majority vote of the members of the committee. The chairman of a committee shall vote only to break a tie vote.

6.4. The chairman of a committee shall report the progress of the committee to the President and the Council at the annual meeting or at such other times upon request.

Article 7: Committee Work.

7.1. The program of work of the committees and working parties or groups shall be set by the Council. Urgent matters may be considered at any time by a committee as requested by the President after consulting with the Advisory Committee.

7.2. The work of the committees and working parties or groups may terminate on the making of recommendations submitted for approval by the Council, or in case of an emergency, to the President of the I.A.F.

7.3. The President, after consulting the Advisory Committee, may take appropriate action on the recommendations of a committee in an emergency.

Article 8: Communication and Publication.

8.1. No communication or publication may be made in the I.A.F.'s name or by reference to its work without the President's prior written approval, or in emergency circumstances by verbal approval of the President, later confirmed in writing.

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TITLE V COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Article 9: Attendance at Council Meetings.

9.1. The I.A.F. Council consists of National Delegates from Member Organisations and Associate Member Organisations.

9.2. All Member Organisations and Associate Member Organisations may send no more than three representatives per country to Council meetings, but only the National Delegate(s) of each Member Organisation may vote.

9.3. Postal and electronic voting shall be permitted for special meetings called between annual general meetings.

9.4. Notice of all Council meetings shall be given thirty (30) days in advance by postal mail or electronic mail with an agenda provided with such notice.

Article 10: Council Meetings.

10.1. A Council Meeting shall be called at least every two (2) years by the President but more frequent meetings may be held on the President's initiative or at the request of at least two thirds (2/3) of the duly selected National Delegates of Member Organisations.

10.2. A National Delegate may give, in case he cannot attend a specific Council meeting, a proxy in writing to a National Delegate of another Member Organisation for purposes of voting on such matters that may come before the Council. A National Delegate may hold no more than two (2) proxies. For purposes of conducting business a quorum of the Council is established when a majority of the duly selected National Delegates of Member Organisations is present or represented by proxy in writing.

10.3. The Council shall have the authority to establish the broad outlines of the I.A.F.'s policy, to examine the financial statements, to set the dues and generally to conduct such other business as necessary for the proper operation of the I.A.F.

10.4. The Council shall be informed of the work of the committees and working parties or groups. It may approve, amend or reject any of their recommendations. It shall review the President's report of his activity since the last meeting.

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10.5. The Council shall adopt resolutions by a majority vote of the National Delegates of Member Organisations present or by proxy provided that a quorum of the Council votes on all such resolutions.

10.5.1. By a majority vote of a quorum of the National Delegates present or represented by proxy, the Council meeting may be closed for special purposes as determined by the Council.

10.6. Every three (3) years the Council shall elect the President and the Vice Presidents by majority vote of the National Delegates of Member Organisations provided that a quorum is present or represented by proxy. If necessary, multiple ballots may be taken in order to elect the President by a plurality.

TITLE VI

THE PRESIDENT, OFFICERS, AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Article 11. The President and Vice Presidents.

11.1. President.

11.1.1. The President of I.A.F. is elected for three (3) years at a Council meeting pursuant to Article 10.6.

11.1.2. The President must be a National Delegate of or nominated by a Member Organisation, and after serving a term is eligible for reelection to a second term of office.

11.1.3. In the event of disability or resignation, the President may be replaced temporarily or permanently by a Vice President or upon the independent action taken by the Council. The Vice President or other substitute for the President shall serve only until the next Council meeting and then may be eligible for election as the President.

11.1.4. The outgoing President may attend Council Meetings in a non voting capacity if he is no longer a National Delegate.

11.2. Vice Presidents.

11.2.1. The Vice Presidents of I.A.F. are elected for three (3) years at a Council meeting pursuant to Article 10.6.

11.2.2. The Vice Presidents must be National Delegates of or nominated by a Member

Organisation, and after serving a term are eligible for reelection to a second term of office.

11.2.3. In the event of disability or resignation, a Vice President may be replaced temporarily or permanently by another National Delegate of a Member Organisation by appointment of the President. The substitute for the Vice President shall serve only until the next Council meeting and then may be eligible for election as a permanent Vice President.

Article 12: Powers and Duties of the President, Vice Presidents and Officers.

12.1. President.

12.1.1. The President shall have the standing authority by and obligation to the Council to implement the I.A.F.'s policies and to execute them with the Council's and Advisory Committee's assistance.

12.1.2. The President chairs the Council and is an ex officio member of the committees and working parties or groups.

12.1.3. The President is responsible to the Council and shall inform it periodically of his actions.

12.1.4. The President shall act as administrator of the I.A.F. He shall transmit recommendations and resolutions approved by the Council to the organizations or governments involved through the National Delegates in order to take action thereon. He shall deal with any internal problems and shall be responsible for the I.A.F.'s external relations.

12.1.5. The President may invite any expert, specialist or, generally any person whether or not a member of a Member Association or Associate Member Organisation of the I.A.F., whose skills may be helpful, to the Council and committees, working party or groups meetings.

12.2. Vice Presidents.

12.2.1. The Vice Presidents shall represent respectively the following geographic areas: (1) Europe, Africa, and Asia; and, (2) North and South America.

12.2.2. The Vice Presidents shall have the standing authority by and obligation to the Council to implement such policies and to fulfill such other obligations as may be set by the Council.

12.2.3. A Vice President may be chosen by the Council to serve as President in the event of the President's resignation or incapacity pursuant to Art. 11.4.1.

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12.3. Secretary and Treasurer and Other Officers.

12.3.1. The President shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer, whose appointments shall be approved by the Council at its next regular meeting. Their duties shall be determined by the Council. The President may appoint, with the approval of the Council, such other officers as necessary for the proper conduct of business of the I.A.F.

12.3.1.1. The Secretary generally shall be responsible for routine administration, actions and policy administration, Member Organisations liaison, minutes of meetings, records, and the editing of the I.A.F. newsletter.

12.3.1.2. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the proper financial management of the I.A.F. pursuant to Art. 16.

12.3.2. The President, with the assistance of the Secretary and Treasurer, shall comply with all of the annual reporting requirements, including the filing of any tax reports, under the laws of the Kingdom of Belgium of 25 October 1919 to maintain the legal status of the I.A.F.

Article 13: The Advisory Committee.

13.1. The I.A.F. shall be managed by the President, who shall be advised by an Advisory Committee of six (6) members. The Advisory Committee members must be members of a Member Organisation. At least one member of the Advisory Committee shall be a Belgian citizen as long as the I.A.F. is recognized under the laws of the Kingdom of Belgium of 25 October 1919; if not, then such member shall be a citizen of the country in which the I.A.F. is recognized.

13.2. The members of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Council. The Advisory Committee shall elect its chairman from among its membership.

13.3. The Advisory Committee shall meet at the President's discretion.

13.4. The advice and recommendations of the Advisory Committee shall be adopted by a majority of the committee members present or represented by proxy in writing.

TITLE VII FINANCIAL PROVISIONS.

Article 14: The I.A.F.'s Financial Resources.

14.1. The I.A.F.'s financial resources derive from dues and any income from its capital fund, or gifts and other sources.

Article 15: Dues.

15.1. Member Organisations and Associate Member Organisations owe dues in an amount fixed by the Council. The dues are payable annually. If they are not paid within three (3) months of the notice, the members in default shall be sent another notice to pay within three (3) months. If such default recurs for two (2) years whether or not consecutive, the provisions of Article 3 shall be applied.

15.2. The National Delegates shall assist the I.A.F. in the collection of dues from their respective Member Organisations and Associate Member Organisations.

Article 16: Financial Management.

16.1. Based on the information obtained by the President and on planned programs, the Treasurer shall submit a budget at each Council meeting for the ensuing two-year period. The Treasurer shall also present to the Council a report on the I.A.F.'s financial accounts for such period prepared annually which shall be audited by auditors appointed by the Council.

16.2. Pursuant to the authority granted by the Council, the Treasurer shall manage the I.A.F.'s funds.

TITLE VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Article 17: Languages of the I.A.F.

17.1. The official languages of the I.A.F. are French, English, and German. Other languages may be used insofar as they may be needed for meetings or publications.

17.2. In case of doubt or disagreement as to the interpretation of the Constitution or any other

written document of the I.A.F., the language version adopted by the Council shall be determinative and authoritative.

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Article 18: Fundamental Principles and By Laws.

18.1. Upon adoption of this Constitution, the President shall submit to the Council a recommendation for the I.A.F.'s Fundamental Principles for the I.A.F.'s operation and the conduct of the Member Organisations and Associate Member Organisations. After approval, said Fundamental Principles shall be binding on all Member Organisations and Associate Member Organisations of the I.A.F.

18.2. The President, when necessary or when requested by the Council, may propose additional rules covering particular matters not covered by this Constitution, or the Fundamental Principles. Any such proposals shall be subject to discussion and amendment by the Council and may be adopted only on a majority vote of the Council.

Article 19: Amendment.

19.1. This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Council by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Council members present or represented by proxy.

TITLE IX DISSOLUTION.

Article 20. Dissolution.

20.1. The I.A.F. may be dissolved and its assets disposed of at a special Council meeting called by the President or at the request of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the National Delegates on the Council. Upon dissolution, the assets of the I.A.F. shall be assigned first to the successor organization to the I.A.F., or then be redistributed pro rata to the Member Organisations and Associate Member Organisations based on the percentage of dues paid of each member to the total amount of dues paid by all members, or then to any organisation or association which follows the principles and purposes subscribed to by the I.A.F.

PRESENT CONSTITUTION

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FALCONRY AND CONSERVATION OF BIRDS OF PREY

CONSTITUTION

TITLE I. NAME. REGISTERD OFFICE. DURATION AND OBJECTS.

Article 1 : Name. Registerd Office. Duration.

"THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FALCONRY AND CONSERVATION OF BIRDS OF PREY", "I.A.F." is a non-profit making international association having its office in

"Le Cochetay"

B-4140 Gomzé-Andoumont

Belgium.

The said office may be transferred anywhere in Belgium by resolution of the Council.

The I.A.F. is established for an indefinite duration.

Article 2 : Objects.

The objects of the I.A.F. are on a non-profit making basis:

- to preserve and encourage the traditions of the art of Hawking, the teaching and improvement thereof.
- to encourage the ecological and veterinary research on birds of prey and promote, under scientific guidance, domestic breeding for falconry and other purposes.
- to harmonize national laws and practices concerning that art while ensuring respect for the Fundamental Principles which form a Code of Conduct common to all of its members.
- to conserve birds of prey by establishing international rules concerning the taking, marketing and rational utilisation thereof.
- to give the public an image of falconry which is not distorted by modern methods of propaganda.

TITLE II . MEMBERS.

SUBTITLE I

Article 3 : Definition.

The membership entails the obligation to respect the Constitution and rules in keeping with spirit of the Fundamental Principles.

An association or club satisfying the conditions laid down in article 4 below may be admitted to membership.

Only the members from a given country may vote for the election of that country's national delegate to the Council Meeting. They may also attend such meetings but in a non voting capacity, however they may take part in the discussions and vote in all sub-committees and working parties.

SUBTITLE II

Article 4 : Acquisition of membership.

To be entitled to membership, each association or club must:

- be representative of hawking nationally or regionally.
- subscribe in writing to the Fundamental Principles and Code of Conduct.

The Council makes its decision on the candidature after consulting the National Delegate, who may apply a veto.

Article 5 : Loss of membership.

The membership is lost: by winding up the association or club, by resignation, by expulsion, by temporary suspension, on account of an act contrary to the Constitution or Fundamental Principles, or by repeated failure to pay dues. Expulsion is decreed by the Council on the Advisory Committee's proposal and after a representative of the association or club has been afforded a hearing within reasonable time.

TITLE III. THE NATIONAL DELEGATES.

Article 6 : Election of the National Delegates.

The Delegates are elected by the national clubs or associations. The internal election procedure of Delegates are left to the initiative of the associations or clubs concerned. There may be only one Delegate per country, in case a member association or club represents more than one country, it may appoint as many Delegates as countries it represents.

Article 7 : Role of the National Delegates.

The function of the National Delegates consists:

- mainly of serving as a standing and mandatory liaison between the I.A.F. and their country, seeing that the Fundamental Principles and policy of the I.A.F. are applied therein and reporting to the President any problem arising in the country they represent.
- of discharging any special responsibility assigned to them.
- of representing their country at Council Meetings and electing the President.

They are ex officio members of all commissions and working parties.

TITLE IV. COMMISSIONS AND WORKING PARTIES.

Article 8 : Composition.

The President after consulting the Advisory Committee may establish standing commissions and ad hoc working parties in the I.A.F. or in cooperation with other organizations.

The commissions and working parties elect a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Rapporteur from among their members. Voting in commissions and working parties is exceptional, if it is necessary, resolutions shall be adopted by majority vote and the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

Article 9 : Work.

The program of work of the commissions and working parties is fixed by the Council, but urgent matters may at any time be attended by the President after consulting the Advirsory Committee, which fixes the meeting dates. The work of the commissions and working parties culminate in the making of recommendations, which are submitted for approval to the council, or in case of emergency to the President of the I.A.F. The President after consulting the Advisory Committee then takes the necessary action.

Article 10.

No communication or publication may be made in the I.A.F.'s name or with reference to its work without the President's express approval.

TITLE V. COUNCIL MEETINGS

Article 11 : Attendance at Council Meetings.

The I.A.F. Council consists of Delegates from national constituent clubs or associations and National Delegates. All member clubs of associations of the I.A.F. may send up to three representatives per country to Council Meetings but only their National delegate may vote. Postal vote is prohibited.

Article 12 : Council Meetings.

A Council Meeting shall be called every two years by the President but more frequent meetings may be held on the President's initiative or at the request of more than two thirds of the National Delegates.

A National Delegate may, in case he cannot attend the Council Meeting, give a written power of attorney to a National Delegate of another country. One person may carry only one power of attorney.

The Council Meeting lays down the broad outlines of the I.A.F.'s policy, ratifies the designation of new National Delegates, examines the financial statements, fixes the dues and generally takes action on all items on the agenda.

It is informed of the result of the work of the commissions and working parties and approves, amends or rejects their recommendations, it examines the report of the President's activity since the last meeting.

Resolutions are adopted by majority vote of the Delegates present or represented.

Every six years it elects the President of the I.A.F. by majority vote of the Delegates present or represented, if necessary a second ballot may be held in which the President is elected by plurality vote.

TITLE VI. THE PRESIDENT AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Article 13 : Election of the President.

The President of I.A.F. is elected for six years at a Council Meeting pursuant to Article 12 of the Constitution. He must be a National Delegate and is eligible for reelection. Unless re-elected as a National Delegate, the outgoing President may attend Council Meetings in a non voting capacity.

In the event of disability, the President is replaced by a former I.A.F. President on the authority of the Advisory Committee. The substitute remains in charge until his predecessor's mandate ends.

Article 14 : Powers of the President

The President is assigned standing authority by the Council to implement the I.A.F.'s policy in all areas and to execute it with the Advisory Committee's assistance.

He chairs the Council meeting and is ex officio member of the commissions and working parties.

He is responsible to the Council and informs it of his actions. He represents the I.A.F. in all acts of current administration, transmits to the organizations or governments involved through the National Delegate the recommendations approved by the Council and takes action vis-à-vis them with a view to their taking appropriate action thereon. He deals with any internal

problems which may arise and is in charge of the I.A.F.'s external relations.

The President or a substitute appointed by the Advisory Committee in case of emergency, may invite any expert, specialist or, generally any person whether or not a member of the I.A.F., whose skills may be helpful, to Council Meetings and commissions and working party meetings.

The President appoints a Secretary and a Treasurer; their authority is fixed by the President and they act only pursuant to authority delegated by him.

Article 15 : The Advisory Committee

The I.A.F. is managed by the President, who shall be advised by an Advisory Committee of at least three and at most six members. At least one member of the Advisory Committee must be a Belgian citizen.

The members of the Advisory Committee may be dismissed by the Council Meeting.

The Advisory Committee shall meet as the President decides.

The advice of the Advisory Committee shall be adopted by a majority of the members present.

TITLE VII. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 16 : The I.A.F.'s resources.

The I.A.F.'s resources derive from subsidies, dues, and any income from its capital or other sources.

Article 17 : Dues.

Members of I.A.F. owe dues in an amount fixed by the Council. The dues are payable annually, if they are not paid within three months of the call, the member in default shall be sent another call to pay within three months, if such default recurs for two years whether or not consecutive, the provisions of Article 5 shall be applied.

The National Delegates are responsible, each in the country he represents for insuring that the annual dues are paid.

Article 18 : Financial Management.

Based on the informations obtained by the President and on planned programs, the Treasurer submits a budget at each Council Meeting for the ensuing two-year period, the Treasurer presents to the Council the financial accounts for such period, the Treasurer presents to the Council the financial accounts for such period prepared year by year, and audited by auditors appointed by the Council.

By the authority and on the responsibility of the President the Treasurer sees the current management of the I.A.F.'s funds.

TITEL VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 19 : Languages of the I.A.F.

The official languages of the I.A.F. are French, English and German. Other languages may be used insofar as needed for meetings or publications.

In case of doubt or disagreement as to the interpretation of the Constitution, the French language version shall be authoritative.

Article 20 : Fundamental Principles and By Laws.

Upon adoption of this Constitution, the Incumbent President shall submit to the Council the I.A.F.'s Fundamental Principles forming a falconer's Code of Conduct. After approval, such Code shall be binding on all members of the I.A.F. as provided in Title II, Subtitle I, Article 4 and 5 of this Constitution.

The President when he judges it necessary, may propose to the Council, further rules covering in particular matters not dealt with in this present Constitution, or amending the Code of Conduct. Such proposed rules may be amended by the Council and shall be adopted by a majority vote.

TITLE IX WINDING UP

Article 21.

The Constitution may be amended or the I.A.F. wound up and its assets disposed of at a special Council Meeting called by the President or at the request of at least two-thirds of the Delegates.

Resolutions shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote among the present members.
