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Dear all,

Since we were invited by the presidency to form the EC and help organize the elections with impartiality and transparency, we have been the subject of the most diverse comments. All of them with the attempt to disqualify or delegitimize us, which obviously made our job quite difficult and exhausting, to the point where one of our members, Predrag Bambic SAS, resigned.

Assuming that we are all Cinematographers working towards a united international federation to represent us globally, this all sounds very disrespectful and unnecessary. Aside from the fact that we were summoned at the last minute, had to read and reread the Imago statutes and internal rules which we were not previously familiar with, gather all the required information of the candidacies, and to help conduct the elections.

We sent e-mails to all candidates requesting information about their previous terms, as well asking for their motivation letters and electoral program. We also requested information from the treasury about the financial situation of each society with IMAGO; with the help of the presidency we obtained information from the accounting and audit firm FINAUDIT, hired by Imago since the federation was registered in Belgium in 2011, regarding the terms held by candidates in the years from 2011 to 2021; we asked for help from the Imago Office, from Dr Cristina Busch and former presidents contemporary to the candidates and not presently involved in the election, who kindly responded with what they knew.

This is what we were able to do, since we realized the confused situation the federation is going through presently and we wanted to act with impartiality.

And to our surprise, debates and more debates about what the statute says, about the formation/existence of an electoral committee and very little objectivity in the answers of some.

Even in the midst of so many uncertainties and discussions, we managed to gather the information below:

**- All societies of registered candidates are financially in good standing IMAGO.**

Regarding the terms held by candidates previously, the Statutes state:

**"25.9. The members whose tenure has expired are eligible for re-election and this for a maximum of three terms of 3 years."** This means maximum 9 years in total.

- **Mustapha BARAT, ABC** was elected to the board at the IAGA of June 2021, and has held the position of treasurer to which he was elected at the IEGA of 2021, from January 2022 until today.

- **Louis-Philippe CAPELLE, SBC** according to information from FINAUDIT, was elected as General Secretary from March 2nd 2011 to December 3rd 2014, from December 3rd 2014 to February 2nd 2017, from February 2nd 2017 to February 2nd 2020 continuously. And according to other informations he was elected as Board member on February 15th 2008.

- **Roger SIMONSZ, BSC** was elected treasurer in March, 2020 and resigned on December, 2021.
- **Adriana BERNAL, ADFC** was elected to the IMAGO Board as co-vice-president at the IEGA in 2021, she became interim co-president in 2022 upon the renouncing of the co-presidents Elen Lotman ESC and Ron Johanson ACS in late 2021.
- **Denis LENOIR AFC, ASC, ASK** – was elected a member of the board at the IAGA in June 2021 and resigned in January 2022.
- **Nigel WALTERS, BSC** was elected as President on February 15th, 2008, and held the position for 7 years according to the Imago website and was elected to three term according to his own declaration, although the last term was incomplete.

In accordance with IMAGO's internal rules, the EC does not decide the eligibility of each registered candidate but can suggest and provide information to members.

#### **"THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION COMMITTEE**

**Having received suggestions for potential candidate(s) for The Presidency (President and Board) from the National Member Societies, the IMAGO Election Committee presents their suggestions to the IMAGO General Assembly. This does not prevent the candidature for President presented at The General Assembly by a candidate not suggested by Election Committee."**

To conclude, the candidates that meet the statutes term requirements are:

#### **TO THE PRESIDENCY:**

- Mustapha BARAT, ABC
- Roger SIMONSZ, BSC, (who unfortunately has just resigned)

#### **TO BOARD MEMBER:**

- Adriana Bernal, ADFC
- Denis LENOIR, AFC, ASC, ASK

Sincerely

#### **IMAGO Election Committee**

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