

PART 2: THE REQUEST FORMAT

FORM ICH-09

Request by a Non-Governmental Organization to be Accredited to Provide Advisory Services to the Committee
<p>1. Name of the organization: The International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF)</p>
<p>2. Address of the organization: Rue de Longueville 13 B-1315 Sart-Risbart (Incourt) Belgium Attention: Patrick Morel Telephone: +32 10 88 1188 Facsimile: +32 10 88 1177 Email: Patrick.Morel@skynet.be</p>
<p>3. Country or countries in which the organization is active:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> national</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> international (please specify:)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> worldwide<input type="checkbox"/> Africa<input type="checkbox"/> Arab States<input type="checkbox"/> Asia & the Pacific<input type="checkbox"/> Europe & North America<input type="checkbox"/> Latin America & the Caribbean <p>Please list the primary country(ies) where it is active:</p>
<p>4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence: 1967. The Kingdom of Belgium recognized the IAF officially as an international non-profit association in 1999.</p>

5. Objectives of the organization:

Not to exceed 350 words

1. To represent falconry throughout the world. Falconry is the traditional sport of taking quarry in its natural state and habitat by means of trained birds of prey. It is a hunting art.
2. To preserve and encourage falconry within the context of sustainable use of wildlife.
3. To encourage conservation, the ecological and veterinary research on birds of prey and promote, under scientific guidance, domestic propagation for falconry.
4. To develop, maintain and amend national and international laws, treaties and conventions to permit the pursuit and perpetuation of falconry.
5. To require the observation of falconry, hunting, conservation and welfare laws, regulations, traditions and culture with regard to the taking, import, export and keeping of birds of prey, the taking of quarry species and the right of access to land in the country concerned.
6. To promote and uphold a positive public image of falconry with specialist organisation, which regulate or otherwise affect falconry.

6. The organization's activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

6.a. Domain(s) in which the organization is active:

- oral traditions and expressions
- performing arts
- social practices, rituals and festive events
- knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
- traditional craftsmanship
- other domains - please specify:

6.b. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved:

- identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)
- preservation, protection
- promotion, enhancement
- transmission, formal or non-formal education
- revitalization
- other safeguarding measures - please specify:

6.c. Description of the organization's activities:

Not to exceed 750 words

The IAF is a non-profit international association, which represents 69 falconry Member Organizations from 48 nations whose total membership exceeds more than 30,000 individuals worldwide. Regarding active membership, which forms a community linked by the desire to pursue the objectives for which it was established, the IAF Officers, Advisory Committee, and Council of Delegates meet at its Annual General Meeting to discuss matters of the association.

Representatives of the IAF have been active as members of the board of directors, participants and supporters of the Archives of Falconry (USA) and the Falconry Heritage Trust (UK). Many representatives of the IAF made presentations on the cultural tradition and history of falconry in their respective nations at the international conference held on September 12-15, 2005 in Abu Dhabi, UAE, for the proposal of falconry as an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO. In July 2007, the IAF, along with many of its Member Organizations, attended the Festival of Falconry, in Reading, England, which united and presented the heritage of falconry for UNESCO recognition for representatives and interested festival attendees. The IAF will attend another Festival Falconry to be held for the same purpose in 2009. In November 2006, the entire Council of Delegates visited the Archives of Falconry where the greatest collection of falconry heritage materials exists in a single location in the world. The collection includes paintings, books, documents, and other literature, artifacts, and also the Memorial Sing dedicated to the memory of the founder of the UAE, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahyan, which depicts the culture, tradition, and heritage of Bedu falconry in the Arabian Gulf.

7. Its experiences cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners:

Not to exceed 350 words

Over many years the IAF, through various representatives, has intervened to protect the practice, tradition, and heritage of falconry where it has existed for centuries. IAF representatives have met with falconers, local, regional, and national government authorities, and at the international level in the European Union. We have provided expert advice in law and regulation, cultural practices, and heritage history, conservation and biological information, where appropriate, in the following countries most recently: Belgium, China, Denmark, Estonia, Kazakhstan, PMalta, Morocco, Netherlands, Scotland, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey, Turkmenistan, UAE, and USA. Because many falconers of the world rely on birds of prey produced in captivity, we have intervened to encourage and support captive propagation throughout the world, including in Europe and North America. Similarly, where local falconers rely on raptors harvested from naturally occurring wild populations, the IAF has intervened to support wild harvest on the principle of sustainable use, as part of the nations' cultural and traditional practice of falconry.

8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization:

Please substantiate the operational capacities of the organization with appropriate documentation, as described in paragraph 94 of the Operational Directives.

8.a. Membership and personnel

Please submit supporting documents.

8.b. Recognized legal personality

Please submit supporting documents..

8.c. Duration of existence and activities

Please submit supporting documents.

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Subject: Application for UNESCO Accreditation of Non-Governmental Organization Status by the International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey.

Application submitted: April 21, 2008

The International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF) seeks NGO accreditation from the UNESCO Section of Intangible Cultural Heritage. The IAF applies pursuant the criteria set forth in the Decisions Adopted by the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, Second Session, Tokyo, Japan, 3 to 7 September 2007 (ITH/07/2.COM/CONF.208/Decisions).

Decision 2.COM 7. ANNEX: Operational directives for the accreditation of non-governmental organizations.

8. Procedure for Accreditation:

a. Official name and description of the organization:

Official name: The International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey.

Description: The IAF is a non-profit international association, which represents 69 falconry Member Organizations from 48 nations whose total membership exceeds more than 30,000 individuals worldwide.

b. Main objectives:

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

(See, Constitution of the IAF, attached hereto, and incorporated by reference)

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d. Date of founding or approximate duration of its existence: 1967. The Kingdom of Belgium recognized the IAF officially as an international non-profit association in 1999. See f. ii. below for a more complete explanation.

e. Name of countries in which it is active:

The IAF has enrolled Member Organizations from the following 48 nations: Argentina; Austria; Belgium; Brazil; Bulgaria; Canada; Croatia;

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Czech Republic; Denmark; El Salvador; Estonia; France; Georgia; Germany; Hungary; India; Indonesia; Ireland; Italy; Japan; Kazakhstan; Libya; Lithuania; Macedonia; Mexico; Mongolia; Morocco; Netherlands; New Zealand; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Serbia-Montenegro; Slovakia; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; Ukraine; United States of America; and, Zimbabwe.

The IAF has contact with falconry associations or individual falconers from the following 11 nations, who are not yet Member Organizations of the IAF: Australia; Chile; China; Egypt; Finland; Iraq; South Korea; Malta; Pakistan; Russia; and, Saudi Arabia.

- f. Documentation showing it possess operational capacities, including proof of:
- i. Regular active membership, which forms a community linked by the desire to pursue the objectives for which it was established: The IAF Officers, Advisory Committee, and Council of Delegates meet at its Annual General Meeting to discuss matters of the association. In between the annual meetings the Advisory Committee, including the five officers meet separately from time to time. Additionally the Officers and Advisory Committee engage in extensive correspondence through email and by means of interactive communication on its website (www.i-a-f.org). For the last 10 years, the IAF has had annual meetings in Germany (1996), United Kingdom (1997), Portugal (1998), Hungary (1999), USA (2000), United Kingdom (2002). The 2001 meeting was cancelled due to UK health restrictions), Spain (2003), Abu Dhabi, UAE (2004), Czech Republic (2005), USA (2006), and France (2007). For all years from 1967 to 1995, the annual general meetings were held in various European nations. (See, *Newsletter of the IAF*, Edition-July 2007, "History of the IAF," p. 8, attached hereto, and incorporated by reference)
 - ii. An established domicile and a recognized legal personality as compatible with domestic law: The IAF Constitution was registered, recognizing the IAF as an international non-profit association by Royal Decree of the Kingdom of Belgium on April 11, 1999, pursuant to the provisions of title III of the Law of 27th June 1921 on non-profit associations, foundations, and international non-profit associations. The IAF's Belgian enterprise/non-profit association registration number is: 0469.046

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666. The most recent re-certification was January 22, 2007. (See, Belgian Recognition of IAF, attached hereto and incorporated by reference).

- iii. Having existed and carried out appropriate activities for at least four years: The IAF has existed since 1967 actively promoting the practice, culture and heritage of falconry as a recognized field activity throughout the world. The IAF has held annual general meetings almost every year of its existence. Representatives of the IAF have participated in all significant international conferences, which focused on birds of prey, conservation of birds of prey, international regulation, and international treaty obligations. From the 1960s to the present IAF representatives have participated in the Conference of the Parties of CITES, the IUCN (the IAF is the only falconry associate member), as observers to the Bern and Bonn Conventions, meetings of Bird Life International, the World Working Group of Birds of Prey, the Raptor Research Foundation, FACE, CIC. The IAF Vice President for Europe, Asia, Africa, and Oceania is the President of the CIC Falconry Commission. (See *Newsletter*, p. 8 et seq.)

The IAF publishes an annual newsletter of approximately 70 pages, which is distributed to its Member Organizations. It has an extensive website: www.i-a-f.org. Periodically the IAF distributes electronic newsletters and bulletins to communicate time sensitive information.

- g. Activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage: Representatives of the IAF have been active as members of the board of directors, participants and supporters of The Archives of Falconry (USA) and the Falconry Heritage Trust (UK). Many representatives of the IAF made presentations on the cultural tradition and history of falconry in their respective nations at the international conference held on September 12-15, 2005 in Abu Dhabi, UAE, for the proposal of falconry as an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO. In July 2007, the IAF, along with many of its Member Organizations, attended the Festival of Falconry, in Reading, England, which united and presented the heritage of falconry for UNESCO recognition for representatives and interested festival attendees. The IAF will attend another Festival Falconry to be held for the same purpose in 2009. In November 2006, the entire Council of Delegates visited The Archives of Falconry where the greatest collection of falconry heritage materials exists in a single location in the world. The collection includes paintings, books, documents, and other literature, artifacts, and

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THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FALCONRY
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CONASERVATION OF BIRDSOF 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 non-profit international association governed by the provisions of title III of the Law of 27th June 1921 on non-profit associations, foundations, and international non-profit associations, which has its registered office at:

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1.2. Said office may be established at any other location within Belgium, by resolution of the Council. Any decision to transfer the registered office shall be deposited in the IAF association file and be published in the 'Annexes du Moniteur Belge' according to the law in force.

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 organisations the objectives of the I.A.F. are:

2.1.1. To represent falconry throughout the world. Falconry is the traditional sport of taking quarry in its natural state and habitat by means of trained birds of prey. It is a hunting art.

- 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 require the observation of falconry, hunting, conservation and welfare laws, regulations, traditions and culture with regard to the taking, import, export and keeping of birds of prey, the taking of quarry species and the right of access to land in the country concerned.
- 2.1.6. 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 organisations representing falconry (hereafter, 'Member Organisations, 'Associate Member Organisations' or 'Corresponding Member Organisation') possessing legal personality according to the laws and practices of their country, and to supporting organisations which are not traditional types of falconry clubs or associations (hereafter, 'Supporting Organisation').

3.2. A potential Member Organisation may apply for full 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 a legal field sport. A potential Associate Member Organisation may apply for membership as a legal or informal organisation or association in a country where falconry is not recognised as a legal field sport. The applicant Member Organisations must subscribe to the Constitution.

- 3.2.1. By invitation of the President and with the approval of the council, a Corresponding Member Organisation may apply for membership. A Corresponding Member Organisation may qualify for membership when it can meet the qualifications set for the herein for a Member Organisation. Its representatives and members, if any, shall not have voting rights; and, it shall be exempt from the payment of dues pursuant to Art. 15.
- 3.2.2. By invitation of the President and with the approval of the Council, a Supporting Member Organisation which represents or supports falconry may apply for membership. A Supporting Member Organisation shall not qualify for membership as a Member Organisation or Associate Member Organisation; its representatives and members, if any, shall not hold office or have voting rights on

the Council but may be appointed to working groups pursuant to Art. 6.1; and, it shall pay fixed dues pursuant to Art. 15.

3.3. The Council shall admit an applicant Member Organisation, Associate Member Organisation, Corresponding Member Organisation or Supporting Member Organisation by a majority vote of the National Delegates.

3.4. Membership entitles the Member Organisation, Associate Member Organisation, or Corresponding 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, Associate Member Organisation, Corresponding Member Organisation or Supporting 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, Associate Member Organisation, Corresponding Member Organisation, or Supporting Member Organisation; (b) by resignation; (c) by suspension for an act contrary to the Constitution; (d) by repeated failure to pay dues pursuant to the conditions set forth in Article 15.1., below; 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 National Delegates 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.

3.6.2. A Corresponding Member Organisation or Supporting Member Organisation may be expelled with or without cause upon a majority vote of the National Delegates at a regular or special meeting after notice is provided to the Supporting Organisation proposed to be expelled. The Corresponding Member Organisation or Supporting Member Organisation proposed to be expelled may be afforded a hearing, upon request, at the sole discretion of 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 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 and approved by the Council so represented by such a Member Organisation.

4.3. A country is any state that is recognised for membership in the United Nations.

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

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.

5.5. The National Delegates shall report, timely, to the IAF any official problem arising in the country they represent. They shall report as well all alterations of the existing regulations concerning falconry in their country.

TITLE IV COMMITTEES.

Article 6. Formation and Appointment of Committees.

6.1. The President, in consultation with and with consent of the majority of the Advisory Committee, may appoint regular committees and working groups as needed from among the Council membership, the Member Organisations, Associate Member Organisations, Corresponding Member Organisations, Supporting Member Organisations and from the membership of cooperating organisations.

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

6.3. When necessary, decisions shall be made by a majority vote of the members of the committee.

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.

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 (3) representatives to Council meetings, but only the National Delegate (s) may vote.

9.3. Postal and electronic voting shall be permitted after full consultation on and presentation of the issue to be voted upon, except for amendment to the Constitution pursuant to Art. 19.

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.

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 country 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 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.

10.5. The Council shall adopt resolutions by a majority vote of the National Delegates 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 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.

10.7. The decisions of the Council and the Advisory Committee shall be recorded in a register kept by the Secretary.

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 re-election to a second term of office.

11.1.3. In the event of disability or resignation, the President shall be replaced by the Vice President senior in service or upon the independent action taken by the Council pursuant to Art. 10.1. 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. A former 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 re-election to a second term of office.

11.2.3. In the event of disability or resignation, a Vice President may be replaced by another National Delegate 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 organisations 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.

12.1.6 The President is the sole officer competent to bind the I.A.F. and to execute or sign all actions, agreements, and other legal obligations and to pursue judicial actions either as claimant or defendant on behalf of the I.A.F.

12.2. Vice Presidents.

12.2.1. The Vice Presidents shall may represent respectively the following geographic areas: (1) one for Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania; and, (2) one for 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 fulfil such other obligations as may be set by the Council.

12.2.3. A Vice President shall be chosen by the Council to serve as President in the event of the President's resignation or incapacity pursuant to Art. 11.1.3.

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

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 ten (10) members, plus the Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer who also shall be voting members. The Advisory Committee members, who are members of a Member Organisation, will be appointed for no longer than the term of the presidency, and then after consultation with their Member Organisation.

13.2. The members of the Advisory Committee upon recommendation of the President shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Council for no longer than the term of the presidency. Any serving member of the Advisory Committee may be reappointed 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 but not less than one (1) time per year. The President shall give notice of the Advisory Committee meetings at least one (1) month prior to any meeting, except that such requirement of notice may be waived by a majority of the Advisory Committee members under exigent circumstances. Notice of meetings shall be given in writing by postal service mail, facsimile, or by electronic mail.

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

13.5. The list of the members of the Advisory Committee shall be published in the 'Annexes du Moniteur Belge'.

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, Associate Member Organisations and Supporting 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) consecutive years, 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 an annual budget at each Council meeting. 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.

16.1.1 The I.A.F. business year is the calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

TITLE VIII
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

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

17.1. The official language of the I.A.F. is English. Other languages may be used insofar as they may be needed for meetings, publications, or official documents.

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 registered language version (French) adopted by the Council shall be determinative and authoritative.

Article 18: Fundamental Principles and By Laws.

18.1. 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 National Delegates present or represented by proxy. Any amendments to the constitution will enter into force only after the approval by the competent authority according article 50 § 3 (*) of the Law of twenty-seventh of June, nineteen hundred twenty-one and after publication in the Annexes du Moniteur Belge, pursuant to article 51 § 3 of the said Law.

**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 net assets after the clearing of the accounts may be distributed to the members not exceeding the amount of their contribution (not of their dues paid) and must in any case be allocated to an aim without interest at stake as indicated by the Council Meeting taking into account the objectives that the association defined upon its funding. The assets of the I.A.F. shall be assigned first to the successor organisation 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.

**TITLE X
CONSTITUTIONAL OMISSION**

Article 21. Constitutional Omission.

21.1. Any provision unforeseen or omitted from this constitution will be subject to the provisions of Title III of the Belgian law 27th June 1921 on non-profit associations, foundations, and international non-profit associations.



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 Dénomination
 (en entier) **International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey**
 Forme juridique AISBL
 Siège 1030 Schaerbeek, Rue Frédéric Pelletier 82
Objet de l'acte : **TRANSFERT DU SIEGE SOCIAL- DEMISSIONS - NOMINATIONS**

Extrait du PV de l'Assemblée Générale du 24 11.2006 à Kearney (Nebraska) USA

I. TRANSFERT DU SIEGE SOCIAL

L'assemblée approuve le transfert du siège social de Schaerbeek (1030 Bruxelles), rue Frédéric Pelletier, 82 à Incourt (1315), rue de Longueville 13.

II. DEMISSIONS- REELECTIONS

L'assemblée prend acte de la démission de leurs fonctions d'administrateur de Messieurs Robert Kenward, domicilié Furzebrook Road, Wareham, Dorset BH20 5AS Grande Bretagne et de Martin Jones, domicilié The Parsonage, Llanrothal, Monmouth, NP25 5QJ Grande Bretagne.

II NOMINATIONS

L'assemblée appelle aux fonctions d'administrateurs pour une durée de trois ans Gary Timbrell, Irlandais, né à Gloucester (UK) le 15.01.58, domicilié à Kilnagady, Innishannon, Co. Cork, Ireland
 Adrian Lombard, Sud-Africain, né à Harare, Zimbabwe le 17 02 1953, domicilié 40 Forest Way, Glencairn 7975 South Africa
 Bohumil Straka, Tchèque, né à BRNO, République Tchèque le 22 05 1971, domicilié Merhautova 80, 61300 BRNO, Czech Republic
 Alexander Prinz, Allemand, né à Marktrewitz, Allemagne le 28 03 1970, domicilié Oberthörlau 41, 95615-Marktrewitz, Germany
 qui acceptent leur mandat

L'assemblée appelle aux fonctions de président pour une durée de trois années Frank Bond, Américain, né à Albuquerque (New Mexico), USA le 03.08.1943 domicilié P O Box 5333 Santa Fe, NM 87502-5333 USA et aux fonctions de Vice-président pour une durée de trois années José Manuel Rodriguez-Villa Matons, Espagnol, né à Madrid, Espagne le 22.04.1960, domicilié C/Darro 18, 28002 Madrid, Espagne et aux fonctions de Vice-président pour une durée de deux années William F. Johnston, Jr, Américain, né à Goshen, New York, USA le 11 10.1941, domicilié 8 Oak Knoll La., Upton, MA 01568, USA qui acceptent leur mandat.

Certifié conforme et exact,

Patrick Morel
administrateur

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Au recto Nom et qualité du notaire instrumentant ou de la personne ou des personnes ayant pouvoir de représenter l'association ou la fondation à l'égard des tiers
Au verso Nom et signature