



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
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Intangible
Cultural
Heritage

**REQUEST BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO BE
ACCREDITED TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE**

DEADLINE 30 JUNE 2011

Instructions for completing the request form are available at: Reçu CLT / CIH / ITH
<http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/forms>

Le 28 JUN 2011

N° 5230 *cy*

1. Name of the organization

1.A. Official name

Please provide the full official name of the organization, in its original language, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

International Federation of Thanatologists Associations – FIAT-IFTA

1.B. Name in English and/or French

Please provide the name of the organization in English and/or French.

International Federation of Thanatologists Associations – FIAT-IFTA

2. Address of the organization

Please provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone or fax numbers, e-mail address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled (see section 8).

Organization: International Federation of Thanatologists Associations – FIAT-IFTA

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Telephone number: 00 31 35 621 6616

Fax number: 00 31 35 621 3141

Email address: info@thanos.org

Other relevant information: Contact person: International Secretary Mr. Dirk Van Vuure

3. Country or countries in which the organization is active

Please identify the country or countries in which the organization actively operates. If it operates entirely within one country, please indicate which country. If its activities are international, please indicate whether it operates globally or in one or more regions, and please list the primary countries in which it carries out activities.

- national
- international (please specify:)
- worldwide
 - Africa
 - Arab States
 - Asia & the Pacific
 - Europe & North America
 - Latin America & the Caribbean

Please list the primary country(ies) where it is active:

Members in 80 countries: Africa: Sierral Leone, Cameroon, South africa, Morocco, Tunesia, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, Togo, Uganda, Kenia; most European countries; all countries of the American Continent; Asia: Mongolia, Nepal, PR of China, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Indonesia, India, Thailand; Australia and New Zealand.

4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence

Please state when the organization came into existence.

24th of April 1970

5. Objectives of the organization

Please describe the objectives for which the organization was established, which should be 'in conformity with the spirit of the Convention' (Criterion C). If the organization's primary objectives are other than safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, please explain how its safeguarding objectives relate to those larger objectives.

Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES of FIAT-IFTA

The objectives and purposes of the Federation are as follows:

- A. To promote international understanding and goodwill among the world's funeral service professionals to offer a platform for the exchange of professional views and information and to achieve uniformed Standards, rules, regulations and treaties for the cost efficient international repatriation of deceased individuals;
- B. To research and jointly study legal, moral, social and scientific issues relating to funeral services and thanatology activities, especially with regard to services rendered in the memorialization and disposition of deceased individuals;
- C. To encourage and develop education for funeral services and embalming or thanatopraxy throughout the world and achieve uniform standards and regulations;
- D. To improve the quality of the services rendered by funeral directors and thanatologists with

respect of facilitating the grief process of survivors and protecting the public health;

E. To increase the level of the professional knowledge of funeral service practitioners by assembling and disseminating to those in the profession publications, articles, and other works related to funeral services and thanatopraxy issues;

F. To safeguard the Global Funeral Heritage in joint effort with other organizations and to create awareness in governments and international bodies;

G. To provide due respect and deference to the autonomy of national organizations and to avoid any interference in all matters pertaining to laws, regulations, customs and manners of individual nations and to promote and represent the funeral industry wherever asked or required.

Explanation of the position of FIAT-IFTA in relation with Article II F: FIAT-IFTA acts as the umbrella organization for financing and promoting the safeguarding and preservation of Global Funeral Heritage by:

1 - Establishment and implementation of the FIAT-IFTA Charter of Funeral Heritage - Barcelona 2006

2 - Establishment and implementation of the ALPAR Declaration on Funeral Heritage on the Latinamerican Continent, Bogota 2010

3 - Foundation of IAFM - International Association of Funeral Museums

4 - Annual FIAT-IFTA International Conference on the Safeguarding and Preservation of Global Funeral Heritage (2010: Düsseldorf, Germany, 2011 Bogota, Colombia, 2012 Dublin, Ireland

5 - Publication of a biannual Funeral Heritage Report

6 - Annual meeting of the FIAT-IFTA Funeral Heritage Steering Committee, since 2006 in Chantilly, France.

7 - International Funeral Heritage Expert Advisory Committee.

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

Sections 6.a to 6.c are the primary place to establish that the NGO satisfies the criterion of having 'proven competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding (as defined in Article 2.3 of the Convention) intangible cultural heritage belonging, inter alia, to one or more specific domains' (Criterion A).

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

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the primary domains in which the organization is most active. If its activities involve domains other than those listed, please tick 'other domains' and indicate which domains are concerned.

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:

Funeral heritage and religious practices

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

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the organization's primary safeguarding activities. If its activities involve safeguarding measures not listed here, please tick 'other safeguarding measures' and specify which ones are concerned.

- 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

Organizations requesting accreditation should briefly describe their recent activities and their relevant experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage. Please provide information on the personnel and membership of the organization, describe their competence and expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage and explain how they acquired such competence. Documentation of such activities and competences may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

Not to exceed 750 words; do not attach additional information

Members of the FIAT-IFTA Funeral Heritage Advisory Committee:

1 - IRELAND, Name: Prof. Dr. Peter Harbison, Profession: M.R.I.A., F.S.A. (Fellow Society of Antiquaries of London), H.R.H.A. (Hon. Member Royal Hibernian Academy), H.F.T.C.D.), Member, Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland.

Activities: History Professor, Member of Glasnevin Trust Board (National Cemetery of Ireland)

Publications: Has worked for many years as archaeologist. Honorary Academic Editor of the Royal Irish Academy, Honorary fellow of Trinity College, Dublin and an Honorary Member of the Royal Hibernian Academy. He has written widely on Irish Art and archaeology, including Guide to Historical Monuments of Ireland (1970), The Archaeology of Ireland (1976), The High Crosses of Ireland (1992), Treasures of Ireland (2003) and a number of books on eighteenth century drawings of ancient Irish Monuments.

2 - FRANCE: Name: Mme Muriel Ghys: Profession et activités: Conseiller et formateur dans le secteur funéraire. Depuis 18 ans chargée des relations internationales au sein de AMFN, dont le but est de faire connaître le patrimoine funéraire.

Compétences : Vingt ans d'expérience dans le domaine funéraire professionnellement, spécialiste du domaine des rituels funéraires et du deuil.

Publications : Petit Guide des Rites Funéraires – de nombreux articles dans la presse professionnelle

3 - GERMANY Name: Dr. Rolf Lichtner, Profession: Director of Kuratorium Deutsche Bestattungskultur e.V.; Secretary General of Bundesverband Deutscher Bestatter; Director of Fachverlag des deutschen Bestattungsgewerbes GmbH

Activities: Responsible for conferences and seminars in Germany concerning funeral heritage; cooperation with and sponsorship for universities, museums for sepulchral culture and comparable institutions; publications for the funeral branch, e.c. mourning music

Publication(s): Author and/or publisher of numerous articles and books concerning all issues of

funeral heritage

4 - RUSSIA Name: Dr. Sergey Yakushin, Profession: Funeral Director, Thanatologist, researcher University of Novosibirsk,

Activities: founder of Novosibirsk Crematorium, Novosibirsk Memorial Park, Museum of World Funeral Culture (Novosibirsk, Russia), publisher in Funeral Home Journal (All-Russia funeral magazine), Academician of European Academy of Natural Sciences, Member of the Artists Union of Russia,

Publications: Articles on Funeral Apparel and Attire and Russian Mourning Music in Funeral Home Journal, owner of the Russian Funeral Attire Collection

5 - LATIN AMERICA Name: Mr. Jorge Luis Tamayo Gaviria, Profession Economist UNAULA, Autonomous Latinamerican University, Colombia, Researcher University of Antioquia, Colombia

Activities: Founder and President of ALPAR, Latin American Association of Cemeteries and Funeral Services, 1988-2003 University Professor of Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, UNAULA and Universidad Cooperativa INDESCO, Specialist on Latinamerican Funeral Traditions

Board Member of: Parque Cementerio Jardines de la Esperanza (Manizales - Colombia), Parques Cementerio Jardines de Esperanza (Cucuta, Bucaramanga, Ocaña - Colombia),

6 - PR of CHINA Name: Mr. Xin Bingyong, Director of the Longua Funeral Museum in Shanghai

Activities: Preservation of Foreign Funeral Sites in Shanghai

Publication: Catalogue of the collection of the Shanghai Longua Funeral Museum

7 - SPAIN Name: Mr. Fernando Sánchez Tulla, Profession: Director Museu de Carrosses Funébres;

Activities: Funeral Services, Cremation, Cemeteries, Coffin Production and Repatriation.

Member of EFFE (European Federation of Funeral Services) Funeral Culture Working Committee;

SPAIN Name: M^a Luisa Yzaguirre, Profession: Current President ASCE (Association of Significant Cemeteries of Europe); Publications: Articles about European cemeteries in specialist magazines, Lectures about funerary heritage in specialist exhibitions, (Valencia, Dusseldorf, Bologna, and Moscow), Lectures in specialist workshops in cemeteries and funerary heritage, Meetings and conferences with European Institute of Cultural Routes in order to get ready the European Cemeteries Route.

8 - CANADA Name: Mr. Yoland Tremblay, Directeur Cimetière Notre Dame des Neiges and the preserved historique site of La Fabrique de la paroisse Notre Dame de Montreal.

Various publications on the subject.

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

The Committee will evaluate whether NGOs requesting accreditation 'cooperate in a spirit of mutual respect with communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that create, maintain and transmit intangible cultural heritage' (Criterion D). Please briefly describe such experiences here.

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As umbrella organization: Collaboration with and support of specialised organizations such as:

- Association 'De Terebinth Funeral Culture, The Netherlands', Excursions, Newsletters, lobby activities with the government

- ASCE - Association of Significant Cemeteries in Europe, Supporting activities

- National Funeral History Museum in Beckton, UK
 - Exhibition 2010, Germany: "Schwermut und Schönheit, Trauerkleider"
 - Six CD's Trauermusik: "Musica et Memoria"
 - Collection "Faire Part" Les Amis du Musée Funéraire, Paris
 - Exhibition of "Medaillons and Poems for the Deaths", Funeral Museum, Houston, USA
 - Exhibition in Museum Tot Zover, Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Ancient Prints of the Last Journey of Napoleon; Preservation of the Collection Jol
- Publications in the FIAT-IFTA magazine: THANOS Magazine

8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization

The Operational Directives (paragraph 97) require that an organization requesting accreditation shall submit documentation proving that it possesses the operational capacities listed under Criterion E. Such supporting documents may take various forms, in light of the diverse legal regimes in effect in different States. Submitted documents should be translated whenever possible into English or French if the originals are in another language. Please label supporting documents clearly with the section (8.a, 8.b or 8.c) to which they refer.

8.a. Membership and personnel

Proof of the participation of the membership of the organization, as requested under Criterion E (i), may take diverse forms such as a list of directors, list of personnel and statistical information on the quantity and categories of members; a complete membership roster usually need not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.a'.

8.b. Recognized legal personality

If the organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar establishing document, a copy should be attached. If, under the applicable domestic law, the organization has a legal personality recognized through some means other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal), please provide documentation showing how that legal personality was established.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.b'.

8.c. Duration of existence and activities

If it is not already indicated clearly from the documentation provided for section 8.b, please submit documentation proving that the organization has existed for at least four years at the time it requests accreditation. Please provide documentation showing that it has carried out appropriate safeguarding activities during that time, including those described above in section 6.c. Supplementary materials such as books, CDs or DVDs, or similar publications cannot be taken into consideration and should not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.c'.

9. Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this request. If an e-mail address cannot be provided, the information should include a fax number.

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Family name:	VAN VUURE

Given name: DIRK

Institution/position: International Secretary

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Other relevant
information: -----

10. Signature

The application must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization requesting accreditation. Requests without a signature cannot be considered.

Name: Dirk Van Vuure

Title: International Secretary FIAT-IFTA

Date: 26 June 2011

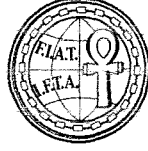
Signature:



Section 8 A

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DIRECTORY OF FIAT-IFTA PRESIDENTS

Founding President	André Chatillon	MONACO
1970 – 1971	Robert Lépine	CANADA
1971 – 1973	Joseph Collaer	BELGIUM
1973 – 1974	Lorne Kelly	CANADA
1974 – 1976	Raoul Pinette	UNITED STATES
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2010 – 2012	Gus Nichols	IRELAND

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**FIAT-IFTA INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF DIRECTION
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Section 8A

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IAFM – International Association of Funeral Museums

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P.R. of CHINA

Shanghai Humanism Memorial Museum

Fu Shou Yuan Group

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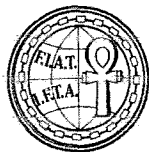
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National Funeral Museum

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USA

Museum of Funeral Customs

Museum temporarily closed

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Private Collections accessible to the public

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Museum of Funeral Memorabilia

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CONSTITUTION

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THANATOLOGIST ASSOCIATIONS

FIAT-IFTA

The World Organization of Funeral Operatives

ARTICLE I

NAME

There is hereby established a non-profit International Federation for the funeral profession to be called:

International Federation of Thanatologists Associations – FIAT-IFTA .

The Federation has been founded on initiative of entrepreneurs in the Funeral Branch reunited in a meeting in Monaco, April nineteen hundred seventy (1970).
The Federation is orientated on non-discriminating, scientific and social basis.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

The objectives and purposes of the Federation are as follows:

- A. To promote international understanding and goodwill among the world's funeral service professionals to offer a platform for the exchange of professional views and information and to achieve uniformed Standards, rules, regulations and treaties for the cost efficient international repatriation of deceased individuals;
- B. To research and jointly study legal, moral, social and scientific issues relating to funeral services and thanatology activities, especially with regard to services rendered in the memorialization and disposition of deceased individuals;
- C. To encourage and develop education for funeral services and embalming or thanatopraxy throughout the world and achieve uniform standards and regulations;
- D. To improve the quality of the services rendered by funeral directors and thanatologists with respect of facilitating the grief process of survivors and protecting the public health;
- E. To increase the level of the professional knowledge of funeral service practitioners by assembling and disseminating to those in the profession publications, articles, and other works related to funeral services and thanatopraxy issues;

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- F. To safeguard the global funeral heritage in joint effort with other organizations and to create awareness in governments and international bodies;
- G. To provide due respect and deference to the autonomy of national organizations and to avoid any interference in all matters pertaining to laws, regulations, customs and manners of individual nations and to promote and represent the funeral industry wherever asked or required.

ARTICLE III

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The Federation has its seat in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The office address of the Federation is the address of the Federation's Secretary or such other address as may be specified by the International Council of Direction (ICD).

ARTICLE IV

DURATION

The Federation is constituted for an unlimited and perpetual duration. It can be dissolved only by the vote of the membership at a General Assembly or by provisions of law.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

A. MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION

Membership in the Federation shall be comprised of the following classes:

1. National Member:
A national or international association representing funeral and/or thanatopraxy service and organized in a particular nation or region may be recognized as a National Member of the Federation. Each country may have only one National Member. In the event, that a country does not have a national association as National Member of the Federation, any funeral service company may apply representing its country as National Member of the Federation.
2. Active Member:
State or provincial associations or funeral services companies that are affiliated with a National Member may apply to become an Active Member of the Federation.

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3. Associate Member:
Any association, institute, society, business or individual that provides funeral or thanatological services or is otherwise interested in funeral or thanatopraxy services and the activities of the Federation may apply to become an Associate Member of the Federation.
4. Benefactor Member:
The I.C.D. may designate any National Member, Active Member, or Associate Member to be a Benefactor Member in consideration of that member's special contribution to the resources of the Federation.
5. Member of Honor:
The I.C.D. may designate individuals of any nationality who are particularly qualified in the thanatological professions or who have otherwise rendered important services to the Federation as a Member of Honor.
6. Student Member:
Any student who is enrolled in an institution of higher learning related to funeral or thanatopractical services or who is otherwise interested in the activities of the Federation may apply to become a Student Member of the Federation.

B. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants seeking to become National Members, Active Members, Associate Members or Student Members of the Federation must submit a membership application to the I.C.D. via the Treasurer/Secretary. The Treasurer/Secretary will forward the application to the I.C.D. after consultation of the National Member of the application's country. After the I.C.D. has ratified the application, it shall notify the applicant of whether the membership application has been granted. The I.C.D. need not provide explanations for its decision to grant or deny membership. All membership decisions of the I.C.D. may be reviewed and ratified or reversed by the membership at a General Assembly. Prior to being awarded membership in the Federation, the applicant must submit annual dues.

C. CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Cancellation of Membership of FIAT-IFTA can be notified to the secretariat during the whole year, but no later than one month before the end of the calendar year. Cancellation after this period obligates to payment of your subscription for the next year.

ARTICLE VI

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. LEGISLATIVE POWER

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The membership of the Federation, acting through a General Assembly, shall be the sovereign power of the Federation and, as such, shall make decisions as regards the whole of the affairs of the Federation and the actions to be undertaken in carrying out the objectives of the Federation.

B. BIENNIAL MEETING

A General Assembly of the membership of the Federation shall be held biennial (every two years). Notice of the time, place and date of the General Assembly shall be sent to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the biennial General Assembly.

C. AGENDA

At any General Assembly, the agenda shall include all the following matters:

1. Reports of the Officers and Departments;
2. Review of the budget and accounts of the Federation;
3. Review of revenue and dues income to the Federation;
4. Report of the auditors
5. Review and consideration of all actions of the I.C.D.;
6. The holding of any elections that are required by this Constitution;
7. The establishment of a date and place for the next General Assembly;
8. If necessary, the establishment of a date and place for the International Convention to be held pursuant to Article XI;

D. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Extraordinary General Assemblies of the membership may be called by the I.C.D. or by a written request delivered to the President and signed by at least one-third (1/3) of the National Members of the Federation. Notice of the date and place of the extraordinary General Assembly shall be sent to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the Meeting.

E. CONDUCT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

All General Assemblies of the membership shall be conducted in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. Quorum.

At least one-half (1/2) of the National Members must be represented in person or by proxy in order to establish a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, any General Assembly may be adjourned or recessed, but no other business may be transacted except for motions designed to establish the means of obtaining a quorum. If a quorum cannot be established, another General Assembly will be convened with the same agenda within three (3) months.

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2. Voting.

Only National Members are entitled to vote at a General Assembly. Each National Member is entitled to one vote. In order to be eligible to vote at a General Assembly, the National Member must designate in writing the individual delegate that will represent the National Member. In the case that such delegate is unable to attend a General Assembly, that delegate may assign his or her proxy to any other National Member delegate, with one (1) person to hold no more than two (2) proxy votes.

3. Actions.

No action may be adopted by the members at a General Assembly unless it has been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the National Members present at the meeting in person or by proxy.

4. Minutes.

All actions taken by the membership at the General Assemblies will be recorded in minutes taken by the Treasurer-Secretary. Copies of said minutes will be distributed to each National Member of the Federation prior to the next General Assembly of the membership.

5. Attendance.

Any member of the Federation may attend a General Assembly of the membership of the Federation.

ARTICLE VII

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF DIRECTION

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF I.C.D.

There shall be an International Council of Direction ("I.C.D.") of the Federation. The primary responsibilities of the I.C.D. are as follows:

1. Membership

The I.C.D. shall review all applications of those seeking to become National Members, Active Members, Associate Members or Student Members of the Association. Following the review, the I.C.D. shall grant or deny the application and make a report of its actions to the membership at the annual General Meeting. The I.C.D. is also authorized to designate a member as a Benefactor Member and to bestow upon individuals the status of Member of Honor.

2. Election of Officers.

The I.C.D. will elect all the officers.

3. Approval of Budget

The I.C.D. shall review and approve the annual budget which is developed by the Executive Committee.

4. Strategic Planning

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The I.C.D. shall advise the Executive Committee on all matters relating to strategic planning for the Federation.

5. Review of Department Appointments

The I.C.D. shall review and approve or disapprove all appointments to the Departments as well as the creation of new Departments.

B. COMPOSITION

The I.C.D. will be composed of a minimum of ten (10) members and a maximum of thirty (30) members. Each National Member may nominate one individual to serve on the I.C.D. The membership at the General Assembly shall elect members to the I.C.D. to serve a term of two (2) years. Members may be elected to successive terms. During any point in time, there may not be two members on the I.C.D. that are members of the same National Member.

C. REGULAR MEETINGS

The I.C.D. shall hold at least one (1) regular meeting each year. During the year of an International Convention, this meeting will be held in conjunction with the General Assembly of the membership. Written notice of the date and place of the regular meetings of the I.C.D. shall be sent to each member of the I.C.D. at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.

D. SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the I.C.D. may be called by the Executive Committee or by written request executed by at least one-third (1/3) of the members of the I.C.D. Notice of the date, time and place of the special meeting shall be sent to each member of the I.C.D. at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

E. CONDUCT OF MEETING

1. Quorum

At least one-half (1/2) of the National Members must be represented in person or by proxy in order to establish a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, any meeting may be adjourned or recessed, but no other business may be transacted except for motions designed to establish the means of obtaining a quorum. If a quorum cannot be established, another meeting will be convened with the same agenda within three (3) months.

2. Actions

No action may be taken by the I.C.D. unless it is approved by the majority of the I.C.D. members present and voting. In case of a tie vote, the President of the Federation will cast the deciding vote.

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ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an Executive Committee of the Federation. The primary responsibilities of the Executive Committee are as follows:

1. Administration

The Executive Committee shall carry out and enforce all resolutions adopted by the membership at the General Assembly and by the I.C.D. The Executive Committee shall also direct the Operation and administration of the Federation and represent the Federation when dealing with third parties.

2. Budget Preparation

The Executive Committee shall be primarily responsible for the development of the annual budget of the Federation and for submitting the budget to the approval of the I.C.D.

3. Departments

The Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the I.C.D., shall appoint the members to the various Departments of the Federation and shall, in its discretion, create additional Departments when necessary to carry out the objectives of the Federation.

B. COMPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the following three officers of the Federation: President, First Vice President, and Treasurer-Secretary. On demand of the Executive Committee, the past president or any former officer could be adviser of the Executive Committee.

C. ELECTION

The I.C.D. shall elect each member of the Executive Committee to serve a two (2) year term. That election shall take place at the meetings of the I.C.D. Unless completing an unexpired term, the officers, with the sole exception of the Treasurer-Secretary, may not succeed themselves. The officers shall assume office following their installation at the meeting at which they were elected.

D. VACANCY

If the office of the First Vice President, or Treasurer-Secretary becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the Executive Committee may elect a successor who shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term. Any vacancy in the office of the President shall serve out the remainder of the unexpired term. Any officer may be

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removed, either with or without cause, by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the voting members of the I.C.D.

E DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Each officer shall perform the duties set forth below. The Executive Committee can add any other item and assign responsibilities, if necessary.

1. President:

The President represents the Federation. The President may assign all or a part of this power to the Vice Presidents. The President shall also preside at any General Assembly of the membership or meeting of the I.C.D.

2. First Vice President:

The First Vice President shall supervise the Funeral Services, Transport and Repatriation Department. First Vice President shall also preside at any General Assembly of the membership or meeting of the I.C.D. in which the President is unable or unavailable to preside.

3. Second Vice President:

The Second Vice President shall supervise Thanatopraxy/Embalming Department.

4. Third Vice President:

The Third Vice President shall supervise the Education Training and Culture Department

5. Treasurer-Secretary:

The Treasurer-Secretary shall be responsible for the Executive Secretariat and the treasury. He/she is empowered to establish accounts in the name of the Federation in financial institutions and to effect all transactions that are necessary to the good working order of the Federation following the agreed budget. The Treasurer-Secretary shall also take minutes of the General Assemblies of the membership and the meetings of the I.C.D. The Treasurer-Secretary shall maintain the records and official proceedings of the Federation and distribute notices and minutes as required by this Constitution. He/she is responsible for all administrative actions.

ARTICLE IX

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

The Secretary/Treasurer shall, in its option, establish either a permanent Executive Secretariat to carry out the administration of the Federation or appoint a National Member to perform such services.

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DEPARTMENTS

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A. STANDING DEPARTMENTS

The Federation shall have the following three standing Departments:

1. Funeral Services, Transport and Repatriation Department;
2. Thanatopraxy/Embalming Department; and
3. Education, Training and Culture Department.

B. NEW DEPARTMENTS

The Executive Committee, with the approval of I.C.D., may create additional departments as necessary to carry out the objectives of the Federation.

ARTICLE XI

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The Federation patronizes an International Convention to be held every two years. It takes place in the country of the President under the responsibility of the President and his National Member. The Executive Committee advises the president preparing the International Convention.

ARTICLE XII

DUES AND INCOME

A. DUES (SUBSCRIPTIONS)

The amount of annual dues (subscriptions) for each class of member shall be set at the General Assembly of the membership. Dues (subscriptions) shall be paid by all members within sixty (60) days after receipt of the written assessment. The Executive Committee may expel any member who fails to pay dues within six (6) months after receiving the dues (subscriptions) assessment.

B. OTHER INCOME

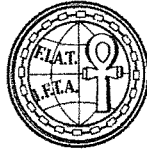
The Federation may receive subsidies, gifts, legacies, receipts from publications and other forms of revenue and income.

C. AUDITORS

The Auditing Body shall consist of two (2) Federation members elected as Auditors by the General Assembly. Those auditors must not be nationals of the same country nor must they be nationals of the country in which the Federation has its secretariat. Furthermore, they must not serve as I.C.D. members nor have the same nationality as the President of the Federation.

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The Auditors shall serve for a two-year term. Outgoing or former Auditors may be re-elected. The Auditors shall examine all revenues and expenditure entered in the accounts of the Federation and verify its annual financial statements with due regard to the provisions stipulated in the Constitution. The Auditors shall report their findings to the I.C.D. and – every two years – to the General meeting and shall demand approval of the conduct of business by the I.C.D. for the fiscal year under review.

ARTICLE XIII

LANGUAGE

The working language of the Federation is English. In the event of a dispute, interpretation will be based on the Dutch version of the Constitution.

ARTICLE XIV

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Federation shall commence on January 1 of each year and end on December 31 of each year.

ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the National Members at any General Assembly. No amendments shall be presented and acted upon until written notice of the amendment has been sent to the National Members at least sixty (60) days prior to the General Assembly at which it is presented for adoption.

ARTICLE XVI

DISSOLUTION AND SETTLEMENT.

1. The General Assembly has the power to dissolve the Federation FIAT-IFTA. In this case the regulations of Article 15 are applicable.
2. Should the Federation FIAT-IFTA be dissolved, as referred to in Article 16.1, the General Assembly will decide where to a financial surplus will be distributed, namely other Funeral Sector Associations, in accordance with the objectives of the Federation.
3. Distribution of the financial surplus will be the responsibility of the Executive Board.

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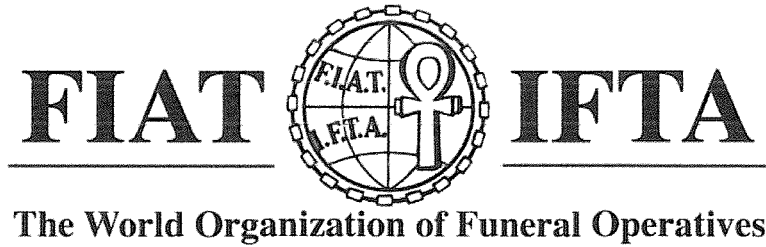
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4. The Federation will continue to exist until all the financial surplus has been distributed. During this time all regulations and statutes of the Federation remain effective.
5. All books and documents of the dissolved Federation must be kept in custody for a period of ten (10) years. The custodian will be appointed by the Executive Board.



CHARTER

Charter of Global Funeral Heritage (Adopted by the General Assembly of FIAT-IFTA, June 2008, Barcelone)

Definition:

Global Funeral Heritage consists of the expressions, customs, rituals, sites, buildings, constructions and instruments associated with death, loss and grief.

Declaration:

The preservation and protection of Global Funeral Heritage is the responsibility of families, local communities, religious institution and governments.

FIAT-IFTA affirms the importance and significance of Global Funeral Heritage for societies and individuals.

Funeral Heritage Association of FIAT-IFTA's role is to inform all parties concerned and strives to work with local, national and international institutions to preserve and to protect Global Funeral Heritage for the future of humanity.

Objectives:

To support and endorse funeral museums and exhibitions worldwide

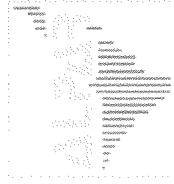
To study and understand Global Funeral Heritage in order to preserve and protect it

To promote understanding and appreciation of Global Funeral Heritage

To promote publications and studies related to Global Funeral Heritage with respect to local and national concerns.

Primary Actions:

1. To cooperate with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre in order to establish and extend the presence of Funeral Heritage sites on the World Heritage List and to bring in expert knowledge
2. Establishment of the Funeral Heritage Expert Committee
3. Foundation of the Association of Funeral Museums and Collections.



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RESOLUTION CD22, AUGUST 25, 2010

Considering,

And according with the principles and values that ALPAR seeks to embody and exhort, it is of the utmost importance to promote and contribute to the recuperation, conservation and protection of historical and cultural heritage and more specifically those which fall under the category of World Funeral Heritage.

Therefore,

The Board of Directos of the Latin American Association of Cemeteries and Funeral Services, ALPAR, acting within the stipulations put forth by its statutes,

Resolves,

ARTICLE 1.- To assume as an ongoing institutional commitment the careful consideration and respect for all programs, projects and policies developed by FIAT – IFTA, its Funeral Heritage Committee and IAFM. ALPAR adheres and strongly endorses FIAT IFTA in all actions and proclamations that are geared towards the conservation and protection of the World Funeral Heritage.

ARTICLE 2.- ALPAR adheres and will observe the definition, within the declarations of FIAT IFTA, what constitutes World Funeral Heritage – consistent with the expressions, customs, rituals, sacred sites, edifices, constructions and all instruments associated with death, loss and grief.

ARTICLE 3.- ALPAR adheres and respects the declaration on the utter importance and gravitas attached to the World Funeral Heritage – to attain a shared and directed effort among local, national and international institutions, to promote and further protect this great heritage.

ARTICLE 4.- For pertaining purposes submit a copy of this resolution to FIAT IFTA.

ARTICLE 5.- This Resolution is effective from this day forward.

Resolution CD22 is agreed upon on the 25th of August, 2010 in Medellín, Colombia.


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President


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Vice-President


MARIA CRISTINA ARCILA
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