



CIRCULAR 2/2018



Dear colleagues,

Once again Felice Laudadio, our faithful friend and host for almost three decades, invites us to Italy. In the last quarter of a century we traveled with him through the country: First to Saint Vincent, up in the mountains of the north, followed by Viareggio at the seaside, then to the deep south, Taormina, Sicily, passing on to Rome, to a television festival and the wonderful “Casa del Cinema – House of Films” (which he had created and directed). For eight years and now for the ninth time, he invites us to Bari, Apulia's capital, for the “BIF&ST – Bari International Film Festival” which he had created eight years ago. Last year, Margarethe von Trotta had assumed the presidency of the festival (following Ettore Scola). It's a festival which is dedicated mainly to Italian cinema and offers a good overview on the country's latest production. An homage to Marco Ferreri is planned, a special event will remember the premiere of Giuseppe Tornatore's *Cinema Paradiso* 30 years ago.

We are again invited to hold our annual assembly in Bari. The festival dates are Saturday, April 21, to Saturday, April 28, 2018.

General Assembly 2018

Our General Assembly of 2018 will take place on Sunday, April 22, 2018 (morning and afternoon), and on Monday morning, April 23.

The preliminary schedule:

Saturday, April 21: Arrival of the delegates. Pick-up service at the Bari-Palese international airport. In the evening: Opening Ceremony.

Sunday, April 22: presumably 9:30 – 13:00, 14:00 – 18:00 general assembly. Place: Bari, Hotel Palace (that's the hotel where the delegates will stay).

Monday, April 23: Continuation of the assembly.

The official duties for the delegates end on Monday noon, April 23. They can therefore depart from Bari Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning.

The festival offers all delegates “full board hospitality”. As always, all participants are in charge of their transportation / air tickets.

Announcement

General Assembly 2018 **Addressed to our National Sections**

Delegates

All national sections are kindly invited to appoint their delegate to the assembly. Each national section can nominate one delegate. In countries where two associations form the national section, both associations are requested to agree on one common delegate (two delegates maybe admitted only in case of available invitations). This concerns our colleagues in Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Serbia and Spain.

All delegates must be made known, in written (email or fax or letter), to the General Secretary by Friday, March 16, 2018, 24 h CET. (Please note that from statutory reason later arriving requests cannot be considered.)

Individual members (in principle in countries where a national section doesn't exist) who wish to attend the assembly are kindly asked to contact the General Secretary.

Please use for all communication concerning Bari and the assembly the email address jury@fipresci.org, or the fax number +49 (89) 18 47 66. Address letters to Klaus Eder, FIPRESCI, Schleissheimer Str. 83, D 80797 Munich, Germany.

Agenda

Aside the usual reports on our activities in 2017 (given by the members of the board and the General Secretary) and the discussion of future juries and projects, the board has to be elected. The two vice-presidents, Barbara Hollender (Poland) and Isabelle Danel (France) can be re-elected for one more term (of two years). The acting president, our Turkish colleague Alin Tasciyan, has already served two terms and cannot be re-elected. See the call for candidates, below. As well, General Secretary and Board will ask the assembly to confirm a Deputy General Secretary.

National sections wishing to add any other item to the agenda should send their proposal, in writing, to the General Secretary by Friday, March 16, 2018. The final agenda will be published middle of March on our website www.fipresci.org (members area).

Call for Candidates

The assembly has to elect:

- the president;
- two vice-presidents.

The two acting vice-presidents, our Polish colleague Barbara Hollender and our French colleague Isabelle Danel can be re-elected for one more term and could therefore continue their engaged and effective work for our federation.

The acting president, Alin Tasciyan (Turkey), cannot be re-elected. Therefore, in particular candidates for the presidency are looked for.

(Our national sections are nonetheless free to propose other candidates also for the presidency.)

A few general remarks

Members of the board are expected to participate in the general work of the federation. This includes the chairing of juries (also at festivals which are not on their personal list of events attended for professional reasons), and includes also participation in conferences and workshops organized by FIPRESCI. It is expected that board members regularly attend at least two of the three major events in Berlin, Cannes and Venice – meeting points of the board and with colleagues. It is also expected that they have a cell phone, active daily email access and, preferably, a Skype account. Fluent English and French should be a given.

Tasks to be fulfilled by the board members: Representing FIPRESCI at major events, in particular at the award ceremonies of our Berlin and Cannes prizes; the presentation of our “Grand Prix” at the opening ceremony of the San Sebastian Film Festival; the presentation of the “Discovery Award” at the European Film Awards ceremony in December. Board members should keep in close contact with the General Secretary. President and vice-presidents are, in particular, expected to discuss with the General Secretary the fundamentals (culturally and politically) of our work.

Candidates

Our national sections are invited to nominate candidates (urgent: candidates for the presidency). Each national section can propose one candidate for the presidency and up to two candidates for the two vice-presidencies (they are not restricted to candidates from their own country). The nominations (in writing, by email or fax) must include the following information: A written (email or fax) declaration that the candidate accepts the candidature, and that he/she is willing to actively participate in all the activities of our Federation.

The candidacies have to reach the General Secretary’s desk not later than Friday, March 16, 2018, 24:00 h (CET). (Candidacies arriving after this deadline, or proposals for candidates whose declaration of consent is missing, will be void and can’t be considered.)

By the way: Colleagues who would wish to offer assistance in certain tasks, are kindly asked to contact the General Secretary directly. There's much work to be done!

Best regards,
Hope to see you in Bari
KLAUS EDER

