

51th FIRAC CONGRESS 2012
---- Sheffield, England ----

Minutes of the working session of the General Meeting held on 14/09/2012

1. Opening + Silent Key

This time the opening started by illuminating the candles by the president.
A warm welcome is given to the 10 countries and all participating members.

During a commemoration minute the meeting honours the deceased members;
DC6CV – IK3VZM – F6FKK – I2KNJ – IK2IGX – DJ7WX

2. Agenda of this working

The agenda is accepted unanimously.

3. Minutes of meeting Brasov, Romania, September 2011

The minutes of meeting of the working session are accepted unanimously.

4. Yearly report of the president by Gheorghe Zaharie – YO6HAY

5. Report of the PR manager by Geoff Sims - G4GNQ

6. Cash report by Mario Vandervelde – ON4KV

2.134,01 (income) – 1.985,37 (software, books) = + 148,64 €

7. Cash audit

Detlef Rämsch – DL8DWL and Herman Fleischanderl – OE5HFM confirms the treasurer's correct bookkeeping and proposes the discharge of the treasurer. This proposal is unanimously agreed.

8/9. Relieve of the old and election of a new presidium :

There are 10 votes cast, presidents and representatives (10 groups and the MC groupe). Resulting in the next outcome :

President of the FIRAC	YO6HAY	Gheorghe Zaharie	8/10 votes
Vice-president	G4GNQ	Geoff Sims	10/10 votes
Secretary	ON4CIR	Karel Praet	9/10 votes
Treasurer	ON4KV	Mario Vandervelde	10/10 votes
Public relations	G4GNQ	Geoff Sims	10/10 votes

10. Appoint the commissioners, art 7 FIRAC rules :

Geoff Sims - G4GNQ will continue with the MC group, P.R. and the function of award manager.
Detlef Ramsch – DL8DWL will continue to be the webmaster and do the update of the rapid call book.
Tibor Kiss– HA5BSW will be the new contest manager.

The contest awards will be done by Gheorghe Zaharie – YO6HAY

11. Cash auditors

Herman Fleischanderl – OE5HFM has to be replaced.
Guisseppe – IZ7CIK is candidates for 2 years, together with Detlef Ramsch – DL8DWL, they will be the cash auditors for the next congress in 2013 Galyateto, Hungary.

12. Subscription of membership fee

We have no reason to increase the fee, and will stay on a single Euro per member for the year 2013 which is accepted unanimously.

13. Radio Traffic by Geoff Sims - G4GNQ)

14. : The 52th Firac congress 2013

The congress will take place in Galyateto – Hungary from 16 – 20 may 2013.
Galya Hotel, Kodaly Zoltan sétány 10, H-3234 Galyateto.
Price : 400 eur (later it will be 360 eur).

The congress will be held in Galyateti, in one of the most beautiful holiday resort of Mátra mountains, in the four-star Hotel Galya. This resort is 965 meters above sea level.

The most of international trains arrives in station Budapest Keleti. A charter bus will start from the car and bus parking place of the station, Kerepesi út (street) on 16th May 2013, Thursday to Galyateti. The departure of the bus: **2 p.m.** from this parking. We request our friends to organize their travel to arrive till the departures of the bus. Our friend arriving by plane at Budapest Liszt Ferenc airport can take a taxi and arrive at the parking of Keleti railway station approximately in 40 minutes. The taxi charges add up about 25 EUR. You have to say to the taxi-driver: „Keleti pályaudvar, Kerepesi út feléi parkoló”. The fare of the bus to Hotel Galya is 10,- € and it has to be paid on the bus. Travel time: 120 minutes. We receive our amateur friends at the car and bus parking place of the station, Kerepesi út (street) from **1,30 p.m.** with little FIRAC flags.

Regarding return trip we start our bus on 20th May 2013, Monday to Budapest to the parking of Keleti station. The bus leaves 8.00 a. m. from Galyateti. Travel time: 120 minutes. We request our friends to organize their return trip by taking account this time. The reception committee will ask our friends during the handover of congress documentations whether they choose to return on Monday by bus or not. The fare to the parking of Budapest Keleti station is 10,- € and it has to be paid on the bus.

The participants of congress have access to some wellness services (swimming pools, saunas) free of charge. Insurance. We suggest the participants of congress to effect travel insurance to their trip. Don't forget your necessary medicines.

15. The 53th Firac congress 2014

This congress will be organised by the DL group in Hamburg (september 2014).
It will be the 50th birthday of the creation of the FIRAC

16. Hamradio 2012 in Friedrichshafen

Also this year 2012 we have taken part with a common stand FIRAC/EFA in the HAMRADIO. The rent was taken over by the DL group.

17. Report about the issued FIRAC awards by G4GNQ

3 awards will be given in 2012

18. FIRAC-Homepage

Again the board ask the addresses of the national groups and there members and keep de webmaster Detlef Rämsch DL8DWL (Detlef.DL8DWL@t-online.de) informed.

19. Discussion of the proposal : Cash Bond 3 & 5 years

Two cash bonds : 2.000 eur at 5 years & 6.000 eur at 5 years - 10/10 votes

20. Discussion of the proposal : FIRAC contests

Opening of the FIRAC contests to everybody in the world (new rules will be made).
Include the 160 m band in the contest.
Both proposition will be accepted.

21. Sundries

Don't forget to send all information about activities and reports on the webmaster.

Gheorghe YO6HAY thanks all participants.
He blows out the candles and closes the working session of this 51th congress.

FIRAC President

Gheorghe Zaharie - YO6HAY,

Acting secretary

Mario Vandervelde – ON4KV,