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Minutes IFM-SEI Congress 2016 (Draft)

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Annexes:

- Adopted IFM-SEI Constitution
- Adopted IFM-SEI Strategy and Work Plan 2016-2019
- Adopted IFM-SEI Code of Conduct
- Statement on Brexit made by Woodcraft Folk

Present at the meeting:

Secretary General:	Christine Sudbrock
Presidium Members:	Carly Walker-Dawson, Woodcraft Folk Ali Ihlail, IYU Sylvia Siqueira Campos, MIRIM Brasil
Control Commission:	Simon Walter, Rote Falken/Kinderfreunde Kaisu Kotirinta, Nuoret Kotkat Tim Schrock, SJD – Die Falken
Congress Presidium:	Josephin Tischner, SJD – Die Falken Lucho Jimenez Borra, Los Cachorros Liana Meiom, Hashomer Hatzair (and IFM-SEI Presidium)
Action Enfance, Senegal	Amy Diayté Mame Diarra Ndour
Agrupación Integridad Absoluta, Chile Antar Bharati, India	Daniel Chang Surendra Joshi Varsha Joshi Nishaben Vasava
Armenian Youth Federation, Armenia Association des Pionniers du Mali	Njtech Karakavorian Babacar Toure Abdoulaye Sissoko Aminata Diallo
Club Infantil 23 de Mayo CHAP, Peru	Eduardo Raffael Cabanillas Carolina Raffael Espinal Wendy Clara Flores Gomez Karlha Luciana Villavicencio Barrantes
DUI-Leg og VIRKE, Denmark	Kenneth Christensen Mette Karlsen
Esplais Catalans, Spain	Eduard Fernando Sara Subirana Itziar Perez Quiros Elisabet Bayo Puxan Dani Costa
Faucons Rouges, Belgium	Romain Lotin

Fenix, Slovakia	Marta Vengricka
Framfylkingen, Norway	Are Tomasgard
	Hillevi S. Tovik
	Sofie Löseth
Independent Youth Forum, Palestine	Bashar Hammouri
	Ola Qawasmi
Independence Youth Union, Palestine	Ruba Hilal
	Majd Samhan
	Marah Ashmar
	Oqababu Ghaz
Hashomer Hatzair, Israel	Yaara Mizrachi
Kinderfreunde/Rote Falken Österreich	Daniel Bohmann
	Hannah Czernohorszky
	Christina Schauer
	Klaus Schöngruber
KKSP, Indonesia	Sri Eni Purnamawati
	Tara Damanik
	Hasanah Chalid
Lithuanian Young Falcon Union	Elnora Jachjajeva
Manque Chile	Daniel Osvaldo Fernandez Marquez
MILAV, Nicaragua	Roberto Luis Alvarez Torres
MIRIM Brasil	Luisa Ferreira dos Santos
	Filipe Antonio Araujo
Mouvement des Pionniers du Senegal	Mamadou Mbow
Mundo Nuevo, Peru	Ronald Salas
	Joan Joel Caceres Ramirez
NOV, Israel	Tony Nasser
	Dani Efrati
Nueva Generación, Bolivia	Maria Silvia Cajias Arnez
	Natalia Bertha del Caprio Miranda
	Fidel Cajias Rojas
	Nicolas Stephano Bilbao
Nuoret Kotkat, NKK Finland	Soili Sirenne
	Sameli Valkama
	Jasmin Trogen
	Heidi Niemi
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	Sabine Troitzsch
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	Oliver Pohl
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	Emelie Tered
Woodcraft Folk, UK	Jon Nott
	Jack Walker
	Pip Sayers
	Laura Hallsworth
	Hannah Michel-Bowman
Youth Advocates Ghana	Emmanuel Ametepey
	Sarah Anderson

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Carlos Alberto Guerrero Pinto
Brayan Alexander Avila Mancipe

AJYAL, Israel

Firas Khawaled
Ayman Kabha

Association of Social Democracy, Turkey

Asu Isbilen
Muhittin Kurnaz

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1. Introduction session for new and old delegates.

General information, programme and content were introduced to Congress delegates in a one-hour session.

2. Opening of congress *Saturday 6th August 2016 – commencing at 9am*

Christine Sudbrock, Secretary General, conveyed greetings to all delegates, guests and offering special gratitude towards SJD-Die Falken for not only hosting congress but also for accommodating the IFM-SEI international camp “Welcome to Another World” for the previous two weeks. Christine invites SJD-Die Falken Co-chair **Immanuel Benz – SJD Die Falken** to the floor who welcomes and reiterates the gratitude to delegates and welcomes delegates old and new to enjoy a great congress with many fruitful debates.

Evin Incir – Secretary General of **IUSY** thanked IFM-SEI and SJD, and went on to explain why IFM-SEI is important. The possibilities it enables for many young people from different social and economic backgrounds to come together. She went on to explain the importance of the educational work we do, for young people to be able to fulfil their dreams, empowering them not only to reach out and achieve their own personal dreams but also to fulfil society’s dreams.

Lora Lyubenova of the **European Youth Forum** thanked IFM-SEI for the opportunity to be present at congress and for the work that IFM-SEI continues to do being a leading organisation in the fields of youth work and non-formal education.

Control Commission explains the voting system:

- All organisations have votes according to their size
- Some organisations have agreements with the Control Commission that will see some organisations lose half of their votes due to unpaid membership fees, as described by the IFM-SEI Constitution.

- Organisations must be represented by a delegation fulfilling the women's quota, if not then those organisations will subsequently lose their votes.
- Due to these reasons there is an organisation that will receive 0.5 (half of a vote), hence all votes must be doubled.
 - o Kinderfreunde/Rote Falken Österreich, Austria: fulfil quota – 6 Votes
 - o Rode Valken, Belgium: fulfil quota – 4 Votes
 - o Faucons Rouges, Belgium: fulfil quota – 4 Votes
 - o Nueva Generación, Bolivia: fulfil quota – 4 Votes
 - o MIRIM Brasil, Brazil: fulfil quota – 4 Votes
 - o Agrupacion Integridad Absoluta, Chile: fulfil quota, have agreement in place with control commission – 2 Votes
 - o DUI LEG og VIRKE, Denmark: fulfil quota – 6 Votes
 - o Nuoret Kotkat, Finland: fulfil quota – 8 Votes
 - o SJD Die Falken, Germany: fulfil quota – 8 Votes
 - o Antar Bharati, India: fulfil quota – 4 Votes
 - o KKSP, Indonesia: fulfil quota, have agreement with control commission – 2 votes
 - o Hashomer Hatzair, Israel: fulfil quota – 4 Votes
 - o Noar Oved Vehalomed (NOV), Israel: fulfil quota – 4 Votes
 - o Lithuanian Young Falcon Union, Lithuania: fulfil quota, have agreement in place with control commission – 2 Votes.
 - o Pionniers du Mali, Mali: fulfil quota: 4 Votes
 - o MILAVF, Nicaragua: fulfil quota, have agreement with control commission, 2 Votes
 - o Framfylkingen, Norway: fulfil quota – 4 Votes
 - o (IYF) Independent Youth Forum, Palestine: fulfil quota – 4 Votes
 - o (IYU) Independence Youth Union, Palestine: fulfil quota, have agreement with control commission, 1 vote now doubled – 2 Votes
 - o Club Infantil Juvenil Los Cachorros, Peru: Not currently present – when they arrive and fulfil quota they will receive 4 votes.
 - o (CHAP) Club Infantil 23 de Mayo CHAP, Peru: fulfil quota, have agreement, 2 votes.
 - o Pionniers du Sénégal, Senegal fulfil quota – 4 votes
 - o Action Enfance, Senegal: fulfil quota – 4 Votes
 - o Fenix, Slovakia: fulfil quota – 4 votes
 - o Esplais Catalans (Esplac): fulfil quota – 6 Votes
 - o Unga Örnar, Sweden: fulfil quota – 6 Votes
 - o Woodcraft Folk: fulfil quota – 6 Votes

At this present time, after all votes have been doubled there are a total of 92 votes at congress.

3. Election of Congress Presidium

Presidium proposes Liana Meiom (Hashomer Hatzair), Josephin Tischner (SJD-Die Falken) and Lucho Jimenez Borra (Los Cachorros), as the congress presidium. No further candidates.

Unanimous vote for the congress presidium

4. Ratification of the Congress Commissions

Three commissions have been elected by a virtual IC meeting and have to be ratified by congress.

1. Nominations commission: Christine Sudbrock, Sri Eni Purnamawati and Liana Meiom. Replacement candidates needed for Diye Diallo and Anna Maria Almaro who are not present. Other candidates are asked from the floor. IYU Palestine nominates Ali Ihlail.

Congress unanimously ratifies the election of Christine, and Liana and elects Ali for Nominations Commission.

2. Mandates and Rules Commission.

Kaisu Kotirinta, Simon Walter and Tim Schrock from the Control Commission. However, as Simon is a candidate for post of president, he will not be involved in the counting of this vote. Vote is held.

Congress unanimously ratifies election of Tim Scholz, Kaisu Kotirinta and Simon Walter as Mandates and Rules Commission

3. Resolutions and Work plan Commission

Carly Walker-Dawson, Ruba Hilal, Sylvia Siqueira Campos, Joan Joel Cacerez Ramires, Soili Sirenne and Simon Walter.

Congress unanimously ratifies the election of Resolutions and Work plan Commission.

Control Commission: Mundo Nuevo has just registered 2 delegates, not gender balanced and they already have an agreement in place with control commission. They receive 1 vote. Which takes the total number of votes to 115.

5. Adoption of Minutes from the last congress

Congress unanimously votes in favour of adopting the minutes from the last congress.

6. Report 2013-2016

Christine Sudbrock begins to present the report from the last three years of work within IFM-SEI, however after some technical issues and an apology from SJD – Die Falken it is agreed by congress to stop the presentation and reconvene later on in the evening, which will still ensure that the report has been given before the discharge of the current presidium scheduled for the following day.

7. Financial report and adoption of the budget 2016 and balance 2015

Christine gives an explanation of the balance 2015, states that it has been checked by an external auditor and asks for the adoption of the balance which each delegate has a copy of in their papers. The balance 2015 shows a loss of 3407.53 Euros, with unrestricted reserves at 55,917.22 Euros and restricted social reserves at 28,000 Euros. Restricted social reserves are necessary provisions put in place by the Belgian authorities in the event that the organisation would have to close.

Ingrid collects signatures for the adoption of the balance sheet.

Christine explains the budget 2015 and the break down. After no questions from delegates, Christine explains some financial developments over the past few years.

Esplac: Would like to express gratitude and appreciation for the effort made by the Secretary General to show the finances and budget in a clear and transparent way.

Congress voted unanimously to accept the budget.

Manque Chile has registered and receives 2 votes. Taking the total number of votes to 117.

8. Control Commission Report

It is a big concern of the control commission that if IFM-SEI does not manage to secure enough funding through project grants the organisation will have to close. Membership fees were adopted in the last congress, but about half don't comply with what they have voted for and have other agreements with the Control Commission. Control Commission has strong concern about the accountability of some current Presidium members.

Control Commission thanks Christine Sudbrock, Ingrid de Kock, Project Officers and EVS Volunteers past and present for the hard work that they have consistently delivered for the past three years. Control Commission thanks the current presidium members for their cooperation. Kaisu personally thanks Simon and Tim and states that even though it has come to the end of their term, they will continue to offer their support to the new team to ensure a good handover.

Esplac: Control Commission could go deeper regarding the work of the Presidium as there is much criticism as to the way the current presidium have worked. Proposes:

- To show a list of presidium members in attendance of meetings.
- Comments and agreements presidium has made regarding the work plan and the outcomes in more detail.
- Commitments of presidium members and whether they have done a good job or not.

Christine answers stating that IFM-SEI does not currently have a list of attendees at presidium meetings, however, the report of the secretariat and things that the presidium have done is on the agenda. Christine asks for all questions relating to this to be done after the presidium report later.

9. Membership applications and expulsions

a. Ratification of membership decisions taken at IC meetings 2014 and 2015

Decisions to accept new candidate organisations

- ASYUSED Cameroon (2014)
- Youth Advocates Ghana (2014)

Decisions to accept upgrades to member organisations

- Rode Valken Belgium (2014)
- Independent Youth Forum Palestine (2014)
- Georgian Falcons (2014)
- Falcons of Ecuador (2014)
- Mundo Nuevo Peru (2014)

Congress agrees to vote en bloc, and agrees unanimously to ratify the above decisions taken place at previous IC meetings.

Decisions to expel member organisations

The IFM-SEI Presidium suggest to not vote en bloc in this instance, due to YOB Bhutan having been in recent communication and have expressed a willingness to pay their outstanding fees. This comes after a period of no communication and non-payment of membership fees, but since the decision in 2014 they have reengaged with the movement. We currently have nothing in writing but their humble wish to remain a part of IFM-SEI and their willingness to pay off their outstanding debts.

SJD-Die Falken: What are the guarantees that the organisation will actually pay off their debts and continue to keep up to pay their fees?

IFM-SEI Presidium: They have paid off all of their outstanding debts with IUSY, which were considerably higher than their debts with IFM-SEI. YOB have applied to be a member organisation; if they are to be kicked out they wouldn't have to pay their outstanding debts if they wished to become members again in the future, so this is the safer option for IFM-SEI to receive the outstanding fees.

Vote on whether or not to ratify the decision of expulsion. It is unanimous not to ratify the expulsion. YOB Bhutan remains a member organisation.

Vote to ratify the decisions to expel the following member organisations

- Horneros Punto, Argentina (2014)
- CEDECAP, Guatemala (2014)
- Indajoven, Dominican Republic (2014)
- Young Falcons Malta (2014)
- MOEP, Mexico (2014)
- CSSD, Serbia (2014)
- APCC Portugal (2015)
- MFM-MSEM, Mauritius (2015)

Congress voted in favour of ratifying the decisions to expel the above named organisations.

b. Membership applications

Slovenian Falcons

Tamara Gajski and Darko Ogrizek present the organisation to congress. The Slovenian Falcons are a very young organisation. Hope to become more established with the help of IFM-SEI and express their gratitude towards Rote Falken Austria, SJD-Die Falken, and more personally and specifically towards Christine Sudbrock (IFM-SEI), Simon Walter (RF/KF), and Josephin Tischner (SJD) for helping them thus far. This year their first big project is a summer camp that will bring together about 40 people.

IFM-SEI Presidium proposes to accept the Slovenian Falcons. They have been established with the support of member organisations and have been involved with IFM-SEI from the beginning.

SJD: German Falcons are happy with their application and also happy to have had the opportunity to get to know each other. If they need any support they can always ask.

Congress voted unanimously to accept the Slovenian Falcons as members.

SDD Genc (Association of Social Democracy), Turkey

Represented by Asu Isbilen and Muhittin Kurnaz. Play a video to present the organisation, their aims, purposes, activities and projects.

Activities include events on International women's day; democracy festival for kids, social democracy meetings with deputies, host social democracy lessons with students.

Future plans for SDD include; organising a camp, redeveloping a site in an area that currently has no primary school education, paint and make repairs to schools to ensure that children can be provided with an education. Integration of refugees into the local communities and deliver lessons on how to

live together, teaching Turkish culture and deliver more projects to children surrounding their social problems.

SDD wish to join to work with IFM-SEI and the member organisations and more children globally, to work together to make Turkey and the world a better place.

Proposal from the IFM-SEI Presidium: Suggest accepting their application.

SJD-Die Falken: Thank you for the presentation, to have created, maintained and developed a left progressive movement in Turkey isn't easy. Are you willing to work with the Kurdish left people in Turkey?

SDD: Yes – previous cooperation with Kurdish women at International Women's Day.

IYU: Middle East region feels that is very important to include SDD Genc so that within the movement the Middle Eastern region doesn't just consist of Palestine and Israel. The region welcomes the application and asks congress to accept.

Congress voted unanimously to accept SDD Genc (Association of Social Democracy), Turkey.

Patsimeredu Zimbabwe

Presented by Unga Örnar who have on going projects with this organisation since 2007. They organise educational activities on youth and poverty, sexual and reproductive health using particularly using theatre as a way to reach out and educate the youth. Over 120 groups in Zimbabwe reach out to 36,000 children and young people. They are a very stable organisation, progressive and want to achieve great things. Unga Örnar recommends their membership.

The proposal from the IFM-SEI presidium is to accept them.

Nueva Generación: Why aren't any representatives present at the congress?

Christine: They could not attend because of high travel costs. Presidium trusts the recommendations and judgments from Unga Örnar and Mirim Brasil.

IYU: Got to know the organisation at an Unga Örnar national camp and they did an amazing workshop, they are youth-led and are fantastic and she thinks the congress should support them.

Mirim Brasil: Mirim has been working together with them since 2007 and visited in Zimbabwe. They do a really great job, they engage young people and involve them and they promote social change.

Nueva Generación: Question to Unga Örnar: Will your organisation be able to sustain their membership fees or will they rely on solidarity from other member organisations?

Unga Örnar: doesn't know about their economic situation. They have had projects together since 2007 through the support of development funds; doesn't foresee an issue with there being a problem with this organisation paying their fees.

APM: Economic situation should not determine their involvement. APM supports them.

Mirim Brasil: IFM-SEI also practices solidarity; they know about the membership fees and are committed to this responsibility.

Congress voted unanimously to accept Patsimeredu Zimbabwe.

Indian Falcon Movement Association

The presidium does not support this application. IFM-SEI value of being child and youth led is not respected within this organisation; the board members of this organisation are aged at least 30+ and mostly 50+. There are also concerns about the internal democracy of this organisation. New young people can only be selected by the older members, and cannot be elected into the board.

Woodcraft Folk: Were these issues raised with the board? If so, how did they react?

Christine: Presidium raised concerns and the response was that they have one person under 30 on their board, and that young people could enter through a selection process through the board but they would not discuss changing this to become more democratic.

Congress decided with the majority against and one abstention to not accept the Indian Falcon movement as members.

Youth Movement of Bhutan: application can be disregarded, as they have not been expelled.

c. Membership Upgrades

Organisations first become candidate members and can keep this status for a minimum of one and a maximum of three years. If they do not want to upgrade their status after three years, they can ask for one-year extension of their candidate membership.

The following organisations have requested to be upgraded:

- Rote Falken Switzerland
- Youth Advocates Ghana
- ASYUSED, Cameroon

Rote Falken Switzerland

Q: Why is no one from Rote Falken present?

Christine: They attended camp but didn't have the time to stay for congress. Rote Falken Switzerland are not a new organisation, they have been in IFM-SEI for a while, but in the former category 'local members' that does not exist anymore.

SJD-Die Falken: has cooperated with them many times. They do great educational work. SJD recommends welcoming them as full members.

Congress voted unanimously to upgrade Rote Falken Switzerland to full members.

Youth Advocates Ghana

Presented by Sarah Anderson and Emmanuel Ametepey. Begin by showing a video presentation of their organisation and the work they conduct in Ghana.

YAG is a youth led movement, whose vision is to improve the lives of the young people. YAG has three main focuses, which contribute to their programme. 1. Education 2. Sexual and reproductive rights 3. Programme for youth empowerment. Sarah Anderson, vice president of YAG describes their work surrounding child focus on education, YAG's afterschool programme and reading programmes in orphanages. Emmanuel, president of YAG, states that they are very excited to be part of IFM-SEI for the last two years and even more excited to become full members.

Presidium: Recommend upgrading to full members.

YAG: YAG hoped to come to the camp with a big group. But all of the participants did not receive their visas. It's a big burden they face but they hope to work together with more young people in the future.

Control Commission: This organisation has some debts, but they are going to deal with them soon.

Congress voted unanimously to upgrade YAG to full members.

They receive two votes.

ASYOUSED, Cameroon

Christine – ASYOUSED Cameroon became candidate organisation two years ago. There was no chance to work together yet due to limited funding.

IFM-SEI Presidium has concerns about the level of engagement and educational activities with children and young people so the presidium would like them to remain a candidate organisation for one more year.

Congress voted against the upgrade of ASYOUSED to a full member organisation with two abstentions.

Armenian Youth Federation

Presented by **Njteh Karakavorian** who begins by stating that AYF is the youth organisation of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation. AYF have over 2000 sections all over the world. Within AYF there are 2000 child members, and over 10,000 members of the ARF. AYF have a summer camp programme in war torn areas since 2009. The kids there only know about war, so AYF works with them on things like hygiene, games, educate them about gender equality, democracy and voting, teach respect.

SJD: known that AYF is active in IUSY, but for SJD it's important that the relationships are different than that between IUSY and AYF. IFM-SEI is an educational movement, not party political. What was your motivation to be in IFM-SEI for the last three years?

AYF – AYF really fights for what IFM-SEI believes in. Gender equality and participation are real issues for AYF and big problems in Armenia. As long as there are people like us to fight, we are there for the children. They come to us, they talk to us about what's happening, about social values.

SJD – in the past there have been potential conflicts from IUSY member organisations wanting to join IFM-SEI. It's important to differentiate that they're a party organisation and IFM-SEI is an educational organisation.

AYF – AYF is very active in IUSY. Different people are responsible for different things. As long as we have the same values then it won't create any conflicts.

IFM-SEI Presidium: recommends AYF's application. They've been a candidate organisation for three years and also associate members beforehand. They've participated in many IFM-SEI activities in the last years.

NOV: the work of AYF is really important, and it's important to, learn more about the situation in Armenia. However, the discussion about IUSY and IFM-SEI has caused some confusion for NOV and they suggest postponing the decision to 2017.

IYU: There needs to be clear distinctions about memberships with IUSY and IFM-SEI. There is also a difference in numbers that AYF mentioned. AYF declared 10,000 members to the presidium, but 2,000 to congress.

AYF: There are 2,000 members in AYF. Young people aged 16+ who are members of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation are not counted as that is connected with the party and not with the youth organisation.

83 votes in favour, 34 abstentions for upgrading membership. With 2/3 majority AYF are upgraded to full members.

AYF receives 4 votes. New total of 123 Votes in congress

Christine: Several organisations have been candidate organisations for three years, they should normally upgrade now, as this is the final year at this status. These are:

- Instituto Moises Lebensohn, Argentina
- RMLIT, India
- YOBEK, Liberia
- PRCS, Palestine

IYU - Palestine Red Crescent Society is the biggest youth organisation in Palestine. However, as they are a part of the Red Cross they are not allowed to be members of political organisations. They want to stay involved and participate; they share our values and principles.

d. Expulsions

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia International Trust, India

Became a candidate member organisation 3 years ago, but they have not paid any membership fees during this time, and have had no contact with IFM-SEI at all.

Congress voted with a majority in favour of expulsion with 2 abstentions. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia International Trust, India is no longer part of the movement.

Falcons Ecuador

Has three years outstanding membership fees; attended congress three years ago, and in 2014 asked for an upgrade. However since then, there has been no contact. Presidium tried to contact them without any success.

Congress voted with a majority in favour of expulsion and 3 abstentions. The Falcons Ecuador is expelled from the movement.

Instituto Moises Lebensohn, Argentina

Instituto Moises Lebensohn, Argentina became candidate members three years ago, and since then there was no contact with them. Los Cachorros knows the organisation, and confirm that it is not a youth led movement.

Congress voted with a majority in favour of expulsion and 2 abstentions. Instituto Moises Lebensohn Argentina, are expelled from the movement.

APFUTU, Pakistan

The organisation was suspended in 2014 due to allegations of sexual harassment and corporal punishment. The International Committee 2014 decided to conduct a membership review. The international Committee decided in 2015 to reinstate the membership only if certain conditions were met.

The IC proposed asked them to develop a 'code of conduct' for all its members and teachers. With regard to corporal punishment, this code of conduct:

- Must strongly condemn corporal punishment
- Should point to the UNCRC as a basis for APFUTU's work
- Should introduce measures to combat this problem within the organisation (e.g. teacher training on methods to ensure discipline in a classroom)
- Should introduce clear consequences for volunteers or staff members using corporal punishment (e.g. expulsion from the organisation)

All volunteers and staff members must receive training on this code of conduct and the UNCRC as well as alternative methods of working with children. They must be informed about the consequences for using corporal punishment and should each sign the code of conduct.

With regards to sexual harassment, the code of conduct must include a definition of sexual harassment, a declaration of the organisation's stance against such behaviour and a training plan undertaken to prevent it. All members should develop this code of conduct jointly, so that everyone can agree to it and feels strongly about its implementation. The Control Commission and Presidium of IFM-SEI should receive the code of conduct, signatures of volunteers and staff and a programme for the delivery of training on this issue before the end of 2015.

They developed a code of conduct, however it was not jointly agreed and did not include all points asked by the IC. Up until last year they were still working with the same secretary general, but apparently now they are no longer in the organisation.

The presidium sees no real changes and therefore recommends that this organisation is expelled.

SJD-Die Falken: If they get expelled, under what circumstances could they reapply? Working in Pakistan is not easy. If they work on certain circumstances could they reapply in a few years?

Presidium: It is up to IC or congress to decide if we want to take them if they wish to reapply, then it would be up to us if we have them as candidate members for another three years.

Control Commission: CC has a slightly different perspective from the Presidium. They have not seen a development, as they would have liked to. But, there has been a development none the less. Maybe the decision could be postponed?

Woodcraft Folk: Have they said they have radically stopped using corporal punishment?
Christine – Yes, they will not allow teachers to use corporal punishment.

SJD-Die Falken: There are still the other issues that go against IFM's constitution. Suggest expelling APFUTU. If they prove that they change in the future, they can be re-accepted.

Congress vote, with a majority in favour of expulsion, two abstentions.

YOBEC Liberia

Have 5 years outstanding membership fees but presidium does not want to expel them. They are experiencing very hard times at present, they had to suspend all of their activities throughout an entire year due to the Ebola crisis. IFM-SEI should show solidarity towards them.

Woodcraft Folk: Have you had regular communication with them since the Ebola Crisis and what financial support can IFM-SEI offer to them?

Christine: Yes, not very regular, but they respond to emails and they have started their activities again. Financial support can only given by waiving membership fees.

Congress voted unanimously against expelling YOBEC, Liberia. They remain in the movement.

10. Membership Fees

Proposal for a new membership fee system:

- **Only 6 categories**, made up by grouping organisations that are relatively similar with regard to their financial contribution to IFM-SEI.
- **Fee is composed of two components:**
 - A fixed “basic” amount.
 - A “solidarity contribution”: a flexible amount, which can be decided upon by the member organisation itself. The member organisation has to inform the IFM-SEI Secretariat until 31st December of the previous year of the solidarity amount for the coming year. **If no concrete information is communicated in time, then the same amount as in the previous year will be invoiced and must be paid.**
- If the **bank fees** for transferring the membership fee to IFM-SEI exceed 10% of the overall amount, then the organisation can pay in cash at the first possible personal encounter or IFM-SEI can deduct the membership fee automatically from the first reimbursement to the organisation, unless the organisation has informed IFM-SEI about the amount of bank fees before the end of February.
- Organisations paying a minimum of € 500 have the right to **pay in instalments**, if they inform the IFM-SEI Secretariat before the end of February. At least 50% has to be paid by the end of March and the second instalment not later than end of June.
- In the first year (2017), the solidarity amount is fixed, based on the general agreement that no member organisation should benefit from the changed system.

Categories:

Lowest category (€ 20 per month)	€ 240.--
Small or less resourced organisations	€ 500.--
Medium-sized organisations	€ 1'000.--
Medium-sized to big organisations	€ 2'500.--
Financially strong organisations	€ 5'500.--
Financially strongest organisations	€ 8'000.--

Nuoret Kotkat - NKK is a strong organisation in the highest fee category but is also struggling. Government grants have been reduced so they are forced to end some activities and check the

budget much more closely. NKK often discusses why Nuoret Kotkat is in the highest fee category and there are queries about why the organisation is still in IFM-SEI. NKK suggests reducing their fee to next lowest category. The proposal was discussed with other Nordic organisations.

Nuoret Kotkat proposes:

- 1) Small organisations pay 500€ and get 2 votes.
- 2) Medium organisations pay 2,500€ and get 3 votes.
- 3) Big organisations pay 5,500€ and get 4 votes.

Justification: Proposal is more equal and more democratic than the CC's proposal. The maximum possible amount of IFM-SEI membership fees is 90,000€ but in reality the secretariat collects ~63,000€; this problem of unpaid fees must be tackled. Agrees to solidarity component proposed by Control Commission.

CC – Member organisations decide which fee category they should be in. Suggests taking the message, but not voting on the proposal for NKK to move a fee category lower. It is difficult for delegates to react to the new proposal when it is not in writing. It comes as a surprise to the Congress and feels it is unfair for Congress to decide spontaneously.

NKK – NKK has been talking about it for long time and has been trying to spread the message. It wouldn't be decided right now. Want organisations to understand the issue that members need to pay the fees. IFM-SEI should only use the lowest category for surprising circumstances. Proposes that the Congress takes some time and comes back to the issue. NKK is open to proposals of how to make the system better.

SJD-Die Falken - wants to thank CC, Presidium and SG for their work on topic of membership fees. They know it is crucial because of power issues and its linkage with the voting system. As socialists IFM-SEI must think about background, financial capacity and number of members. Thanks Nuoret Kotkat for their transparency and reminds everyone to contribute and fulfil responsibility towards IFM-SEI. However, SJD doubts that sufficient money will come in with this three-step system. SJD is in favour of CC's proposals but acknowledges the difficulties NKK face.

CC - explains that NKK's amendment cannot be considered because it links membership fees with voting rights, which would be a constitutional change. Deadline for amendments to the constitution 6 weeks before Congress

Pionniers du Senegal – This topic is very important for African organisations. The system of 'the more you pay the more you have a say' is not fair - it isn't the message IFM-SEI should be sending.

CHAP – It was proposed to increase the membership fee of CHAP, but in the new system it is three times as high, which is not possible.

Agreed to postpone discussion and decision on membership fees.

11. Report by the Nominations Commission

Presents candidates for President, SG, Presidium Members and CC. Explains women's quota and age quota, uncontested candidates, secret ballot. Explains that for SG the Nominations Commission conducted interviews.

SJD-Die Falken - Suggests having separate ballots for SG and President. Congress Presidium agrees.

12. Candidate presentations

a. Candidates for President

Sylvia Siqueira Campos, Mirim Brasil

I am feminist, socialist, black person. My engagement in IFM-SEI came a long time ago - 15 years ago I first got engaged and I have never left the organisation. I am very active in Brazil and in the region. For the organisation (Mirim), it means a lot for me to be a candidate - we really believe and act for a better world everyone - not just Brasil. IFM-SEI is an important mechanism to change society. We should have a strong voice to make incidence to make change. IFM must be more open to different perspectives from the continents. We need to re-strengthen our networks. We need stronger organisations in the region and also organisations that believe in a world with our values. When we talk about socialism we often forget the political party, political thinking. In our activities, IFM needs to raise our thinking about how we can change the structure of society. Vote for me with that.

Simon Walter, Kinderfreunde (Austria)

I've been involved in socialist educational organisations since I was 15 – I got engaged on an international seminar. What IFM is doing is super important to me to in the end change the world. It's not on a political level, but to educate children to change the world.

What I would like to do - maybe you know already – is to redefine how internationalism and international work works. One problem is that IFM is not felt so much by the member organisations. It should be broader; it should be children who engage. We need to build up a feeling of ownership of IFM, and build strong regional networks. We have a problem at the moment - that 1 regional network works better than others. There is a lot of communication work to do – I want to be part of this.

I have good insight of IFM, and know a lot of organisations. I have been in the Control Commission for the last few years. I am aware of our financial situation and difficulties. I want to avoid that in three years' time we sit here and say that the Presidium has not been as active as it should have been.

Let's strengthen our movement. Friendship!

Questions

How will you ensure to include all world regions?

Simon – Tricky question given the few resources we have; in a capitalist system we need to think about money, resources, and pressure within countries. The key is communication, and finding new ways of participation, for example new media. It's about making internationalism possible by looking for participative offers that don't mean going to meetings. It's a nice idea to have meetings open for all regions but we've just been discussing membership fees - the financial situation doesn't get easier over the world. We'll take small steps and improve it.

Sylvia - first thing is to know more about the organisations, how they work, how they communicate. If we just say 'let's establish a Facebook group' it's not always the best way. We need to know the reality of the continent to build networks. What funding the region has - then we can propose a strong and real proposal for the organisations.

How are you going to ensure youth participation?

Sylvia - The main point is to agree that we need young people to take part in meetings and seminars. Understand that the people who founded the organisations want to participate but it's important that

young people and kids get to know the process. I'm really excited to start the work plan – which includes a strategy to bring kids into our work. Sometimes we say we work with kids but actually - who is under 18 in this room? [Representatives from 4 organisations raise their hands]. So we need to improve it!

Simon - youth participation is one of the topics that really unites us - every one of our organisations want to do something about it. One step should be exchange. See if our own organisations' strategies are applicable. We should think about translation - discrimination because of languages. If it's about international meetings, we need to consider travelling alone at a certain age. Young people's participation starts much earlier than at International Congresses. We've already got an age quota. When I hear stories about IFM-SEI congresses from 20 years ago, I think we have had a good change. It's a step-by-step process, we can't change everything in 1 or 2 years.

Action Enfance Senegal - What is your view on the mandate of the last president? What difference will you bring to IFM-SEI?

Simon – Not everything was perfect, especially concerning the President and Presidium. We need somebody who doesn't disappear after half of his or her mandate. If their life changes, that person should step down and we look for another. The Presidium must take decisions. I don't want a situation where only the Secretariat is active. It means a lot of kicking asses but I'm ready for it.

Sylvia - It's hard to evaluate the job of somebody who is not here but I would say that the previous President did everything she could to be engaged. We know that she had a high responsibility in Colombia because of the peace process. That's why we (Mirim) took so long to decide on my nomination because if I am elected it will change my everyday life.

Pioneers du Mali - What innovation will you use to ensure more visibility for the African region?

Sylvia - I like your question because it touches me to be African. The first thing that we must do is to meet with all organisations. I believe that the region must develop its own perspective. That's why I'm here for you. At the moment, the African region is quite small.

Simon - I agree, the African region is underrated in IFM-SEI. It's not only my task - we have several candidates for presidium from the region. It would be great to get more regular contact with the African region. Regional networks are necessary to build up something. Thanks to Christine the On the Move project will have money to include African participants and have regional meetings. It has a lot to do with exchange and communication within the region. I would offer any help and if you have any suggestions as to how this can happen I am here for you. It would be weird for me as European to just ask you what you want and then take it back.

b. Candidates for Secretary General

Ruba Hilal, IYU (Palestine)

Dear comrades and friends, I had a conflict free childhood until I was 4. When the first gulf war happened, we ran away to Palestine. We ran from one conflict area to another. I asked my mother, why didn't we run somewhere safe? She answered - we need to take responsibility about who we are. We are Palestinians. We stay and fight for our lives and the lives of people round us. And I have thought about how I do this ever since.

After joining IYU, I became part of IFM-SEI's ME regional leading group. Soon I realised, taking responsibility is not a simple choice. I realised that peace doesn't come easily. Neither does social change. But I took responsibility. I stood as General Secretary of IYU, becoming the first elected woman to lead our movement. I didn't make the simple choice. But as a peace seeker, a feminist and

a socialist in a male dominated society living under occupation - I stood to make a difference. So now I stand here asking you to elect me SG of IFM-SEI.

I ask you to elect me because with the growth of the far right, increased war and rising injustice, children and young people are the ones paying the price. I would now like to bring my experience in leading a movement and my background as a child raised in conflict, who has worked always in struggle, to change our movement in order to change our world.

I'm standing before you not just as the first non-European to stand for Secretary General, but as someone who can and will turn us from a European-centred organisation to a truly socialist educational international movement of movements. My mother told me we had to take responsibility for who we are. Hence I am here standing in front of you all, not as a victim, but as a fighter, as a responsible leader making a difference in the world we live in. For an IFM-SEI with internationalism, equality and social justice at its heart, vote for me as Secretary General.

Carly Walker-Dawson, Woodcraft Folk (UK)

Hello I'm Carly, I've been a member of Woodcraft Folk since I was an elfin. I got involved in IFM when I was 15. I was on the board of Woodcraft for 4 years before stepping back to commit to IFM as the Rainbow Network coordinator. I've seen the impact IFM has on children – as it has had on me. I have skills experience and motivation to be SG. So what would I do? I would develop a sustainable financial model that doesn't rely on funding sources. Want to make sure we're not in same position in three years' time. I want to get autonomous regional networks.

I will review IFM's structures, not just of governance but child participation. I will develop our external influences. We are leaders in world for non-formal education and children's rights. We should have a pool of representation. We're especially good on training and gender equality. So why me?

There are three areas that highlight why I would do the job well. I have experience as a professional project manager both internationally abroad and in UK. I have direct experience with grants. I have broad network with our socialist family. I have been active in IFM-SEI for the last 12 years. This has given me experience of what we do well, what we don't - and how we can grow.

Questions

What are the 3 things you want to change first after entering office?

Carly – The first thing for me is to contact organisations and review our communication structures. Some work well and others don't so we need a needs-based approach. I would work on the group dynamics of the Presidium, setting common groundwork for everyone to create ownership and shared responsibility. Then it's about putting into action a sustainable financial strategy. I'd do it now to work within the next few years.

Ruba - I'd start by improving contacts with partners like trade unions and European networks of youth and children. Having partners with organisations that share our values is important. I want to expand them to have more connection with trade unions and the Party of European Socialists.

We have very young Presidium members, but we need to change our structures to make sure there is more child and youth participation in our governance structure so they have more influence.

Then I would work with the topic of migration and refugees - to have contact with organisations who welcome refugees and migration. I would bring the attention of the media to IFM-SEI through this topic.

Youth Advocates Ghana – First I'd like to start by commending all of you, you are all qualified though I feel that Carly is more qualified. Having said that, looking at the presentations, it seems that the movement is growing bigger and bigger, and thinking about strengthening our regional movements. For us in Africa we don't have any resources. I also believe there are resources for Africa that we are not taking advantage of. If we vote for you, what kind of innovations are you thinking of for Africa?

Ruba – Thanks for your nice words. The perspective of Africa is something that we can do together, not me doing it for you. Even if a minority in IFM-SEI, we need to think what their perspective is and how can we make their ideas come true. Strengthening the regional network in order for the African region to expand and develop their work. There is lots of international work being done in Africa – we should find our own funds to make own activities within the region. I have experience; this is how we do activities in the Middle East region - we apply for funds ourselves but under the umbrella of IFM.

Carly – I've been asked this question a few times. There *is* possibility for funding – I've worked with a funder through IUSY. The needs and wants of the region need to come from them and from the Presidium members. Simon already explained that there are funds for a regional network meeting - in order to establish a network you need a face-to-face meeting. Hopes to ensure more global movement. We need to use our sister organisations – I have a lot of insight from IUSY. I have spoken to Latin American and African orgs who want to set up organisations. Africa is a huge region and we can do so much with it.

DUI - Thanks to both candidates for standing up to answer questions. In our opinion what we need in IFM is an official who can lead us through financially hard times. We don't need a politician, but somebody with political understanding. That's why we are supporting Carly. Our question is, what will you do to make the financial situation better?

Carly - I can offer security - to make sure we get the money we get now. I have managed the admin grant and EYF grant for IUSY – I've been trained on EYF funding and asked by the Council of Europe to train others. I will need to work closely with the Control Commission so they feel we have skills, experience and confidence to work on membership issues. We need alternative funding but we also need to be realistic. I would get funding for a project officer. Speaking to organisations, we need to get more people with their experience involved in our finances, not just the Presidium and CC.

Ruba – The first thing I'd do is a financial plan, gathering all of our expertise. We need a clear financial plan for IFM-SEI - not for 1, 2, or 3 years but for 5 years – about where do we financially need to go. I agree the financial situation is critical and needs improvement. I believe I have skills and experience to deal with situation. But if it's only about skills and experience it shouldn't be an elected position. This is a political position. I wouldn't think about standing here if I didn't think I had the skills and vision to bring it into practical reality.

Pionniers of Mali - Congratulates IFM-SEI for two women standing for leaders. What can we do to get IFM-SEI to move forwards, be more powerful?

Ruba - All member organisations need to feel ownership, and need to participate in all activities that are possible. They need to be able to share our vision for the future. We should bring more emphasis to the things we have power in - children's participation and socialist education. We should work more with them. We talk about non-formal education but in fact we do socialist education - we don't just want them to learn but to change things.

Carly – I've said a few things already. Establish autonomous regional networks to identify new organisations. We should consult on non-formal education for the Council of Europe. Could have pool of trainers.

Action Enfance - As young feminists, what are the things that you would change about migration, racism and integration in IFM-SEI?

Ruba – On integration - the biggest problem is that people expect that there is only 1 way – that migrants and refugees integrate themselves but refugees and migrants are also integrated by society. When it comes to refugees and immigrants I come from such a society – it's important to understand that in the left scene, the perspective about it is different but we need to come together.

Carly - we need to look at our new strategic work plan – these issues are covered in a lot of detail there. We are going to look at challenging racism, Islamophobia and racism in our own movements.

SJD - How do you see yourself as Secretary General who is the only leading chief of the office? How to ensure that the Presidium is active and gets the information they need? Wants to stress that SJD support Ruba because of our good cooperation and supporting a strong women standing.

Carly - I see Secretary General as an operational position, not political. The politics needs to come from our President and Presidium. There needs to be dialogue, and I will work in cooperation with all three. My role is as a facilitator. 50 – 60% of the role is about funding, getting money in. Of course there are some tasks that are shared tasks with the Presidium.

Ruba - I have experience in leading a movement and working with the national board. Presidium should feel they are the ones making decisions. We need to create a group dynamic in the group. Have a clear division of tasks to have an active Presidium. There should be regional tasks about the work plan; I have the capacity to do that.

NOV - as a Middle East region, we stand behind Ruba - the co-operation of our Middle East region is not something that you see every day. Want to emphasise this – it's something that we do behind the scenes but I want it to be transparent. The regional process is very important to us. What would you do to promote it?

Carly – I want to understand, to engage in dialogue. And I would like to see all members in the Middle East region involved in the process.

Ruba - what we are doing in the region is so powerful. I am in a conflict situation, I am Palestinian standing for Secretary General and my partners in the region are supporting me. As a region what we are doing is very crucial, educational process. We do peace education - very uniquely. We should make the region and its action more visible. I want to see other member organisations more involved.

Rode Valken - Which languages do you speak and would you be willing to learn Flemish?

Ruba – I speak Arabic, English, German and a little Hebrew. It will come on my list but my priority is French and Spanish which I started learning a month ago.

Carly – I speak English, German and some Spanish. I did a course in Dutch, which I failed twice. I lived in Amsterdam, and I would be interested in learning again but my priority is French.

c. Candidates for Presidium members

AFRICA

Mame Diarra Ndour, Action Enfance (Senegal)

My name is Mame, from Senegal, I'm 19 and I represent Action Enfance. I'm very proud to be here. I wasn't at the camp because I had an exam but I decided to come anyway. It's never too late to make friends, never too late to fight for human rights, help children all around the world and particularly in Africa. I want to be on Presidium because of the situation of children and women in African - suffering from war. Some girls don't go to school. Some people say girl's place is at home. We must change this - how? By uniting organisations and having common work - we can do seminars and socialist education work together. Resolve problem of communication and cooperation. I know I can do it if you support me.

Mamadou Mbow, Pionniers du Senegal

Good evening. My name is Mamadou, President of the Pioneers of Senegal of the Socialist Party. I've been a member since 11. My first contact with IFM happened 15 years ago. I have 20 years experience - I studied political science and international law and now I advise the council of Dakar. I am known in my country as an activist for defending human rights and children's rights. I am motivated for different reasons. I am committed to the Socialist party where I am responsible for socialist education of young people. It is a call of duty - since I was a child I have devoted my time to socialist values. I have international experience coordinating a socialist organisation. I commit myself if I am elected to reinforce the African Falcon Network, use the resources and contacts I know I have for it to be functional. I feel I am sufficiently skilled and learned for the challenge and I will make sure the African Falcon network becomes as strong as the European one.

Habibulah Mohamed Lamin, UJSARIO (Western Sahara)

Carly reads message from Habibulah - I would like to let you know that UJSARIO (Sahrawi youth union from Western Sahara) could not participate in the IFM camp or congress. Its delegation was denied the Visa to Germany twice. This year refusal was a frustrating as one can imagine. We have been looking forward to the moment when they can share with you our goals and aspirations of a peaceful world where we all can live together. Unfortunately, borders have deprived us from such moment, though; we want to let you know that this made us stronger.

We are running for representative of Africa at this IFM congress. We pin hopes on you to complete the journey that we already started. We know that we could not be there to present ourselves but all our representatives. We know that we were not allowed in but you are there. We have a fundamental belief that your solidarity is going to make the difference. Your voice is going to be heard and your action is going to change things for the better.

Babacar Toure, Pionniers du Mali

I am not a tall man, I hope you can still see and hear me. Say it loud, say it clear, borders need to be open! Solidarity to our comrade in UJSARIO! My name is Babacar, from Mali. I've been a member since 1998 - I've also been a board member. We are a wide organisation all over Mali. It has existed since the independence day of my country. There is an African quote - "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go with people." I want to go fast and far. I can't go without you though - I need your help to face the challenges of my continent - it is very large and faces plenty of problems. We have political, civil, socio-economic problems. We can see human rights violations, children killed, taken to the army by force, women raped. But I believe we can change our institution, make it better. I would be happy to do it together.

YAG - Yesterday we met as a region and a key issue was with communication and the issue of language - how to balance English and French. What strategies do you have to manage the communication?

Babacar – Communication is a big issue we have to understand, not being able to translate. It's a big problem in my home continent and organisation as well – communication is not going well. We have to communicate within our organisations in Africa, make them work together and take it to an international level of regional meeting. We have to translate, learn more.

Mame – In Senegal we speak French but many people also speak English. We have to try and translate. We are citizens of the world with many languages – we must try to learn everybody's languages.

Mamadou – As I said in my speech, thanks to all my relations talking about what they can do officially for the African region of IFM. Thanks to the positions of other member organisations, these official problems are not just within IFM, but also in our own organisations. I can solve this when I am elected.

Questions

The Presidium meetings are only in English – are you able to work in English?

Mamadou – I can speak French and Spanish. According to IFM's Constitution the official languages are English and Spanish – if elected, I will learn English and already speaks Spanish.

Mame – I speak English and Portuguese. I want to learn Spanish – it's very interesting for me to learn other languages.

Babacar – I am a teacher of English (not an English teacher but a teacher of English) so I can definitely manage to speak English. After only two weeks in Germany I have already learned 2 words – “Danke” and “Gute Morgen”!

IYU – This seems quite racist to me – how many languages you speak is about privilege. For me it's not important what language you speak, it's about activities. Sometimes we don't need language – we can communicate in other ways.

NKK – Is Carly able to speak on behalf of Habibulah? Or tell us a bit about him?

Carly – I don't feel comfortable speaking on behalf of him. He is a member of UJSARIO, he is an English teacher and works closely with his organisation. I have heard very positive things about him although I have never met him personally.

Woodcraft Folk – We have an ongoing cooperation with Western Sahara and a visa campaign. Habibulah couldn't be here because he didn't get a visa and we want to show our support to him and UJSARIO.

Unga Örnar – How will you work to connect new organisations in Africa? For example, we have three different international projects in Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa. We are trying a lot to connect with these different organisations and very excited to connect the Patsimeredu Trust with IFM-SEI. We hope the others will also apply to become members of IFM.

Babacar – My priority is to connect organisations that already exist in IFM, working through social networks – make our Facebook page active. At the moment there are no posts, no comments, we have to make it active and see how different organisations want to engage. In West Africa it is easy to cross borders and move within their home countries. We want members who share the values of IFM. It's not a goal to have more organisations who do nothing. First they have to pay their membership fee. Afterwards we can see how together we can fight for the voice of Africa.

Mame – I think that here at Congress we seem together but when we go back to our region we are not united. I think we need to organise common activities in the region, discuss politics in Africa. Maybe this will help us to unite.

Mamadou – As I said in my last speech I believe the only way to solve the problems is to have functional offices in Africa. Travelling in Africa is not the same Africa as in Europe. In West Africa it's quite easy but it's very different in East Africa. I propose to find a solution to have a functional office to centralise our ideas.

Action Enfance – Thank you for all of your speeches. I want to know, what is your plan to solve the problems of the African region in IFM?

Mame – Africa has too many problems, we can't solve everything in 1 mandate! Many people don't know about children's rights – my priority would be to educate people to respect them.

Mamadou – My first idea is for organisations to get to know one another. In Western Africa it's easier to travel to other countries. If I am elected I'll work to eliminate war.

Babacar – it's up to us to work on this issue, that's why we're all standing. We first need to work on communication, then quickly organise training to learn about the different things we should work on. There are many violations of children's rights. But we can't work on the ground with seminars or workshops if we don't know what the issues on the ground are.

ASIA

Tara Damanik, KKSP (Indonesia)

I am 20 years young – I turned 20 three weeks ago. I have participated in KKSP since I was little. I have been to 2 international camps - in Finland and here. I participated in IFM's study session in Budapest about violence against children. If elected I would like to strengthen the Asian network. We discussed in the regional network about getting more organisations involved in the Falcon movement - I really want it to be more recognised in the Asian region. I am happy to contribute my time and effort to IFM-SEI.

Nishaben Vasava, Antar Bharati (India)

I'm Nisha, I'm from India, Antar Bharati and I'm 21 years old. If elected my first focus will be on children's rights. Children don't know about what they are doing and what rights they have. This is a big problem in Asia. The second is focusing on child labour. Antar Bharati is a very old organisation. In 1988 we arranged a huge camp of 25,000 young people. I've participated in the organisation for the past 7 - 8 years. I'm quite experienced. As Tara said, Asia is a big region but only 2 organisations are represented here. We're going to be the voice of IFM there. Nobody knows about IFM in Asia. We'll try and get more organisations involved and part of the movement.

Questions

'Movement of movements' - what does this mean to you?

Nisha - For me it's about celebrating the movement we have created here. It's carrying out the movement we celebrate here and create this in our region. In our region I want to organise this type of movement, re-join our organisations.

Tara - It's a problem in Asia that not many countries know about socialism, and often can't even differentiate between socialism and communism. If we get more connected to organisations which

are socialist educational, we can make the Falcon movement to be more distributed in the Asian region.

How will you encourage youth participation?

Tara – Well the first step is to elect us as presidium members - we are both young! Basically because we're young, we're more connected to the people we want to engage in our movement.

Nisha - Nobody wants to participate because they think it's a waste of time. But I if think we spread the message people can get involved.

SJD – We are happy that there are two strong candidates from Asia. How do you imagine connecting with each other and communicating to set up a regional network?

Nisha - Because we are only two and we both know English, communication will be easy through email and Skype. We can communicate and split the work.

Tara - To get more organisations, we need the information about those who have the same values and vision as IFM. We can get to know them through email and social media. Creating a workshop to do in Asia - sending invitations to volunteers who perhaps have the same values, to come to our workshop, get to know their organisation and then we can see.

EUROPE

Heidi Niemi, Nuoret Kotkat (Finland)

Hello, I'm Heidi from NKK Finland. I've been a member for my entire life, 27 years. I've been familiar with IFM-SEI since I was a teenager. I've done international seminars, summer camps and spent last year in Bolivia doing EVS. I hope to be really European in my position as European Presidium member- I hope to have good contact with other member orgs, that information will get through and all of you can feel I am representing you.

Sabine Troitzsch, SJD Die Falken (Germany)

I am Sabine from SJD Die Falken, I want to stand for European Presidium member not for my ego, or that I like travelling or that I want to further my career. I am international and I believe in education for socialist change. I want to take responsibility. Times are tough, people say capitalism is without an alternative, and there are many racist, anti-Semitic ideas. We need to fight right extremism.

Young people are often put on stage if it's good for the image of a company or political organisation. IFM-SEI stands for real child participation though. I was the EVS volunteer in the Secretariat in 2011 and 2012. I learned that the Presidium works on 2 levels – to do administration and be accountable, but they also have to be political, creative and crazy, radical to hold movement together. I have learned a lot from SJD and from IFM so it's time to give something back and invest more time in our movement.

Questions

Are you able to work in English?

Bine - Yes, in English and German. I had 4 years French at school and willing to reactivate. If I have time will try to learn Spanish. English and French are my personal limits.

Heidi – Yes, I can handle English, also Finnish. I also speak a little Spanish and Arabic.

,Movement of movements' – what does this mean to you?

Bine - Every member should feel ownership. IFM is made up of member organisations and every child needs to know about the movement's internationalism, and the strong bonds between our socialist organisations. But at same time we can't reach to every single member but should activate member organisations to practice what we preach. Bilateral relationships are a form where kids groups can really take part.

Heidi – Our biggest role is to offer the opportunity, not force but give a chance – there are organisations that didn't take part in camp for example.

Rote Falken – Do you have concrete examples to strengthen our network and communications in Europe?

Heidi – The key is communication, it's important to know who to contact in each organisation. I'm not going to work alone, we'll work as a team and I hope we can reach all the members who want to be reached. It would be perfect to meet face to face but information should start.

Bine - Our first priority should be for the EFN to take place every year, and we should secure a meeting even without funding. Our working priorities should be discussed together. Communication should be to know how each organisation functions and who is responsible for international work.

Action Enfance - What can you say about the other candidate?

Heidi – It's weird because we're not competing, I just met her here, she is calmer than me but a good match for me and we will have great fun.

Bine – We met here on the IFM Camp. Heidi was very active in the Rainbow Network. I am also a queer feminist so I think we could work together well.

MIDDLE EAST

Dani Efrati, NOV (Israel)

My name is Dani, I'm 30 years old, and I live in Israel. I come from the youth movement NOV - my movement is a big working class movement across Israel. I've been involved since I was 10. I've been a teamer, guide and now part of the international group. My international experience in IFM has been the last IC meeting and this Congress, and international seminars for the past 5 years. I want to do this position for 2 things. Firstly, I come from the Middle East and if there's one thing I've learned it's that either we do it together or we don't do it at all. It's important for other regions to know too. We should be a movement of movements. Either we cooperate or we fail. We do it together. I want to take this 1 step further as an international movement. IFM is a greenhouse to have dreams as each movement but then to fulfil them. Plant seeds in the ground and see them grow into flowers, trees, whatever we want to see. The role of IFM is to help each other in our battles and challenges in our different societies. Nobody is without challenges. No place, no country. We should help different organisations to work through the problems we have together.

Ola Qawasmi, Independent Youth Forum (Palestine)

I'm Ola Qawasmi. I'm 22 years old and I'm from IYF, Palestine. I have been volunteering in non-formal educational institutions since I was a child. SO being here, standing for the Presidium us a great deal. I finished university 8 months ago obtaining a bachelor's Degree in Human Rights and International Law. The main reason IU am standing here today is because I know what it feels like being a child that can't enjoy their rights since I have lived through the second Intifada, the invasion of the West Bank, and the building of the separation wall. I have experienced the deprivation of many rights, whether it was the freedom of movement, the right to a safe protected childhood or to have a proper education.

As a sole believer in non-formal education, child participation and human rights that should be practiced by even human regardless of their colour, gender, religion, sexual or political orientation or ethnicity, I believe very strongly that the work IFM does is important because it promotes and increases access to these rights to young people. I also aim to integrate the IFM values of social change and equality into Palestinian society specifically and across the Middle East region in general.

I hope to work closely with the other representative of the Middle East region to help different societies in that region to become more aware of their rights and to access non-formal education. Not to mention the fact that I am looking forward to promote IFM and its values of gender equality, solidarity and socialism wider in my society and the region as a whole because it's not only Palestine and Israel. Doing so would require more IFM activities in these places as well as a pro-active approach to reaching out to communities or societies that are not represented in IFM yet. This would not only help people become more familiar with an involved in IFM but also provide them a chance to meet different people from different backgrounds and cultures and at the end form new friendships and relations which is what IFM is about. Therefore this would benefit both the region and IFM and help to achieve both their goals.

IYU – We would like to express our support for two strong feminists to represent the region. We wish you luck and are sure you will do a great job with us abroad and in Palestine. Why do you want to be a Vice president?

Ola – For many reasons – IFM-SEI is not recognised in Palestine or the Middle East region in general. I want to integrate and expand IFM values in the region. Those who agree with our values could participate and benefit the region and IFM itself.

Dani - I want to be part of team to tackle problems that require cooperation - like migration and refugees. Global problems can't be tackled alone. I want to make the world a better place.

LATIN AMERICA

Ronald Salas, Mundo Nuevo (Peru)

I'm Ronald from Mundo Nuevo. I've been activist, facilitator on human rights, LGBT and children's rights. I'm running to make meaningful work from the perspective of Latin America, framed from a global movement. Want to work in formal and non-formal platforms. I believe strongly in social change, in renewal and young people.

Karlha Villavicencio Barrantes, CHAP (Peru)

Hello, nice to meet everybody. I'm Karlha, I'm 21 and from CHAP. My organisation is 57 years old and I've been there since I was 9. My first experience was when I was 11 on a camp. That experience changed my life. I have a lot of experience in social work, with children and young people. I was elected as Vice President, the first woman on the national board. The first thing I will do in my region is communication - making it stronger, knowing each other and solving these problems. I hope you support me, I am proactive, I have time and I'll do the best I can.

Ananda Luna Lizama Sir, Manque Chile

Daniel speaks on behalf of Ananda – Ananda is a very intelligent girl but couldn't be here because she has an exam on Monday. She studies in a music school and the idea of her being on Presidium is so that there are more young people - she can be the voice of her generation in the Presidium. Thank you very much, she is a very special girl and the organisation has lots of hopes on her.

Question box - How will you ensure youth participation?

Ananda (Daniel) - She comes from socialist family and I think that young people are really into socialism because it's a revolution for them, change. Because of her age, it's easy for her to talk with people of her generation. Please support her.

Ronald - I think participation of young people is essential. I have always believed in renewal; social change must be done by young people. They have to be empowered and reinforced. The idea is that our principles should get to the grassroots, it's not just for leaders to make great things. Revolutions have come from young people and social movements. It should be done through these principles but also through mechanisms, democracy from the base to the highest. I see a Congress led by young people and that's what I really believe in.

Karlha – I'm 21 years old, I have communication with young people. I must confess that I'm impressed with my region. It's conservative but we can be an example for other IFM regions, not just our own. We should encourage others to do the same – encourage young people to have these candidatures. We should be an example for others organisations.

CHAP - Many Latin American have been expelled at this Congress, what will you do to increase the number again?

Ronald - In Latin America, we have the experience of having a few organisations in the past. For many reasons; internal problems, the social context in different countries. We have to do proactive work in order to link and connect, have platforms to search for organisations that are in line with our principles and then empower them to have the mechanisms in their organisations to be more stable in the future.

Karlha – We need to make stronger orgs in the region - know each other, know their problems and help each other to get a solution. Not just 1 meeting per year. Not just email, but WhatsApp etc. – we should find a way to be connected in our own work and then look for other organisations.

Rote Falken - You said the region is quite conservative. We are really impressed that 2 young women have had the courage to stand for Presidium. How will make sure that you are taken seriously to establish a good network in your region? It could be hard for you.

Karlha - I was talking with Ananda - she is 15 but really intelligent. It will be a good thing for her - she will form her education. I have the time to do this. I have seen that many Presidium members leave their work in the middle of the three years. Maybe I don't have so much experience - my last meeting was at IC meeting - but you can earn experience.

d. Candidates for Control Commission

Yaara Mizrachi, Hashomer Hatzair (Israel)

It's really impressive that there are so many women candidates. I wish the world would look like that! We didn't talk yet Isi, but I'm happy to do this with you. I'm Yaara, I'm 28, and I come from Hashomer – an organisation working across Israel for socialism and social justice. It's important for me to do this role for 2 perspectives: the political and educational part. Everything we are shaping together will really happen. Second is administrative. We saw today that organisations are not with us any more; we need more organisations to be a big movement of socialism and solidarity across the world. Join us, we need one more person!

Itziar Perez Quiros, Esplac (Catalonia)

Hello, almost every one of you knows me as Isi. I'm standing for the Control Commission for many reasons. Membership fees are not an easy issue - it's something we have to tackle as a Congress. The Control Commission has to listen to all member orgs so that all have a voice. I want to continue

promoting equality as many have been complaining for a long time about fees. One reason I want to be a member is that I believe the Control Commission has to put focus on the Presidium – I want to improve the reporting of the Presidium, not as a way of punishment but as a way of working together. Communication has to be a way of working together. We need to work as a team. If everybody is waiting for this debate on membership fee issues, then I encourage you to present another candidate - take responsibility from your own organisation to do that work.

SJD – It's important for the CC to deal with calculations. More important for me is encouragement for your candidature - we support you both. As Falcons we'd like to give you support by dealing with this new change - it's a very responsible position and we therefore have to act together to make sure that this responsibility is fulfilled. We can arrange a meeting - to meet old the old Control Commission, get in touch and understand your new challenges.

NOV – You both called for people to put themselves forward for the third CC member - who would you want to join you? What do you need for us to help you with?

Yaara - Anyone who thinks it's important to be involved, someone to be committed.

Isi - somebody with some more experience - we're going to have a big learning process so need somebody to help us!

Questions

What is your motivation for this task and how do you see yourself working in this challenging job?

Isi - I see myself getting to know all the new things properly. Attend as much as possible. Focus on the meeting in September to plan and agree what we want from the Control Commission, Presidium, President etc. I want to say it's not just about me – I've got Esplac behind me. We have sat down, talked. I have a commitment to Esplac – so I will report back to them. It's an organisation who will support me in my work.

Yaara – My motivation is to make this organisation accessible for all organisations across the world. Sometimes money, formal bureaucracy is hard, but it's important to make it accessible and to be transparent so that it's not in the hands a few people but accessible for more people. We need you with us. We can all do it together.

13. Secretariat and presidium report

Christine explains how the work plan 2013-2016 has been fulfilled in the last three years with a photo and video report (annex).

Esplac asks for a report of the present presidium members.

Carly – attendance of Presidium members says it all. She ended up working closely with Christine and the Secretariat. The next presidium needs to look at IFM-SEI's governance and decision-making structure, as the presidium has not been effective for the last few mandates.

Ali – explains that Liana and Ali decided that he would do the regional things and Liana would be responsible for the international things. It was very easy for them to communicate and work together. It is a hard position, as you have to take care of your people, an Arab minority, and cooperate with the Israelis. It was very hard but you can agree on how you can divide your work together from the beginning.

Liana – One of the problems is that a candidate comes as an individual and not from their organisation. There is nobody who can check what they're doing and they might have no other connections to other movements in the region. You should check beforehand whom you are voting for and what they can bring. We should make it clear they are representing a whole region, not themselves as an individual or even their organisation. If you don't want to work, just don't come. That's the best advice I can give!

Sylvia – Agrees with Liana. The Presidium is a working group, members should represent not just themselves; they have to work for the whole continent and whole world. In the Latin American region we did the same in the Middle East region, sharing responsibilities. So Javier took responsibility for communication in the region, strengthening links with organisations and I took the role of international representation, - building the Latin American Youth Forum, using other spaces, other platforms, taking part in the first global youth forum.

I agree with what Carly said – we need to take ownership. Thank you to Christine, she was amazing despite a lot of pressure and lots of absences of presidium members. We really need to have IFM-SEI in our daily lives. If we don't then it won't be possible.

Nueva Generación – What percentage of the work plan for this mandate was achieved? We would also like to personally thank Christine and the Presidium members who are here and able to answer our questions. From this report we know that sometimes positions are left empty or are abandoned. In order to let this not happen again can we nominate somebody to take their place if the position is left?

Christine – I think we achieved a lot of our work plan. A lot of this came from the Secretariat though the gender equality things, for example, came from Presidium. I explained the budget yesterday and regarding the positions, NKK has proposed an amendment to the Constitution on what to do if a position becomes available.

Esplac – If an organisation nominates somebody for a position, they have the responsibility to answer to it and must check the work they are doing.

14. Membership Fees

Control Commission explains the proposed new system with 6 categories and a solidarity component.

Nuoret Kotkat: Presents the proposal of the Nordic organisations: 3 categories of membership fees, which are connected to three levels of number of votes.

NOV - Connecting votes to membership fees is a very capitalist idea. To link money with power and influence is not something a socialist organisation should do.

Esplac- In the proposal of Nuoret Kotkat many organisations would be paying thousands. How can they adapt? This proposal is simpler, but reflects less the diversity of our organisations.

NKK: Congress is the highest decision-making body, so should be able to change the constitution also without respecting deadlines for amendments. States that the Nordic organisations are not capitalist and ask for solidarity from others, as they also have financial difficulties. Need something new between the current system and the new proposal.

Kinderfreunde / Rote Falken Österreich: It is important for a system to measure organisational strength. Money and membership aren't the only ways to measure this. There needs to be some sort of calculation, not only money and members, we need to find a system.

APM: Won't be able to pay as much as asked for in the NKK proposal.

After discussing whether the rules of procedure can be changed by congress, Nuoret Kotkat withdraws their proposal.

Decision on proposal brought by Control Commission (6 categories + solidarity component): Congress voted unanimously in favour of the new system

Decision on amounts for each member organisation:

Proposed to reduce amount for Nuoret Kotkat to 5500, MILAVF and CHAP to 240 + 100 euro solidarity fee.

Congress voted with a majority in favour and with one abstention

15. Strategy and work plan workshops

In small working groups, delegates can discuss the work plan and then put forward amendments to the strategy and work plan.

16. Code of Conduct

Christine – explains the development process of the Code of Conduct since the IC meeting 2014 decided to establish a Code of Conduct for IFM-SEI, explaining how to put IFM-SEI values into practice.

Amendments are explained by proposing organisation, then voted on:

Line 135. Woodcraft Folk:

Delegations to international activities must consist of at least 50% women" **Replace with:** "Delegations to international activities should consist of at least 50% women"

Justification: the current wording would create a conflict with IFM-SEI constitution. Many delegations to this congress comply with the constitution but would be breaking the code of conduct unless we make this a guideline rather than a rule.

Congress voted unanimously in favour of the change

Line 166 SJD Die Falken

Proposes to delete " ...of forms of protest such as boycotting certain companies."

Justification: Boycotting goes against the interest of the workers and the people. We should be supporting them with their struggles, paying taxes, and protect the environment.

Line 166, NOV, IYU, Hashomer Hatzair

Add: who put profit before people.

Justification: reasons for boycott need to be clearer. Deletion as proposed by SJD is also acceptable for NOV.

Congress voted with a majority of 79 in favour for the passage to be deleted, 42 votes against and with 2 abstentions.

Lines 183 – 188, NOV, IYU, Hashomer Hatzair

Propose to delete “People taking part in IFM-SEI activities at IFM-SEI activities represent their movements and not their governments or countries and stand against national borders. Therefore it is forbidden to display any national flags. People taking part in IFM-SEI activities are informed about the reasons for this policy before activities and we educate our members on the values of solidarity and internationalism.”

Justification: the discussion should be on going, not stopped by the Code of Conduct.

Amendment from IC Meeting 2015 by IYU: add “ except those fighting for liberation”.

IYU withdraws both amendments.

Line 216 - 227 Woodcraft Folk

Replace with: Our natural world is damaged by the capitalist system which values profit above people and the planet. Climate change and the unequal use of natural resources have the greatest impact on the poorest children in the poorest countries. Both technological solutions and social change are necessary to tackle the environmental challenges we face. As a movement working for the rights of children and young people, IFM-SEI believes that we must protect our environment so that future generations have access to a healthy, stimulating and secure environment.

We make sure that at all events we take care of the environment. We use resources such as water and electricity in moderation; we use sustainable sources of energy where possible; we reduce, re-use and recycle in order to minimise waste; and we consider the environmental cost as well as the financial cost when we travel. We educate for social, economic and environmental sustainability and raise awareness among our members and the wider public that sustainability is key to secure the rights of children today and in the future.

Justification: stronger link between the impact of the capitalist system on our environment and for future generations, clearer in our organisational actions to protect the environment for this reason.

Congress voted unanimously in favour

Line 245, Woodcraft Folk

ADD: “However we seek to educate our children and young people about sexuality, gender and identity in a sex-positive, open and inclusive way. We encourage discussions about body confidence, exploring sexual identity and criticizing the dominant patriarchal and misogynist society.”

Justification: current text “sexualized language” could discourage discussion of different sexualities and gender identities. We want to emphasize exploration of our bodies and sexualities.

Congress voted with a majority in favour and two abstentions.

Line 282-284, Woodcraft Folk

Replace with: When leaders are concerned about a child's wellbeing any discussions with other leaders must remain confidential and the designated Child Protection person in their organisation or group must be involved or informed of any discussions.

Justification: The original creates confusion with the next point about openness and could be misused to close down discussions about child protection.

Congress voted unanimously in favour of new wording.

Line 294 – 299, SJD Die Falken

Proposal to delete: “When children or young people show behaviour that violates this code of conduct for a second time, we will give them a last warning and again discuss with them possible changes to their behaviour. Only at a third incident they will be sent home. Leaders only receive one warning, as they have a special responsibility for the wellbeing of the children in their trust, and must also act as role model for children”

Justification: Putting the code of conduct into practice is an important thing to include, but, we think the two times warning system is not precise enough to tackle things fairly and immediately, since the code of conduct involves rules on so many different levels, sanctions should also be individual to the misbehaviour.

Congress voted with a majority in favour and 6 against.

Congress voted unanimously in favour to accept code of conduct as a whole.

As two organisations need to leave before the elections are scheduled, the Congress voted unanimously in Favour of elections taking place at 2pm followed by amendments to the work plan then changes to the constitution.

17. Discharge of presidium

Congress unanimously discharged presidium and control commission.

18. Elections

Bet (Esplac), Daniel (Kinderfreunde), Tony (NOV) and Firas (AJYAL) elected to count votes together with the mandates and rules commission.

Malte (SJD-Die Falken), Emmanuel (YAG) and Roberto (MILAVF) elected to observe counting of votes.

During the counting of votes, upcoming activities are announced:

- EFN Seminar in October 2016
- Study Session in November 2016
- On the Move project 2016-2018
- Study Session March 2017
- Summer camp Döbriach (Austria) 2017
- International camp in Finland 2018

Thanks go to Christine Sudbrock as outgoing Secretary General.

Woodcraft Folk reads out a statement on Brexit (see attached).

After elections of President, Congress decides unanimously to reopen nominations for Control Commission.

Christina Schauer (Kinderfreunde Austria) is nominated by Kinderfreunde, MIRIM Brasil, SJD-Die Falken, Woodcraft Folk, KKSP, DUI-Leg og VIRKE, Unga Örnar, AYF, IYF, Esplac and IYU.

Election results:

President

Sylvia Siqueira Campos, Mirim Brasil 67 Votes

Simon Walter, Kinderfreunde Austria 54 votes

Sylvia Siqueira Campos elected as President of IFM-SEI.

Secretary General

Ruba Hilal, IYU 36 votes

Carly Walker-Dawson 87 votes

Carly Walker-Dawson elected as Secretary General of IFM-SEI.

Asia

Nishaben Varsha, Antar Bharati 107 votes

Tara Damanik, KKSP 119 votes

Both elected

Europe

Heidi Niemi, Nuoret Kotkat 110 votes

Sabine Troitzsch SJD Die Falken 115 votes

Both elected

Middle East

Dani Efrati, NOV 100 votes

Ola Qawasmi, IYF 108 votes

Both elected

Latin America

Ananda Luna Lizama Sir, Manque Chile 38 votes

Ronald Salas, Mundo Nuevo 88 votes

Karlha Villavicencio Barrantes, CHAP 104 votes

Ronald and Karlha are elected to the Presidium

African Region

Mame Diarra Ndour, Action Enfance 99 votes

Babacar Toure, Pionniers du Mali 45 votes

Mamadou Mbow, Pionniers du Senegal 57 votes

Habibulah Mohamed Lamin, UJSARIO 27 votes

Mamadou and Mame are elected to the Presidium.

Control Commission

Itziar Perez Quiros Esplac 107 votes

Yaara Mizrahi, Hashomer Hatzair, Israel 77 votes

Christina Schauer, Kinderfreunde Österreich 101 votes

All are elected into the Control Commission.

19. Ratification of Rainbow Network coordinators

During the camp, the IFM-SEI Rainbow Network has elected two coordinators that need to be ratified by Congress: Amina Lehner (Kinderfreunde/Rote Falken Austria) and Claye Bowler (Woodcraft Folk).

Congress unanimously ratifies the election of Amina and Claye as Rainbow Network Coordinators.

20. Amendments to the constitution

Amendment proposed by FM-SEI Presidium: To replace Aims and Principles chapter

Reasoning: The formulation of the aims and principles is partly outdated and does not represent fully how IFM-SEI interprets its values today. The Presidium proposes to replace the whole Chapter 1 by the following text. This proposal is based on IFM-SEI's self-presentation on the website and in the Code of Conduct.

Proposal to replace the whole chapter with new text (see amended constitution in annex)

Congress voted with a 2/3 majority in favour of this amendment

Amendment proposed by: Nuoret Kotkat, Finland: to insert a paragraph 8.1.2.:

If the Congress does not elect two presidium members per region, the open places can be filled by a candidate from any region at the following International Committee Meeting.

Reasoning: Nuoret Kotkat and Unga Örnar wants to secure the work of the IFM-SEI Presidium. We want to make sure that the Presidium has enough members to divide the workload of IFM-SEI. In the last couple of congress periods, the IFM-SEI Presidium did not have two members from each region, as there have not been enough candidates to fill all places. We do not want to see that happen in the future. IFM-SEI needs a full, active and working Presidium. That is why we want to make an amendment to the IFM-SEI constitution.

NOV: against this proposal. Regional structure is also power structure. If there are not enough people, there are not enough people. We also don't elect men if there are not enough women.

Favour: 22

Against: 116

Abstain: 2

2/3 majority has not been reached, amendment has not been carried.

Amendment proposed by: IFM-SEI Presidium: to insert a new chapter XII.

12.1. Members of IFM-SEI member organisation working on a specific topic that complies with the aims and principles of IFM-SEI can establish a thematic network.

12.2. The International Committee or the Congress needs to agree on the establishment of a thematic network.

12.3. The network democratically elects a coordinator every three years. The election needs to be ratified by the IFM-SEI Congress.

12.4. The tasks of the thematic network are to be decided by the members itself, but they must ensure they work within the constitution of IFM-SEI.

12.5. The thematic networks have the right to make proposals to the Presidium, International Committee and Congress.

Reasoning: The IFM-SEI Presidium would like to give more value to the Rainbow Network and encourage others to open new thematic networks as well. Besides that, the operating grant of the European Commission depends on the number of statutory meetings that IFM-SEI holds each year. In

order for meetings of the Rainbow Network to be accepted in this grant, they must be mentioned in the constitution.

Congress voted unanimously in favour for this amendment

As this proposal was accepted the numbering of the following chapters also change.

Amendment proposed by: IFM-SEI Presidium: to change the chapter on voting rights

3 options for the voting system, the presidium proposes option 1.

Option 1) The voting system is no longer connected to the number of members or the fee paid.

Replace 12.2.2 by: Each member organisation is entitled to one vote.

Option 2) The voting system remains the same, and organisations must show IFM-SEI a reasonable calculation of their number of members.

12.2.2. Each member organisation is entitled to:

- 2 votes for up to 5000 members
- 3 votes for above 5000 members
- 4 votes for above 9000 members
- 5 votes for above 14,000 members.

Option 3) The voting system is changed according to the new membership fee system:

Replace 12.2.2 with: Each member organisation is entitled to:

- 1 vote for organisations in fee category 1
- 2 votes for organisations in fee category 2
- 3 votes for organisations in fee category 3
- 4 votes for organisations in fee category 4
- 5 votes for organisations in fee category 5
- 6 votes for organisations in fee category 6

Reasoning: So far, the number of votes was established based on the number of members organisations reported to define their membership fee – members who wanted to pay less could report smaller numbers. The proposed new membership fee system of 6 simple categories does not have this connection to the size of an organisation anymore, therefore it will be difficult to keep the connection between the number of members and the number of votes. Organisations could just report very high numbers to receive the maximum amount of votes, without having to pay a higher membership fee.

Secret ballot asked for by NKK, SJD-Die Falken, Framfylkingen, Unga Örnar, IYU.

SJD- Die Falken: strongly in favour of the current system. We want to achieve socialism, so we must strive to be as many people as possible

Mirim Brasil: Compromised last congress on the voting system and agreed to work on a new membership fee system. To have a difference of 4 votes is not democratic. We say we don't link membership fees and voting rights, but in reality it is linked.

SJD – The current voting system has been a compromise that has been discussed for a long time. Now it is suddenly on the table again, without talking about it for three years.

Christine: It's on the table again because with the new membership fee system we found the very practical problem that organisations can say that they have 10000 members but we have no way to check if this is true, as payments are no longer linked to the number of members an organisation has.

Kinderfreunde Österreich: It is also a question of democracy if you represent number of people. Don't see reason to change it, favour option 2. How do we measure organisational strength? Financially? Membership? – We need more options, and to take more options into account. 1 vote not enough.

MIRIM: What happens if an organisation has 20,0000 members but cannot pay much? Will they get five votes?

SJD – option 2 is not connected with membership fees. We understand not everyone can pay a lot, so it's a good solution. Germany is also not easy to work, we also have our problems but were fighting to make it ok.

IYU: We want the movement to grow bigger and bigger, and we need creative ways to do it. We are in favour of option 2.

Esplac - We're discussing voting rights, not membership fees. From our point of view 1 organisation 1 vote would be easier. And I don't understand why we're asking for secret ballot, we should know what each other is voting.

Vote on option 3:

- 57 yes
- 63 no

Not carried.

Vote on Option 1:

- 33 yes
- 73 no
- 4 abstentions

Not carried.

The system will remain how it is.

21. Decision on Strategy and Work Plan 2016-2019

Committee explains that several workshops at the IFM-SEI camp discussed the draft work plan. Based on these discussions, the resolutions and work plan commission put forward amendments to the work plan.

The Congress votes with majority to vote on bloc on these amendments.

Amendments from the camp are carried with majority and one abstention.

Amendments brought forward during the Congress:

Page 7/paragraph 1/line 5, Woodcraft Folk: After: On common interests add: We will do this to encourage these groups to initiate their own projects that will address the needs of the organisations as well as increase autonomy within IFM-SEI.

Congress voted unanimously in favour to accept the amendment

Page 7 paragraph 2 line 5 – SJD: After “Change the current world order” Add: “We as IFM-SEI strive for equality of all human beings – regardless their passports. It is a depressing and pressing time regarding refugees and migration. The number of refugees is an urgent reminder of the huge global inequalities, IFM-SEI aims to educate and fight for a freedom of movement, save routes into the EU,

decent accommodation, supply and education for everyone. Our member organisations play a key role to include young refugees in their new society and to give them a voice and the power to fight for their rights“

Congress voted unanimously in favour for this amendment

page 8 line 3, IYU: Add: integration after migration

Deliver three seminars on: refugees and migration, visas and regional youth work **Replace with:** deliver three seminars on refugees, migration and integration

Page 9, line 4 – IYU: Original: As a result, the topics will be mainstreamed into the work of IFM-SEI and used as an educational focus on other IFM-SEI events.

Replace with: As a result, the seminar will give the participants the tools to work with young refugees in their countries and involve them actively in their organisations and activities.

Congress voted unanimously to add the two amendments proposed by IYU

Page 4, paragraph 4 – SJD: Replace with: We do not accept that women, non-binary gendered and LGBTQIA* people still face discrimination on a day-to-day basis in all societies. We want to identify and break patriarchal and heteronormative structures in which we grow up. Therefore we educate for equal rights and awareness of gender-stereotypes, heteronormativity, discrimination and privileges and we use affirmative action and tools such as the gender quota in our organisations. We aim to educate all genders by all genders and from the perspective of all genders. Our aim is to empower girls, foster anti-patriarchal work with boys and overcome gender roles.

Congress voted unanimously in favour of this amendment

Page 9 paragraph 3, Nuoret Kotkat: Proposed to delete whole paragraph 5. Video project sharing experiences of migration

Justification: Don't want to share negative outcomes of migration, as sometimes it's not your choice to move to another country.

Congress voted unanimously against the proposal to delete.

Proposal to delete word “negative”:

Congress voted with 2/3 majority against this proposal.

Proposal to change word “negative” to “realistic”:

Congress voted with a majority in favour of this proposal.

Page 12 paragraph 3 line 6, Woodcraft Folk: After ENIL add: Add: (European Network on Independent Living)

Congress voted unanimously to accept

Page 13 paragraph 3 line 2, Woodcraft Folk After: how to make voluntary organisations add: and their activities.

Congress voted unanimously in favour to accept this proposal

Page 13 line 3, Kinderfreunde/Rote Falken: After: as people get more desperate. Add: Add: This is supported by the way the media chooses to report on certain topics.

Congress voted unanimously in favour of this proposal

Page 14 paragraph 3 line 4, Woodcraft Folk: After: Utøya in 2011 Add: We also recognise that many other countries across the world are dealing with the effects of right-wing extremist violence.

Congress voted unanimously to accept the proposed amendment

Page 14 paragraph 3 line 4, Kinderfreunde/Rote Falken: Add: Aside from (terror) attacks the right wing's politics threaten the financial situation of all socialist youth movements and systematically destroy the financial base of our work.

Congress voted with a majority in favour for the addition.

Page 15 paragraph 11, line 7, Nuoret Kotkat: After: key document in all our work, add: According to the UNCRC, a child means every human being below the age of 18 years.

Congress voted unanimously in favour

Page 21/paragraph 1/line 4, Kinderfreunde/Rote Falken: After: excuse for sexual violence. Add: and violence in general.

Congress voted unanimously in favour

SJD-Die Falken:

Page 21/paragraph 2/line 7 After: additional sources of funding **Add:** in line with our values

Page 21/paragraph 2/line 8 After: sustainable financial model. Add: This is not only the responsibility of the Secretariat but also every member of the Presidium. Member organisations and regional networks should share knowledge of funding opportunities.

Page 22/paragraph 2/line 5 After: key messages and ideals **Add:** The new external representation strategy should emphasise our unique contribution as the socialist education international.

Congress voted unanimously in favour of these three amendments (en bloc).

Page 23, paragraph 1, SJD: Replace with: We believe that education cannot be neutral – through education we aim to overcome domination, oppression and the capitalist society we currently live in. Education means for us not just acquiring knowledge but to be there for one another, to exchange ideas, and to learn, organise and fight together. This means promoting the fight against competition and instead fostering solidarity between people of all ages. Our socialist utopia is the cornerstone of our educational work. Everybody is included in the decision-making, is encouraged to contribute and help to shape our international movement. We don't want unquestioned hierarchies but enable young people to critical-thinking and self-organisation.

Congress voted unanimously in favour.

Congress voted unanimously in favour of the new strategy and work plan 2016-2019.

Sylvia Siqueira Campos closes the Congress.