

Congress 2021 (virtual) Report

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Introduction

The Congress took place online between 12 July and 18 July 2021. Opening welcoming remarks were made by the Acting Chair of the Congress (Peter Luff), the Chair of the Executive Committee (Keith Best) and the Co-President Fernando Iglesias.

The Chair of the EC paid tribute to the exceptionally hard work of the members of the EC which had been meeting monthly and taking difficult decisions on expenditure and staffing as well as dealing with the resignation of the former Executive Director and the appointment of a new one; he paid especial tribute to the staff, consultants and volunteers who had shown great professionalism and commitment during this difficult time knowing that their jobs were on the line. he said that we are living through turbulent times not only within WFM/IGP but also in the global political climate of narrow nationalism, trade wars, anti-internationalism and the pandemic all of which had made WFM/IGP even more relevant and, hopefully, had also awakened the need for greater co-operation between states and improved global governance. He mentioned that WFM/IGP has been through difficult periods in its history and he was optimistic about the future. The lessons we have learned are that we need to build coalitions and work in concert with others to achieve change and cannot effect this on our own; there is a new generation of activists interested in climate change to which we must respond as well as to greater global insecurity through not just nuclear and other weapons but also cyber activity with many threats coming from non-state actors.

Due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic it had been impossible to hold an in-person Congress in 2020, a matter of great regret as the pandemic had also impacted negatively on WFM-IGP programmes and activities. The Executive Committee had tried to schedule the Congress for the autumn of 2020 but the uncertainty over travel and other restrictions meant that it was put over to July 2021 in the hope that the restrictions would have been lifted by then. In the event, rather than postpone the Congress yet again, it was decided to hold it virtually.

The financial implications had been severe and, as would be outlined in the report of the Chair of the EC and the Treasurer, the WFM-IGP faced an existential crisis. In order to address this crisis and to secure a solid and dynamic future for the Movement, a new Executive Director (Sandra Coyle) had been appointed until the end of September 2021 with a brief to find new funding. A Strategy Paper drafted by the Executive Director and approved by the Executive Committee would be discussed, and voted on, by the Congress. Meanwhile, several meetings had been organised by Member and Associated Organisations to discuss the issues that had arisen and the draft strategic plan which had resulted in emergency resolutions being placed before the Congress.

It was attended by 39 delegates and 28 observers from 20 organizations on 5 continents. Attendance varied from day to day but averaged c.45.

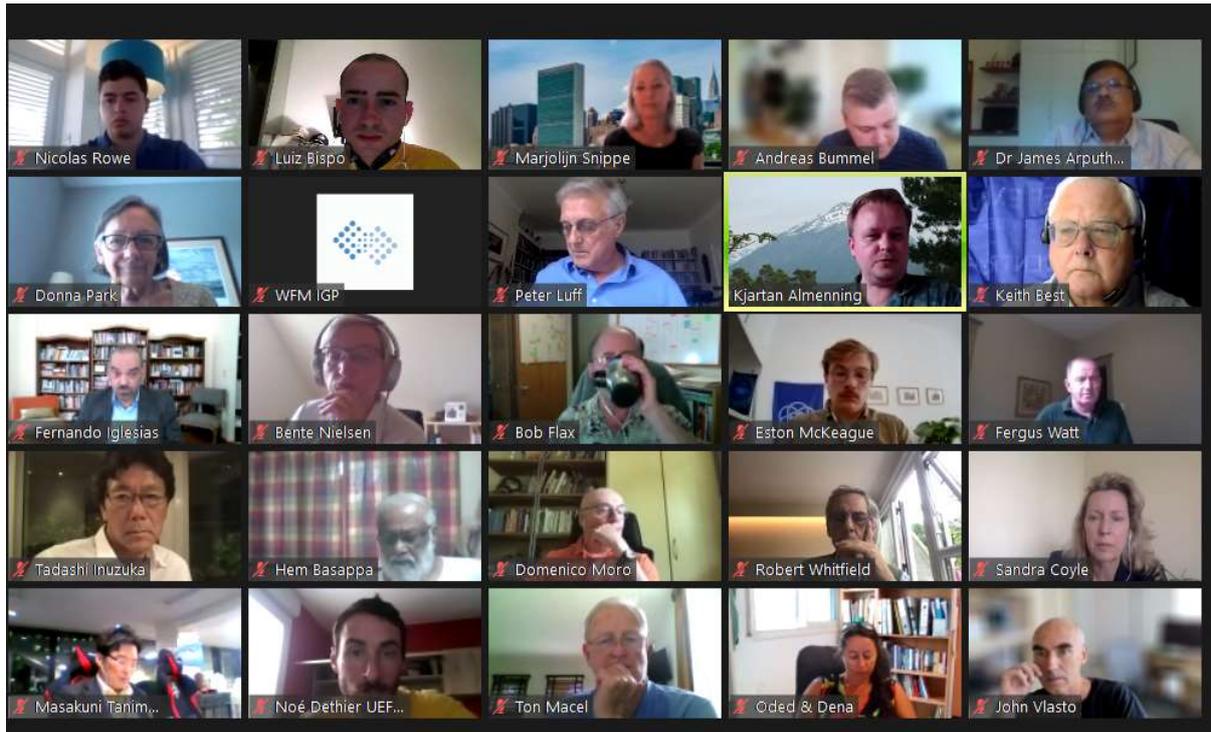


Figure 1: Screenshot of some of the participants.

In Memoriam

Following a call asking for the names of those members of the WFM-IGP whom we had lost since the last Congress, a minute's silence was called to remember the dedicated work of Professor Joe Schwartzberg, who had been a lifelong, active member of our Movement and had written many important articles and books on the subject of UN reform. The Congress noted his death with great sadness, respect and appreciation for his many oral and written contributions to the cause of world federalism.

CNSC Report and Applications for Membership

The Acting Chair of the CNSC (Kjartan Almanning) presented his report. There are currently 12 active Member Organizations (MOs) and 17 Associated Organizations (AOs) in addition to the International Member Organization (IMO). Congress approved the applications from the following organizations as AOs, bringing the total up to 21 active AOs:

- Centre for United Nations Constitutional Research (CUNCR) (BEL)
- One World Trust (UK)
- Uniting for Peace (UK)
- Young World Federalists (YWF) (USA)

Furthermore, Congress urged the incoming CNSC to make new contact with La Marche des Citoyens du Monde - World Citizens' March (FR), Students for Global Democracy Uganda, and Master Peace Romania, to reopen a dialogue with these applicants in order for applications to be considered by a future Congress.

Statutes and Bylaws

The proposals tabled to merge the Statutes and Bylaws of the WFM-IGP were approved by the Congress. Furthermore, Congress made 8 additional amendments in order to clear up Congress' role in approving new MOs and AOs; reducing the deadlines for Congress-related matters and clarifying who has the right to submit proposals before Congress; simplifying the procedures for payment of membership dues; and other minor simplifications. The Statutes as amended and approved by Congress are enclosed in this Report at Appendix 1.

Executive Committee Report

The Chair of the Executive Committee delivered his report (Appendix 2) and answered questions.

Finance Report

It was agreed that the Treasurer would give a brief financial report to the Congress on (13th July). As the accounts had not yet been audited, it could only be an interim report leading to a fuller discussion later in the year. The papers are attached at Appendix 3.

Emergency Resolutions

The following emergency resolutions were accepted and passed:

- Establishment of an Advisory Council (Appendix 4)
- Postponement of all elections until a resumed Congress in October 2021.

It was agreed, therefore, to hold the Congress in two sessions, the first in July and the second in October.

Strategic Plan and amendment

The Executive Director presented the Strategic Plan, which was discussed at length before being approved subject to a friendly amendment proposed by Citizens for Global Solutions, Democracia Global, Democracy Without Borders and WFM-Canada.

The plan calls for a number of organizational changes, the establishment of four Strategic Pathways: (1) The Coalitions, which would strengthen and expand WFM's coalition model to establish global institutions, strengthen international law, and bring about much needed UN reforms, (2) The Institute, which would serve as both a policy think tank and consulting group, (3) The Forum, where up to fifteen influential members from diversified geographic regions, expertise, and sectors, who have either a demonstrated interest in world federalism or an ideological leaning towards the concept of federalism, would commit to contributing or fundraising annually to sustain the organization while also providing advice to the leadership and governance of the organization regarding the direction of the organization and (4) The Movement, which would build a grassroots movement toward our goals. In addition to these Pathways, the plan also calls for reviews of the organization's governance, structure and policies, generating recommendations in each area.

An amended version of the Strategic Plan incorporating the amendments would be placed online before the October conference.

Commission reports and resolutions

The following Commissions were held:

1. Peace, Human Security and Conflict Prevention (including 3+3 NEA-NWFZ)
2. International Justice, Rule of Law and Human Rights (including AI and COPLA)
3. International Democracy, Global Governance, Federalism at the Global and Regional Level, UN Reform (including UNPA and the Institute)
4. Environmental, Health, and Economic Governance (including International Court for the Environment)

Plenary session votes on resolutions

These are set out at Appendix 5.

At the end of the four days Congress stood adjourned until dates to be determined in October following closing remarks by the President on 18th July.

Appendix 1

STATUTES OF THE WORLD FEDERALIST MOVEMENT – INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL POLICY

As adopted at the Sixth Congress (London, 1954) and amended at the Eighth Congress (Stockport, Cheshire 1956); Pietersberg Conference - 1959; Twelfth Congress (San Francisco, 1965); Thirteenth Congress (Oslo, 1967); Emergency Congress (Elsinore, 1968); Fourteenth Congress (Ottawa, 1970); Fifteenth Congress (Brussels, 1972); Sixteenth Congress (New Delhi, 1975); Eighteenth Congress (Tokyo, 1980); Special Congress (London, 1985); Twentieth Congress (Philadelphia, 1987); Twenty-first Congress (Noordwijkerhout, 1991); Twenty-second Congress (San Francisco, 1995); Twenty-fifth Congress (Geneva, 2007); Twenty-sixth Congress (Winnipeg, 2012); Twenty-seventh Congress (The Hague, 2018); Twenty-eighth Congress (online, 2021).

Preamble

1. As members of the World Federalist Movement, we affirm our determination to exercise our rights and responsibilities as citizens of the whole world in order to achieve the high purposes of the United Nations.
2. Ours is a planet in crisis, suffering grave problems unable to be managed by nations acting separately in an ungoverned world. It has become urgent for the world's people and governments to join in achieving a new level of global solidarity such as can only be sustained by a commitment to the planet as a genuine community. We make that commitment and call on our fellow citizens and governments to do the same.
3. As world federalists, we view the world as one society embracing all of humanity in all its diversity. We affirm that the ideals and principles of community life which are basic to civilized existence can and must be applied to international relations. To this end, we call for urgent progress in developing democratic world institutions of law by which the world's people and nations can govern their relations to assure a peaceful, just and ecologically sustainable world community.
4. These institutions must have actual and sufficient authority to make and enforce law in their given jurisdictions in accordance with the basic federalist principle of subsidiarity, which is the division of political authority and jurisdiction between different levels of government and the solving of problems at the level at which they occur, in general at the most local level possible. For this is the essence of world federalism: to seek to invest legal and political authority in world institutions to deal with problems which can only be treated adequately at the global level, while affirming the sovereignty of the nation-state in matters which are essentially internal. Our objective is a world order in which the legitimate rights of nations to self-determination are balanced by and consistent with the collective rights of the global community to protect and advance the common good of humanity.
5. Our objective is to have not only governments, but individuals recognize their obligation to uphold and affirm world law through allegiance to these institutions. It is the citizen who is finally the rightful source and subject of the authority of world law. Individuals, whether heads of government or ordinary citizens, must be accountable under due process of world law for crimes against humanity.

6. In our work for world federation, we are dedicated especially to work for:
 - understanding and amity among the world's cultures and political ideologies;
 - an end to the arms race, and the elimination of all weapons of mass destruction;
 - an end to the use and threat of use of military force;
 - respect for universal human rights and freedoms, including the right of all to the requirements of a dignified life, and the freedom of all to responsibly express their beliefs;
 - equitable participation of all in the global economy and in global decisions which affect their lives; equitable distribution of world resources between rich and poor countries, in order to eradicate poverty, disease and illiteracy;
 - the protection of our common environment and the preservation of the ecosystem for succeeding generations; and
 - the emergence of a global ethos and a consciousness of humanity as one community and of every person as a citizen of one world.

7. In the service of our goals we support transnational tendencies which lead towards a legal and democratic world order and world community. We especially support:
 - the important functions and work of the United Nations system, while working at the same time to make it more democratic, reliable and effective;
 - respect for international law, as well as its further development through such existing mechanisms as state ratification of treaties and conventions;
 - the development of democratic accountability and representation within regional, international and global organizations; and
 - the development of associations and/or federations for regional or functional purposes.

8. We recognize that the building of a world community -- one based on fundamental justice and an appreciation of differences -- is the greatest intellectual, moral and political challenge of our time. It calls on each of us to examine our beliefs and priorities, and to express in our personal way our commitment to global change.

9. Change requires the organized will and intelligence of many individuals, and each person has something positive and vital to contribute to the process of change. Believing that by working together we can achieve more than by working separately, we unite our efforts through the World Federalist Movement and adopt hereby this constitution.

1.MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open, irrespective of race, color, nationality, religion, class or sex to any individual, organization or group subscribing to the aims, Statutes and Bylaws of WFM as is hereinafter provided. Membership shall be of the following categories:

- 1.a. Member Organizations
 - 1.a.i. Member Organizations shall be those established with a primary purpose similar to that of the World Federalist Movement, and who are open for individual members in their area or sector of operation. Member Organizations must have a minimum of 20 paid-up members.
 - 1.a.ii. Member Organizations shall have a significant capacity to contribute to the enhancement of public and political support for the aims of WFM and the World

Federalist Movement itself. They shall commit to carrying out one or more programmes devised by the Congress as described in Article 2.a., consistent with the fundamental policies adopted by Congress. They shall be committed to and shall practice democratic internal organization. They shall be organized and administered in accordance with the legislation of their respective countries. The establishment of Member Organizations shall be carried out in close cooperation with the Congress and Executive Committee, which shall receive for approval a copy of their statutes. The annual dues shall be defined by Congress.

1.b. Associated Organizations

- 1.b.i. Associated Organizations shall be those established with a primary purpose other than those of WFM as outlined under the above Preamble, but which are in general sympathy with the idea of world federalism; or those who are not open for personal members in their area or sector of operation; or new organizations that shall be considered as future Member Organizations; or organizations that do not request full membership as Member Organizations. As Associated Organizations can also be accepted Parliamentary Groups, Umbrella Organizations, Youth Organizations, sectoral interest groups which may be termed Transnational Networking Organizations, and others that do not yet fulfill the criteria for a Membership Organization.
- 1.b.ii. Associated Organizations shall have some capacity to contribute to the enhancement of public and political support for the aims of WFM. The establishment of Associated Organizations shall be carried out in close cooperation with the Congress and Executive Committee which shall receive for approval a copy of their statutes. Applicants for Associate Organization membership shall endorse the WFM Statement of Purpose. The annual dues shall be defined by Congress.

Individual Members

Individuals who support the idea of world federalism can become members of the International Member Organization of the WFM. Unless otherwise stipulated by these Statutes or the Bylaws, this organization shall follow the same rules as any other Member Organization.

The WFM IMO shall be incorporated in the country or countries where the WFM is incorporated and shall be administered in accordance with the legislation of such countries. The membership dues of the WFM IMO shall be paid to the WFM directly and administered by the WFM International Secretariat, according to rules to be provided in the Bylaws. The annual statement of paid-up members of the IMO shall be administered by the WFM International Secretariat.

The President(s) of WFM is (are) ex officio president(s) of the International Member Organization. The members of the IMO will elect other board members among themselves by means as provided in the Bylaws of the IMO.

- 1.d.** Congress accepts new Member Organizations and Associated Organizations by a simple majority, by recommendation from the Credentials, Nominations and Statutes Committee (CNSC). The CNSC shall review membership applications throughout the year, recommending appropriate action to the Executive Committee. If membership requirements are not met, the Executive Committee

may, in special circumstances, make exceptions to them. Such exceptions shall be reported to the Congress.

1.e. The Congress may, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, withdraw by a two-thirds majority vote the membership of a particular WFM member if the individual or organization fails to comply with or contravenes the Statutes or Bylaws or acts in a manner harmful to the work of the Movement. The individual or a majority of the members of the organization may appeal against the action to the next Congress, the decision of which is final.

1.e.i. Expulsion of any individual member or member organization can be initiated by the Executive Committee. Any such proposal shall be sent to the Head of the WFM Secretariat and by him/her be submitted to the members of the Executive Committee and the CNSC with simultaneous information to the charged party. If the Executive Committee decides, in consultation with the CNSC, to make a recommendation for expulsion, the charged party will be suspended by registered letter without delay and the case will be circulated to all WFM organizations. Decisions shall be taken at the first following meeting of the Congress by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present and voting. An expelled party may appeal to the next Congress. Such an appeal shall be placed on the agenda before any voting is done. The charged party has the right to be represented during discussions in Congress.

2. CONGRESS

2.a. The Movement shall be governed by its Congress, which shall formulate the fundamental policy of the World Federalist Movement. The Congress shall also devise the appropriate programme and shall plan action on those matters relating to the objectives of the World Federalist Movement which the Member and Associated Organizations shall be bound to implement in ways appropriate, provided that policy, programme or action affecting exclusively a Member or Associated Organization shall be subject to the sole authority of such Organization(s). Between Congresses all powers not reserved to Congress shall be vested in the Executive Committee.

2.b. The Congress shall be called by the Executive Committee every two years. Congress may also be called by one-third of all Member and Associated Organizations, currently paid-up, requesting the same in writing to the International Secretariat.

2.c. Notice and Deadlines

2.c.i. The Congress shall determine the date, place and agenda of its meetings, to be implemented by the Executive Committee, and the decision to be communicated to the MOs and AOs in a timely manner.

2.c.ii. Notice of the meeting of the Congress shall be sent to all recognized members so as to be received not later than three months before its commencement. This shall include a notification to the organizations of the delegates to which it is entitled.

2.c.iii. Not less than six weeks before the meeting, proposals for the Congress shall be submitted to the International Secretariat, including proposed items for the

meeting agenda, proposed amendments to the Statutes, and proposed resolutions. MOs, AOs, the IMO, members of the Executive Committee, and the Head of the WFM Secretariat have the right to make such proposals and to have them considered by Congress. Proposals that are not submitted by this deadline may be accepted for consideration by a two thirds majority of Congress, except for Statutes amendments where the deadline is mandatory.

- 2.c.iv. Not less than six weeks before the meeting, MOs, AOs and the IMO shall provide a report of their activities since the previous Congress, and submit the names of appointed delegates for the upcoming meeting, as well as other information as requested in the notice of Congress. They are also invited to submit nominations for Officers and Executive Committee Members.
 - 2.c.v. Applications for Member Organization or Associated Organization must be submitted not less than six weeks before the meeting of Congress.
 - 2.c.vi. Information received in response to the notice, and a provisional agenda of the meeting shall likewise be circulated to the same parties not less than one month before the meeting date.
 - 2.c.vii. The names of all Congress delegates shall be circulated one month prior to Congress. Member and Associated Organizations are responsible for informing the Secretariat of changes in its appointments no later than two weeks prior to a meeting of Congress.
- 2.d. Composition
- 2.d.i. The Congress shall be composed of delegates appointed by Member and Associated Organizations, and ex officio delegates. Congress shall always consist of a majority of delegates from Member Organizations.
 - 2.d.ii. Each Member Organization with 20 to 200 members shall be entitled to 2 delegates; those with 201 to 800 members shall be entitled to 3 delegates; those with 801 to 2000 members shall be entitled to 4 delegates; those with 2001 or more shall be entitled to 5 delegates.
 - 2.d.iii. The number of delegates each with a vote at the Congress shall be calculated on the basis of the number of paid-up members in the previous year. No organization can have more than 25% of the total vote.
 - 2.d.iv. Associated Organizations shall be entitled to send one delegate each to the Congress.
 - 2.d.v. The Officers and Executive Committee Members shall be ex officio delegates to Congress. The Head of the WFM Secretariat shall be an ex officio observer with the right to speak, but not to vote. If the Assistant Treasurer is not already a delegate, they shall be an ex officio observer.
 - 2.d.vi. The Congress may appoint members of Member or Associated Organizations, or non-members with desired competence, to serve in an advisory position to each Congress meeting. Such advisors will have the right to speak and propose, but not to vote.

- 2.d.vii. Any delegate otherwise eligible to participate and vote is entitled to participate virtually via online communications. The delegates who participate virtually shall be able to participate in discussions, make motions, and cast votes, in the same way as delegates who are physically present. Any delegate intending to participate virtually must notify the Secretariat in writing by the meeting registration deadline(s) as stipulated by the Secretariat. In the event of an emergency, a waiver to this deadline can be granted by Congress Chair.
- 2.e. Decisions
- 2.e.i. All decisions of the Congress shall be taken by a simple majority of delegates present and voting, except in the case of changing the Statutes and of dissolving the Movement. In case of a tie the Chairperson shall have a second and casting vote.
- 2.e.ii. Each delegate shall have one vote. Each delegate may also, upon presentation to the Chair of the session of a written authority to act, cast proxy votes for his/her organization only, but not exceeding five votes in all. Staff members may not serve as proxies for delegates.
- 2.f. The Congress shall adopt a document of fundamental policies of the World Federalist Movement, to be open to amendments at each Congress session.
- 2.g. The Executive Committee shall submit a report to Congress on the work of the WFM since the previous Congress. A condensed report shall be submitted to all participating organizations by the Head of the WFM Secretariat after review of the Chairperson of the Executive Committee.
- 2.h. The Congress may appoint such committees as it thinks fit.
- 2.i. The Congress shall establish its own rules of procedure, which must be in conformity with the Statutes. Congress shall establish a Steering Committee to assist in the general conduct of the work of the Congress. The Steering Committee's composition and role shall be defined in Congress's rules of procedure.
- 2.j. Those years when Congress is not called, the Executive Committee shall arrange other events; in particular regional meetings, networking, recruiting and educational events. These events should be subject to budget and activity level in each region.

3. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 3.a. The Congress shall delegate policy execution to the Executive Committee between Congress meetings. The Executive Committee shall harmonize programs and campaigns established by the Congress, in accordance with available resources. The Executive Committee is responsible to the Congress for its actions.
- 3.b. The Executive Committee shall consist of:
- all Officers elected by Congress in accordance with Article 4 of these Statutes
 - four additional members elected by Congress

- the Head of the WFM Secretariat as a non-voting member
- 3.c. Half of the members of the Executive Committee, including Officers, shall be elected every second Congress, for four-year terms. When necessary in order to achieve this, members of the Executive Committee can be elected for two-year terms.
- 3.d. The Executive Committee may additionally appoint members of Member or Associated Organizations, or non-members with desired competence, to serve in an advisory position for a period. Such advisors will have the right to speak and propose, but not to vote.
- 3.e. All decisions of the Executive Committee, unless otherwise specified, shall be taken by a simple majority vote of the members present and voting.
- 3.f. Members of the Executive Committee may not appoint alternates or substitutes or vote by proxy. Five voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, any decisions shall be validated only when subsequently ratified in writing by a majority of the Executive Committee.
- 3.g. The Committee shall meet not less than twice a year, of which one shall be a physical meeting, and its decisions shall be subject to review by the Congress.
- 3.h. The Executive Committee may appoint such subcommittees and working groups, whose membership is not limited to members of the Executive Committee, as it thinks fit.
- 3.i. The composition of the Executive Committee, and the election of Officers, shall ensure broad representation in the WFM among genders, age groups, and geographical background, to the widest extent possible.

4. OFFICERS

- 4.a. The Congress shall elect at least one and no more than two Presidents of the Movement, the role of which shall be to represent the Movement and to publicly promote its aims. The presidents shall be persons with an international profile who have subscribed to the aims of the Movement, can appeal to a wide variety of audiences, and have an ability to attract funds and public and political support for the Movement. Nominations should be made that represent a balance of individuals in terms of gender, geographic origin and background.
- 4.b. The Congress shall elect its Chairperson and a First Vice-Chairperson to act in the Chairperson's absence, and a Second Vice-Chairperson to act in the First Vice-Chairperson's absence. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Congress, develop in collaboration with other officers and the Executive Director the agenda for Congress meetings, serve as a spokesperson for the Movement as appropriate when the President(s) are not available, and assume other responsibilities as directed by the Congress.
- 4.c. The Congress shall elect a Treasurer responsible for the safeguarding of assets, for banking arrangements and the financial soundness of WFM. They

shall also ensure that material is available for audit review. The Treasurer may appoint an Assistant Treasurer from time to time subject to the approval of the Congress at its next meeting.

- 4.d. The Congress shall elect the Chairpersons of the Executive Committee; the Credentials, Nominations and Statutes Committee; the Policy Review Committee; and the Membership and Outreach Committee; and a Secretary from its members, each of whom shall be responsible for carrying out the responsibilities of the respective committees as described in the Bylaws.
- 4.e. The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring the preparation and distribution of the minutes of meetings of the Congress and Executive Committee.
- 4.f. The Congress shall elect the officers mentioned above by secret ballot on an absolute majority of members voting in person or by proxy in a manner prescribed in the Bylaws.

5. HONORARY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD

The Congress shall have the power to appoint Honorary Officers of the World Federalist Movement originating from different regions of the world and with due regard to the interest of WFM members existing in the areas.

The Congress shall invite distinguished individuals to serve as members of the Advisory Board. The size of the Advisory Board shall be determined by the Congress.

Such officers and advisors shall have no formal responsibilities in the governance of the Movement, and may serve, for varying lengths of time, at the pleasure of the Congress.

6. COMMITTEES

The Congress shall appoint the following continuing committees: Credentials, Nominations and Statutes Committee; Policy Review Committee; and Membership and Recruitment Committee. In addition, the Executive Committee may each set up ad hoc committees and task forces between meetings of Congress. The membership of such committees shall be established so as to satisfy, to the largest possible extent, the organizational interests of the Member Organizations.

The Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall also in consultation with the Head of the WFM Secretariat be authorized to nominate delegates to represent WFM at appropriate national and international conferences.

Committees and task forces shall report to the Executive Committee and the Congress. They will inform, plan, and collaborate with the Head of the Secretariat.

7. SECRETARIATS

The Head of the Secretariat shall be appointed by the Executive Committee subject to the approval of the Congress. The Executive Committee shall determine his/her salary and conditions of service. They shall attend the sessions of the Congress and the Executive Committee. Between meetings of the Congress and the Executive Committee, the Head of

the Secretariat shall be responsible as the Chief Executive Officer for managing the affairs of the Movement.

Other senior officers of the Secretariat and senior officers of the Regional Secretariats shall be appointed by the Head of the Secretariat subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

- 7.b.** The Seats of the Secretariat and the Regional Secretariats shall be determined by the Congress.

8. FINANCES

- 8.a.** WFM shall be financed by:
- Annual dues paid by Member Organizations, Associated Organizations and others
 - Donations and grants

All sources of funding will be scrutinised as being ethically appropriate to the objects and reputation of WFM.

- 8.b.** The annual budget shall be prepared by the Head of the Secretariat in cooperation with the Treasurer. The budget shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval, circulated to all Member and Associated Organizations and distributed at Congress.
- 8.c.** The execution of the financial policies is the responsibility of the Head of the Secretariat.
- 8.d.** The arrangements for appropriate auditing are to be approved by the Executive Committee and the report shall be presented and circulated to all Member and Associated Organizations not later than six months after the end of the fiscal year and distributed at Congress.
- 8.e.** The financial accountability of the Movement shall be maintained by the procedures established in the Bylaws.

9. STATUTES AMENDMENTS

- 9.a.** Only Member Organizations and the Executive Committee may propose amendments to the Statutes.
- 9.b.** Proposals to amend these Statutes shall be sent to the Secretariat to be received there not less than six weeks prior to the meeting of the Congress and shall be dealt with by the Secretariat in accordance with the provisions of the relevant articles of these Statutes.
- 9.c.** Any amendments to the Statutes shall require an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the delegates voting in person or by proxy.
- 9.d.** Amendments shall be operative as of the moment of their adoption.

10. DISSOLUTION

- 10.a. The Movement may be dissolved only by decision of the Congress acting on the proposal from the Executive Committee or any Member Organization.
- 10.b. The Secretariat shall circulate such a proposal simultaneously by registered letter to each of the Member and Associated Organizations not less than 60 days prior to the date for a decision.
- 10.c. Any such proposal shall be adopted if passed by a two-thirds majority of the delegates either at a Congress or through a mail ballot.
- 10.d. The dissolution of the Movement shall be in accordance with the law and practice relating to non-profit organizations in the jurisdiction(s) in which it is incorporated which may include any distribution of assets.

APPENDIX

I. MEMBERSHIP DUES

Member Organizations shall pay membership dues to WFM based on the number of members, and Associated Organizations a set amount. Each of the Member Organizations shall forward to the Secretariat an annual statement of paid-up members organized in that Member Organization.

Annual membership dues for Member Organizations (MOs), Associated Organizations (AOs), or other Congress-recognized groups shall be set by the Congress at the recommendation of the Treasurer and the Executive Committee. The burden of demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee that special rates should apply rests with that particular organization; otherwise, the Congress-defined rates shall apply.

The dues may be paid in equivalent amounts in any currency, but there shall be no changes in amounts due because of changes in exchange rates. Any payment of dues shall automatically be applied to the furthest remote arrears.

Dues shall be paid annually. Any MO or AO which has not fully paid their dues by the end of the previous year prior to the Congress session shall not be granted delegates at Congress. Any delinquency or penalty may be waived at the discretion of the Treasurer.

II. REIMBURSEMENTS

The members of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to be reimbursed for traveling and lodging expenses when attending meetings of the Congress and Executive Committee subject to the availability of funds.

III. ELECTIONS

All contested elections of Officers and the Executive Committee shall be by secret ballot. The Credentials, Nominations and Statutes Committee (CNSC) shall be responsible that all delegates be provided with a list of delegates and a list of candidates nominated by Member Organizations before Congress, and with support from the Secretariat shall provide the means for all delegates participating in person or virtually to vote.

The CNSC shall accept nominations of candidates for election to Officers and the Executive Committee in accordance with Article 3.a of the Bylaws. The CNSC shall determine and make known to delegates a closing time for the reception of nominations. Nominations for the election of President(s), Honorary Officers or Advisory Board cannot be given from the floor of the Congress, but must be submitted in advance. The CNSC shall make a recommendation regarding which offices in the Executive Committee should be filled for 4-year and 2-year periods, respectively.

No officer shall be eligible to serve simultaneously for more than one of the offices listed in Article 4 of the Statutes. Staff members shall not be eligible as candidates for any office or for the Executive Committee.

In the case of contested elections of officers or of the Executive Committee, a second vote shall be taken between the two leading contenders, if no contender has obtained a 50% majority of the vote first taken. In the event of a tie, a further ballot shall be held from among those candidates who have not withdrawn their names. In the event of a continued tie between two candidates, the election shall be decided by drawing lots.

The voting figures from the elections of Officers and the Executive Committee shall be made available upon request following the announcement of those elected.

IV. ACCOUNTABILITY

The Head of the WFM Secretariat, in cooperation with the Treasurer, shall twice a year circulate to the Executive Committee statements of receipts, disbursements and obligations in due time before the Executive Committee meetings.

The Executive Committee shall, in coordination with the Treasurer and Secretariat, take appropriate action to have reviewed the fiscal records of WFM at least once each year. The results of this review will be reported to the Congress. The fiscal year of the Movement is the calendar year.

Officers empowered to sign legal and policy documents are the Chairperson of the Congress together with the Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall determine from time to time who shall be authorized to sign on the Movement's behalf checks, notes, drafts, acceptances, bills of exchange, and other orders or obligations for the payment of money; to enter into contracts; or to execute and deliver other documents and instruments. No individual shall be authorized to bind the Movement to any obligation unless expressly authorized by the Executive Committee.

In all other matters documents shall be signed by the Head of the WFM Secretariat or the officer designated by him/her.

The Head of the WFM Secretariat shall in political matters be guided by the advice of the Chairperson of the Congress and, when dealing with major issues of organization and finance, shall provide prompt and complete reports to the Chairperson of the Congress, the Chairperson of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer. When Congress and Executive Committee are not in session, the Head of the WFM Secretariat shall be responsible that statements on current affairs be issued. The text of any such statement must be approved by two of the following: the President(s), the Chairperson of the Congress and the Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

Appendix 2

Congress Report of the Executive Committee and International Secretariat 2021

A brief history – a Movement of activists

For those who are new to WFM/IGP I set out below a brief history of the Movement. Our guiding instrument, apart from our Statutes, is the Montreux Declaration of 1947 when WFM came into being (on our website).

WFM/IGP has always been a Movement of activists seeking world federation and was deliberately founded not as a single entity as such but as a coalition of member (and later associated) organisations who shared those objectives and who, hitherto, had been pursuing them individually in their own countries. WFM/IGP brought them all together into a more unified Movement in which greater co-operation and co-ordination could make those efforts more effective on the world stage.

This co-ordination required a constitution and central administration (not least to organise annual gatherings of the participant organisations). Shortage of central funds meant a modest start (with Ria Mullaart later joined by Judi Oudejans out of a small office in Leliegracht, Amsterdam). We developed a presence in New York not least so as to be close to the missions and workings of the UN. After Jack Yost's decision to leave as Executive Director we appointed Bill Pace in May 1994 but were uncertain we could fund even that post so it was a calculated investment in our future.

Advance in Funding

Nevertheless, we had slowly been developing central Secretariat services for the Movement as a whole and that received a massive boost through Bill's work in establishing the CICC which brought with it some serious income. Much of our overheads were met through an administration fee on the funds received but donors have become increasingly reluctant to pay for such overheads; the main source of unrestricted income for WFM/IGP is in dues from MOs/AOs which, even if paid in full, are insufficient to pay for office space and staff required to run an effective Secretariat. We must seek unrestricted funds, therefore, from individuals and other sources. To that end we are promoting individual membership of the IMO and other initiatives to promote regular giving to fund essential costs.

Volunteer roots

We should not forget our modest volunteer and limited paid staff roots because they are the essence of what created WFM - we did not start with a big budget. The Movement, therefore, has always been separate from the Secretariat (what might otherwise be termed the "organisation") although both have worked symbiotically. In order to attract serious governmental and institutional donors in the latter years we have always had to demonstrate that we have an efficient Secretariat (with proper accounting and accountability controls, auditing, human resource management, and effective governance) - without which no large donor will give any organisation any money.

Our draft Strategic Plan

What the draft Strategic Plan seeks to do is to put that Secretariat of a new, improved, cost-effective and efficacious footing which will enable those donors to have confidence. It is a change in the *organisation* not the *Movement*. Until this is understood by all we are in danger of chasing our tails. The Movement is free to follow its star - but if we are to gain funds for specific projects then the organisation has to be fit for purpose.

Listening to our members

Both the members of our Executive Committee and I who have attended the various consultation sessions with our MOs/AOs have listened carefully to the concerns and points made and we are grateful to the degree of interest and for constructive contributions during these critical times for WFM/IGP. I appreciate that there is a thirst for information about what has been happening and we wish to be as transparent as possible about the problems without, of course, breaching confidentiality or compromising the interests of the organisation.

Congress our governing body

We appreciate that WFM/IGP is only as strong as the support we receive from you all and, as a democratic INGO, we look forward to the Congress as our constitutional body for determining both our future policy and the elected composition of our Officers and Committees. I know that you will appreciate also that the members of the EC carry the added responsibility in law of being directors of our two legal entities in New York and The Hague. We hope that as many as possible will join us in July (which, being virtual, apart from time differences will enable those to attend who otherwise might find the cost of travel and accommodation prohibitive – to that extent a virtual Congress is an empowering event and we have obtained professional support to ensure that it runs smoothly). As you know, all the Officers and members of the EC are entirely voluntary positions.

The recent past

The last couple of years have been very difficult not just because the pandemic has inhibited our ability to fulfill fully our donors' grant contracts through our projects but also through a significant shortfall in funding, partly because of the very troublesome global political climate in which narrow nationalism and populism have reared their heads and internationalism for many leading governments has not been their priority. As a result, we have had to curtail substantially our expenditure and our staffing which is always sad but necessary in the circumstances for us to be able to keep going. Despite certain complicated negotiations we have been able to extricate ourselves from the leases on our properties which have been empty during the lockdown and have left to the last any reductions in our staffing. Sadly, they cannot be exempt from our need to control our expenditure. The Steering Committee of the CICC have made it clear for several months that they wish to see a change of Secretariat after some 25 years and this distancing commenced with the retirement of Bill Pace who had been both our Executive Director and the CICC Convenor. When he left, those positions became separated with consequent difficulties over the programmes and direction of the CICC. We have also negotiated amicably a change of administration of ICR2P from ourselves (for which we receive no funding) to another organisation. Both these moves enable us to branch out far more in directions more in accord with our founding objectives and current global issues rather than being tied to two main particular programmes but without relinquishing our continuing interest in atrocity prevention and international criminal justice.

Many have asked for greater clarity about our finances. At our MO/AO meetings I was able to release accurate figures for our budget and cashflow until the end of this calendar year as well as answers to a detailed questionnaire from our MOs/AOs about our liabilities and other aspects.

Since our last Congress

With Bill Pace's retirement we had to set about a process of selecting a new Executive Director which was handled by the elected Chair of the EC and Tawanda Hondora was appointed on 25 February 2019 for a five-year term. I shall summarise what then happened as disinterestedly as possible accepting that people will have different interpretations. Whether through lack of induction or misunderstanding our Executive Director took certain actions and approaches towards the CICC and its Steering Committee (on which WFM/IGP continues to serve) which created a tension both between WFM/IGP and certain members of the Steering Committee, who felt that the Executive Director had acted without appropriate and

outwith the authority of the Steering Committee, and between the Chair and the Executive Director. As a result, the Chair wished to take a course of action which was discussed at an EC meeting on 30 October 2019 and resulted in an instruction to the Executive Director. The Chair then proposed an action which all the other members of the EC found unacceptable. The internal disagreement became very debilitating and WFM/IGP was faced with potential legal action. The EC asked me to intervene by becoming a mentor to the Executive Director. Consequently, after a great deal of anxious consideration, the EC at its meeting on 9 February 2020 asked the Chair either to endorse the Executive Director and his proposals or step down. The Chair explained that he had spent six months when there was no Executive Director defending WFM against the CICC Steering Committee's efforts to take over responsibility for the Secretariat. He then resigned as Chair but was asked by the EC members to remain on the EC which, subsequently, he declined. The EC asked that the role of Chair be shared between the Treasurer and the Secretary.

Alongside these issues our funding situation deteriorated as in December 2019 the Norwegian government stated that they would no longer fund the CICC program for the reason that they had reset their priorities for their grant program partnerships and that the CICC would no longer be part of these.

Meetings of the EC

In previous times the EC had met twice a year (once virtually in order to save costs) but as a result of the pandemic met virtually for all meetings. These had become intermittent.

Tawanda Hondora gave his notice and left WFM/IGP at the end of August 2020 in order to take up a post to be closer to his family. The EC set about an exhaustive search for a new Executive Director for which more than thirty candidates applied. After short-listing and interviewing a considerable number the EC unanimously agreed to appoint Sandra Coyle who commenced as a Consultant Executive Director in January 2021.

In view of the difficult financial situation and the need for regular accountability the EC agreed to continue to meet monthly rather than less often in order to ensure that the EC had frequent and reliable information on which to take decisions. It is proposed that this will continue for the foreseeable future. As a result of timely and substantial expenditure reductions (including in office space which, in any event, has been unoccupied during lockdown and pandemic measures) WFM/IGP remains solvent and, on the current figures will end the current calendar (which coincides with the financial year with a small surplus. This includes provision for our Executive Director remaining until the end of September and some paid contract support but with no paid staff thereafter and no existing projects continuing, thus leaving a clean canvass on which Congress can imprint our new policy strategy. The annual audit is in progress and as soon as this have been completed and agreed will be available for members.

Resignations

On 23 September 2019 Nick Christie resigned as Policy Chair and from the EC citing that after several exchanges with the EC chair in which his concerns had been brushed off and dismissed he referred to a failure of leadership and a lack of transparency and that the financial burden and enormous amount of time required by young members of the organization was unreasonable among other complaints to which the Co-President wrote a refutation. On 28 September 2019 Becky Luff resigned as Chair of the Membership & Outreach Committee owing to pressure of her work. Jordan Bankhead resigned as Chair of CNSC and from the EC in December 2019 for family and business reasons. In January 2020 Florencia Gor resigned as Congress Chair and from the EC citing a transition into a new work field and being unavailable due to film work among other issues. As all standing committee chairs resigned, none of the standing committees (CNSC, Policy Review or Membership & Outreach)

have been functional since December 2019, although some of the tasks of the committees have been carried out by other EC members.

Current situation

The current political environment has made us realise that the principles of a world democratic federation for which WFM/IGP stands are now more important than ever. We know that there remains great public support and we are seeking to harness that through encouraging world citizens to join us through our website by becoming individual members of our International Member Organisation. The pandemic and the response to it have further convinced many that the answer to such global problems that do not respect national boundaries can only be solved at a global governance level. We have a new group of Young World Federalists with distinctive ideas who also wish to be involved. We are developing more blogs on our website (we should be delighted if you felt able to contribute: there is a guide on the website). We recognise that far more needs to be done on social media which, often, is now the main landing ground for those interested.

Policy Objectives

WFM/IGP has conducted following policy programmes set out in the attached summary.

TWG on AI

After a promising start of a number of Transnational Working Groups on different subjects the one that remains is on Artificial Intelligence and is administered by Robert Whitfield of the One World Trust (a WFM/IGP MO). This has made significant advance and has produced an authoritative paper entitled *Effective, Timely and Global – The Urgent Need for Good Global Governance of AI which is available on our website.*

CICC

Since Bill Pace's departure and the appointment of an Acting Convenor who was not a member of WFM/IGP the Steering Committee has sought to find an alternative to WFM/IGP continuing to act as the CICC Secretariat while acknowledging with thanks the enormous amount of successful work done by WFM/IGP in that role over the preceding 25+ years. This resulted in certain functions of the Secretariat being taken over by WIGJ from 1 July 2021 and WFM/IGP having to cease all CICC Secretariat functions (including projects and staff members) from the end of June. This has been termed a temporary solution while CICC undertakes a governance review as to a new constitution following which a more permanent decision will be made as to the locating of the Secretariat. WFM/IGP remains on the Steering Committee.

ICR2P

We have hosted the ICR2P since its beginnings – it being a much smaller grouping of organisations than that of CICC. Yet we have received no income in order to act as the Secretariat so this activity has had to come from within our existing resources. We realised that this could not continue and so have agreed that the Secretariat should pass to Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (GCR2P) which has a staff member able to devote time to it, to be reviewed six months after the date of transfer, ie 15 November 2021. We remain an active member of the Steering Committee.

Internal Management

The current Executive Chair has held regular monthly reporting sessions with the Executive Director as well as attending bi-weekly Management Team meetings, weekly Congress Planning meetings, been an active member of the TWG on AI, attended MOs/AOs meetings and reported to them, provided financial and donor guidance and led the monthly meetings of the EC.

I wish to place on record a sincere tribute to our staff who have shouldered much of the burden of the last three years and in many cases have been exemplary in the way they have managed a varied and demanding portfolio of tasks. This applies not only to our employed staff but also to our consultants and interns and volunteers. Throughout almost 35 years' involvement in WFM/IGP I have been amazed and impressed at the dedication and commitment of our staff, some just out of college, who have brought innovation and zeal to their tasks and have immeasurably enhanced the reputation and reach of our organisation. Somehow, we have been able to attract some extraordinarily talented and bright people which must say something about our altruistic and dynamic approach to world affairs.

The future

We are now needed more than ever before with the conflict between narrow nationalism, trade wars, external threats from cyber warfare, environmental crisis and a global governance world federation effected by accountable, democratic organisations ensuring peace, the rule of law, enforceable justice, global solutions to global issues. We remain optimistic about the future for our Movement and its ability to mobilise not just civil society but governments in pursuit of these goals. Our core beliefs remain true to the Montreux Declaration almost 75 years ago. WFM/IGP itself will be different. It will be much more reliant on support from its MOs/AOs and continuing communications with them. It will have a small core staff/volunteers with hiring of experts as consultants as and when needed and funds are available. Ultimately, its future will be in your hands. I look forward to further discussions with you.

Keith Best
Joint Chair
on behalf of the EC

Appendix 3

[Financial Outlook 2021 – pr June 2021](#)

[Summary](#)

Our bank balances on June 1st amounted to overall US\$ 462,524 (excluding the Board restricted net assets reserve, \$300,000). This balance consists largely of funds carried over from 2020, unspent as yet mainly because of the ongoing COVID19 crisis. Many activities planned in 2020 and the first months of 2021 were postponed or cancelled altogether.

This cash flow update accounts for the April EC decision to terminate all current programs with insufficient funding by 30 June 2021. We are taking into account that all unspent project funds will have to be refunded to donors. We already paid back the second grant disbursement from Wellspring (\$150,000) end of May. By August more returns of unspent funds to various donors will follow, to an estimated total of \$155,000.

Acknowledging still a lot of uncertainty around, this updated cash flow forecast for 2021 reveals that program funds for operations will be depleted by August 2021. Only by using the Restricted net assets reserves we will be able to pay off final staff contract terminations as well as refunds to donors – to leave WFM/IGP with a small positive balance by September throughout December.

[Income](#)

1. **Dutch SMO payroll support scheme COVID-19:** The scheme support for the first quarter of 2021 has been received. We have applied for renewed support for the 2nd quarter of 2021, pending its approval this has not been accounted for in the current cash flow.
2. **Funders:** A lot of reports to funders have been submitted in June and more will follow in July/August. Most of these reports have reported underspending on activities because of COVID19. We have to make deals with each of these funders to see if we have to refund

all unspent money. In the cash flow we have included that all unspent grants have to be refunded.

3. The European Commission of the EU (EU EC) grant **EIHDR 2017-2020** for CICC (€ 1,550 million grant, total project budget € 2,750 million). In May we received the final payment (€ 146,171) for this project, which also marks the approval of all final reports. However, a note of caution is required. The EU EC has launched an additional, external audit (as a result from routine sampling of grant contracts), which may result in ineligible costs refund claims as yet. Putting an estimate for this is impossible.
4. A bequeath committed to us through **Fidelity Inherited**, amounting to US\$ 44,000, is fairly certain to be received, however the final paperwork has still to be submitted, as there are still some administrative complications to be sorted out.

Staff

All current staff program staff contracts have been ended by or before 30 Juni 2021. Some staff (on grant reporting and finance-administration) will be needed in the third quarter to finalize grant reports for donors. By September all regular WFM/IGP Secretariat staff will have become redundant and therefore dismissed. The Consulting Executive Director is on the books until end of September.

Office & other overhead

1. The WFM Secretariat office in The Hague (the only office left to date) will be closing for program operational use as of 1st July. The contract formally terminates on 31 December 2021, which provides time to vacate the office space, notably the CICC archive materials, between July and December. Two more quarterly instalments of each about \$10,000 are due end of June and end of September respectively;
2. Statutory audit for 2020 (New York), put at \$20.000;
3. In July a large lay-out for accounting software and D&O insurance is expected - \$20.000
4. The storage space in New Jersey (\$700 per month). From June this lease has been paid by CDIL.

Bente Nielsen
WFM-Treasurer
15 July 2021

World Federalist Movement - Institute for Global Policy	
2022 Budget in US dollar	
Income	125.000
MO/AO membership dues	15.000
Spartan funds/other donors	75.000
Carried over from 2021	35.000
Expenditure	125.000
Communication/website	15.000
Financial support / bookkeeping/auditing	25.000
Consultancy fee	85.000
Balance	0
Notes:	
Income: If all MO/Aos pay their fees it will be around 15.000 USD. The Spartans would be 75 people signing up for 1000 USD each - the idea will be explained at the Congress	
Expenditure: It is necessary to have a basic website facility but the administration of that will be run by volunteers. The organisation needs to have some bookkeeping software and there should be money set aside for auditing the 2021 finances. All activities will be carried out by volunteers or Consultants at an ad hoc basis.	

Appendix 4

Introduced by Citizens for Global Solutions, Democracy Without Borders, Democracia Global, Union of European Federalists-Spain, Wereld Federalisten Beweging Nederland, and World Federalist Movement-Canada

Establishment of an Advisory Council

The Congress of the World Federalist Movement (WFM), meeting virtually,

- taking note that a congress is to be held biannually according to the amended Statutes adopted at the Congress in The Hague from 9-13 July 2018 (2018 Congress);
- taking note that in 2020, no such Congress was held;
- considering the abolishment of the Council, meeting annually and bringing together representatives of Member Organizations (MOs) and Associate Organizations (AOs) in order to provide guidance to the Executive Committee (EC), at the 2018 Congress;
- regretting and taking note of the resignations of the elected chairs of (a) the Congress, (b) the EC, (c) the EC Credentials, Nominations and Statutes Committee, (d) the EC Membership and Recruitment Committee, and (e) the EC Policy Review Committee during the term of the outgoing EC;
- further noting that the possibility of co-options to the EC was abolished at the 2018 Congress, barring the EC from filling vacant positions;
- unaware of efforts on the part of the EC to make up for these resignations in other, informal ways;
- observing a serious lack of communication, beginning immediately after the 2018 Congress, on the part of the EC vis-à-vis MOs and AOs as well as the movement at large;
- alarmed by the fact that WFM has lost its entire program funding and will no longer host key programs such as the Coalition for the International Criminal Court and the Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect;
- being aware of the possibility that WFM may need to carry on as an all-volunteer organization unless and until new funding is secured, increasing the need of working with and involving MOs and AOs;
- convinced that existing governance mechanisms are not sufficient to tackle the crisis of the organization;
- recalling that Congress has the power to appoint such committees as it thinks fit according to Article 2.i of the Statutes and to establish an Advisory Board according to Article 5;

acting as the highest, most representative and most legitimate body representing the will of the organization

- resolves that it has the duty and responsibility to implement immediate measures that improve the accountability, the effectiveness and inclusiveness of the EC and the flow of information within the movement;
- recognizes that exploring formal amendments of the statutes and implementing them to achieve this goal are not possible at short notice;

therefore decides to establish an Advisory Council (AC)

- composed of one representative per MO/AO officially appointed by each organization for this purpose that meets regularly in a virtual way;
- with members of the EC participating in AC meetings in order to provide relevant information to the AC on EC business, only limited by legal restrictions;
- to provide the EC with guidance on relevant decisions which are on the EC's agenda;

calls on the incoming EC to invite at least one AC representative, selected by the AC, to attend EC meetings and address the EC regarding the AC's recommendations at the appropriate times during the meeting;

expresses the expectation that the EC will share the agenda of upcoming meetings with the AC well in advance, giving the AC an opportunity to consult and provide feedback;

determines that the AC has a purely internal function and is mandated to organize its own functioning as it deems appropriate;

recognizes the willingness of Citizens for Global Solutions and Democracy Without Borders to convene the initial organizing meetings of the AC;

further determines that the AC has the power to abolish itself if the body concludes that it is no longer needed.

Appendix 5

Commission on International Justice, Rule of Law and Human Rights (including AI and COPLA)

List of Participants

Fernando Iglesias
Yasmina Gourchane
Amy Oloo
Princess Hilary Namazzi Bulya
Dafni Gogou
Robert Whitfield
Jorgen Estrup
Rodrigo Hazaff
Camila Lopez Badra - rapporteur

Resolution:

- During the 2018 WFM Congress, a resolution was approved deciding to create Transnational Working Groups on different strategic possibilities.
- International Justice and the rule of law have become a complex and multilateral issue directly connected to the empowerment and democratisation of global governance.
- Given the success and positive results achieved from the TWGs strategy so far,
- And, due to the priority given by Congress to the ICC, the COPLA and their coalitions, and the emergence pdf new initiatives such as the creation of a new court against corruption among others,
- The World Federalist Movement decides:
- To create a Transnational Working Group related to International Justice and the Rule of Law.

Resolution:

The World Federalist Movement decides:

- to fully support the political effort of Democracia Global and the international coalition for the COPLA to promote the COPLA campaign;
- to present it to all the appropriate established WFM partners and funders, making political and financial efforts to expand the Coalition for the Establishment of COPLA, working within the Coalition for the International Criminal Court for resources.

It was made clear that the resolutions could not involve financial or professional staff support from the WFM at this time. MOs and AOs were urged to provide all possible political support.

Commission on Peace, Human Security and Conflict Prevention (including 3+3 NEANWFZ)

List of Participants

Tadashi Inuzuka
Sandra Coyle,
Ralph Krause
Klaus Schlichtmann
Hemachandra Basappa
Walter Dorn
Fergus Watt - Chair and rapporteur
James Arputharaj Williams
Radhiga Dey
Masakuni Tanimoto
Chris Hamer
Domenico Moro
Jim Barton
Desire Kalyango

The Commission gave full endorsement to the Campaign for a North East Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (3+3)

Resolution:

To call upon the UN Security Council and the General Assembly to urgently apply R2P in the case of the continuing tragedy in Myanmar.

- Taking a serious note that the state administration has been taken over by the military dismissing the democratically elected Civilian Government and arrest of the political leadership.
- Distressed at the killing of peaceful and unarmed protesters in many part of Myanmar
- Deeply regretting the use of brutal force against innocent protesters who were and are exercising their democratic rights of dissent.
- Further noting and appalled that the ASEAN and Myanmar's immediate neighbours have not called for an end to this state of affairs or for early elections and an end to the killing of protesters.
- Disappointed at the lack of efforts on the part of some powerful neighbouring countries like who are still supplying small arms to the military dictatorship in Myanmar.
- Astounded the lack of serious communication between UN and the Government of Myanmar
- Continued to be alarmed by the fact that the Rohingya issue is still not resolved and appears to be forgotten, with millions displaced in Bangladesh and on a remote island, which could flood and uproot these already displaced refugees during the Monsoon season. In addition and most unfortunately, it is reported that new ethnic clashes are taking place in many more places of Myanmar.
- With the clampdown on the media and travel by independent observers, the horror of the truth as to what has been happening eludes us.
- Being aware of the possibility that UN SC could consider this as it has on other emergency situations, when situations arose where the state was not adequately caring for its citizens,

- Recalling that WFM and this Congress has the power to call upon the UN to take all such steps, to end this rule which has brutalized the people of Myanmar and for the restoration of democracy immediately.

Acting as the highest, most representative and most legitimate body representing the will of the organization,

We call on the UN Security Council to apply the Responsibility to Protect in the case of Myanmar immediately.

Resolution:

Recalling that at the 2018 Congress a resolution was passed that the WFM-IGP supports in principle the concept of a World Community of Democratic Nations, as one possible first step towards a democratic world federation;

Noting that the CWSC already includes a number of WFM members, as well as representatives of the Atlantic movement;

WFM-IGP resolves to officially recognize the Coalition for a World Security Community and a Democratic and Federal World Order as a WFM-IGP TWG in the area of peace and security.

It was hoped that the TWG will return to future Congresses with clear policy suggestions.

Commission on International Democracy, World Governance, Federalism at the Global and Regional Level, UN Reform (including UNPA and the Institute)

List of participants

Andreas Bummel - co-Chair

Bob Flax - co-Chair

Deena Freeman

Donna Park - rapporteur

Eston McLeague

Flemming Thagersen

Kjartan Almanning

Laura McEwen

Lucio Levi

Marjolijn Snippe

Pilar Lorente
Robert Whitfield
Tom Macel

Resolution:

The World Federalist Movement supports the realisation of global governance simulation models as an educational initiative to raise awareness of the importance of the creation of a citizen-elected global body to deal with current problems at a global level and interpret and recognise the of global citizenship;

Encourages MOs and AOs to further develop manuals that make it easy to replicate such models around the world and which properly reflect key characteristics of a UNPA, a World Parliament or other institutions of global governance, taking into account the experienced work done by Democracia Global, World Citizen’s Assembly of Australia, and other MOs and AOs;

Encourages MOs and AOs that are working on these educational initiatives to set ups Transnational Working Group to support Global Governance simulation models and facilitate communication, exchange of materials, share experiences and look for collaboration instances among other things.

The Commission offered support for the “We The Peoples” and the UN75 campaigns

Commission on Environmental, Health, and Economic Governance (including International Court for the Environment)

List of Participants (some in part)

François	Leray	
Keith	Best	Chair
Bente	Nielsen	
Muthukumaran	Viswanathan	
Marjolijn	Snippe	
Suchismita	Pattanaik	Observer
Nicolas	Baird	
Nicola	Vallinoto	
Luiz	Bispo	
Guido	Montani	
Sembuya	Mohammed	Observer
John	Vlasto	

Taking account of the following papers submitted to the Commission for discussion:

- “Call for urgent and equitable action to halt the climate collapse and restore balance with mother earth” from Bolivia for a trajectory of decarbonisation to secure immediately the reduction of global temperature to below 1.5°C
- Platform of active support for the submission presented to the UNFCCC by the pluri-national state of Bolivia
- For a constitution of the earth by Guido Montani

- Prosecution of environmental crimes / ecocide by Wouter Veening, President Institute for Environmental Security
- The Epirus Declaration
- A self-financing world Marshall Plan: a basic income for all people and a Marshall Plan for the earth towards a green and non-violent economy in harmony with Nature and in the interest of all
- A planetary democracy to save the Earth, resolution approved by national congress of MFE (UEF Italy) in 2019
http://www.perunitaliaeuropea.it/congresso2019/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2_-_VALLINOTO-GROSSI_Una-democrazia-planetaria-per-salvare-la-terra.pdf.

Recognising that the climate crisis is pre-eminent in global citizens' concerns together with a need for better management of pandemics and secure finances for international institutions; that decarbonisation targets need to be accelerated by agreement in COP26 and any resumed Paris Agreement discussions in order to ensure a maximum temperature below 1.5°C

Asserting that in order to safeguard the global population and the environment from the climate crisis and pandemics all people need to have the right to a healthy environment and access to adequate health provisions on the basis that no-one is safe until everyone is safe and that the preservation of the diversity of the global commons and its species is not only necessary for the welfare of the world but also is held in trust for future generations

Assured that the issues we identify are ones that need a co-ordinated, global approach by nations working cohesively together with adequate finances and that this is best achieved through an accountable, democratic world federal government.

This Commission calls on WFM/IGP to support in whatever way possible

1. Promotion of both the addition of ecocide as a crime within the jurisdiction of the ICC and the creation of a World Environment Court in which international law is superior to national law and is applied universally; to consider a Constitution of the Earth and to work with the climate justice movement and other actors as well as existing coalitions to combat climate change towards a common theme; to promote a World Environment Organisation with regional reporting and representation
2. Strengthening of the powers of inspection and early warning on a regional as well as a global level of the WHO subject to democratic scrutiny so that early identification of a pandemic can lead to improved transnational reaction and precautions to protect the world's population as well as establishing a permanent financed mechanism such as Covax for the equitable and necessary distribution of vaccines and drugs to those in greatest need
3. Further examination of a global tax and/or revenue raising powers, equitably based on ability to pay, through, for example, on financial transactions, airline travel, carbon capture goals and other proposals
4. The advancement of the full participation of civil society including representative democratic institutions in all such issues as itemised above so that the voice of the peoples of the united nations can contribute to such discussions and hold to account those states and institutions that will effect agreed measures

END

Keith Best
Secretary WFM/IGP

29/08/2021