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Information regarding the upcoming election of the FIEC Board (July 4th, 2019, London)

The FIEC Board will go through some important changes in 2019 : our current President (Franco Montanari), two Vice-Presidents (Georgia Xanthaki Karamanou and Christiane Reitz), Secretary General (Paul Schubert) and one ordinary member (Chris Carey) will be stepping down simultaneously. Although this change may initially cause some turbulence, it should also be considered as a chance for innovation, since the remaining members of the Board will guarantee continuity.

During the last FIEC General Assembly (Leiden 2017), we explained to the Delegates that we would be following a semi-open process of election: open as regards some seats on the Board, less so for the positions that we must secure on the longer term (esp. Secretary General & Treasurer). Therefore the Board will ensure that, for each seat on the Board, there will be at least one potential candidate; additional proposals can also be made by our member associations (for instructions, see below).

The current FIEC Board consists of ten members:

President	Franco Montanari	stepping down
Vice-President	Christiane Reitz	stepping down
Vice-President	Georgia Xanthaki Karamanou	stepping down
Secretary General	Paul Schubert	stepping down
Treasurer	Gunhild Vidén	remaining on Board
Ordinary member	Benjamin Acosta-Hughes	remaining on Board
Ordinary member	Chris Carey	stepping down
Ordinary member	Jesús de la Villa	remaining on Board
Ordinary member	Valérie Fromentin	remaining on Board
Ordinary member	Martha Irigoyen	remaining on Board

To maintain some kind of continuity from the current to the next Board, we shall propose that the General Assembly elect:

- **Gunhild Vidén** as President;
- **Valérie Fromentin** as Treasurer.

The seat of Secretary General is a key position too; some preparation is required. Moreover, the FIEC Constitution (as modified in Leiden in 2017) requires that one of the key officers of the Board be based in Switzerland, for legal and banking reasons. Therefore, already during the General Assembly in Leiden, we explained to the Delegates that we intend to propose for election **Sabine Huebner** (University of Basel), who has accepted to run for election.

Benjamin Acosta-Hughes, Jesús de la Villa and Martha Irigoyen are willing to stand for re-election for the upcoming period.

This leaves four seats to be refilled. The Board has already identified five potential candidates, who would be willing to serve on the Board if elected:

- Prof. Fausto Montana (University of Pavia, Italy).¹
- Prof. Andreas Fountoulakis (University of Crete, Greece).²
- Prof. Katarzyna Marciniak (University of Warsaw, Poland).³
- Prof. Catherine Steel (University of Glasgow, United Kingdom).⁴
- Prof. André Lardinois (Radboud University, The Netherlands).⁵

Such proposals from the Board are necessary to ensure that each seat can be filled by a suitable candidate; we have even identified more candidates than the number of available seats. This should not, however, preclude member associations from making other nominations for election. At the General Assembly, all proposals will be considered on an equal footing.

Any member association that wishes to propose a candidate for election should write to the Secretary General no later than Saturday, June 15th, 2019, sending the following documents by e-mail (pdf format):

- Full name of the candidate, e-mail address and URL of institutional webpage.
- A short statement (10 lines) by the representative of the association, indicating the most conspicuous qualifications of the nominated candidate for this mandate.
- Short CV (1 page).
- A note from the proposed candidate stating that: a) she/he will not be older than 70 years at the time of election; b) she/he will take the position in case of she/he is elected.

¹ <https://studiumanistici.unipv.it/?pagina=docenti&id=957>

² <https://ptpe.edc.uoc.gr/en/staff/28198/49>

³ <http://old.al.uw.edu.pl/en-38>

⁴ <https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/humanities/staff/catherinesteel/#/>

⁵ <https://www.ru.nl/english/people/lardinois-a/>