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Subject: SERVAS Reminder about planned Extraordinary SI General Assembly (E-SIGA) 2021. Mailout#1

To: National Secretaries of Servas International (SI) Member Groups

Dear National Secretaries of Servas International Member Groups,

This is a reminder from SI Exco to the SI Member Groups about the announcement that we sent on March 31 about an Extraordinary Servas International General Assembly (E-SIGA 2021) which will take place during the next couple of months.

SI Exco will execute E-SIGA 2021 since a double majority of the SI member groups in the May 2021 SI Distant Vote approved SI Exco's proposed motion about arranging an Extraordinary Servas International General Assembly.

Agenda for the planned E-SIGA 2021:

There will be one single item on the agenda for E-SIGA 2021:

A SI Exco motion about amendments to the Servas International (SI) Statutes (2018) to allow for SI to formally register as an international non-governmental organisation (iNGO) and association in Switzerland with a registration number.

Such a registration has been the goal for SI for a long time.

A distant vote in November 2011 authorized SI Exco to seek a suitable country in which to formally register SI.

The initiative to formally register SI with a registration number was decided and partly financed by SI GA 2015, with additional funding from SI GA 2018.

You will receive the SI Exco motion and supporting documents for the E-SIGA 2021 in an upcoming Mailout#.

Timeline

SI Exco is currently preparing for E-SIGA 2021 which will be arranged with an electronic voting process based on the SI Distant Vote system that was introduced in SI's statutes in 2006 and has been developed and used since then.

This means that E-SIGA will be performed through an asynchronous web based distant voting where all eligible SI member groups are invited to participate. Further announcements will be sent out to the SI member groups. Please stay tuned.

For your participation, please prepare to do the following:

1. To **choose** a person who will be registered as **the voting delegate** for your member group for E-SIGA 2021. **This should be completed before July 21.**
2. To **participate** in the live (zoom) **information meetings** that will be held in **July**. More details below.
2. To **vote** Yes, No or Abstain to SI Exco's motion which you will receive. **Voting will take place via email August 1 – 15.**

As mentioned above, SI Exco is planning to arrange live information and Questions and Answers (Q&A) sessions via Zoom for the voting delegates that have been chosen by the member groups in:

- a) East Asia and Pacifics (English)
- b) Africa and Europe (English)
- c) Americas (South America, Central America and North America) (English and Spanish/Portugues).

The times and dates for these Zoom information will be announced in an upcoming Mailout#.

Important dates:

July (various dates): Information meetings on Zoom

July 21: Delegate information should be received by DVA.

August 1–15: Voting takes place via email.

August 17: Voting result will be announced.

Good luck with your preparations for E-SIGA 2021!

In peace,

Jonny Sågänger,

President

Servas International

On behalf of SI Exco