



*INTERNATIONAL
FEDERATION OF
PEDESTRIANS*

General Assembly October 2020 (held online via Zoom)

Meeting Minutes

Date:

Tuesday 20th October at 10:00pm London/Lisbon Time

Location: Online via Zoom

Agenda:

- **Welcome**
- **Minutes of the 2019 GA in Rotterdam**
- **Activities Report 2019-20**
- **New Members**
- **Engagement (social networks, mailing list)**
- **Finances**
- **Insurance**
- **Board and Executive Committee**
- **Other Business**

Welcome

Geert van Waeg (President) opened the meeting, welcomed all, and provided a general summary of the year for IFP. Each representative of a **voting member** introduced themselves:

Europe:

- Geert van Waeg, johanna.be, Belgium
- Tom Dhollander, Voetgangersbeweging/FEPA, Belgium
- Remy Huon, Tous à Pied, Belgium
- Blanka Klimešová, Prazske matky, Czech Republic

- Khatuna Gvelesiani* and Nino Sradze, Iare Pekhit, Georgia
- Tatiana Angelidou, Enosi Pezon, Greece
- Peter Jonquiere, MensenStraat, the Netherlands
- Pavel Gorny, Rzecznik Piesznych w Bydgoszczy, Poland
- Mário Alves, ACA-M and IFP, Portugal
- Moisés Velasco, La Zancada, Spain
- Ole Thorson, Catalunya Camina, Spain
- Christian Thomas, Fussgängerverein Zürich, Switzerland
- Monika Litscher, Fussverkehr Schweiz, Switzerland
- Sarah Widmer, Mobilité piétonne Suisse and IFP, Switzerland
- Görkem Akyol*, Erol Akhan, Arzu Filiz (Güngör) Çıdamlı, and Utku CİHAN, Yaya Derneği, Turkey
- Bronwen Thornton, Walk21, UK-Based

Oceania:

- Ben Rossiter, Victoria Walks and IFP, Australia
- Barnaby Bennett, SydneyWalks, Australia
- Andy Smith, Living Streets Aotearoa, New Zealand
- Anna Campbell* and Ben Wilson, Queensland Walks, Australia

North America:

- Dylan Reid, Michael Black* and Rebecca Goidwin, Walk Toronto, Canada
- Aldo González, Liga Peatonal, México
- Mike McGinn* and Eileen McCarthy, America Walks, United States

South America:

- Leticia Sabino, Sampapé, Brazil
- Sylvia Stuchi and Mity Hori*, Corrida Amiga, Brazil
- Martha Giraldo, FundaPeatón, Colombia
- Gustavo Calderon, Fundación Colombiana de Peatones, Colombia

*Indicates voting representative if more than one representative of the organization attended.

Associate members present

- John Wetmore, Perils for Pedestrians, USA

Geert van Waeg confirmed that there were at least 5 voting members from at least 3 continents, so the required quorum for the meeting was met.

Minutes of the 2019 GA in Rotterdam

The delegates approved the minutes for the 2019 General Assembly held in Rotterdam in October 2019.

Activities Report 2019-20

- Multi-modal Optimisation of Road-space in Europe (MORE) project-IFP is part of a consortium of 17 partners on this project. It involves improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the main roads that feed traffic to/from the interurban road links of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T), including making them more pedestrian- and cyclist-friendly in urban areas. New concepts, tools and processes are being developed and tested in five cities: Budapest, Constanta, Lisbon, London and Malmo. The plan is for MORE to deliver tools to assist cities in their roadspace design process: a library with design elements to develop new options; a stakeholder engagement tool for the co-creation of design options, using both web-based and traditional planning tools; a simulation tool that will mimic user behaviour in streets and on roads, including the delivery of performance indicators; and an appraisal tool for the assessment of design options. Because of COVID, the case studies are late and the project has requested a 6-month delay. The Commission approved the request. Most European projects are delayed. Please visit www.roadspace.eu for additional information. Mário is IFP's lead.
- Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety--IFP is partnering with Fussverkehr Schweiz, with Sarah Widmer representing IFP as a policy advisor. The Global Forum is Working Party 1 (WP.1) of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). It convenes twice a year. The goal of the IFP-Fussverkehr Schweiz partnership is to raise awareness of pedestrians and walking. Sarah attended the meetings in March and September 2020. Sarah's role is to ensure that pedestrians are represented. IFP can express its views and intervene, but does not have a vote. The strategy is to get our ideas carried forward by one or a few of the delegates. At the most recent meeting in September 2020, Sarah intervened re distracted driving v. distracted walking and the importance of not equating the two and in a discussion of vulnerable road users. As the main focus is on cars, there is much discussion of vehicle regulations, norms for drivers, autonomous vehicles. However, IFP's input is appreciated, and Sarah received positive feedback from the WP1 chair through LinkedIn after the last meeting.
- Korean Transport Institute: Geert was invited to present at a seminar on pedestrian issues at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Korean Transport Institute (KOTI). He also spent some time exploring Seoul and reporting to them on pedestrian safety issues. Shortly thereafter, KOTI asked IFP to write two chapters in a book they are working on about urban transport policy and the need for a paradigm change toward better safety and health. Sarah wrote most of the first chapter (Historical perspective) supported by Mário Mário is working on chapter 2 (Emergent Policies and New Trends) supported by Geert.

- Walk21 2019, Rotterdam, Netherlands: IFP led two workshops, which were both well-attended. One was on micromobility with Marjolein de Jong and Sonia Lavadinho, and the other an advocacy workshop with America Walks and Como Anda. IFP members also contributed to poster sessions and breakouts. We hope to continue to do these workshops at future Walk21 conferences.
- IFP held two virtual member meetings in April and May 2020. In April, the group discussed what cities are doing around the world, exchanging views. In May, the discussion was more structured. Each group discussed what they are doing to advocate for pedestrians during the COVID crisis. If anyone who was not there wants to see the powerpoint or the YouTube link (which is secret), please email Mário. We want to do this again in the next few months as we prepare for another COVID wave.
- EU Global Safety Regulations (GSR): With other organizations (ETSC, ECF, Pois, ...), IFP advocated strongly to support passage of new regulations on safety features mandatory on new vehicles in the EU from 2022/2024, including Automatic Emergency Braking, data recorders and intelligent speed adaptation (ISA). ISA was the most important issue to IFP. Now IFP is working on technical details of implementation. This is hugely important and overall looks very good.
- United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC): Normally, UNRSC meets twice a year. This year, due to COVID, the second meeting was held online and the group is moving toward having more frequent shorter online meetings. Geert van Waeg and Mário Alves attend these.
- Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety: Geert actively participated in the third ministerial conference. There was one important main session on safety of active road users. Geert moderated it and Bronwen Thornton and Marta Giraldo participated. Geert also presented at side events on Vision Zero and Safe Mobility in Urban areas. We got across the notion that modal shift (toward walking, cycling and public transit) is an important part of and contributor to Road Safety. The Stockholm Declaration came out of it and is good. It is available online and has been transferred into a UN resolution calling for another decade of action, aiming to halve the number of fatalities on roads over the next decade.
- International Transport Forum: IFP continued to work with the Forum.
- SuM4All Consortium meeting: This is a consortium with the World Bank and other groups. The group is strangely car-centric. . Much energy goes into making understood that (sustainable) e-mobility is not just replacing an internal combustion engine by an electric motor. IFP is stressing the huge potential modal shift offers, whether it be to walking, (both electrically assisted and conventional) cycling or public transit. More and more organizations are buying into IFP's ideas now.

- **RADAR (Risk Assessment on Danube-Area Road):** IFP was invited to join this project, which is about road safety in countries along the Danube. Mário went to Prague and presented on pedestrian safety and rights. It was valuable because the project primarily involves car clubs, which seemed interested.

New Members

IFP has two new members: La Zancada in Cadiz, Spain and Walk Sydney (in Sydney, Australia).

Engagement

Twitter (@ifpedestrians): IFP increased its followers from 5090 to 6200.

Facebook: Followers have increased from 11,500 to 13,000.

IFPedestrians-net: Membership increased to 317. Please send messages to the list. It can be helpful and is certainly not overloaded yet.

Instagram: IFP Instagram increased from 1000 to 1400 members. We made 154 publications.

Linked-in: New page and has 350 members. This allows for more professional interactions.

Finances

2019-2020: Andy, IFP's Treasurer, gave a presentation.

- IFP transferred € 9413 forward from last year
- We received €19,391 for project work and € 497 in donations during the year .
- Expenses for this year totalled € 20,307
- The resulting amount, which will transfer to next year, is € 8994

Bronwen asked whether the budget is based on the calendar year. Geert said that the budget has always run from September 1-August 31. This is typically done so that financial information can be presented at the annual IFP General Assembly. Bronwen asked which funds are used to pay Sarah. Geert said that Fussverkehr Schweiz pays her salary and Christian explained that the money used to pay her has to be raised in Switzerland. It is easier to fundraise if the money

goes to a Swiss organization. For IFP, there is no cost. We may have funding for staff the year after next. Travel costs generally may go down due to COVID.

The financial report was presented and discussed. Dominik Bucheli (Auditor) reviewed and recommended that the GA approve the accounts and relieve the Board. The General Assembly approved the financial report and relieved the Board. Bucheli will continue as Auditor next year.

Insurance

Geert explained that the group discussed insurance for board members at the two last General Assemblies. Research was done and this insurance would cost almost € 1000. Geert consulted the Board via email; only a few members responded and the answer was “no” to insurance -- let’s drop the idea. Geert asked if the group should revisit the issue or close it out. No one wanted to revisit it. Ben thanked Geert for his work on this issue. There was discussion of how Switzerland approaches this issue -- generally no insurance would be needed. Bronwen noted that IFP is an international organization and laws of other countries might apply to non-Swiss board members. She also expressed her appreciation for the research done and said that individual board members may want to look into the insurance issue on their own and make sure they are comfortable with IFP’s decision not to insure board members. Ben agreed and noted that Victoria Walks’ insurance company covers him as his Board had agreed that his work on IFP was part of his work with Victoria Walks. Ben suggested Board members’ check with their own organisation’s insurance company, if they have one, to see if they are also covered for IFP activities. Geert thanked Bronwen for raising the issue and said it was good to work through it.

Board and Executive Committee

Board: Last year’s General Assembly took the decision that board membership would be subject to two-year terms. Geert asked if anyone wants to leave or join the Board. Ben nominated Monika Litscher as a new member of the Board. Monika accepted. Other members supported her appointment and she was welcomed to the Board. Bronwen asked for clarification of what happens when a member’s two-year term is up. Do we have to be re-nominated and be accepted? Do people step down? Geert said that a Board member can step down at any time. When the member’s term is up, they will have to apply again at the General Assembly. It is good to have some turnover, but also good to have continued participation. Ben noted that he had proposed this change last year because sometimes board members have disappeared in the past and this allows IFP to drop members who are no longer active. Bronwen said she understands and supports that concern, but it might be better to have staggered turn over. Ben agreed.

Executive Committee: Only the Treasurer position is up for election. Geert asked if we wanted to re-elect Andy, who was willing to serve. No one else expressed interest, and Andy was re-elected. The other offices are not up for re-election. The members of the Executive Committee and Board are:

President:

- Geert van Waeg (Belgium), johanna.be

Vice President:

- Ben Rossiter (Australia), Victoria Walks

Treasurer:

- Andy Smith (New Zealand), Living Streets Aotearoa

Secretary General:

- Mário Alves (Portugal), ACA-M

Board:

- Ole Thorson (Spain), Catalunya Camina
- Gustavo Calderon (Colombia), Fundación Colombiana de Peatones
- Eileen McCarthy (United States), America Walks
- Dieter Schwab (Austria), Walk-Space.at
- Christian Thomas (Switzerland), Fussgängerverein Zürich
- Bronwen Thornton (UK), Walk21
- Silvia Stuchi (Brasil), Corrida Amiga
- Monika Litscher (Switzerland), Fussverkehr Schweiz

Other Matters

Mário explained that last year we decided to ask the UN to create a World Pedestrian Day. Mário researched the process for making such a request. World Bicycle Day was instituted two years ago and we can use that as a model for our request. Mário would like to move forward. Wants to coordinate with WHO, which wanted to create August 17 as World Pedestrian Day -- the day that Bridget Driscoll died (8/17/1896). Mário will email Etienne Krug for advice about how to move forward. Please contact Mário if you want to help.

Geert asked for other ideas. Ole Thorson said his experience in Spain, Catalonia, and at international meetings is that people forget about pedestrians when they talk about mobility and transport. He asked members to work actively to raise awareness about pedestrians. Ole has been working to get Catalonia to implement a pedestrian plan, which also will apply to Barcelona. Last week, he also has been in contact with Barcelona to talk about their

infrastructure plan. He asked if they had changed anything about the value rating for their infrastructure to increase the value of human life. They said no, but that they had lowered the value of time in their evaluations. This should result in more value being given to cyclists and pedestrians.

Michael Black said he thought the April and May virtual discussions were good and expressed interest in future online discussions of issues related to COVID19. He asked if we could draw up recommendations that members could use when talking to their government officials. Geert noted that we have talked about doing position papers but no one has time. He asked if anyone has a document we could use. We could use that as a starting point and then work together via email or in virtual meetings. Michael said he would be willing to contribute and assumes others will want to participate.

Peter Jonquiere said that the pedestrian movement in Holland has succeeded in getting the national ministry, which is usually only interested in cars, to organize a platform to bring together all initiatives for pedestrians. He is trying to raise their interest in international platforms and hopes to have better news in the future.

Geert closed the meeting.