



**REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF  
THE CLUB OF THE WORLD'S MOST  
BEAUTIFUL BAYS**

**14 November 2003  
National Assembly – PARIS**

## **Present:**

M. Michel MET – Président d'honneur fondateur  
M. Guy ROUSSET – Président Mondial  
M. Alain GEST – Président Mondial délégué  
M. Galip GÜR – Vice-Président Europe (Turquie)  
M. Bruno BODARD – Secrétaire Général  
M. Hervé LAIGO – Trésorier  
Mme Zorica KRAVCUK – Club des Bouches de Kotor (Monténégro)  
M. Guy SYLVAIN – Baie de Diego Suarez (Madagascar)  
M. Louis THEBAULT – Président GIT Baie du Mt St Michel  
M. Jacques HEC – Président Association Mise en Valeur de la Baie du Mt St Michel  
Mme Marianne ABGRALL – Baie du Mt St Michel  
M. Marcel FOURMESTRAUX – Golfe du Morbihan – Baie de Quiberon  
Mme Laurence QUINTON – Golfe du Morbihan – Baie de Quiberon  
Mme Rosario SAN EMETARIO – Baie de Santander (Espagne)  
M. Andre MARTINS – Maire Adjoint de Setubal (Portugal)  
M. Jackie CAUET – Baie des Saintes (Guadeloupe)  
Mme Michelle PAULY – Chargé de mission développement touristique - CG 80 – Baie de Somme  
M. Jean-Michel DELACROIX – Exilène Films  
Mme Françoise BERTHEAU – Présidente Exilène Films  
Mme Ly THI BICH – Baie de Nha Trang (Vietnam)  
M. BUI MAU – Baie de Nha Trang (Vietnam)  
M. Daniel ALTEIRAC – Maire Adjoint de Séné (Morbihan)  
Mme Maria RODRIGUES – Baie de Mindelo (Cap Vert)  
M. Enrique Alfredo LITMAN –Praia da Rosa (Brésil)  
Mme Dolly SAVARY – Bretagne Vivante Morbihan  
M. Côme VERMERSCH – Directeur du CDT de la Somme  
M. Hubert FLANDRE – Directeur du Développement Economique - CG80 – Baie de Somme  
M. Vincent ALFONSO – Imag'Concept  
M. Gérard POUX – Imag'Concept  
M. Michel ZANETTACCI – Baie de Porto Girolata  
Mme Ghislaine d'ANTRAS de JOURDAN – Communication CG80 – Baie de Somme  
M. Michel BUJOLD – Baie des Chaleurs (Canada)  
M. Richard GINGRAS – Baie des Chaleurs (Canada)  
Mme Nicole TREMBLAY – Baie des Chaleurs (Canada)  
M. NGO VAN HUY – Directeur de l'Aménagement de la Baie d'Halong (Vietnam)  
M. HA DANG HAHN – Haut Fonctionnaire de province du Quang Nih – Halong Bay (Vietnam)  
M. LE NGOC CAM – Chef Adjt Haut Fonctionnaire de Province du Quang Nih – Halong Bay (Vietnam)  
M NGUYEN VAN TUAN – Directeur Général de la Division Tourisme – Halong Bay (Vietnam)  
M. Eric LORE – Morbihan  
M. Gwenhaël CAPPE – Journaliste Morbihan  
M. Wilfried BEDEL – Fondateur Tongasoa Madagascar

## **Excused :**

Mr Roger MAHAZOASY – Minister of Tourism of Madagascar  
Mr Mahomed OUDMINE – Vice –president Africa  
Mr Hervé BARRE – UNESCO  
Mr Chris LEY – San Francisco  
Mr Franck O'DONNOVAN – Bantry  
Mr Mike FOXLEY – Penzance  
Mrs Léonie GAFFET – Valdès Peninsula  
Mr BALAKRISHNAN – Kerala  
Mr Rick TAYLOR – Cape Town  
M. André MALLOL – Golfe du Morbihan – Baie de Quiberon  
M. BRUNEAU – Carnac Mayor

The delegated world president, Mister Alain Gest, welcomes the participants to the General Assembly.

As a preamble he did a succinct presentation of the National Assembly and the Palais Bourbon.

He congratulated the organisers of the congress at Tadoussac for the quality of their meeting, which according to him was: "an occasion during which the club brought us a great moment of pleasure".

He means to support the development of the club in order to give it other capacities in which to act, notably by the creation of a foundation. He wishes to contribute to the progression of this organisation.

Guy ROUSSET, the world President, thanked Alain GEST for the invitation to hold the General Assembly at the General Assembly and recalled the more important moments and actions of the past year.

First of all, he wanted to evoke the remembrance of Guillaume LECA.

Then he went over the congress of Tadoussac, a real success, the budget of which was \$ 528 500 Canadien and which left a budgetary surplus of \$5000 Canadien.

He also mentioned the production of 8 films for French Television with the Exilène company, as well as numerous exchanges between our bays, such as the invitation issued to the Golfe du Morbihan to participate as guest of honour in the Bird Festival organised by the Somme.

The Presidents report was unanimously accepted.

#### The Treasurers Financial Report

The treasurer presented the accounts which are at 1890€

The financial report was unanimously accepted.

He issued a reminder that certain bays are not up to date in their subscriptions and there will be exclusions;

The general Secretary indicated that there are numerous requests for admission:

- Samana bay (Dominican Republic)
- Trincomalé bay (Sri Lanka)
- Sihanouk Ville bay (Cambodia)
- Sine saloum bay (Senegal)
- Fort de France bay (Martinique)
- and other bays in Canada

The General Secretary presented the situation of the Club of the Worlds Most Beautiful Bays as it is today, strengths and weaknesses (see attached document)

#### Television session

A presentation of the resumés of the films made by the Exilène company (concerning the bays of Setubal, Somme, Tadoussac, Banderas, Tous les Saints, Diego Suarez, Bodrum and Along) was projected before lunch at the Ministry of Equipment.

The session was well received. There were between 1.5 and 2 million television viewers who watched each film on France Television.

There are no signed engagements for a follow up to the series.

## Action

The president underlined the declaration of Tadoussac in order to situate the club's projects of action. He explained the future creation of a **permanent crossroads of exchange**.

In order to do this, a feasibility study is commissioned with subventions by the "Economic Development of Canada", which has shown itself to be a real partner and means to follow up on this project.

The museum of Tadoussac had less visits than envisaged: 9900 entries at \$2 Canadian. According to the President it would be sufficient to keep making people dream. Also is it envisaged to move to a more open and accessible place. The errors noticed during the congress have been corrected. The President has requested that the profits from the visits go to the club of the bay of Tadoussac in order to consolidate a job on site.

The delegated president in turn also informed of a project to create a presentation area dedicated to the club on the motorway rest area of the bay of the Somme. Entrance would cost a symbolic 1€. The area would present the Bay Club, it would need to hand out a short document (flier).

The idea of a practical guide was then discussed, like the "guide du routard" (a travel guide). The Breton representative from the bay of Mont St Michel proposed to work on this document.

## Exchanges between representatives of the bays

A Brazilian representative proposed to put Non Governmental Organisations in touch with each other in order to re-inforce the network of contacts. The representative from Punta Arenas in Chili suggested looking at the needs of certain bays and establishing support, as a measure of solidarity.

As a concrete response the representative of PNR of Corsica proposed to circulate his dossier as an example for those who wish it. He officially declared that the mayor of Porto (400 inhabitants) offered its refuse lorry (truck) to the bay of Diego Suarez in order to offer an effective contribution to resorbing the problem of household waste in Antsiranana. The proposition was warmly applauded.

Still on the subject of household waste, the representative of Saintes informed on their actions to pick up waste and plastic in the bay, initiative endorsed by local television (RFO). He informed that plastic bags are given to every passenger on the Pointe à Pitre to Les Saintes crossing, which end up on the sea bed, causing irreparable damage to marine flora and fauna. Every year diving clubs pick up several tonnes of this type of rubbish. The Corsican reply in turn indicated that plastic bags will be banned throughout the whole island in future.

A specialist on waste who was present in the audience informed that there are bio-degradable plastic bags and that he would inform the representative of Saintes. The latest products of this type will be presented at the next Pollutec salon.

### Exchange Forum

Representatives from the bay of the Somme, underlined that this type of exchange could be the topic of an internet forum, sharing knowledge with questions and answers. This could maybe be animated in the context of a permanent crossroads of exchange: "I have a particular problem, can someone from the club help me to solve it?.."

### Foundation

The delegated president presented the project of creating a foundation. According to French law this is complex, and to build up and requires that 750 000€ be placed in a special fund. He proposed to create a work group made up of the bay of the Somme, Mont St Michel, and the Golfe of Porto Gifrolata in order to compare the legislations of different countries in which we have a bay and then to make a proposition during the next club meeting.

The representative from the bay of Mont St Michel reminded us also of the project of creating a Guillaume LECA study grant (scholarship), for the young, which will recompense a noteworthy action in favour of the environment. The foundation would finance the grant.

### Book of artistic photographs

The general Secretary presented the project of two books of artistic photographs by Mr TIBO. One for the bays of the Channel and Atlantic coast and one for a selection of world bays. The President had reservations about this project since he prefers that the club propose a project on all the bays. He will wait to discover more and refuses that the club endorse these editions. On the other hand, should the European Bays wish, they could do this book autonomously between themselves.

### Internet site

A company presented a project for an internet site for the club. The requested subscription is 13000 € per year. The president is categorically opposed to a site with an annual rent fee, and requests that a proposal to purchase be presented.

### Symposium 2004

The representative of Montenegro requested an extension to the organisation of a symposium due to be held in 2004 to 2006, due to the difficulties encountered in this small state during its reconstruction.

Two candidates were presented to the club to organise the symposium in spring of 2004: the bay of Sous Massa Draa (Morocco) and the bay of Nha Trang (Vietnam). Each will be asked to submit a detailed proposal in order that the committee can make its decision.

### Elections

Mr Juan MORANO CORNEJO, mayor of Punat Arenas (Chili) was unanimously voted in as Vice President for the Americas.

Mr NGO VAN HUNG, director of the management of the Bay of Along (Vietnam) ) was unanimously voted in as Vice President for Asia.

Mr Jackie CAUET was designated as delegate for the Caribbean club.

### New bay Candidate

A delegation from the bay of Chaleurs did a remarkable presentation on the assets of their culture, fauna, ethnology and geography of their bay; this bay situated between the provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick, appears to have all the required assets. An answer concerning the admission will be made after the next committee meeting.

### Subscriptions

The subscription fee remains unchanged for 2004.