



## Report of the IVth Congress of the Worlds Most Beautiful Bays Club in Praia do Rosa, Brasil

6<sup>th</sup> October 2007

The following people were present at this meeting:

Jérôme Bignon, World President  
Galip Gur, Delegate President  
Hervé Laigo, Treasurer  
Bruno Bodard, General Secretary  
Michelle Pauly, Responsible for Public Relations and the internet site

Bay of the Somme (France)

Dominique Camus  
Yves Butel  
Gilbert Mathon  
René Lognon

Gulf of the Morbihan –Quiberon bay (France)

André Mallol  
Gérard Pierre  
Jean Le Rolland  
Robert Tanguy  
Loïc Brisset  
Stéphane Taupin  
Francis Salaun

Mont Saint Michel bay (France)

Michel Bellier  
Louis Thébault  
Yvonnick de la Chesnaie  
Catherine Kelle  
Manuel Kelle

Bodrum bay (Turkey)

Mazlum Agan  
Mehmet Ulkum

Magellan straits (Chili)

Juan Morano  
José Saldivia  
Victoria Molkembuhr  
Betty Millan  
Carlos Gonzales

Bay des Chaleurs (NB - Canada)

Rose Mary Mettalic

René Martin  
Michel Bujold  
Richard Gingras  
Antoine Landry  
Charlotte Verreault

Agadir bay (Morocco)  
Mohamed Oudmine  
Driss Moubarik

Setubal bay (Portugal)  
André Martins  
Joao Amaral  
Capoulas Antonio  
Joaquim Ferreira

Siné Saloum Delta (Senegal)  
Abdoulaye Sene  
Sorry Kaba

Tadoussac Bay (Qc – Canada)  
Marie-Josée Guérin  
Marie-Claude Guérin  
Bruno Therrien

San Francisco bay (USA)  
Brigitte Morvant

Porto and Girolata gulfs (Corsica – France)  
Michel Zanettacci

Halong bay (Vietnam)  
Nguyen Manh Tuyen  
Nguyen Thu Huyen  
Nguyen Hoang Anh  
Do Ngoc Bich

Nha Trang bay (Vietnam)  
Le Xuan Than  
Van Anh Hao  
Bui Mau  
Nguyn Quang Thang  
Tran Thi Lien

Qingdao bay (China)  
Wang Lanbo  
Gaozhiquan  
Lijing

Kotor estuary (Montenegro)

Zorica Kravcuk  
Ruzica Ivanovic  
Ljiljana Jovovic

Bays invited to present their applications:

Pemba Bay (Mozambique)

Général Alberto Joaquim Chipande  
Pedro Burrimo Nacuo  
Kwasi Agbley  
Valige Tauabo

Carthagene de Los Indias (Columbia)

Paola Frieri  
Victoria Espinosa  
Maria Teresa Gomez

The 4<sup>th</sup> congress was opened by the president following the ceremonial protocols, which were the occasion for the secretary of state for tourism of the state of Santa Catarina and the mayor of Imbituba to welcome the congress delegates.

The program of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting allowed for:

- 1- A presentation of the plan for sustainable development in the region of Imbituba.

Introduction by Roberto Martins, mayor of Imbituba  
Presentation by: Lorena Babot

Question from Abdoulaye Sene from the Sine Saloum Delta: This is an example for consideration. Bearing in mind the importance of such an instrument, wishes that an outline procedure be put on line.

Question from Mohamed Oudmine from the bay of Agadir : Finance ?

Finance comes from specific federal government programmes such as cleaning up programmes, on the one hand, and private investors on the other.

Question from Michel Bujold from the Bay des Chaleurs : How far off is this project and how will the dunes be protected ?

The research took one year. This plan was formed and developed in 2005; there were three 6 month plans.

Conclusions: This is a very ambitious plan for Imbituba; which must go beyond the old cultural reflex reactions, and it will take time to impose the plan and to bring on board the inhabitants by showing them that the future will be dark if the natural resources are not well managed.

It was unanimously decided to adopt a motion in line with the Club Charter.

***Motion:***

***On the 8 October 2007, at Praia do Rosa – Imbituba – State of Santa Catarina – Brazil, the General Assembly of the Worlds Most Beautiful Bays Club, took note of a project for sustainable development in the community of Imbituba.***

***The Club is very pleased with the request of the mayor which is in perfect harmony with the Club Charter, requiring the support of the club at the General Assembly. The club invites the political authorities and all those involved in Brazils and the State of Santa Caterinas socio economic sectors, to favour the outcome and achievement of this projects objectives, by all the means available.***

***This motion was unanimously adopted.***

- 2- The president handed the floor to the representatives of the Bay of Pemba (Mozambique)

Introduction: General Alberto Joaquim Chipande

Presentation: Kwasi Agleby

In conclusion, the Bay of Pemba wishes to become part of the Worlds Most Beautiful Bays Club in order to be able to align its development with the spirit of the Club Charter and so reinforce this partnership.

The President took the floor again to thank the delegation from Pemba. A file will be opened and a delegation will make a visit.

- 3- Presentation by Monica Danielsky of the Institute for the Right Whale, on the programme for the protection and preservation of marine mammals and the region of the Rosa bay area.

In conclusion 70 to 80% of right whales on this coast are in the Praia do Rosa area, which is why it is so important to protect this beach. No development is possible without the protection of the whales.

The support given by the federal government for research is very restricted, which implies that there are difficulties in protecting the right whale.

There is no finance for material needs, in particular a plane to fly over the coast to allow counting of the right whales. A population count using a plane costs about 30 000 Dollars between the periods of june to november.

Two projects are underway: Estimation of the number of Right Whales, and a plan for management of the Right Whales.

It is important to work with, and provide fishermen with data.

The education of tourists is done by having a biologist on board each boat. The biologists' role is to provide information to and heighten awareness of the public.

In terms of regulations, maritime law is the responsibility of the Nature and Sea Police which is dependant on the federal government for the protected zones. This is therefore not undertaken by the Right Whale Institute being an NGO (Non Governmental Organisation).

In order to reinforce the coordination between bays which scientifically observe whales, and work for their protection, the Worlds Most Beautiful Bays Club unanimously decided to join the International Whale Observatory.

***The Worlds Most Beautiful Bays Club has understood the actions undertaken by the International Cetacean Observatory. Bearing in mind the interest that the Worlds Most Beautiful Bays Club has in all species of cetacean in the seas and oceans around the bays of Club members, the Club has decided to seek membership of this NGO.***

***The Club reiterates its support for this remarkable work, which has important support from public authorities in order to carry out useful initiatives for Right Whale conservation, and especially to improve observation and knowledge on these whales.***

This motion was unanimously adopted.

4- Conference on developing exchange in the area of marine biotechnologies.  
Presentation: André Mallol (annexe 1)

In conclusion:

There was a proposal to create a line of natural products which come from the sea labelled “Worlds Most Beautiful Bays Club”, which needs to be defined with each bay which should designate someone responsible for proposing an outline project. This is a new project, which needs to be made to work, and work needs to be undertaken to find a method of commercialisation.

André Mallol is the contact person for this project, but it is together that we must profit from this possibility. The way that the bays work as a network appears insufficient for the magnitude of this project which will almost certainly need to be built on.

5- Admission ceremony for the bay of Qingdao (China)

The president went over the procedure:

- Candidate presentation at UNESCO in Paris during the General Assembly of 2006
- Deposition of the candidate file
- Visit to China by two members of the Board of Directors who submitted a report, and the conclusion to admit

The president then announced the admission of the bay and handed the diploma to its representatives

8<sup>th</sup> October 2007

Opening of the General Assembly of 2007 by Jérôme Bignon, World President of the Worlds Most Beautiful Bays Club.

Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly

Reading of messages from:

- 1- Michel Met, founding president
- 2- Guy Rousset

In reply to both of these messages the President proposed a motion.

- 1- *The Worlds Most Beautiful Bays Club listened emotionally to the message addressed by the founding President. Together the members express their gratefulness and friendship, and also their best wishes to Michel and Marisette for a swift recovery and hope to see them again at another meeting.*
- 2- *The Worlds Most Beautiful Bays Club listened to President Rousset with interest. The members send warm wishes for a rapid recovery. They warmly thanked Guy Rosset for his continuing interest in the club. Of particular note was the offer of a partnership of houses with a wooden structure. A work group animated by Bruno Bodard, General Secretary, has the responsibility to reflect on putting into place such a proposal. The members wish Guy Rosset their fondest wishes and a rendez vous at the Bay des Chaleurs for the next General Assembly in October 2008.*

*This motion was unanimously adopted.*

President Jerome Bignon took the floor to make his situation report;

The Congress which we have been participating in over the last few days has already given me the opportunity to express myself and to thank our hosts, Enrique Litman, Béto Martins and all the Praia do Rosa team for a well organised and warm welcome, but also during this congress of our General Assembly, to communicate a certain number of messages on our work on this occasion of our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

After two years as president I can measure the progress which has been made, but also what still needs to be done.

#### The first message

- Our shared history over these last 10 years is without doubt a lovely adventure, but it is not enough...
- ⇒ A lovely adventure because it has enabled the bringing together of a group of men and women from all the continents, denominations and origins, to be animated by a conviction which has strengthened and become better and better shared: Protection and Development are not irreconcilable. It is not these concepts which are in conflict, but more fundamentally, man and nature.
- ⇒ A lovely adventure too because progressively the existence of the Club concept of The Worlds Most Beautiful Bays Club has been accepted by our populations: This is essential for our institutions. It is not the case everywhere, but things are progressing as we can see here at Praia do Rosa. The interactions of the club with municipality of the State of Santa Catherina are evident; this was not the case only 3 years ago.
- ⇒ A lovely adventure as I was saying, but which must, in order to continue, reach another stage as soon as possible.

In effect, to stay as we are now is not sufficient. I am conscious that this demand is not easy to share.

I am also conscious that if we reach this stage one day, the distances which separate us, and the unavoidable time between our meetings put our organisation in danger. Not so much for ourselves, but more especially of the way we are seen by our public and private partners.

We must therefore not only work on our body, the structure and our methods but ALSO on the content by making the principles of the Charter which govern us as operational as possible.

There is a new step to have to take. The fundamentals of the Club are good, confidence, quality of relationships between people, the network; all the ingredients are there. The next stage which we will build together will require new and stronger implication of our members.

Madame WangahRi Maathai, winner of the Nobel Prize for Peace in 2004 and Minister Kényane of the environment, would like to remind each of us that to succeed in each undertaking, especially in the area of sustainable development that one must be « committed, determined and also patient ».

This implication is a guarantee of success.

--> During the second part of our General Assembly we must therefore take an important decision to validate the development of a network which will allow us to eliminate some of the difficulties and inconvenience linked to the distances which separate us, and to be more present and involved by the operational side of our actions.

This decision is not the fruit only of my own thoughts, but that of the debates engaged upon in Tadoussac in 2003, which will today deliver a result, or rather, and closer to the truth, an advance.

So there you are my friends, this situation report ends on a note of confidence and hope.

It is hoped that the ten years which have gone by, will, by the value of the reflexions they initiated, help build the following years in a positive fashion for the influence of the club, its members, its bays and the people who live there.

Thank you

#### Approval of the situation report

The situation report which was put up to vote by the General Secretary was unanimously adopted.

The president passed the floor to Bruno Bodard, General Secretary, to present a report on the activity of the Club:

“Dear Friends,

Well it has been a year since nearly all of us were together at UNESCO in Paris. This was an important moment in the young history of our organisation. This was quite a consecration at the time of the inauguration of our exhibition on our bays in a symbolic setting, in the presence of ambassadors and ministers.

The follow on from the meeting at the Baie de Somme also left us with some unforgettable memories, in particular the subtle bringing together of art and the environment which Jerome Bignon exposed us to at the Saint S  pulcre church in Abbeville and the Abbey ay Saint Riquier.

Following this, the Clubs activities maintained their impetus and I would like to highlight two moments of particular importance. The first was a suggestion by our friend Galip Gur, was about our stand at the ITB in Berlin, which is world biggest Tourist Exhibition. Naturally the organisers positioned us in the hall dedicated to EcoTourism, and the contacts made were very interesting both in terms of public and professional people we met. We particularly recall meeting the Turkish Minister for Tourism. The committee also had their meeting there, and took advantage of the convivial and international working atmosphere.

The other important moment was without doubt the organisation and realisation of the sailing event "Route de la Voile". Alongside the outstanding congress which our Brazilian friends put together for us, we wanted to make a special event of our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The "Route de la Voile" achieved the objectives and made an impression on this pivotal year for us.

To begin with Andr   Martins wanted to open up a maritime route between a number of our bays. In having taken on board this powerful idea, I had the opportunity to meet the owner of a catamaran named "Baies des Mondes" (Bays of the World) who just so happened wanted to undertake a bay to bay journey in order to communicate the need to protect our shores.

So we had the boat, now we needed to establish the route with the objectives of our actions. The bay of Setubal suggested that the theme was the necessity to protect dolphins. To reinforce the understanding of the inhabitants of their bay, they decided to organise a seminar on the protection of dolphins, and make this international gathering coincide with the arrival of the boat.

I had the idea of using a symbolic object which would travel from bay to bay, much like the Olympic flame, in order to transmit our will and values, and enrich the object up until its arrival in Portugal.

We had to find a financial partner to make this journey possible, and I would publicly like to thank the Daniel Jouvance company, who not only undertook to support us financially, but who also really engaged themselves in the project by organising a conference on biotechnologies in Vannes.

And so the boat set off from its home port on the north coast of Brittany one fine morning. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side and so the crew had to wait patiently until the storm passed. This year, the spring time weather conditions at sea were especially difficult, and I would like to pay homage to the crew who tackled high seas to maintain their course and try to remain within schedule. However the delays at the start meant that the boat could not dock at Penzance, and I fear that the English were a bit put out. After this the "Route de la Voile" kept all its promises for all types of adventures.

On arrival on the 14<sup>th</sup> of may at the Bay de Somme, "Baies des Mondes" was warmly received by the president, J  rome Bignon and Michelle Pauly and all her team. But on arrival in the small port of Valery de Somme, the main sail was torn, and it had to be repaired in Rouen. During this time the boat motored up to Dieppe to stay within schedule.

It was expected to arrive in Granville on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. Navigation conditions were optimal, but then, in the middle of the night near the British coastline, “Baies des Mondes” received a distress signal from a small sailing boat in distress. She assisted the family and waited for the arrival of the British life boats.

This rescue at sea made them lose a lot of time, and caused them to be unable to cross the raz Blanchard which is the strongest current in Europe. The time lost was not sufficiently made up and despite their best efforts; the crew saw the entry to the port of Granville close under their noses due to the tide. Fortunately they were able to dock in the yacht marina, instead of the main marina, where there was a special reception in their honour. Despite this the stop over went very well.

“Baies des Mondes” is a very fast boat because it made the trip from Granville to La Trinité sur mer in under 24 hours.

The boat was filmed in the bay de Quiberon as part of television series for TF1 on 4 of our bays; Gulf du Morbihan, Bays of Quiberon, Des Chaleurs and Santander.

The arrival of the boat in Vannes gave a pretext for the Morbihan Association of the Worlds Most Beautiful Bays Club to organise a ceremony for the conception of the club at this very same site, ten years before.

The event took part in 3 parts; the baptism of the boat by Mme Goulard, wife of the mayor of Vannes, also minister, a conference animated by VIPE and the Daniel Jouvance company on biotechnologies, and finally the traditional birthday cake ceremony with a heart shaped cake.

The crossing to Santander was without problems and the reception in this Iberian port was warm despite miserable weather. The reception given by the Royal yacht club seemed to have an effect on the crew and the owner of the boat Didier Courant.

On the other hand the Santander – Setubal leg was especially perilous, “Baies du Monde” encountered strong storms and had to try 3 times before crossing Cap Finistère. Apart from Pierre Corriveaud and his faithful sailor, everybody on board was well shaken and sick. However, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, and only one minute late after the scheduled time, Baies du Monde, surrounded by traditional Sado boats and accompanied by dolphins entered the Portuguese port.

The final presentation of the dolphin to the mayoresse of Setubal happened there and then, under the sun in the knowledge of a task accomplished. This meeting also closed the seminar which had been organised at the same time by the association of the bay of Setubal.

This adventure demonstrates that despite the hazards and fortunes of the sea, that with determination and tenacity, we can always achieve our aims, and that now we are ready for new challenges, which have the names of; exchange crossroads, the basket of bays, and also the rescuing of Bee keeping in our bays which are a symbol of biodiversity and a pet subject for our President.

The activity report was put up for vote and unanimously accepted.

The President handed the floor to the Treasurer, Hervé Laigo for his financial report and state of accounts at 30 september 2007.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions	24 158,00 €	Travel costs	14 473,43 €
		Internet site and document translations	1 634,75 €
Subvention from CG Somme	4 000,00 €	Internet hosting	760,08 €
Ministry of the Environment	50 000,00 €	Bank charges	181,60 €
Partenship D. Jouvance		General Assembly costs	
Route de la Voile	10 000,00 €	Unesco	8 882,00 €
Sales	750,00 €	Various (inc.Tourism exhibition Berlin)	4 997,07 €
Interest on account	174,20 €	Purchase of pavillons	443,07 €
		Purchase of badges	2 291,58 €
Credit	89 082, 20 €	Route de la Voile	21 960,00 €
		Copilot study « Exchange Crossroads »	11 960,00 €
		Printing of documents	9 178,10 €
		Secretarial fees	173,8
		Debit	76 935,54 €
Credit balance 2007	12 146, 66 €		

Credit balance 2006 23 227, 95€

Credit balance 2007 12 146, 66€

Cheque account 33 800, 41€

Savings account 1 574, 20€

At the suggestion of Gilbert Mathon (Bay of the Somme), it was requested that the Treasurer highlight the time spent on the management of the Club by Michelle Pauly and Bruno Bodard, and to place the sums received by the General Council of the Somme and the Office de Tourism of Vannes, as income.

It was pointed out by the President that the functioning of the site would not have an impact on the budget because Michelle Pauly will continue to look after the management and publication of the content of the world site ([www.world-bays.com](http://www.world-bays.com)). Stéphane Taupin will coordinate the workings of local blogs and Eric Lore will manage the wiki.

The financial report was unanimously adopted.

In collaboration with Stéphane Taupin (Gulf du Morbihan, Bay of Quiberon), the President then presented the results of work undertaken with Co-Pilot and closed the meeting.

We are at important stage in the network crossroads. None of the observations leads us to question the project. Some delegations want to engage in an international Tender approach. There is work to do to avoid delaying the file. Besides the fact that the club is administered under French law, and that the total cost of the study does not oblige to go through a tender procedure, a number of bays pointed out that the sums necessary were paid by the French Government due to actions undertaken by the president. Should it be necessary to introduce such a procedure then the time taken to set it up would significantly slow down the project. It was admitted that next time there would have to be communication beforehand so that everybody is equally informed. The second phase of the work entrusted to Co-Pilot should be finished in the 1<sup>st</sup> term (1<sup>st</sup> 3 months) of 2008 at the latest and presented at the Clubs General Assembly which will take place in the Bay of Chaleurs - New Brunswick – Canada at the beginning of October.

Juan Moreno, Vice President America will be part of the work put in place by the consultants.

The President passed the floor to Brigitte Morvant for her project to involve the young Bays of the World.

In conclusion: a working group composed of: Brigitte Morvant, Michelle Zanettacci and Louis Thébault was assembled to put together the outline of and implementation of this project. A number of participants wanted to know the budget of such an operation. The president pointed out that the budget has to be approved by the committee. The first prize is a trip to the Bay des Chaleurs for the representative of the school (1 person) at the beginning of October 2008. Any claims to authorship of the work by participants must be abandoned in favour of the Club and written into the regulations. Private sponsors should be sought, or other education related foundations.

The winner will be chosen by the club.

The competition must appear on line on the World site no later than week 44 of this year.

The President handed the floor to the mayor of Imbituba for a presentation of his town.

Following on from the successful experience of 2007 in Paris, the President requested that each bay present their actions undertaken since the last General Assembly.

Bay of Tadoussac (Bruno Therrien)

Would like that the Club change its statutes, and proposed to animate the work group. The proposals will be put on line on the internet and validated or not at the 2008 General Assembly.

Bay of Setubal (André Martins)

Was pleased to be able to express himself for the first time in his mother tongue during a General Assembly. He presented his delegation and thanked our hosts. Presented the Route de la Voile and the inauguration of the Bay House in 2008.

Bay of Along

Expressed their thanks and invite president Jérôme Bignon and general secretary Bruno Bodard to participate in the ceremony in 2010 dedicated to 15 years of recognition of UNESCO.

He also announced the candidacy of the Along bay in the Worlds Wonders competition and requested the support of all of us via the internet site: [www.world-bays.com](http://www.world-bays.com)

Bay of Punta Arénas (Juan Moano)

Juan presented 3 projects which were undertaken by the bay in 2006:

- 1- a project to modify public lighting towards Chinese lamps which cost 3 times less, and allow for reduction in consumption during different times of the day.
- 2- a project launched with Luxemburg whose objective is the use of gas coming from decomposition
- 3- a video on the protection of humid pastures

Nothing is a miracle, everything is a miracle.

Juan invited the Worlds Most Beautiful Bays Club to organise a meeting in Punta Arénas in 2010 to coincide with the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the independence of Chili.

Bay of the Somme (Yves Butel)

Thanked our hosts for their welcome. He recalled that of the 30 sites nominated within the framework of the Important National Site Operation (Opération Grand Site National), only 4 have obtained the label and the Bay of the Somme hopes to be the 5<sup>th</sup> within the next 2 months. A partnership will then be put into place with the natural sites of other bays in order to work together on the MAB project which is a Unesco programme (Man and Nature) with the creation of a scientific interest group piloted by hunters. The establishment of a Marine Natural Park in this 3 bays area is envisaged.

Finally there was a group reflection with the other North of France site, the Cap Blanc Nez Gris Nez and the English of Kent on the framework of the listing of the Channel as Worldwide Heritage.

Bay of Chaleurs ( Richard Gingras and Antoine Landry)

Thank you. Due to the intervention of the Club the project for an incinerator in the Bay of Chaleurs has been definitively buried. 55 000 people signed the petition.

Our youngster club is 3 years old today; we have involved the older population via the younger.

The 2008 congress will involve the municipality of Caraquet and its 3 different cultures: Indian, Quebec, and Acadien.

Bay of Mont St Michel (Louis Thébault)

Presented the file on the restoration of the Bay of St Michel to its maritime setting, which operates within the framework of the “Opération Grand Site National” ie a Special National Site Operation”. This project has two main objectives: to remove the built up sand and the management of the bay. By 2012 the project will be finished, with the removal of the sea wall – causeway and electric cables on the shoreline, management of wetlands, creation of restaurants typical of the area, display buildings, a green pathway etc...

Golfe du Morbihan – Bay of Quiberon (Herné Laigo)

The association from the Morbihan meets regularly every three months. They are involved in the cleaning up of the shores of the golfe du Morbihan, the reception of the “Bays of the World” boat, the opening of a photo exhibition on the bays and the organisation of a conference on marine biotechnologies.

Sine Saloum Delta (Abdoulaye Sene)

Thanked and congratulated our hosts.

Thanked the Bay of the Somme. We must continue to build up the partnerships of the bays. Reminded us of the importance of honey and mangroves in the area. Honey is a hope for the future to be conserved.

Kotor estuary (Zorica Kravcuk)

Reminded us of Bruno Bodards visit to the Kotor estuary which resulted in the creation of a non governmental organisation between the 3 towns of the Kotor estuary.

Gulfs of Porto and Girolata

Thanked us for the creation of the Guillaume Leca bursary. Presented the National Regional Park.

Partnership of public and private projects. Creation of ramblers paths.

Bodrum Bay (Galip Gur)

Thanks to Francesca Litman. Reminded us that due to the actions of the Club and a letter from our President, the Minister decided to cancel his decision on hotel development in the bay.

We must be conscious of the power of our club, and use it. Decisions should not be taken without local population approval.

Bay of Agadir (Mohamed Oudmine)

Wants a marketing plan for the Club logo.

Invitation to the Sea Festival in accord with Bruno Bodard in 2008.

Praia do Rosa bay (Enrique Litman)

Thanks to the Club. Reminded us that the Club is also a family, which is growing strongly, and that the discussions of our ideas, demonstrates that new steps have been taken. But, we have no time to lose in sterile battles. The role of the Club is essentially to protect the bays for future generations. He reminded us of the existence of the web site and its importance.

After a scan of the horizon, the President took the floor and thanked the participants for the richness of the bays activities.

President Jérôme Bignon carried on with his presentation of the “Basket of the Bays”.

What is at stake: economy on the one hand, environment on the other. A first convention has been signed between the Bay of the Somme and the Sine Saloum Delta. The President explained that within the framework of this convention, the necessary funds were found because of the inception in France of poles of rural excellence.

It was underlined that bees are in danger. Without bees there will be no more pollenisation, and so no more flowers, and so no more life.

In the Nha Trang bay, fishermen are destroying corals. Trained and converted into tourist guides, corals and the local economy have been preserved.

In the Sine Saloum Delta honey is a hope which must be maintained, mangrove wood was used to smoke fish, and so the eco system was in danger. Mangrove wood honey was a way to reverse these factors and brought development. Familys now have a resource of sugar: honey can be sold for more than fish!

There was nothing more on the agenda and so the meeting was closed.

The President then presented the candidacy of the bay of Carthagena.  
He gave the floor to the three representatives of the bay.

After their presentation the President thanked them and told them that they should fill in a candidacy file. A visit by two members of the Board should be organised.

Presentation of the candidacy of Carthagene de Los Indias (Colombia)

In conclusion: it was decided to send an example presentation file of the bay and organise a visit. The town of Carthagene is classified as a Worldwide Heritage for humanity.

Various questions

The General Secretary announced the resignation of the bays of Sylt (Germany) and St Ives Mount (England)

Our President announced the candidacy of the Bay of Alger (Algeria)

The commission for the renewal of statutes will be composed of Bruno Therrien, Michel Zanettacci and Richard Gringras , under the presidency of Jérôme Bignon.

The meeting was terminated at 19h45.