

Closing of the FIA 22nd Congress: The International Federation of Actors and its worldwide membership have elected their new governing bodies

7 May 2021: The International Federation of Actors (FIA) and its worldwide membership successfully conclude their 22nd Congress, and elect their new governing bodies.

Today, Gabrielle Carteris, American actor and SAG-AFTRA President, was elected FIA president by the federation's international delegates, gathered online for the FIA 22nd World Congress.

For the first time since the founding of the Federation in 1952, the FIA World Congress took place in a purely virtual format on May 4, 5 and 7 of 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The online event was very well attended and gathered over 150 participants worldwide.

"It is my profound honor to be elected president of the International Federation of Actors," said SAG-AFTRA President Gabrielle Carteris. "For nearly seventy years, FIA has been a leader and fighter for actors around the world. FIA has worked tirelessly to make stages, sets and studios more diverse and equitable, in addition to creating a culture of respect and accountability in the entertainment, media and performing arts industry that transcends international boundaries. I am grateful to Ferne Downey for her leadership as president over the past nine years, and look forward to working with my colleagues across FIA in the years ahead."

Carteris also congratulated the newly elected Presidium members and Executive Committee members. Indeed, her election was followed by one for the six Vice-Presidents composing the Presidium with her. Those two were then followed by the completion of the new FIA Executive Committee, composed of the Presidium members' countries and 8 other countries. The new composition of FIA Executive Committee is as follows:

Presidium Members:

President: Gabrielle Carteris (SAG-AFTRA, USA)
Vice-President: Denys Fouqueray (SFA, France)
Vice-President: Simon Norrthon, (SoF, Sweden)
Vice-President: Marie Kelly (ACTRA, Canada)
Vice-President: Alicia Dogliotti (SUA, Uruguay)
Vice-President: Paul Flemming (Equity, UK)
Vice-President: Vladimir Kamen (CCCWU, Russia)

Countries: Japan, New-Zealand, India, Croatia, Morocco, Denmark, Argentina, Turkey

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FIA – The International Federation of Actors represents performers' trade unions, guilds and professional associations in some 60 countries. In a connected world of content, entertainment and arts, it stands for fair social, economic and moral rights for performers (actors, dancers, broadcast professionals, circus artists and others) working in all recorded media and live performance. Internationally, FIA works on any subject matter that may impact on the working lives of the professionals it represents. It advocates primarily to improve the working conditions of performers, but also to promote the value of the cultural and creative sector in which they work.

SAG-AFTRA represents approximately 160,000 actors, announcers, broadcast journalists, dancers, DJs, news writers, news editors, program hosts, puppeteers, recording artists, singers, stunt performers, voiceover artists and other entertainment and media professionals. SAG-AFTRA members are the faces and voices that entertain and inform America and the world. A proud affiliate of the AFL-CIO, SAG-AFTRA has national offices in Los Angeles and New York and local offices nationwide representing members working together to secure the strongest protections for entertainment and media artists into the 21st century and beyond. Visit SAG-AFTRA online at sagaftra.org



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