

## NEWS RELEASE

Within the framework of the Covid-19 pandemic event, FIAPA is getting organized. Thus, the executive office decided on logistical measures and above all on a strengthening of its communication and solidarity network at the international level:

- **Temporary closure** since March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 of the Paris headquarters. Employees, volunteers, representatives and elected officials remain confined to their homes until further notice.
- **Remote communication** and telework are preferred. All members and partners are invited to transmit their messages, the actions implemented, the creations ... by mail ([contact@fiapa.net](mailto:contact@fiapa.net)) and social networks (twitter: [fiapa1](https://twitter.com/fiapa1) and Facebook). FIAPA members must also prepare for the end of the crisis the implementation of appropriate strategies.
- **Postponement of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary:** even if the logistical elements are ready, the set-up of the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> FIAPA's anniversary planned for November 2020 in Rome will be very complicated during this pandemic event. FIAPA's members and partners have reported some mobilization difficulties. We have decided to postpone the date of this event *sine die*.
- All ethical, scientific and research commissions, meetings and partnership and network meetings are postponed. New dates will be set after the crisis. This also applies to the May 2020 Board of Directors. Remote consultations compatible with the time zones of the 5 continents are under consideration.
- **The General Assembly initially scheduled for June 18, 2020 is postponed to September 28-29, 2020**, during the National Congress on Ages and Aging in Paris. Information about this congress will be released very soon.
- *FIAPA asks all the elderly of the world, in the countries where cases of Covid -19 are proven, to give the example of civic-mindedness and civic engagement while strictly respecting the containment measures recommended by the civil authorities; their experience and their practice of solidarity will be made available to social cohesion.*



On the behalf of the executive office,  
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President

