

Association "Initiatives for the Future of Great Rivers"

Annual activity report

Year 2017

INTERNAL FUNCTIONING of the Association and relations with THIRD PARTIES

The Association "Initiatives for the Future of Great Rivers" was founded by an act of declaration at the Rhone Prefecture on 13 June 2017, published in the Official Gazette on 24 June 2017 (announcement no. 1006).

The founding members, CNR (Compagnie Nationale du Rhône) and Eric Arnoult (alias Erik Orsenna) gathered on 30 May 2017 in a Constitutive General Assembly to appoint the members of the Management Board and approve the articles of association. On this date, the Management Board is composed of two full members representing the founders (Erik Orsenna as Chairman of the association, and Bertrand Porquet as General Secretary, representing CNR), a member appointed by the Supervisory Board of CNR, Bernard Guirkingier, and a member elected by the General Assembly from one of its members, Tamsir Ndiaye, Treasurer of the association.

The Constitutive General Assembly was held in parallel.

A financial sponsorship agreement was concluded between the Association and its founding partner, CNR, on 8 November 2017. It sets out the amount paid by way of the sponsorship for the years 2017 and 2018 as well as the procedures of payment for 2019.

ACTIONS IN THE GENERAL INTEREST organised directly by the Association

During the second semester of 2017, IFGR organised:

- Its **5th session** gathering the members of the Rivers Committee in Lyon and Annecy (France) from 9 to 13 October. This session was devoted to the issue of river pollution and received the COP23 label. It resulted in the publication of a forum in the daily newspaper Les Echos "The health of rivers, the health of the world" on 8 December 2017.
- A **conference in the France Pavilion** of the COP23, in Bonn, on 8 November. Conference organised free of charge by the Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development.