

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.

ACTIONS IN THE GENERAL INTEREST
organised with the Association's partners

IFGR participated in events organised by partners:

- **BIOTOPE Festival** (Gironde): opening conference given by Erik Orsenna alongside Titouan Lamazou and exchanges between members of IFGR and the actors of the Garonne basin (ports of Libourne and Bordeaux, elected representatives and associations) regarding the perspectives for development on 27 October.
The Biotope Festival association, based in Saint-Emilion, works for the preservation of the environment through education, awareness, sharing and communicating knowhow and practices to children, adolescents and adults.
- **QUAIS DU DEPART (Rhône)**: partnership provided by IAGF for the second year of this film and travel book festival organised in Lyon. IFGR sponsored the projection of two documentaries: "Les chants de l'eau" by Perrine Chauvin and Guillaume Broust, and "Aquamazonida" by Joao Leite.
The festival was created in 2012 at the initiative of François Chazelle, founder of the bookshop Raconte-moi la Terre in Lyon. Over the years, Quais du Départ has become the festival for those who love travel.

OTHER ACTIONS

IFGR also participated in different events:

- **International Summit "Water and Climate: meeting of the great rivers of the world"** organised by the Italian Ministry of the Environment and RIOB, which resulted in the Rome declaration aimed at highlighting the value of rivers in the combat against climate change.
- **Water Week** organised by the Water Institute of Stockholm around the workshops "pollution and resilience" in preparation for the session of October on the theme of pollution
- **Fabrique de la Cité** (in Lyon) to make known IFGR's approach to an audience of companies and elected representatives on the definition of the city of tomorrow and its interactions with its ecosystem

DONATIONS RECEIVED

The first donation of funds was paid for the year 2017 by CNR, by virtue of a financial sponsorship agreement aimed at financing the association's activities in the general interest.

Activity report duly approved by deliberation of the General Assembly of 4 June 2018.

Date: 5 June 2018
Chairman

Signature of the Chairman

