



Report Secretary General JACQUI MONTEIRO

Despite our best intentions to have an in-person General Assembly this year in Madagascar, the higher powers have other ideas, so here we are again meeting on Zoom. As I write this report, the world has again gone crazy with yet another variant that has been identified. Causing chaos once again worldwide.

By the time we have our GA, there will be 17 members affiliated with FIM AFRICA. I hope this means that we are closer to having more countries participating in the CONU's Championships.

The General Sporting Regulations, as well as the Seminar PowerPoint Presentation, have been completed. At a recent meeting, Council has agreed that the first online seminar must be hosted by late January, early February, with another one in April 2022 if necessary.

There has also been discussion around encouraging FMN's to train their officials at national level first and ensure that they officiate at FMN championships. It was agreed that it doesn't make sense for officials to attend FIMA seminars if they don't host their own first. A few FMN's have hosted many seminars online since the start of covid, but many have not, which is concerning.

The Medical Working Group held its first medical seminar via the Online platform in June of 2022. The webinar presented by Dr. De Beer, Chairman of the Medical Working Group, was successful.

Marius Matthee, Chairman of the Environment Working, has produced his Annual Environmental Report. See report under separate cover.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, the Africa Cup could not be run for 2020 and 2021. The series was to start at the beginning of April 2020, but South Africa went into a hard lockdown on 23 March 2020, which upset all the plans. By the time sport was allowed to resume, covid had caused many people, so much emotional and financial distress. This resulted in many people reassessing their priorities.

The lack of response from FMN's or Working Group members is still a matter of concern.

Despite requests over the years for FMN's to send the secretariat links to their websites or articles, this has not happened. I want to remind the FMN's that the FIMA social media platforms are for all the affiliated members. The President of the Tunisian FMN, Mr. Bach-Hamba, suggested a shared platform for all the affiliated FMN's, which we will investigate for 2022 and beyond.

Communication is still one of this CONU's downfall, even with all the online platforms available. Seminars and meetings can be held more regularly via Zoom or MS Teams. There are no longer any excuses not to communicate and to meet regularly.

Our website and social media stats for the past year forms part of this report.

- Interesting to note is that China is the 6th country on the list with the most views, beating some of our own African FMN's.
- #MotorcyclingIsPassion #BelieveInYourself #NeverGiveUp #juniorriders had the most likes and reactions with a reach of 241925.

I want to thank the President, Directors, FMN's and working groups who were proactive and contributed to ensuring that FIM AFRICA continues to function effectively for motorcycling to grow throughout Africa.

Let's hope that from now on, we will all have renewed vigour to grow motorcycle sport on our CONU and that the communication will be flowing.

"An individual can make a change, but a team can make a revolution' Amit Kalantri.