

85th Meeting of the FIP Board of Directors on February 23d & 24th, 2010, in Zurich

President Wolff welcomed the Board members to the meeting in Zurich. Director Comelli could not attend the meeting as his mother had been taken to hospital and was dying. The President and the Board members expressed their sympathy to Director Comelli. President Wolff came then to the different points of the agenda.

Finances

Director Tay presented the financial report, saying that in the year 2009 the financial situation of FIP was quite healthy, as the expenses had been cut down.

Exhibitions

LONDON 2010

Vice President McCann reported that the preparative works were running smoothly.

PORTUGAL 2010

President Wolff reported on the progress of the exhibition. The jury composition of the exhibition being finalised, President Wolff as Consultant to the exhibition submitted the jury and the team leaders to the FIP Board, according to the GREX. The next step would be the finalising of the jury teams by the jury secretary, in consultation with the Consultant.

INDIPEX 2011

Director Tay reported Indipex 2011 would take place from February 12 to 18, 2011, in the same exhibition hall as that in 1997 in New Delhi, to commemorate the centenary of the first air mail flight of the world. The agreement has been signed on February 4th, 2010. The exhibition received the auspices of FIAP and the patronage of FIP, and the President of India will be the honorary patron of the exhibition. 45 FIP members already nominated commissioners and 30 members nominated jury members. There will be 2.800 frames for competition.

PHILANIPPON 2011

Director Tay reported also on this exhibition under FIAP auspices and FIP patronage. It will take place from July 28th to August 2nd, 2011, in Yokohama. There will be 2.500 frames for competition. The official hotel is very nice, within five minutes walk from the exhibition hall. The agreement was signed on February 19th, 2010.

QATAR 2012

Director Tay reported on the exhibition in Qatar 2012 that would take place in the first week of October after the UPU Congress in the capital of Doha. It would be a Specialised Stamp Exhibition with all FIP classes, except Championship Class that would be replaced by a World Stamp Championship. The Organising Committee will invite FIP to hold its Congress on this occasion.

BANGKOK 2013 and AUSTRALIA 2013

Since the last meeting there were no new informations about these exhibitions.

PLANETE TIMBRE 2010

Director Jimenez reported on the progress of the exhibition Planète Timbre with FIP Recognition, that will take place in Paris from June 12 to 20, 2010. On this occasion the European Championship for Thematic Philately will be held.

PHILALUX 2011

President Wolff reported that out of organisational reasons the exhibition PHILALUX 2010 with FIP Recognition that was scheduled for July 1st to 4th, 2010, was postponed to April 28 to May 1st, 2011, and would be called PHILALUX 2011.

Membership application

Asociacion Filatelica Ecuatoriana

The "Asociacion Filatelica Ecuatoriana" had applied for regular membership, with the support of FIAF. The FIP Board granted unanimously provisional membership to the Philatelic Federation of Ecuador, subject to approval by the next FIP Congress.

Jury Matters

New applications for Jury Apprenticeships, Cross Accrediting and Team Leader apprenticeships were discussed and approved as far as they were qualified and had attended seminars in the respective class.

Seminars

Two seminars will be held during London 2010 : one on Postal History by FIP Vice President McCann and one on Thematic Philately by Jonas Hällström, FIP juror from Sweden.

Projects

Vice President McCann reported on project N° 27 "Jury secretaries' check list" and informed that he would like to cooperate with Director Comelli who is in charge of project N° 28 "How to improve the judging in FIP exhibitions", as the two projects have many common features. Vice President McCann and Director Comelli will discuss in London the two projects and the feedback they both got.

One Frame Guidelines

Vice President Tuori submitted the "Concept of One Frame Exhibits" and the guidelines for One Frame exhibits.

Open Class

Vice President Todd reported that the final version of the regulations for Open Class that will be submitted to the Congress would be published in the Flash issue N° 111 in June 2010.

WADP - Postal Administration Class

Some amendments to the regulations for the Postal Administration Class had been discussed by Vice President Todd the day before at the UPU headquarters in Berne with the responsible persons. The next competition in the Postal Administration Class will be in Paris during Planète Timbre 2010.

Another matter was the new questionnaire about "How to measure the success of philatelic exhibitions", elaborated by team 2 of the WADP and the operators Portugal, Morocco, Belgium, Spain and France, to be submitted for approval at the meeting on April 15th, 2010 in Berne, that President Wolff will attend. This questionnaire would go to Postal Administrations, to FIP members, to FIP Board members and to dealers (IFSDA).

Next Board meetings - London / Paris

The next Board meetings are scheduled in London, on May 16th, 2010, during London 2010, and in Paris on June 18th, 2010, during Planète Timbre 2010.

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