

The FIP Jury Academy

– A report by FIP Vice-President Bernie Beston

FIP Juror training first commenced with Singapore 2015. Again, it was trialed at FINLANDIA 2017 in Tampere.

The sessions each lasted half a day and both were well attended, but not to the extent one would have expected.

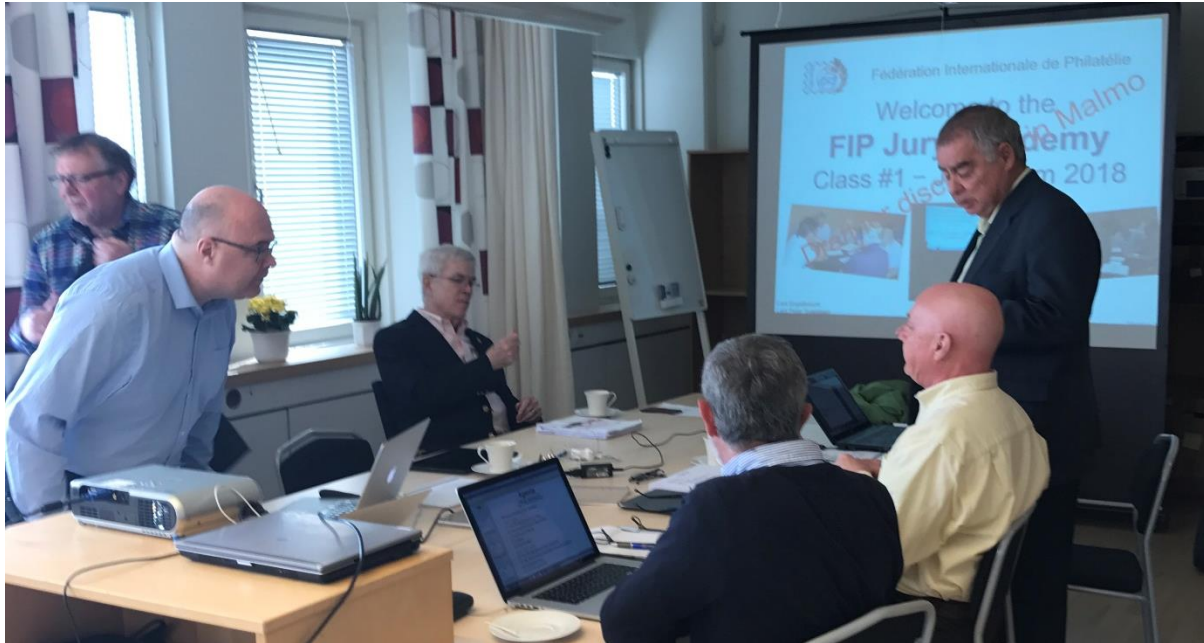
On my initiative, the FIP Board approved the creation of the “FIP Jury Academy”. A two-day “Train the Trainers” course from 10 to 11 April 2018 was held in Malmo, Sweden under the guidance of Lars Engelbrecht RDP (Denmark). In his preparation of the Training Manual, he was ably assisted by Lars Peter Svendsen, Dr Peter McCann RDP, and FIP Vice-President Bernie Beston.



f.l. Dr Peter McCann RDP (USA), Mr Lars Peter Svendsen (Denmark); Mr Peter Suhardolc (Slovenia); Mr Lars Engelbrecht RDP (Denmark); FIP Vice-President Mr Bernard Beston (Australia); Mr Charles Verge RDP (Canada)

The training group refined and enhanced an already superb and well drafted juror-training program during the 2 days in Malmo.

Well-facilitated training room and facilities were generously provided by Postiljonen, Scandinavia’s leading Auction House.



The trainers hard at work.

The first Jury Academy of 15 Jurors will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem, in Israel from 24 to 26 May 2018. Philately is indebted to Lars Engelbrecht for his foresight, tenacity, philatelic judging knowledge and training skills.



Trainers with Mr Lar-Olow Carlsson (3rd from left) and Mr Claes Arrrup (1st from left) at Paddy's restaurant under the sponsorship of Postiljonen.

I wish to particularly thank Postiljonen for their very valuable support. Mr Lar-Olow Carlsson and Mr Claes Arrrup entertained the trainers with a superb dinner at the renowned Paddy's restaurant. Postiljonen shall continue their positive support of FIP Jury Academy by sponsoring a dinner for the trainees in Jerusalem.

Training is not an inexpensive exercise. FIP has subsidised both the trainers' expenses in Malmo and the trainees' expenses in Jerusalem. Two additional FIP Jury Academy courses (for 30 jurors in total) will follow in Bangkok in conjunction with THAILAND 2018 World Stamp Exhibition from November 28 to December 3, 2018.

Juror training is essential to the world of Philately.

PS: Keep a look out for the FIP website to see the exceptional philatelic credentials of the FIP Jury Academy Trainers.

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