

ANNOUNCEMENT 1/2017 MARCH 2017 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 74th FIP CONGRESS IN TAIPEI

OPENING

In his Opening speech President Tay Peng Hian thanked Chinese Taipei Philatelic Federation for sponsoring the 74th FIP Congress and also invited Mr Chen Yu-An, President of the Chinese Taipei Philatelic Federation, to give a welcome speech. President Tay then proceeded to welcome all delegates and observers. Due to technical considerations, President Tay commenced the Congress first with the Financial Report of the FIP financial situation from 2010 to 2015, as well as the figures for the first 9 months of 2016.

ROLL CALL

Number of members represented by a delegate	62
Number of members represented by proxy	22
<u>Federation without voting right</u>	<u>- 3</u>
Total of valid votes	81
For a 50% quorum votes needed	41
For a quorum of 2/3 votes needed	54

ELECTION OF THE TELLERS

Three tellers were selected from the floor: Mr Koichi Sato from Japan, Mr Roger Tan from Singapore and Mr Darryl Fuller from Australia.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 73RD FIP CONGRESS

The minutes of the 73rd FIP Congress held in Seoul were unanimously approved.

REPORTING

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEARS 2014 AND 2015

The Congress delegates unanimously accepted the financial statements as published in the Congress documents and discharged the FIP Board of Directors from their responsibilities for their conduct of business during 2014 – 2015.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEE FOR THE YEARS 2017 AND 2018

There would be no increase in annual subscription fee for the next two years as reported by President Tay. The delegates approved unanimously.

SPECIAL REDUCED ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Members actually paying 625 CHF or new members could now opt for a special reduced annual membership fee of 200 CHF if they meet the following conditions:

- a) No more than 4 exhibits receiving FIP vermeil or higher medals at FIP exhibitions with FIP patronage.
- b) This special reduction rate would be applicable and valid for 3 years only.
- c) The FIP Board would review this special reduced membership subscription rate at the close of the third year.
- d) No voting rights in the FIP Congress.

The delegates approved the new subscription fee unanimously.

REVISED CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS FRAME FEE

The Congress delegates approved unanimously the revised Championship Class frame fee of 400 CHF for every 8-frame exhibit.

NEW COMMISSIONS' CHAIRMEN & REPORT

The Congress delegates unanimously approved the eleven new Commissions' Chairmen, as announced by the Secretary General. Their respective reports had already been circulated prior to the Congress, and the following Commission Chairmen were invited to introduce themselves and give a few words: for Aerophilately Mr Ross Wood, Fight Against Forgeries Mr Geoffrey Kellow, for Philatelic Literature Mr Gary Brown, for Maximaphily Mrs Jenny Banfied, for Revenue Mr Ralph Ebner, for Postal History Mr Malcolm Groom, for Postal Stationery Mr Lars Engelbrecht, for Thematic Mr Peter Suhaldoc, for Traditional Philately Mr Lars Peter Svendsen, for Youth Philately Mr José Raul Lorenzo and for Astrophilately Mr Charles Bromser.

FIP MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

As the delegates from Congo and Lebanon were not able to attend the Congress, the approval of their membership would be postponed to the next Congress. The Congress delegates unanimously approved the new regular membership of the Union of Philatelists of Macedonia, Omani Philatelic Association and the Philatelic Society of Sri Lanka. FIP now has a total of 95 member federations.

After the confirmation of the membership of the Union of Philatelists of Macedonia (new fee of 200 CHF, hence no voting right), Omani Philatelic Association and the Philatelic Society of Sri Lanka, the total valid member votes was 83, which meant that :

For a 50% quorum votes needed	42
For a quorum of 2/3 votes needed	56

PROPOSALS FROM THE FIP BOARD

APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The Congress delegates unanimously approved the FIP proposal to appoint BDO to continue as the external auditor for years 2016 and 2017 to comply with Swiss fiscal jurisdiction.

CONFIRMATION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE SREVs, COMMISSION FOR AEROPHILATELY

Mr Fernando Aranaz thanked Mr Ross Wood from the Commission for Aerophilately for his efforts and the amendment had been approved by the FIP Board in 2015. The Congress delegates unanimously confirmed the amendment.

ELECTIONS

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR EUROPE

The post for Vice-President for Europe had one candidature: Mr Bernard Jimenez from France. Mr Jimenez was elected as Vice-President for Europe with 80 votes in favour and 3 abstentions.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR AMERICA

The post for Vice-President for America had one candidature: Mr Reinaldo Macedo from Brazil. Mr Macedo was elected as Vice-President for America with 81 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE

There were two candidates, Mr Christopher King from Great Britain and Mr Yigal Nathaniel from Israel. The result of the election was as follows :

Mr Christopher King, Great Britain :	39 votes
Mr Yigal Nathaniel, Israel :	44 votes

Mr Yigal Nathaniel, Israel, was elected as Director for Europe.

DIRECTOR FOR AMERICA

There were two candidates, Mr Stephen Reinhard from USA and Mr Aldo Samamé y Samamé from Peru. The result of the election was as follows :

Mr Stephen Reinhard, USA:	32 votes
Mr Aldo Samamé y Samamé, Peru:	51 votes

Mr Aldo Samamé y Samamé, Peru, was elected as Director for America.

MOTIONS FROM THE FIP BOARD

The amendments to the Statutes and GREX had been finalised and circulated to all member federations prior to the Congress. There were no requests from the floor for further discussion on the amendments.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

The delegates approved this Motion unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO THE GREX

The delegates approved this Motion unanimously.

PATRONAGE FEE FOR FIP SPECIALISED WORLD EXHIBITIONS (33'000 CHF)

The delegates approved this Motion unanimously.

MOTIONS FROM MEMBER FEDERATIONS

MOTION CONCERNING THE MEXICAN FEDERATION

A secret ballot was held for this motion as requested by a member federation. Only 81 delegates were present to vote and the motion was rejected by total of 55 votes against, 23 votes in favour and 3 abstentions.

MOTION BY THE NEW ZEALAND PHILATELIC FEDERATION - OPEN PILATELY

The New Zealand Philatelic Federation withdrew the motion as its substance had already been included in the revised GREX that had been passed in the Congress.

MOTION FROM ABPS

A secret ballot was requested to be held for this motion. The motion was approved by total of 42 votes in favour, 38 votes against and 1 abstention.

EXHIBITIONS

EXHIBITIONS REQUESTING FOR FIP PATRONAGE

BANDUNG 2017

The Commissioner General for BANDUNG 2017 Mr Tono Putranto showed a video presentation and reported that the Specialised World Stamp Exhibition would be held from 3-7 August 2017.

BRASILIA 2017

Mr Reinaldo Macedo showed a video presentation and introduced more about the venue and highlights of Brasilia. BRASILIA 2017 would be a Specialised World Stamp Exhibition held from 24-29 October 2017. The FIP Championship Class that was traditionally held only in a General World Stamp Exhibition would be held at the exhibition.

PRAGA 2018

Mr Vit Vanicek, President of the Organising Committee, reported that PRAGA 2018 would be a Specialised World Stamp Exhibition organised by the Union of Czech Philatelists and held from August 15-18, 2018.

MALAYSIA 2018

Malaysia Delegate Mr Ngoh See Jam from the Philatelic Society of Malaysia (PSM) reported that a General World Stamp Exhibition MALAYSIA 2018 would be held under FIP Patronage at Kuala Lumpur from December 10-16, 2018 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, KLCC.

The Congress delegates approved the FIP patronage of the above four exhibitions unanimously.

75TH FIP CONGRESS IN YEAR 2018

The Congress delegates approved the invitation by the Philatelic Society of Malaysia to hold the 75th FIP Congress at MALAYSIA 2018, in Kuala Lumpur, on December 16, 2018.

TO AWARD THE FIP MEDAL FOR SERVICE

President Tay presented the Medal for Service to Mr Kurt Kimmel, RDP, immediate Past Chairman of the Commission for Postal History, as well as to immediate past FIP Director of America Dr Peter P. McCann, RDP. President Tay also announced that he presented on the day before the Medal for Service to Mr Igor Rodin, immediate Past Chairman of the Section for Astrophilately, as Mr Rodin was unable to attend the Congress.

OTHER MATTERS

The agreements for BANDUNG 2017, BRASILIA 2017, PRAGA 2018 and MALAYSIA 2018 were signed by the respective representatives. The FIP Recognition Agreement for MELBOURNE 2017 was also signed.

CELEBRATION OF THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF FIP, 1926 – 2016

The Congress closed with the celebration of the 90th Birthday of the FIP with a birthday cake kindly arranged by the Chinese Taipei Philatelic Federation.