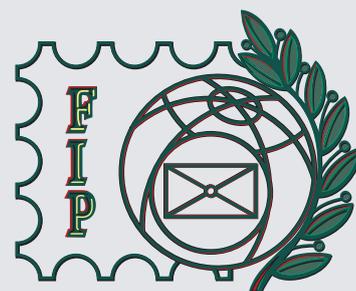


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The 160<sup>th</sup> FIP Board meeting of the FIP Board of Directors in Essen, Germany on 28 May 2023. f.l. Director Suhadolc, Director Samamé, Vice-President Nathaniel, Vice-President Macedo, President Chirakiti, Vice-President Tan and Director Khoory.

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## Editorial

2023 welcomes the first FIP General World Stamp Exhibition in four years at Essen, Germany in May 2023, ever since the last General World Stamp Exhibition held in Wuhan, China before the COVID-19 pandemic.

In this issue of FLASH, you will find the highlights of the FIP Board meetings, report on the Jury Academy which has finally resumed and had been very well-received. You will also read about recipients of the FIP Medals of Appreciation, individuals identified by the FIP President and Board members in recognition of their long-term service and contributions to worldwide philately. The information on the five 2023 regional exhibitions which had received FIP Sponsorship as part of FIP continuous efforts to support smaller scale exhibitions can also be found; and you shall also read more on the report by the Organising Committee of the very successful IBRA 2023.

This year shall remain a very busy year for all the Board members and FIP welcomes more ideas on how we can help to keep worldwide philately strong. We certainly welcome contribution of articles by philatelists for future issues of FLASH magazines.

Finally, we hope to see everyone in Bangkok, Thailand for the THAILAND 2023 World Stamp Championship for a great exhibition at the Grand Postal Building, fine view from the hotel, great food and wonderful friendship.

**Aldo Samamé y Samame / Peter Suhadolc**  
**FLASH Co-Editors**

## Editorial

El año 2023 dió la bienvenida a la Primera Exposición Mundial FIP celebrada luego de cuatro años en mayo en Essen, Alemania, desde la última Exposición Mundial celebrada en Wuhan, China, antes de la pandemia por el Covid-19.

En esta edición de FLASH, encontrará los aspectos más destacados de las reuniones del Board FIP, el informe sobre la Academia de Jurados que finalmente se reanudó y fue bien recibida. También leerá sobre los recipientes de las Medallas de Reconocimiento FIP, personas identificadas por el Presidente y miembros del Board FIP galardonadas en reconocimiento a su servicio a la FIP por largo tiempo y sus contribuciones a la filatelia mundial. También se puede encontrar información sobre las cinco exposiciones regionales de 2023 que recibieron el Auspicio FIP como parte de los continuos esfuerzos para apoyar a las exposiciones de menor escala; también encontrará el informe del Comité Organizador de la exitosa IBRA 2023.

Este año seguirá siendo un año muy ocupado para todos los miembros del Board y la FIP agradece sus ideas de cómo podemos ayudar a mantener fuerte la filatelia en todo el mundo. Ciertamente agradecemos su contribución con artículos filatélicos para las próximas ediciones de FLASH.

Finalmente, esperamos verlos a todos en Bangkok, Tailandia, en el Campeonato Mundial THAILAND 2023 con un gran exposición en el Gran Edificio de Correos, una excelente vista desde el hotel, excelente comida y una maravillosa amistad.

**Aldo Samamé y Samamé / Peter Suhadolc**  
**Coeditores FLASH**



Dear Members, Colleagues and Friends,

The long-awaited, IBRA 2023 FIP General World Stamp Exhibition which was postponed from May 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was finally opened to the world successfully on May 25, 2023, with more than 800 competitive exhibits on top of rare non-competitive exhibits such as the FIP Grand Prix Club displays, the treasure chamber with the well-known Mauritius cover, the German legendary materials and other philatelic gems.

Congratulations to the IBRA 2023 Organising Committee, their staff and volunteers for their relentless efforts in making the Exhibition come true despite the COVID-19 aftermath uncertainties. My heartiest congratulations also to all the Exhibitors on the medal awards received for their marvelous exhibits shown in Essen.

The Organising Committee and Jury Secretary prepared a detailed schedule of the Jury Feedback Sessions, which had been very useful for exhibitors. As an exhibitor and a juror myself, I would like to share that in addition to viewing other exhibits and finding new materials to be added to your exhibits, I often encourage exhibitors to attempt “judging” other exhibits in the same class and compare your results with those of the Jury Team. I believe that this will help the exhibitors to understand the judging criteria more, which in turn shall help you improve your exhibits to achieve better results in the future.

On behalf of FIP, I would like to thank all exhibitors for your active participation; the Commissioners for bringing the Exhibits, the International Jury team for the hard work in judging; as well as all the Dealers for bringing the materials for philatelists and collectors; and the visitors for their support in making IBRA 2023 such a huge success.

During the Palmares, FIP awarded the “Medal of Appreciation” to Dr Andrew Cheung from Hong Kong in recognition for his contribution as Secretary for two terms in the Postal History Commission; and also to Giancarlo Morolli from Italy for his 50 years of exceptional service as FIP accredited Juror.

The next upcoming FIP Patronage Exhibition will be THAILAND 2023 World Stamp Championship in Bangkok to be held from November 27 to December 2, 2023. There shall also be a FIP Recognition Exhibition - TAIPEI 2023 Asian International Exhibition to be held soon from 11-15 August in Chinese Taipei.

FIP is also happy to support five regional Exhibitions under FIP Sponsorship this year and they are: Oman Suhar 3rd Arabian Stamp and Numismatics Exhibition held from 11-14 May, URUGUAY 2023 from 12-16 September, ALPE ADRIA 2023 from 21-24 September, BANGLADESH 2023 from 29 September - 2 October and BALKANFILA XIX from 12-14 October. Note that ALPE ADRIA 2023 and BANGLADESH 2023 were postponed from 2021 to 2023.

In 2024, the first FIP Patronage exhibition shall be EFIRO 2024 to be held in the month of April in Bucharest, Romania; followed by PHILAKOREA 2024 which shall also host the 77th FIP Congress in August 2024. We look forward to seeing everyone at these Exhibitions and have your support.

The Jury Academy class that was postponed during the COVID-19 pandemic also resumed in IBRA 2023 successfully. In addition to the Jury Academy course for experienced jurors, FIP Directors Aldo Samamé y Samamé and Peter Suhadolc are looking into developing new courses for Apprentices.

The working groups for two newly approved Commissions in the 76th Congress in Jakarta – namely Open Philately and Picture Postcards, had been set up and the first Picture Postcard FIP qualifying seminar was already held in Cape Town 2022 and the first Open Philately FIP qualifying seminar was also held in IBRA 2023 with very good attendance.

We appreciate your comments, suggestion and feedback on how to promote our beloved hobby.

With Best Wishes,

**Prakob Chirakiti**  
on behalf of the FIP Board of Directors



Estimados miembros, colegas y amigos,

La tan esperada Exposición Mundial IBRA 2023 que se pospuso desde mayo 2021 por la pandemia del COVID-19, finalmente se abrió al mundo con éxito el 25 de mayo, con más de 800 participaciones competitivas además de raras muestras no competitivas como las participaciones del FIP Grand Prix Club, la cámara del tesoro con la conocida carta de Mauricio, los legendarios materiales alemanes y otras gemas filatélicas.

Felicitaciones al Comité Organizador de IBRA 2023, su personal y voluntarios por sus incansables esfuerzos para hacer realidad la Exposición a pesar de las incertidumbres posteriores al COVID-19. Mis más sinceras felicitaciones también a todos los expositores por las medallas recibidas por sus maravillosas participaciones mostradas en Essen.

El Comité Organizador y el Secretario del Jurado prepararon un cronograma detallado de las Sesiones de Comentarios del Jurado, que han sido de gran utilidad para los expositores. Como expositor y miembro del jurado, me gustaría compartir que además de ver otras participaciones y encontrar nuevos materiales para agregar a sus colecciones, a menudo animo a los expositores a intentar “juzgar” otras participaciones de la misma clase y comparar sus resultados con los del jurado. Creo que esto ayudará a los expositores a comprender mejor los criterios de evaluación, lo que a su vez ayudará a mejorar sus colecciones para lograr mejores resultados en el futuro.

En nombre de la FIP, me gustaría agradecer a todos los expositores por su activa participación; los Comisarios por traer las colecciones, el equipo del Jurado Internacional por el arduo trabajo de juzgar; así como a todos los Comerciantes por traer los materiales para filatelistas y coleccionistas; y a los visitantes por su apoyo para hacer de IBRA 2023 un gran éxito. Durante la Cena de Palmarés, la FIP otorgó la “Medalla de Reconocimiento” al Dr. Andrew Cheung de Hong Kong por su contribución como Secretario en la Comisión de Historia Postal por dos mandatos; y también a Giancarlo Morolli de Italia por sus 50 años de servicio excepcional como Jurado FIP.

La próxima Exposición con Patrocinio FIP será el Campeonato Mundial de Sellos THAILAND 2023 en Bangkok, que se llevará a cabo del 27 de noviembre al 2 de diciembre de 2023. También habrá la Exposición Internacional Asiática TAIPEI 2023, con Reconocimiento FIP, que se llevará a cabo del 11 al 15 de agosto en China Taipei.

La FIP se complace en apoyar este año cinco exposiciones regionales con el Auspicio FIP y son: Oman Suhar 3rd Arabian Stamp and Numismatics Exhibition realizad del 11 al 14 de mayo, URUGUAY 2023 del 12 a 16 de septiembre, ALPE ADRIA del 21 al 24 de septiembre, BANGLADESH 2023 del 29 de septiembre al 2 de octubre y BALKANFILA XIX del 12 al 14 de octubre. Tomemos en cuenta que ALPE ADRIA y BANGLADESH se pospusieron de 2021 al 2023.

En el 2024 la primera exposición con Patrocinio FIP será EFIRO 2024, que se realizará en el mes de abril en Bucarest, Rumanía; seguida por PHILAKOREA 2024 que también albergará el 77º Congreso FIP en agosto 2024. Esperamos verlos a todos en estas exposiciones y contar con su apoyo.

La Academia de Jurados que se pospuso durante el COVID-19 también se reanudó con éxito en IBRA 2023. Además de la Academia para jurados con experiencia, los Directores FIP, Aldo Samamé y Samamé y Peter Suhaldoc, están buscando desarrollar nuevos cursos para aprendices de jurado.

Se establecieron los grupos de trabajo para las dos Comisiones recientemente aprobadas en el 76º Congreso de Jakarta, a saber, Filatelia Abierta y Tarjetas Postales, y el primer Seminario con calificación FIP de Tarjetas Postales se realizó en Ciudad El Cabo 2022 y el primer Seminario con calificación FIP de Filatelia Abierta se llevó a cabo en IBRA 2023 con muy buena asistencia.

Agradecemos sus comentarios y sugerencias sobre cómo promover nuestro querido pasatiempo.

Con los mejores deseos,

**Prakob Chirakiti**  
En representación del Board FIP

## Highlights of the 156<sup>th</sup> FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 13 January 2023

### EXHIBITIONS

#### IBRA 2023

The FIP Consultant Vice-President Macedo updated on the International jury team and FIP Qualifying Seminars. The FIP President and Board members were concerned with the tight timetable for jury work and some proposed changes were agreed upon for discussion between the FIP Consultant and the Organising Committee.

#### THAILAND 2023

Director Khoory updated that the official hotel was pending finalisation and the venue was confirmed to be at the Grand Postal Building. The invitation letters, IREX and application forms were to be sent out once the exhibition logo was finalised and approved by Thailand Post in early February.

#### PHILAKOREA 2024

Vice-President Tan updated that the updated FIP agreement shall be sent to the Organising Committee for review and finalisation

### FIP SPONSORSHIP 2023 - 2024

The Secretary General presented the latest proposed terms and conditions for the Sponsorship which was approved by the Board members agreed and she shall publish it on the FIP website.

#### ALPE-ADREA 2023

The Board members approved the re-application by Italy as the previous FIP Sponsorship for Alpe-Adria in 2021 had to be cancelled due to COVID-19.

#### BANGLADESH 2023

The Board members approved the re-application that had been received from the Bangladesh Federation, as the previous FIP Sponsorship applied in 2021 was also cancelled due to COVID-19.

### NEW FIP COMMISSIONS

#### Open Philately and Picture Postcards Working Groups

Director Suhadolc updated that all the five proposed members of the Working Group had accepted the invitation and he shall email them to have a first zoom meeting soon to decide on the upcoming plans for example to have Open Philately FIP Qualifying Seminar during IBRA 2023.

Director Khoory commented that he had selected the proposed members for the Working Group, and was pending suitable candidates from the Americas. He shall update the Board accordingly.

### FINANCE

Vice-President Tan proposed to the Board that in view of the 2023 economy outlook, perhaps FIP could give a 10% to all members which would amount to about 12,000 CHF reduction in income for FIP. President Chirakiti was agreeable to support and the Board members agreed.

Vice-President Macedo proposed that perhaps a deadline for payment should be given in order to enjoy the discount and it was agreed by the Board that only payment received by 30 September 2023 shall enjoy the discount.

## Highlights of the 157<sup>th</sup> FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 17 February 2023

### FINANCE

#### Budget for Jury Academy Classes

The Board unanimously agreed to a Jury Academy budget of not exceeding 13,000 CHF for each Class, as proposed by Vice-President Tan, that Directors Suhadolc and Samamé can have the autonomy to work within for future Classes.

### EXHIBITIONS

#### IBRA 2023

President Chirakiti discussed with FIP Vice-President and Consultant Macedo and the Board on the slight changes that can be made to the jury timetable in order to increase the judging time without affecting the timing for submission of the results for print of Palmares. The Board agreed unanimously and the Secretary General circulated the updated proposed timetable with the changes to FIP Consultant Macedo and the Board members. Vice-President Macedo shall convey the changes to the OC. Four jurors who were qualified shall be also assigned as apprentice Team leaders.

### JURY ACADEMY

#### Class #8

Dr Henrik Mouritsen had been asked by Director Suhadolc to observe the training in Essen and he had agreed.

Vice-President Tan suggested if Dr Andrew Cheung from Hong Kong, who could communicate in English proficiently and was very knowledgeable, could be a possible trainer from Asia, as it would also cut costs for trainings held in Asia in the future.

President Chirakiti would also like the Board members to also propose a few more potential jurors as Jury Academy trainers and there should ideally be 2-3 trainers per continent, to ensure that the trainings can be sustainable. The Board members agreed.

Further discussions on subsequent Jury Academy classes were made.

### FIP SPONSORSHIP 2023 - 2024

#### BALKANFILA XIX

The Board approved the request for FIP sponsorship from Serbia for the regional exhibition to be held from 12 – 14 October 2023 for unanimously. It was approved by the Board that the FIP representative would be Vice-President Nathaniel and Director Suhadolc could also attend the exhibition as Europe Director.

### REGULATIONS

The Board members were reviewing the proposal from Mr Ari Muhonen, Finland, regarding the FIP GREVs and SREVs and this point was to be included in a future Board meeting again.

## Highlights of the 158<sup>th</sup> FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 23 March 2023

### EXHIBITIONS

#### Apprentices and Cross-Accreditation applications

To prevent future last-minute requests for cross-accreditations and apprenticeship at FIP Patronage exhibitions, the Board reviewed and referred to the Jury Guidelines article:

*15.4 The applicant's National Federation must submit a formal request for additional accreditation to the FIP Secretary General (application form under "Application"). Such request must specify at which FIP accredited exhibition the applicant seeks to qualify for additional accreditation, and supply documentation to establish the applicant's eligibility. Such formal request must reach the Secretary General not less than four months prior to the opening day of the specified exhibition.*

It was decided by the Board that nominations should be received at least 4 months before the start of a FIP Patronage Exhibition, hence the FIP Secretary General should send out the reminder to all Members prior to every FIP Patronage Exhibition in the future.

### IBRA 2023

The Secretary General presented to the Board the updated timetable as per approved during the 157<sup>th</sup> Meeting, with the Expert schedule in blue added in. It was approved by the Board and Vice-President Macedo would communicate with the Jury Secretary Lars Engelbrecht.

The Secretary General finalized the four FIP Qualifying Seminars planned for IBRA 2023 which were approved by the FIP Board:

SEMINAR	TITLE OF SEMINAR	SPEAKER(S)	VENUE	DAY	DATE	TIME
Postal History FIP Qualifying Seminar	<i>Postal History Qualifying Judging Seminar</i>	Danforth Walker, RDP	Room K	Sun	28-May	1400- 1500
Postal Stationery FIP Qualifying Seminar	<i>Current Trends in the Postal Stationery - Recent developments in exhibiting and judging postal stationery</i>	Mike Smith	Room K	Sun	28-May	1500- 1700
	<i>Postal Stationery Treatment - Examining the proper treatment for Postal Stationery exhibits and the balance of postal stationery information with usages and postal history information</i>	Dr Sam Chiu				
Open Philately FIP Qualifying Seminar	<i>Discover Open Philately – the new and upcoming class</i>	Prof Peter Suhadolc & Birthe King	Room D/E	Sun	28-May	1300- 1500
Traditional FIP Qualifying Seminar	<i>The Judging Criteria for Traditional Philately</i>	Dr Andrew Cheung	Room D/E	Sun	28-May	1600- 1700

### THAILAND 2023

Director Khoory updated that the OC had extended the deadline for nomination of Jurors and appointment of NCs to allow for more applications to be accepted. He requested that the Secretary General to remind Members on the nominations of apprentices and Cross-Accreditation nominations.

## PHILAKOREA 2024

Vice-President Tan updated that the exhibition had been extended one more day to 20 August as approved by Korean Post. Hence, he would also need the Board to approve that the 77th FIP Congress to be held in Seoul to be moved from 19 August to 20 August 2024, so that he can confirm with the OC via the contract. The Board members approved.

## FIP Proposed Palmares Guide for Organising Committees

The Secretary General highlighted that in the past, OC would consult FIP Consultant with regards to the Palmares program flow but in recent exhibitions, as the OC plan on their own, some aspects of the Palmares, for example with regards to the medal or grand prix prizes presentation, could be improved. She therefore re-presented the proposed template that was followed for ISRAEL 2018, PRAGA 2018, CHINA 2019 and INDONESIA 2022, which future FIP Consultants could use to liaise with the OC who are free to make adjustments accordingly, for example, to the time schedule, but at least the main structure could remain consistent. The Board members approved.

## EUROPHILEX BIRMINGHAM 2025 (FIP RECOGNITION)

Vice-President Nathaniel received a request on FIP Recognition from the UK for EuroPhilEx Birmingham 2025 and he had clarified on the differences between FIP Patronage and FIP Recognition to them for their consideration. As at 22 March 2023, FIP received the official email from Jon Aichitson to apply for FIP Recognition on behalf of the next United Kingdom International Exhibition. The event will be held at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, England, from Thursday 8 to Sunday 11 May 2025 and had already been granted FEPA Patronage. There will be 2,000 frames, potentially covering all FIP classes depending on demand, and a large number of dealer booths. The event will also host a number of other meetings and ceremonies such as the signing of The Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.

The Board approved the FIP Recognition and agreed that the Liaison Officer would be Director Suhadolc.

## FIP SPONSORSHIP 2023 - 2024

The Board unanimously approved two more FIP Sponsorship applications from Uruguay for URUGUAY 2023 and from Oman for Suhar 3rd Arabian Stamp & Numismatic Exhibition.

The Board also approved the following FIP Representatives for the respective exhibitions:

<b>ALPE ADRIA 2023</b> 21-24 September 2023:	Director Suhadolc
<b>BANGLADESH 2023</b> 29 September - 2 October 2023:	President Chirakiti
<b>URUGUAY 2023</b> 12 -16 September 2023:	Director Samamé
<b>Suhar 3rd Arabian Stamp &amp; Numismatic Exhibition:</b> 11 - 15 May 2023	Director Khoory
<b>BALKANFILA XIX</b> 12 -14 October 2023:	Vice-President Nathaniel

President Chirakiti commented that as Alpe Adria 2023 and Bangladesh 2023 were postponed from 2021 due to COVID-19, hence he was agreeable that the Board members approved the additional three regional exhibitions, from each continent for 2023. The Secretary General was to inform the Members officially.

## EXHIBITS

### Literature Class

Director Samamé highlighted that currently the publisher/author/editor/Federation can submit the same Literature exhibits. He saw that sometimes the names of the exhibitors are different for the same publication in different exhibitions. He would suggest that the exhibitor name should remain consistent for 5 years after the first submission/entry. The question shall be forwarded to the Literature Commission by Director Samamé to get a formal view of the issue.

## Highlights of the 159<sup>th</sup> FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 16 May 2023

### EXHIBITIONS

#### BOARD TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS

As Board members were elected to serve Members, it was approved by all Board members that they shall receive only 80% of economy airfare reimbursement as per the last exhibitions and they shall pay for the remaining amount on their own. In the future 80% of economy airfare shall continue to be the standard reimbursement for Board members in future FIP Patronage exhibitions.

### COMMISSIONS

#### Picture Postcards Working Group

Director Khoory updated that the Picture Postcards working group members had been finalized. As there was a range of up to 16-hour time zone differences, he would try to arrange a zoom meeting soon after IBRA 2023.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

In response to a Member's request for massive discount on FIP Membership fees, the Board had a discussion. FIP Treasurer and Vice-President Tan commented that the operational expenses of FIP had to be fully covered by the FIP Membership subscription of approximately 116,000 CHF annually and support to Members had already been offered including the FIP Sponsorship and Jury Academy, other than the 10% reduction in Subscription fees offered for 2023. Director Suhadolc also highlighted that the FIP fees had remained the same and not been raised over the past few years. Perhaps instead of Membership discount, FIP can offer some support to the smaller Members. A paper shall be prepared by Vice-President Tan for further discussion with the Board.

### JURY

The FIP Board shall look into acknowledging the efforts and contributions by outstanding FIP jurors with a Medal of Appreciation and the criteria for jurors to be eligible to receive such an award shall be finalized in the next meetings. The first such medal would be presented to Mr Giancarlo Morolli from Italy for an exceptional 50 years of service as FIP juror and it shall be presented in IBRA 2023 at the Palmares.

### CALL FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IN FLASH!

We welcome advertisements for each FLASH issue and corresponding online e-FLASH on the FIP website. The advertising charges are as follows:

Specifications	Cost per Issue	Remarks
A5 Landscape Full Colour Advertisement	300 CHF	Every 2 consecutive advertisements, 3 <sup>rd</sup> is Free
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\*The FIP Editorial team decides where these advertisements are inserted within each FLASH issue.

Write in to the FIP Secretariat to indicate your interest and to check the schedule of the next FLASH issue. The FIP Editorial team reserves the right to request for amendments to any advertisement artwork if there is/are any inappropriate content(s).

## Highlights of the 160<sup>th</sup> FIP Board of Directors Meeting on 27 and 28 May 2023, 1500 – 1700 at the Bredeney Hotel in Essen, Germany

### EXHIBITIONS

#### IBRA 2023

#### Approval of Jury Apprentices, Cross Accreditation, Apprentice Team Leaders

##### Apprentices

Rogério Deditivis	Brazil	Thematics
Iva Mouritsen	Germany	Open Philately
Thomas Hoepfner	Germany	Postal History
Rafael Acunã Castillo	Spain	Thematics
Atadan Tunaci	Turkey	Postal History

The Board members approved the above apprentices.

##### Cross-Accreditations

Reinaldo Macedo	Brazil	Literature
Ross Towle	USA	Traditional Philately

The Board members approved the two cross-accreditation jurors.

##### Apprentice Team Leaders

Juan Reinoso	Costa Rica	Postal Stationery
Henrik Mouritsen	Germany	Postal History
Wolfgang Leupold-Schleiz	Germany	Traditional Philately
István Glatz	Hungary	Youth Philately

The Board members approved the four apprentice Team Leaders.

### THAILAND 2023

The Board members approved Mr Yosuke's apprentice team leader application. Three cross-accreditation applications were discussed and the Board members would like the Secretary General to ensure that all applicants fulfil all the requirements for cross-accreditation.

Director Suhadolc updated that in order to have as many FIP Open Philately Qualifying Seminars as possible to have more apprentices for the Open Philately Class, Dr Inoue Kazuyuki and himself shall wish to conduct one more FIP Qualifying Seminar in THAILAND 2023 on behalf of the Open Philately Working Group. FIP Consultant Khoory and the Board members approved.

### JURY MATTERS

#### Cross-Accreditation

##### Article 15: Requirements

*Any FIP juror, already fully accredited in one or more of the FIP judging classes, and who has served as a regular FIP juror at least twice subsequent to original accreditation, may qualify in another specified FIP judging class, under the following conditions...*

The FIP Secretary General was asked to consult the legal advisor with regards to the above article in the Jury Guidelines, on whether a juror can cross-accredit to another class as long as he had fulfilled full jury experience twice after his first original accreditation, without having to serve further two times in the latest cross-accreditation class; or must he also have judged twice in his latest cross-accreditation class, prior to being eligible to cross-accredit further in another class.

## JURY ACADEMY



*FIP Jury Fellow Certificate and Pin  
(photo courtesy of Ben Nathaniel).*

Director Suhadolc reported that the total expenditure was within the budget. Director Samamé congratulated Director Suhadolc and Mark Banchik for their great job and the training had positive feedback from all the trainees. About 70 more FIP jurors would qualify for the Jury Academy but probably only 50 left would be keen to do it. President Chirakiti reminded that each continent to have at least two capable Jury Academy trainers and the Academy should be maintained as a prestigious course to improve the quality of judging so that jurors will regard it as an honour to be able to attend.

President Chirakiti thanked Director Suhadolc and Director Samamé on their efforts for the Academy.

## REGULATIONS

### One-Frame Exhibits revised Guidelines Request from the German Federation

The Secretary General updated that the Motions by the Danish and Canadian Federation on OFE had been approved by the 76th FIP Congress, on the condition that slight amendments to the wordings to be made. The Motion that was approved by the Congress was already uploaded on the FIP website.

Director Samamé updated that FIP had received the further amendments with the formal letter from the German Federation with regards to the proposed slight changes to be made for the FIP Board's approval, so that these more 'relaxed' guidelines for One-Frame Exhibit exhibitors can first be implemented for upcoming FIP exhibitions. He and Director Suhadolc proposed for the Board's approval in the meantime, to observe the response and further improvements to the guidelines can be proposed in the future if required.

The Board members approved and the updated guidelines were to be put up by the Secretary General on the FIP website as soon as possible.

Separately President Chirakiti had also proposed GREX 8.4 to be amended on experimental basis to address the issue for 2-3 frames exhibits for the Board's consideration.

### Literature Commission

Director Samamé reported that the Literature Commission had a meeting on 27 May 2023 on the proposed changes to be made regarding the issue of same exhibit title submitted by different exhibitor names in FIP Exhibitions. The Board would review it once the Commission submit it officially.

### Open Philately Working Group

Director Suhadolc reported that the first OP qualifying seminar conducted by himself and Mrs Birthe King had been held successfully held and attended by more than 25 participants in Essen.

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## Updated One-Frame Exhibits Guidelines

The Motion by two FIP Members to amend the One Frame Exhibit guidelines during the 76th FIP Congress was passed on the condition that slight modification be made. The above modification to the One Frame Exhibit guidelines was subsequently proposed by the German Philatelic Federation and approved by the FIP Board on 28 May 2023 in Essen, Germany

### Guidelines for Judging One Frame Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions

#### 1. The purpose of One Frame Exhibits

A One Frame exhibit is intended to be an exhibit with a very narrow subject that fits in One Frame.

#### 2. Principles of One Frame Exhibits

- a. At the FIP level, if a subject can be shown in more than One Frame or if duplication of material is needed to fill one frame, it is not an ideal subject for a One Frame exhibit.
- b. Ideally, all aspects of the subject should be treated in the One Frame exhibit.
- c. A selection of items from a multi-frame is only likely to achieve high scores in “treatment” and “knowledge and research” if the selection can completely treat a natural part of the exhibit within One Frame. In such cases, the exhibit would need a more focused title and, in most cases, a modified plan and treatment.
- d. An exhibit showing only the best items (“cherry picking”) from a multi-frame exhibit will not score very high as a One Frame exhibit because all the aspects of a broad subject would not be treated appropriately in a One Frame exhibit.
- e. Judging the appropriateness of the subject for One Frame (and One Frame only) is assessed instead of the importance of the subject.
- f. If there clearly would be enough material fitting the title/topic in 2-3 frames, we recommend to deduct 1 point in treatment.
- g. If there clearly would be enough material fitting the title/topic, so that an exhibitor could make 5 frames or more, the 1-frame exhibit should lose up to 5 points in treatment.

#### 3. Class of Exhibit

- a. One Frame exhibits may come from any of the FIP competitive classes, except the Literature Class.
- b. One Frame exhibits will be classified and judged in their respective FIP class by the teams responsible for the judging of that Class.
- c. The judging based on the SREVs and Guidelines of their respective classes and the Guidelines for Judging One Frame Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions.

#### 4. Criteria for evaluation

The following criteria and points for One Frame Exhibits are used at FIP exhibitions:

Treatment and the-appropriateness of the subject	30 points
Philatelic knowledge, personal study and research	35 points
Condition and rarity	30 points
Presentation	5 points
Total	<u>100 points</u>

Thematic One Frame exhibits will be evaluated according to the Thematic Class criteria and point system:

Treatment and the-appropriateness of the subject	35 points
Philatelic knowledge, personal study and research	30 points
Condition and rarity	30 points
Presentation	5 points
Total	<u>100 points</u>

## FIP Medal of Appreciation for Commissions' Chairmen & Secretaries

The FIP Board had identified Chairmen and Secretaries from the FIP Commissions who had served more than two terms and shall be awarding them in person, if possible, the FIP Medal of Appreciation in upcoming FIP, continental or regional exhibitions.

The first recipients were in NEW ZEALAND 2023 38th FIAP International Stamp Exhibition whereby Mr Norman Banfield was commended for his following services:

- 2004 - 2008 Secretary of Literature Commission
- 2012 - 2016 Secretary for Aerophilately Commission
- 2018 - 2022 Acting Chairman for Aerophilately Commission

Mrs Jenny Banfield was acknowledged for her following contributions to the Maximaphily Commission:

- 2012 - 2016 Secretary for Maximaphily Commission
- 2016 - 2022 Chairman for Maximaphily Commission



*Mrs Jenny Banfield (top photo, second from right) and Mr Norman Banfield (right photo, second from left) receiving their medals at the Palmares of NZ 2023 from FIP Vice-President and FIAP Secretary General Mr Richard Tan as well as FIP and FIAP President Dr Prakob Chirakiti, respectively.*

At the IBRA 2023 Palmares, the FIP Medal of Appreciation was also presented to Dr Andrew Cheung from Hong Kong on stage and FIP Director Suhadolc read out the following commendation on behalf of the FIP Board:

*“Dr Andrew Cheung had numerous contributions to the FIP Postal History Commission during his two terms of service as Bureau member and secretary respectively. Other than overseeing the communication and updating of records for the commission from 2014-2021, he had contributed hugely to the revised Postal History judging guidelines, facilitated the very well attended on-line postal history seminars during the COVID years and having conducted various FIP Qualifying Postal History seminars in FIP exhibitions. May I invite FIP President Dr Chirakiti to present the FIP Medal of Appreciation on behalf of the FIP Board to Dr Cheung for his tremendous contribution.”*



*FIP President Dr Prakob Chirakiti and Liaison Officer (left photo, on right) for the Postal History Commission presenting the FIP Medal of Appreciation to Dr Andrew Cheung, Hong Kong (left photo, on left) for, at the IBRA 2023 Palmares, with the rest of the FIP Board members on stage (top photo) (Photos courtesy of BDPh, Petra Kornmesser and Wilhelm van Loo).*

## FIP OPEN PHILATELY WORKING GROUP REPORT

After the last FIP congress in Jakarta (Indonesia) I have been appointed as liaison officer to the newly established Open Philately class. During the last FIP Board meeting in Cape Town the decision was taken to appoint a Working Group (WG) that would be responsible for temporarily leading the Open Philately class until the next Commission elections at the FIP congress in 2026. The Board had asked me to be Co-Chair of the WG with the Co-Chair that the WG will select among its members.

The following members of the Open Philately WG have been appointed by the FIP Board in December 2022: Birthe King (UK), Elisabeth Hisey (USA), Kazuyouki Inoue (Japan), Jari Majander (Finland) and Iva Mouritsen (Germany). Before the first meeting the members of the WG have selected by exchange of e-mails Birthe King to be the WG Co-Chair.

Since then the WG has met on Zoom already five times, on February 15, March 15, April 12, May 17 and June 21. Several issues have been discussed in a friendly atmosphere and documents exchanged.



*The first Open Philately FIP Qualifying Seminar in Essen, Germany co-conducted by Peter Suhadolc and Birthe King (standing).*

The first two Zoom meetings were essentially dedicated to the preparation of a PowerPoint presentation that could serve for the Open Philately qualifying seminar at the FIP World exhibition in Essen. The WG applied for it and the FIP Board approved the request. The seminar was held at the Essen exhibition on Sunday, May 28 and was presented by Peter Suhadolc, who talked about the existing Open Philately Guidelines, and by Birthe King, who showed several examples taken from successful open philately top exhibits. The Seminar was followed by 28 participants, quite a success. The FIP Board has approved another Open Philately Qualifying seminar in the upcoming Specialized world exhibition in Bangkok.

The Zoom meeting on June 21, was dedicated to the revision of the Open Philately Guidelines that were approved in Sofia in 2018. Several proposals were exchanged previously via e-mail, so at the meeting the WG succeeded in preparing the first draft of the revised Guidelines. The draft will be further discussed and reviewed.

One of the tasks that were discussed is also the implementation of the Open Philately website to be hosted on the FIP one. Kazuyouki Inoue was appointed to work on it and make a first proposal.

We ask all Federations, which have not done it yet, to appoint a delegate to the Open Philately class who will follow and contribute to the efforts of the WG.

**Peter Suhadolc, FIP Director & Liaison Officer for Open Philately Commission**

## FIP Medal of Appreciation for Exceptional Jury Service



*Presentation of Medal of Appreciation for Jury Service to Dr Giancarlo Morolli by FIP Vice-President Yigal Nathaniel at the Palmares of IBRA 2023 (photo courtesy of BDPH, Petra Kornmesser and Wilhelm van Loo).*

During the Palmares of IBRA 2023, FIP Director Peter Suhadolc gave the following commendation speech on behalf of the FIP Board before inviting Dr Giancarlo Morolli from Italy on stage to receive the FIP Medal of Appreciation:

*“The name of Dr Giancarlo Morolli and Thematic philately is almost synonymous; he has provided leadership in the development of the subject as a member, and from 1977-2004 as President of the FIP Thematic Commission, achieving universal acceptance of the concept of thematic philately. Morolli is the international thematic juror with the longest service. He has served in over 50 FIP exhibitions, from Belgica 72 to IBRA 2023, 43 times as team leader and twice as jury president. Given this extraordinary record of service as FIP juror, FIP Vice-President Nathaniel shall represent the FIP Board to bestow him with the Medal of Appreciation for FIP jury service.”*

The FIP Board would like to thank the Organising Committee of IBRA 2023 for making the Medal Presentations possible. At the 160th FIP Board meeting in Essen, Germany, the FIP President and Board of Directors also decided to recognize more FIP jurors who had made exceptional contributions to FIP World Stamp Exhibitions over the years with FIP Medal of Appreciation.

FIP Members can nominate their jurors who fulfill at least the following criteria:

- at least 12 times as full juror in FIP Patronage World Stamp Exhibitions
- preferably having been a team leader in one of the Classes
- preferably additional service eg Jury Secretary, Jury President, member of the Expert group

The Nomination form on the following page can be downloaded from the FIP website and attached with any other supporting papers necessary, for submission to the FIP Secretariat at [kelly@f-i-p.ch](mailto:kelly@f-i-p.ch) by 31 December 2023 for the FIP Board's approval.



## Class #8 of the Jury Academy Held in Essen 21 – 23 May 2023

After the London 2020 scheduled Jury Academy class had to be cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic restrictions, the world situation improved so much that by late 2022 the FIP Board organized a training session to be held in conjunction with the 2023 IBRA World Stamp Exhibition in Essen, Germany.

The rules for attending the Jury Academy (JA) have evolved slightly from pre-covid times. The FIP Board now requires that the selected juror has served as jury member at least one time in a FIP exhibition after completing their apprenticeship. It has also been decided to give priority for the 8th class to those who were already in process for the previously scheduled 'London 2020' classes.

To allow an opportunity for as many jurors as possible to fulfill the requirements, the FIP Board, in agreement with the appointed trainees Mark Banchik and Peter Suhadolc, and the FIP Board appointed observer, Aldo Samamé y Samamé, have decided to have a class of twenty participants. The class was divided into four groups of five trainees. We noted that just a few days before the beginning of the course one juror was forced to withdraw due to illness.

The sessions were held in several seminar rooms at Hotel Bredeney, the official hotel of the exhibition. One seminar room and one exhibition room were graciously provided by the organizers. The coffee and lunch breaks were conveniently offered in an adjacent attractive lounge space which also enabled informal conversation.

The FIP Jury Academy class followed the scheme of the previous classes with only minor updates. On the first day the juror and team leader duties and responsibilities were discussed and the FIP regulations reviewed. The day ended with disclosing the titles of the exhibits to be evaluated the next day and some related material to be studied distributed. That evening the entire group enjoyed group hospitality a local Greek restaurant. Aside from the great food, one class member hosted beverages. We thank both the FIP and local organizations for supporting the social activities.



*Trainees at Greek Restaurant after class.*

Day 2 was devoted to applying the first day's lessons with team judging at the frames. Dr. Henrik Mouritsen, a professional educator and Secretary of the Postal History Commission joined Mark and Peter as course observer. The judging was done criterium by criterium and the scores registered. The trainers observed how the team dynamics worked, with the team leader rotating among the team members with each subsequent practical exercise. At the end of each 'at the frames' exercise, a discussion was held with each team justifying their assigned points. At the end of day 2, the personal development of each juror was the focus with a self-evaluation, an evaluation from the trainers, and a personal development plan. A collegial dinner at a typical German beer house relaxed everybody at the end of the day.



*Trainers Mark Banchik (standing left) and Peter Suhadolc (standing right) conducting the Academy at Hotel Bredene, Essen.*

The third and last day was devoted to the most important task of a juror: giving feedback to the exhibitor. After the trainers suggested how the feedback should be given, the teams prepared potential feedback, and practiced giving the feedback at the frames. The teams had a lot of fun role playing, and mimicking several situations they may possibly encounter with exhibitors. After lunch the Jury Academy ended with the trainees evaluating the course components, as well as providing suggestions for future improvements. As trainers, Mark and I were both happy that the Jury Academy was positively considered and that everybody has learned something from it.



*Jury Academy Class #8 Graduation Dinner on 23 May 2023 (photo courtesy of Ben Nathaniel).*

In the evening the Award dinner was held in Hotel Bredeney with all trainees and their partners attending. The entire FIP Board was also present with FIP Honorary President Tay, the Jury Academy creator Lars Engelbrecht, and Philatelic enterprise 'Postiljonen' represented by its CEO Claes Arnrup. Their partial sponsorship and kind support to the Jury Academy was acknowledged. All trainees received their well-deserved diplomas and FIP Jury Fellow pins.



*FIP President Chirakiti (middle) with Jury Academy Trainer Peter Suhadolc (right) presenting the diploma and Jury Fellow pin to one of the trainees Geoffrey Kellow, Australia (left) at the Graduation Dinner (Photo courtesy of Ben Nathaniel).*



*Lars Engelbrecht and Claes Arnrup (Postiljonen).*



*FIP Director and Jury Academy observer Aldo Samame with FIP Vice-President and IBRA 2023 Consultant Reinaldo Macedo (Photo courtesy of Ben Nathaniel).*

At the end we would like to personally thank Wolfgang Leupold-Schleitz, who has efficiently managed the local logistics, from providing the printer shop for the course material, arranging all rooms in Hotel Bredeney and the three Jury Academy dinners. Vielen Dank, Wolfgang!

Several course attendees remarked in subsequent emails to the trainers that the course was very successful in how it blended the various didactic exhibiting/judging criteria with practical 'at the frames' exercises. Aside from the positive role-playing experience, there was an increased sense of professionalism and team comradery among the attendees.

The next Jury Academy is scheduled to be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, in 2024! We look forward to ongoing FIP support in enhancing the professionalism and consistency of the jury experience.

**FIP Director & Trainer Peter Suhadolc and  
Co-Trainer Mark Banchik**

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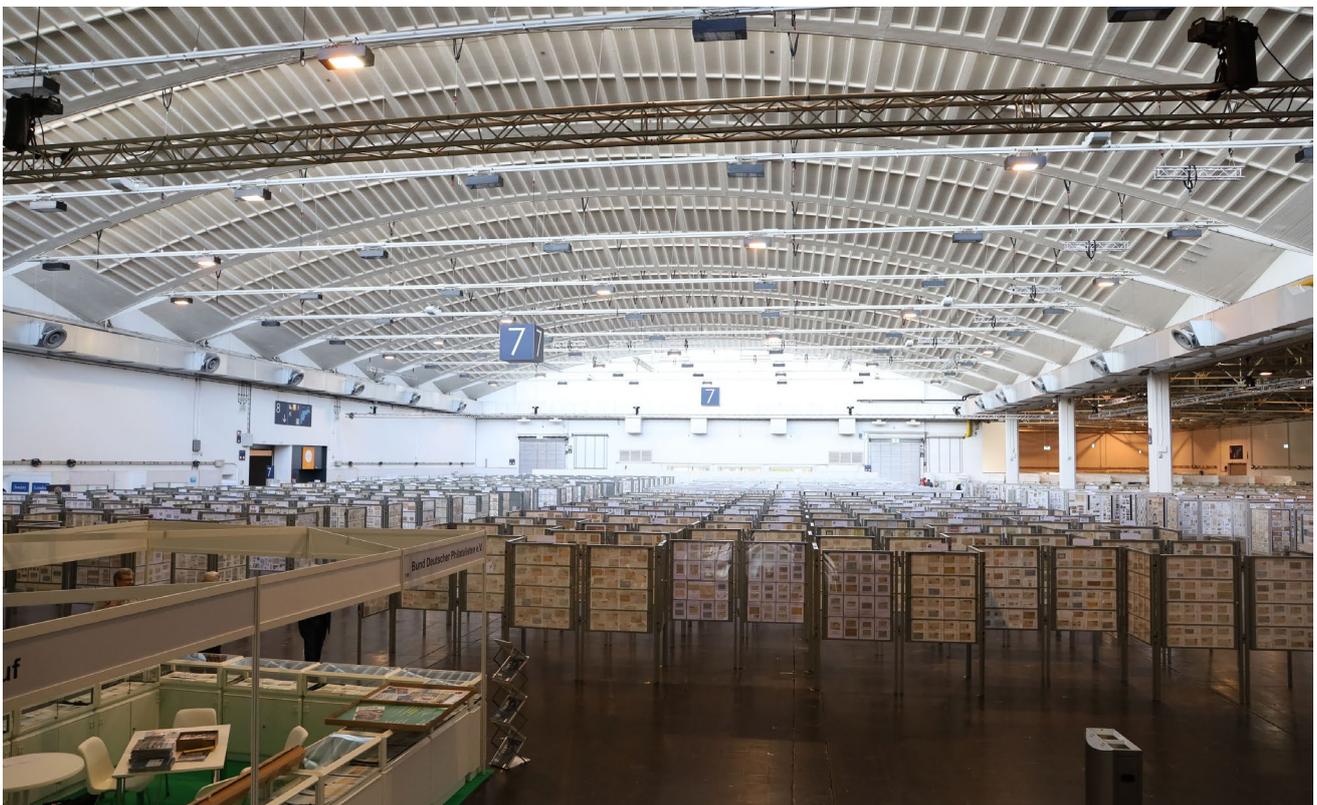
## IBRA 2023 FIP General World Stamp Exhibition



Many thousands of visitors from Germany and abroad flocked to Messe Essen from 25 to 28 May 2023, where the 33rd International Stamp Fair and the IBRA World Stamp Exhibition were held in Halls 7 and 8.

The 12,000 sqm event offered everything a collector's heart could desire. Especially on the first two days, but also on the Whitsun weekend, the stands of the approximately 110 dealers, auction houses, publishers as well as postal administrations and agencies from all over the world were densely crowded.

Turnover clearly exceeded expectations, and the suppliers were correspondingly euphoric. Classic and modern stamps were in demand, whether individually, in lots or in collections and part collections. The trend towards letters and other covers to enrich postal history and thematic collections was once again confirmed.



*The exhibition hall with 3,600 frames (photo courtesy of BDPH, Petra Kornmesser and Wilhelm van Loo).*



*The Opening Ceremony of IBRA 2023 on 25 May 2023 (photo courtesy of BDPH, Petra Kornmesser and Wilhelm van Loo).*



*Huge crowd visiting the dealer booths daily (photo courtesy of BDPH, Petra Kornmesser and Wilhelm van Loo).*

A crowd puller was the treasure chamber with the unique Bordeaux letter with a Red and a Blue Mauritius, at which there were waiting times. Legends of German philately were also on display there, such as the letter with the Baden misprint, the unique first day cover with the “Black One”, the first German stamp, the only existing complete sheet of the “3 Pf. Saxony” (1850) or two “Hepburn” stamps, the most expensive modern stamp in the world. The small exhibition of the Germania definitive series from 1900 with unique designs and proofs also attracted visitors.

The great interest in the 799 exhibited collections from 70 countries was striking. Rarely were so many visitors to be seen at the frames, studying the exhibits in detail, taking notes and photographing pages and pages. The desire to learn more about the hobby and the individual collecting field was also reflected in the almost 70 information stands of working and research communities, the generous reading and literature area as well as the advisory stands of the associations.



*The Commissioner General for IBRA 2023 Mr Walter Bernatek briefing the National Commissioners in the Commissioners room (photo courtesy of BDPH, Petra Kornmesser and Wilhelm van Loo).*

For young collectors, there was a large area with games and activities. In the popular stamp pool, one could search for stamps from all over the world free of charge. Beginners were given a basic set of album, tweezers and stamps to start collecting.



*Stamp Pool for the young philatelists (photo courtesy of BDPH, Petra Kornmesser and Wilhelm van Loo).*

## Grand Prix Winners at IBRA 2023

The IBRA 2023 Palmares was held on Saturday 27 May 2023 evening attended by more than 500 guests and a total of 64 large golds and 196 gold medals were awarded by the international jury team.

There were two candidates for the Grand Prix National prize and the winning exhibit went to “Prussia – The first Three Issues 1850-59” by Alfred Schmidt (Germany).

The Grand Prix International prize had four candidates and the prize went to Ponce Lozada, Julio Cesar (Peru) for his exhibit “The Mail System in the Viceroyalti of Peru”.

Finally, there were three FIP Grand Prix d’Honneur candidates. The winner went to Britz, Walter (Uruguay) for his exhibit “Uruguay: Early Issues of the XIX Century (1856-1862)”.



*f.l.: GPN winner Alfred Schmidt (Germany); GPI winner Julio Cesar Ponce Lozada (Peru) & GPH winner Walter Britz (Uruguay).*

## FIP Grand Prix Club Lunch on 28 May 2023

The FIP Grand Prix Club lunch was held at the L’ Osteria Essen, kindly arranged by the Club’s Vice-President Mr Everaldo Santos. All the attendees had a great al fresco and relaxing lunch together!



*The FIP GPC members’ group photo during lunch.*

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The FIP - International Philatelic Federation as part of its annual program of support for regional international exhibitions, recognized the importance of the **BAKANFILA XIX** exhibition and decided to support.



In addition to Serbia, the following are participating: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, Moldova, Romania, North Macedonia, Slovenia, Turkey, Croatia and Montenegro.  
Guest: Hungary





## **BALKANFILA** Returns to Belgrade after half a century

The capital of the former Yugoslavia - Belgrade, was the host of the exhibition BALKANFILA VI in 1977. Thanks to several positive circumstances and the initiative of the Union of Philatelists of Serbia, Belgrade was once again entrusted with the organization of the exhibition BALKANFILA XIX, as we already reported in the previous issue of Flash.

The mission of BALKANFILA is to consolidate and develop the friendship between the philatelists from the Balkan Region. A total of 12 countries will participate in The International Philatelic Exhibition BALKANFILA XIX: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey and Hungary, as invited country.

Recognizing the importance of this exhibition, as well as the results achieved by Serbian exhibitors at world philatelic exhibitions, the President of the Republic of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić, accepted to be the patron of the exhibition BALKANFILA XIX.

The complete logistical and financial support was taken over by the Serbian postal operator – “Posta Srbije”, which is the GENERAL SPONSOR of this exhibition.

The World Philatelic Federation FIP has accepted, as part of the program of support for regional exhibitions, sponsorship for the exhibition BALKANFILA XIX. The exhibition will be held in accordance with standards of FIP. Exhibition BALKANFILA XIX, as Regional Exhibition under FIP SPONSORSHIP 2023, is already announced on the FIP website.

The location of the exhibition is in the city center – THE CENTRAL MILITARY CLUB, directly on Republic Square.

We are very pleased to announce that the response of interested exhibitors was very high and that the competition class together with the honorary class will count 600 frames.

The judging team of the BALKANFILA exhibition is composed of accredited FIP judges, who come from the participating countries.

The organizing committee of the exhibition BALKANFILA XIX continues the activities and, in close cooperation with the Post of Serbia, plans the necessary details and compiles the exhibition program.

We are expecting you in Belgrade at BALKANFILA XIX. Welcome.

## Suhar 3rd Arabian Stamp & Numismatic Exhibition



The exhibition was held in Suhar city in Sultanate of Oman from 11 to 14 May 2023 at the Oasis Mall Suhar. It was organized by Stamps & Numismatic center – OMAN as a member of FIP federations. Total of 18 Arab countries participated in addition to the Sultanate of Oman 6 Arabian Gulf countries and 13 other Arabian countries from all are 7 countries FIP member federations. The opening ceremony honored by Sayyid Noah bin Muhammad al-Busaidi president of the Omani Historical Society.

The most important objective of this exhibition was the participation of all Arab countries in order to bring the picture closer to the Arab societies on how to participate in exhibitions and understand the how to build stamps exhibits in the rule of FIP requirement and how to be FIP member that are according to the requirements of the FIP.





Participated countries was 19 countries as six Arabian Gulf countries and thirteen other Arabian countries from all are seven countries FIP member federations. The exhibition contained distinguished exhibits and the number reached sixty four exhibits. The Jury team has been appointed consist of five members , three FIP accredited, the team leader and one apprentice jury.

This exhibition was official ( FIP SPONSORSHIP ) as first time in the Arab area. Which had a positive impact on the exhibition. The exhibition received distinguished media coverage. Which had an impact on spreading the events of the exhibition on a wide level in the Arab countries and the world.



Palmares and official closing ceremony of the exhibition was held under the auspices of Mr. Dawood bin Suleiman Al Kiyumi Vice President of the Sultan Qaboos Higher Center for Culture and Science.



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Royal Dutch Association of Philatelist Associations (KNBF)	Peter Teurlings	email@teurlings-online.nl
Federation of Mongolian Philatelists	Enkhbat Chuluundorj	president@philately.mn
Federación Española de Sociedades Filatélicas (FESOFI)	José Antonio Arruego Sanz	joseantonioarruego@gmail.com

## Obituary



**Silvano Sorani (1934-2023)**

Silvano Sorani passed away on 30 June. In the family's formal statement, he is remembered as a "tireless witness in schools of racial persecution, formidable connoisseur of philately and passionate collector". The announcement was made by his wife Scarlett, and his children Manuela and Riccardo with his family. The funeral was celebrated in Milan at the Jewish cemetery on Sunday, 2 July.

Silvano was a well-established philatelic expert, and FIP juror in both traditional philately and postal history at a number of international exhibitions (e.g. Pacific 97, Israel 98, Italia 98, Wipa 2000, Europhilex 2002, Ticino 2003, Israel 2008, Italia 2009, Israel 2018) and served as chairman of the Italian Association of Professional Philatelic Experts.

He won the Grand Prix National in Israel in 1985 with the "Holy Land" exhibit under the pseudonym 'Manuela' and hence became a member of the Grand Prix Club.

The FIP Board of Directors send their deepest condolences to Mr Sorani's family. He will be dearly missed.

*(Above information re-published with the consent of FEPA)*

## FIAF Exhibition - 150 Years of Jesus Maria City



In the city of Jesús María, province of Córdoba, Argentina, an International Philatelic Exhibition was held from July 10 to 16 commemorating the 150th anniversary of the city's foundation. The exhibition was sponsored by the Inter-American Philatelic Federation (FIAF) and the Argentine Federation of Philatelic Entities (FAEF).

It had 330 frames on display in all categories, and in parallel the national youth exhibition – Juvenex - was also held, that is organized uninterrupted along the last two decades by the FAEF Youth Commission.

Ten countries of the Americas attended the exhibition with the support of their commissioners and more than the half of the jury team were FIP jurors.

The commissioners and jurors were hosted at the Jesús María Hotel and the exhibition was held at the premises of the Dressage and Folklore venue, which organizes its festival every year in January.

The international jury had a hard job, at the end the best foreign collection was awarded with the International Grand Prix, this prize was given to the exhibit "Bolivia, Traditional Airmail" of Mrs. Martha Villarroel de Peredo. For the National Grand Prix two Argentine collections were voted for, the exhibit "Argentina – Emisiones Correo Aéreo 1928-1936" of Mr. Domingo del Fabro was the winner.

Among the recreational activities an excursion to the Jesuit ranch in the city and a visit to a winery where different varieties of wine were tasted, ending the visit with a barbecue.

On the opening day, the Argentine Post Office issued a stamp and a postal stationery alluding both, the international exhibition and Juvenex.

The Palmares dinner took place in the city of Sinsacate at the facilities of Nawan Hotel.

It was a great philatelic week, full of friendship and with the attendance of dealers who were dealing with philatelists all the week.

The Organizing Committee appreciates the jury work and the accompaniment of Commissioners, dealers and philatelists, satisfied with the task accomplished.

## Exposición FIAF - 150 Años de la ciudad de Jesús María

En la ciudad de Jesús María, provincia de Córdoba, se llevó a cabo, entre los días 10 al 16 de Julio, la Exposición Internacional de Filatelia por los 150 años de fundación de la ciudad. La exposición tuvo el Auspicio de la Federación Interamericana de Filatelia (FIAF) y de la Federación Argentina de Entidades Filatelicás (FAEF).

Contó con un total de 330 marcos en exposición en todas las categorías, con la particularidad que también se llevó a cabo la exposición Juvenex que por más de dos décadas interrumpidas organiza la comisión de Juventud de la F.A.E.F.

Participaron diez países de América con el acompañamiento de sus comisionados y con un jurado de primer nivel, con más del 50 por ciento de jurados FIP.

Los comisionados y jurados fueron alojados en el Hotel Jesús María y la exposición se llevó a cabo en las instalaciones del predio de Doma y Folklore que todos los años organiza su festival en el mes de Enero.

El jurado internacional tuvo un arduo trabajo y al cierre del mismo se eligió la mejor colección extranjera otorgándosele el Gran Premio Internacional a la participación "Bolivia, Traditional Airmail" de la Sra. Martha Villarroel de Peredo; para el Gran Premio Nacional se votó entre dos colecciones argentinas, siendo ganadora la participación "Argentina - Emisiones Correo Aéreo 1928-1936" del Sr. Domingo Del Fabro.

Dentro de las actividades recreativas hubo una excursión a la estancia Jesuitica de la ciudad y la visita y posterior almuerzo a una bodega vitivinícola donde se degustaron distintas variedades de vino culminando la visita con un asado.

El día de la inauguración el Correo Argentino puso en circulación un sello y un entero postal alusivo a la exposición y la Juvenex.

El Palmarés se llevó a cabo en la ciudad de Sinsacate en las instalaciones del Hotel Nawan.

Fue una gran semana de filatelia y amistad acompañados por los comerciantes filatelicos que estuvieron toda la semana junto a los filatelistas.

La Comisión Organizadora agradece el trabajo del Jurado y el acompañamiento de los Comisionados, comerciantes y filatelistas, satisfechos de la tarea cumplida.



Commissioners (left photo) and jurors (right photo) for the exhibition.



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## NEWS FROM FEPA



**Sharing Information**

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At the invitation of the Italian Federation FEPA will hold its 2023 Congress on 23rd September in Tarvisio, Italy, which will also be the venue for the annual Alpe Adria exhibition. We are looking forward very much to this opportunity to set out our thoughts on how we can best contribute to promoting philately in a time of rapid change and to hear from Members on their plans and proposals.

Our attention is focused closely on the question of how to engage younger collectors with organised philately. With this in mind we will continue to work with our Members on how to make best use of digital resources to achieve this. We are also interested in promoting an attractive image of philately to the wider world to help people appreciate the range and depth of the resource that it can contribute to an understanding of the world we live in.

We believe firmly that international cooperation can help our Members adapt to change. FEPA is a framework within which cooperation can take place and we will do everything we can to make sure we are in the best possible position to support that essential process.

**Bill Hedley**  
FEPA President

## FIP Qualifying Seminar in TAIPEI 2023 39<sup>th</sup> Asian International Exhibition at Exhibition Hall (WTC) 2F Jury Room

COMMISSION	FIP QUALIFYING SEMINAR	SPEAKER(S)	DAY	DATE	TIME
Thematic	How to improve the Thematic exhibit	Kim Chang Han & Tono Putranto	Mon	14-Aug	1000- 1130
Picture Postcards	Exhibiting & Judging Picture Postcards	Jeff Long	Mon	14-Aug	1300- 1430
Aerophilately	Aerophilately New Guidelines – Exhibiting & Judging	Glen Stafford	Mon	14-Aug	1430- 1600

Three FIP Qualifying Seminars approved by the FIP Board shall be held in the upcoming 39<sup>th</sup> Asian International Stamp Exhibition in Taipei. Exhibitors or jurors attending the exhibition should attend especially if they would like to apply to become jury apprentices in future FIP Patronage exhibitions.

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