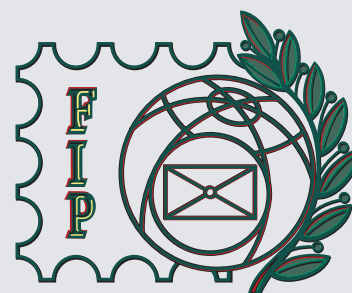


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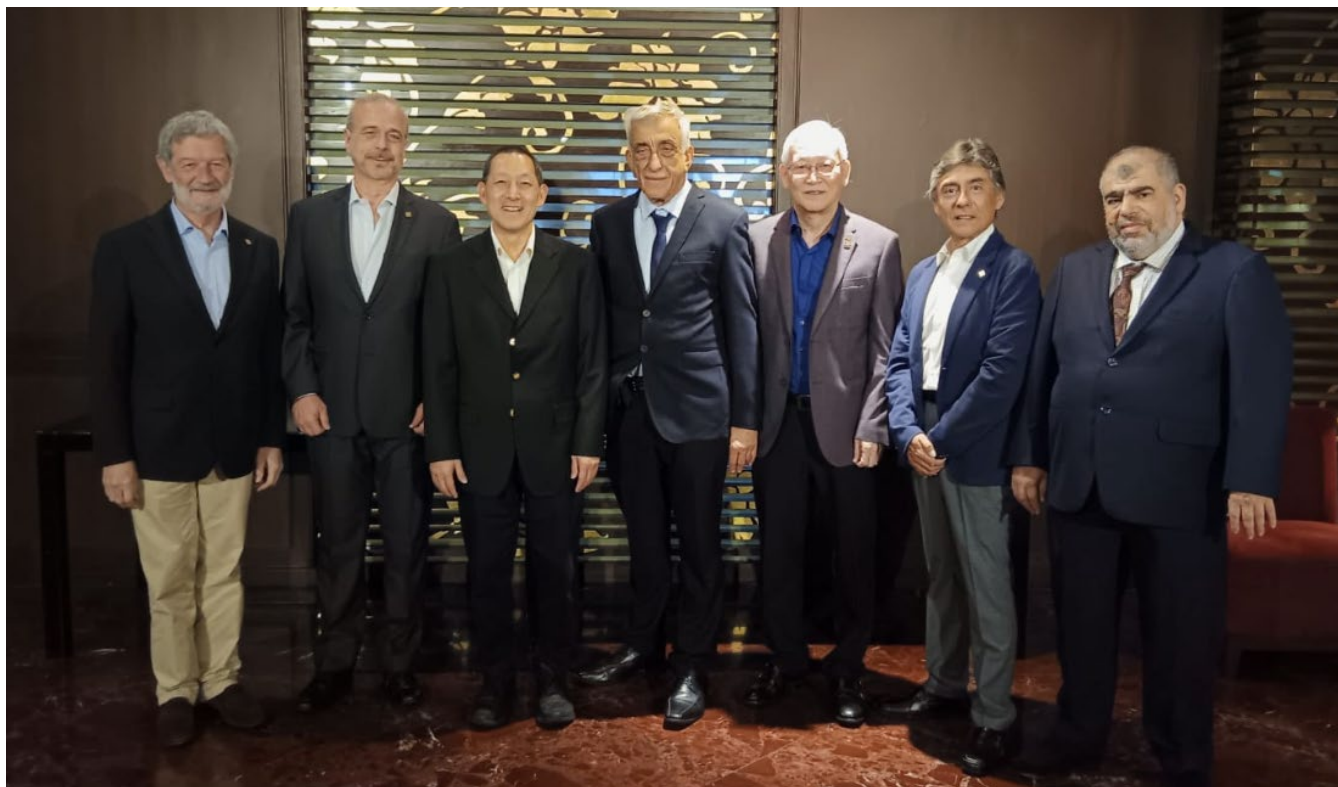
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The 167th FIP Board meeting of the FIP Board of Directors in Bangkok, Thailand on 2 December 2023. f.l. Director Suhadolc, Vice-President Macedo, President Chirakiti, Vice-Presidents Nathaniel and Tan, Directors Samamé and Khoory.

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Editorial

Happy new year to all our Member Federations and looking forward to meeting many of your representatives at the FIP Patronage exhibition EFIRO 2024 in Bucharest, Romania, in April!

In this issue of FLASH you can read about many interesting updates. After the FIP Board meetings' highlights, there is a summary of the FIP Meeting with its Commissions in Bangkok.

Unfortunately, the PHILAKOREA 2024 has been postponed to 2025, so the 77th FIP congress will take place in Shanghai on the 3 December 2024. A report on the very successful THAILAND 2023 exhibition and the first FIAP Continental Training course held just before it in Bangkok follows. During the Palmares dinner, several Medals of Appreciation were awarded for Exceptional FIP Jury Service. Several exhibitions had taken place last year that were supported under the FIP Sponsorship scheme. Reports from BALKANFILA, BANGLADESH and MONTEVIDEO exhibitions in 2023 are presented.

Apart from EFIRO 2024 in April, this year there will be several other exhibitions: CHINA 2024 in Shanghai from 29 November – 3 December with FIP Recognition. MARE BALTICUM 2024 in Tartu, Estonia, in July which has the support of FIP Sponsorship. The Board shall decide two more FIP Sponsorships to award for 2024, to be announced at a later date. Ideally, FIP hopes to be able to support Members from all the three continents. Our Associated members will also hold some exhibitions: a FEPA one, HAFNIA 2024 in Copenhagen in October, and a FIAP one, INDONESIA 2024 in Jakarta in July.

See you soon at EFIRO 2024 in Bucharest, a great opportunity to continue our journey in philately and to further strengthen our friendship!

Aldo Samamé y Samamé / Peter Suhadolc
FLASH Co-Editors

Editorial

Feliz año nuevo a todas las Federaciones Miembro y esperamos encontrar a muchos de sus representantes en la Exposición FIP EFIRO 2024, en Bucarest, Rumanía, en abril!

En esta edición de FLASH podrán leer acerca de muchas actualizaciones interesantes. Luego de los aspectos destacados de las reuniones del Consejo Directivo FIP, hay un resumen de la reunión de la FIP con sus Comisiones en Bangkok.

Desafortunadamente PHILAKOREA 2024 se ha pospuesto hasta el año 2025, por lo que el 77° Congreso FIP se llevará a cabo en Shanghai el 3 de diciembre 2024. En esta edición tenemos un informe sobre la exitosa exposición THAILAND 2023 y el primer curso continental de entrenamiento de Jurados FIAP realizado en Bangkok justo antes de la exposición. Durante la Cena de Palmarés se entregaron varias Medallas de Reconocimiento a Jurados FIP por su Servicio Excepcional. El año pasado se llevaron a cabo varias exposiciones apoyadas bajo el esquema de Auspicio FIP. Se presentan reportes de estas exposiciones realizadas en el 2023, BALKANFILA, BANGLADESH Y MONTEVIDEO.

Además de EFIRO 2024 en abril, este año habrán otras exposiciones: CHINA 2024 en Shanghai, del 29 de noviembre al 3 de diciembre, con Reconocimiento FIP. MARE BALTICUM 2024 en Tartu, Estonia, en julio, y cuenta con el Auspicio FIP. El Consejo Directivo decidirá sobre otros dos Auspicios FIP para este 2024, que se anunciarán en una fecha posterior. Idealmente la FIP espera apoyar a los miembros de los tres continentes. Nuestros miembros asociados también realizarán algunas exposiciones: una FEPA -HAFNIA 2024- en Copenhague en octubre, y una FIAP -INDONESIA 2024- en Yakarta en julio.

Nos vemos pronto en EFIRO 2024, en Bucarest; una gran oportunidad para continuar nuestro viaje en filatelia y para fortalecer aún más nuestra amistad!

Aldo Samamé y Samamé / Peter Suhadolc
Co-Editores FLASH



Dear Members, Colleagues and Friends, on behalf of the FIP Board of Directors, we wish you all and your family a Happy and Healthy 2024.

After the successful IBRA 2023 in May 2023, THAILAND 2023 FIP World Stamp Championship Exhibition also welcomed worldwide philatelic friends successfully with the Opening Ceremony presided by H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn on November 27, 2023.

THAILAND 2023 showcased 2,500 frames of competitive exhibits, on top of rare non-competitive exhibits such as the FIP Grand Prix Club displays, the Treasure Chamber with the well-known 1856 British Guiana 1 Cent Magenta; the Japan 1871 500 Mon Center Inverted stamps; the Siamese archival legendary Siamese First Issue Printing Plate and the full sheet of the First Issue Stamps including the Fuang value as well as other philatelic gems.

Congratulations to the THAILAND 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 your medal awards received for your marvelous exhibits shown.

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; dealers for bringing the wonderful materials for philatelists and collectors, as well as visitors for their support in making THAILAND 2023 such a huge success.

During the Palmares, FIP awarded the “Medal of Appreciation” to eight FIP Accredited Jurors for their exceptional Jury services and also to Jukka Makinen from Finland in recognition for his contribution for two terms in the Revenue Commission. The respective Certificates of Appreciation were also presented to the IBRA 2023 and THAILAND 2023 Organising Committees for their efforts in hosting FIP Patronage Exhibitions to promote worldwide philately.

The First Continental Jury Academy class was also successfully held in Bangkok on November 24 - 25, 2023. The course content was refined by Lars Engelbrecht, who developed the FIP Jury Academy content. These contents were also shared amongst the three Associate Members for their future use.

On 1 December 2023, the FIP Board also had a meeting with the FIP Commissions Chairmen and Secretaries, ever since the last one was held before COVID-19 outbreak in 2016.

The next upcoming FIP Patronage Exhibition will be EFIRO 2024 Specialised World Stamp Exhibition to be held in Bucharest from April 16-19, 2024. Unfortunately, PHILAKOREA 2024 World Stamp Championship Exhibition in August 2024 had been postponed to 2025 due to unforeseen challenges.

The next largest-scale Philatelic event in 2024 shall be FIP Recognition Exhibition - CHINA 2024 the 40th Asian International Exhibition, to be held from November 29 – December 3, 2024 in Shanghai. The 77th FIP Congress previously scheduled to be held in Seoul in 2024 to elect the Vice-Presidents and Directors from America and Europe, has been decided by FIP to be held in Shanghai, China, on December 3, 2024. FIP is planning the budget to host the accommodation of as many Members from other continents as possible to attend the Congress.

FIP is happy to continue supporting regional Exhibitions, one from each continent every year, under the FIP Sponsorship scheme. For the European continent in 2024, the Board had approved the sponsorship of MARE BALTICUM 2024 to be held from 26-28 July 2024 in Tartu, Estonia.

We appreciate your comments, suggestions 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, en nombre del Consejo Directivo FIP, les deseamos a todos ustedes y a su familia un feliz y saludable 2024.

Después del éxito de IBRA 2023 en mayo de 2023, el Campeonato Mundial FIP de Sellos TAILANDIA 2023 también dio la bienvenida a amigos filatelistas de todo el mundo con la Ceremonia de Apertura presidida por SAR Princesa Maha Chakri Sirindhorn el 27 de noviembre de 2023.

TAILANDIA 2023 tuvo 2500 marcos de colecciones competitivas, además de raras participaciones no competitivas como las del FIP Grand Prix Club; la Cámara del Tesoro con el conocido 1 Cent Magenta de la Guayana Británica de 1856, el sello de Japón de 500 Mon de 1871 con el centro invertido, la legendaria plancha de archivo de impresión de la Primera Emisión de Siam, y la hoja completa de la Primera Emisión, incluido el valor Fuang, así como otras gemas filatélicas.

Felicitaciones al Comité Organizador de TAILANDIA 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 las maravillosas exposiciones presentadas.

En nombre de FIP, me gustaría agradecer a todos los expositores por su activa participación; a los Comisionados por transportar las colecciones, al equipo del Jurado Internacional por el arduo trabajo de juzgar; a los comerciantes por traer maravilloso material para filatelistas y coleccionistas, así como a los visitantes por su apoyo para hacer de TAILANDIA 2023 un gran éxito.

Durante el Palmares, la FIP otorgó la “Medalla de Reconocimiento” a ocho Jurados FIP acreditados por sus excepcionales servicios y también a Jukka Makinen de Finlandia en reconocimiento por su contribución durante dos mandatos en la Comisión de Fiscales. También se entregaron los respectivos Certificados de Agradecimiento a los Comités Organizadores de IBRA 2023 y TAILANDIA 2023 por sus esfuerzos al organizar Exposiciones con Patrocinio FIP para promover la filatelia en todo el mundo.

La Primera Clase de la Academia Continental de Jurados también se celebró con éxito en Bangkok los días 24 y 25 de noviembre de 2023. El contenido del curso fue perfeccionado por Lars Engelbrecht, quien desarrolló el contenido de la Academia de Jurados FIP. Este contenido también fue compartido con los tres Miembros Asociados para su uso futuro.

El 1º de diciembre de 2023, el Consejo Directivo FIP se reunió con los presidentes y secretarios de las comisiones FIP, la primera reunión que se celebra desde antes del brote de COVID-19 en 2019.

La próxima Exposición con Patrocinio FIP será la Exposición Mundial Especializada EFIRO 2024, que se celebrará en Bucarest del 16 al 19 de abril de 2024. Desafortunadamente, la Exposición Mundial PHILAKOREA 2024 de agosto de 2024 se pospuso hasta 2025 debido a desafíos imprevistos.

El siguiente evento de gran escala del 2024 será la Exposición CHINA 2024, con Reconocimiento FIP, será la 40ª Exposición Internacional Asiática, y se celebrará del 29 de noviembre al 3 de diciembre de 2024 en Shanghai. El Consejo Directivo FIP ha decidido que el 77º Congreso FIP, previamente programado para celebrarse en Seúl en 2024 para elegir a los vicepresidentes y directores de América y Europa, se celebre en Shanghai, China, el 3 de diciembre de 2024. El Consejo Directivo FIP está planeando el presupuesto para dar alojamiento al mayor número de Miembros de otros continentes que asistan al Congreso.

La FIP se complace en seguir apoyando las Exposiciones regionales, una de cada continente por cada año, bajo el esquema de Auspicio FIP. Para el continente europeo en el 2024, la Junta aprobó el patrocinio de MARE BALTICUM 2024 que se celebrará del 26 al 28 de julio de 2024 en Tartu, Estonia.

Agradecemos sus comentarios, sugerencias y opiniones sobre cómo promover nuestro querido hobby.

Con los mejores deseos,

Prakob Chirakiti
En representación del Board FIP

Highlights of the 161st FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 16 June 2023

EXHIBITIONS

IBRA 2023

FIP Vice-President Macedo gave a post-exhibition report and analysis on IBRA 2023 and recommended that FIP exhibitions in the future should be at least five days with 3 days of judging with proper preparation for jury feedback.

EFIRO 2024

The FIP Vice-President Nathaniel reported that the Romanian Federation wrote to FIP to request for FIP Patronage. They had been advised that the right course of action was to first inform FEPA before FIP provide the official Patronage.

Highlights of the 162nd FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 1 July 2023

EFIRO 2024

In view that FEPA had let the Organising Committee decided if they wish the exhibition as under FIP Patronage, Vice-President Nathaniel updated that the Organising Committee would like to apply for FIP Patronage officially and he seeked the Board's approval. The exhibition shall have at least 2,000 frames but the dates of exhibitions shall be changed to 16 – 19 April 2024. The Board members approved.

TAIPEI 2023 (FIP Recognition)

The Board approved the following FIP Qualifying Seminars that shall be held in TAIPEI 2023:

SEMINAR	TITLE OF SEMINAR	SPEAKER(S)	VENUE	DAY	DATE	TIME
Thematic FIP Qualifying Seminar	How to improve the Thematic exhibit	Kim Chang Han & Tono Putranto	Exhibition Hall (WTC) 2F Jury Room	Mon	14 Aug	1000- 1130
Picture Postcards FIP Qualifying Seminar	Exhibiting & Judging Picture Postcards	Jeff Long	Exhibition Hall (WTC) 2F Jury Room	Mon	14 Aug	1300- 1430
Aerophilately FIP Qualifying Seminar	Aerophilately New Guidelines – Exhibiting & Judging	Glen Stafford	Exhibition Hall (WTC) 2F Jury Room	Mon	14 Aug	1430- 1600

Highlights of the 163rd FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 25 July 2023

EXHIBITIONS

THAILAND 2023

The apprentice jury, and cross-accreditation and apprentice team-leader applications for THAILAND 2023 were approved by the FIP Board members.

The Secretary General shall also work out with the Organising Committee on the FIP Qualifying Seminars that shall be held at the exhibition.

EFIRO 2024

The FIP Vice-President Nathaniel updated that he had been in constant contact with the Organising Committee and the invitation had been sent to all FIP Members. So far most of the responses were from Europe. Responses from other continents were from Venezuela, Japan, Macau and Australia. The Secretary General would assist to ask other Asian countries to revert as fast as they can.

PHILAKOREA 2024

The FIP Vice-President and Consultant for the exhibition Richard Tan reported the Organising Committee was still pending the Finance Ministry to clear the required budget. He also reminded them that the Congress was previously decided to be on 20 August 2024, hence they would have to confirm the venue soon so that the letter to Members can be sent out in time by FIP by mid November 2023, 9 months before the FIP Congress.

FIP RECOGNITION EXHIBITION 2023

TAIPEI 2023

The FIP Vice-President Tan visited Taipei last month to oversee the preparations by the Organising Committee and he was pleased that the exhibition would be of the same standards as FIP World Stamp Exhibition PHILATAIPEI 2016. All the logistics were well prepared by the Federation and Chung Hwa Post. As approved in the last Board meeting, there will be three FIP Qualifying Seminars. The Federation and Post were also keen to host an FIP exhibition in 2026.

CONTINENTAL JURY TRAININGS

President Chirakiti updated that he had written to Lars Engelbrecht from Denmark to ask if he would be available to assist FIP with the continental training contents which he sought the Board's approval to trial in THAILAND 2023, to improve the basic judging standards of jurors at the continental level.

JURY

The Secretary General reported that as the official application form to nominate jurors to receive the FIP Medal of Appreciation for exceptional Jury Service was approved by the Board, the announcement to Members shall be officially made in e-FLASH 135 and an email would also be sent to Members by end July 2023.

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Highlights of the 164th FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 7 August 2023

EXHIBITIONS

THAILAND 2023

Three additional applications for apprenticeship and cross-accreditation were presented by the Secretary General to the Board members and FIP Consultant Khoory for their approval. The Board members approved their applications as they fulfilled all the necessary requirements. These cross-accreditation and apprentice jurors would have no voting rights.

The Board approved the final THAILAND 2023 International jury list.

CONTINENTAL JURY TRAININGS

President Chirakiti wrote to Lars Engelbrecht following the last Board meeting and after sharing with him on the difference between FIP Jury Academy versus the continental jury training, Mr Engelbrecht was keen to support it and he would make a draft content of a two-day training in the coming week to be sent for the Board members' review and comments, so that a training can be done time for THAILAND 2023. President Chirakiti shall check with the Organising Committee on the suitable dates and venue for the training.

Highlights of the 165th FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 18 September 2023

EXHIBITIONS

THAILAND 2023

The Secretary General circulated the timetable for the venues and timings allocated for the Commissions' Meeting and FIP Qualifying Seminars, which the Board members approved:

DATE & TIME	THE LETTER ROOM (3rd flr Grand Postal Building)			THE POSTAGE STAMP ROOM (3rd flr Grand Postal Building)		
1 December 2023	COMMISSION	EVENT	SPEAKER	COMMISSION	EVENT	SPEAKER
09:00 - 11:00	FIP Board Meeting with the Commissions Bureau & Associate Members					
11:00 - 13:00	Literature	FIP Qualifying Seminar: The Judging Criteria for Literature Exhibits	Muhammad Javaid	Literature	FIP Qualifying Seminar: Towards new guidelines in picture postcard class	Seija-Riitta Laakso
13:00 - 15:00	Revenue	FIP Qualifying Seminar: The new Guidelines and their Consequences in Judging	Ralph Ebner	Youth	Commission's Meeting	
15:00 - 17:00				Open Philately	FIP Qualifying Seminar: Discover the World of Open Philately	Peter Suhadole
2 December 2023						
09:30 - 11:30	Jury Feedback					
12:00 - 14:00	FIP GPC Lunch (by Invitation)					
13:00 - 15:00	Aerophilately	FIP Qualifying Seminar: Aerophilately New Guidelines Exhibiting & Judging	Glen Stafford	Postal Stationery	FIP Qualifying Seminar: Judging Postal Stationery, Treatment & Current trend	Ian McMahon & Sam Chiu
15:00	Exhibits Dismounting					

PHILAKOREA 2024

Vice-President Tan commented that Members had received the letter of invitation calling for nomination of jurors and appointment of Commissioners from Mr Jin Hur, the Commissioner General. The tentative dates indicated in the letter was 14 – 18 August 2024 instead of the original 15-19 August 2024, which he shall discuss again with the Organising Committee.

TAIPEI 2023 (FIP RECOGNITION)

Vice-President Tan would like to update that the OC just concluded their closing meeting on 14 September and they were very happy to report the attendance of more than 330,000 pax to the exhibition. The Chung Hwa Post reported a healthy sales of postage stamps and philatelic merchandise. During the Palmares dinner, the Chinese Taipei Philatelic Federation had expressed their intention to host a FIP General World Stamp exhibition in 2026, 10 years after the last FIP exhibition PHILATAIPEI 2016 that they hosted.

URUGUAY 2023 (FIP SPONSORSHIP)

Director Samamé reported that there were more than 300 frames with 12 literature exhibits and there were about 11 jurors, almost all were FIP accredited. Apart from the FIP Sponsorship, the exhibition was supported by the Postal Administration other than FIP Sponsorship.

CONTINENTAL JURY TRAININGS

President Chirakiti, Vice-President Tan, two Asian FIP Jury Fellows Andrew Cheung and Koichi Sato, who shall be the first Asian continental trainers, had a zoom meeting with Lars Engelbrecht during which how the training was to be conducted was discussed. The first FIAP jury training will be held at the Grand Postal Building.

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Highlights of the 166th FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 2 November 2023

EXHIBITIONS

THAILAND 2023

The first batch of FIP medals of Appreciation for exceptional jury service had been fabricated and several of them shall be presented to the jurors who shall be serving or present in THAILAND 2023.

PHILAKOREA 2024

The FIP Consultant Tan had to visit the Organising Committee from 8 – 10 November 2023 to visit the Federation and Korean Post in Seoul to confirm the exhibition dates, venue, official hotel and Congress details. He had asked the Secretary General to prepare a presentation on the requirements for the 77th FIP Congress to the Organising Committee.

FIP SPONSORSHIP

BALTICUM 2024

Picture Postcards Working Group

The FIP Board approved the first application for FIP Sponsorship for 2024 from the Estonian Federation for MARE BALTICUM 2024 to be held in Tartu, Estonia from 26 – 28 July 2024. The Board appointed Director Suhadolc as Liaison Officer.

100th ANNIVERSARY OF FIP

Vice-President Tan initiated the design of the Official FIP 100th Year Anniversary logo and the branding guidelines to be granted for use by all stakeholders upon the Board's approval of each official written requests.

77th FIP Congress

The Secretary General circulated the first letter to Members and Nomination forms for Candidates to be elected for the FIP Board's approval, which shall have to be sent to all FIP Members as per Congress regulations, presuming that the Congress could proceed to be held in Seoul in August 2024.

Highlights of the 167th FIP Board of Directors Meeting on 2 and 3 December 2023 at Royal Orchid Sheraton Bangkok, Thailand

Membership

The Board reviewed the 200 CHF subsidized rate which was approved by the 77th FIP CONGRESS in TAIPEI 26.10.2016 that Member Federations could enjoy, if they fulfilled the following criteria:

- a) They were currently paying 625 CHF.
- b) They had no more than 4 exhibits receiving FIP vermeil or higher medals at FIP exhibitions with FIP patronage.
- c) The special reduction rate would be applicable and valid for 3 years only.
- d) The FIP Board shall review this special reduced membership subscription rate at the close of the third year.
- e) The said members would have no voting rights in the FIP Congress.

The Board approved unanimously to “extend this special subscription fee until further notice”.

Vice-President Tan will work on the budget for 2024 for the Board’s consideration in the next Board meeting.

EXHIBITIONS

THAILAND 2023

The Board members approved the following apprentices and cross-accreditation jurors:

Apprentices

Bruce CHADDERTON	Australia	Open Philately
Philip LEVINE	Australia	Postal Stationery
Shih-Cheng HSIAO	Chinese Taipei	Thematic
Rajesh K BAGRI	India	Thematic
Knut HEISTER	Venezuela	Traditional

Cross-Accreditations

Darryl FULLER	Australia	Aerophilately
Sammy CHIU	Canada	Picture Postcards
Ajeet SINGHEE	India	Literature
Chee Hui TAN	Malaysia	Traditional Philately
Hallvard SLETTEBOE	Norway	Postal History
Peter SUHADOLC	Slovenia	Postal Stationery

The Board members also approved the following apprentice Team-leaders and apprentice Jury Secretary:

Apprentice Team Leaders

Yosuke NAITO	Japan	Thematic
Chang Han KIM	Korea	Thematic
Charnchai KARNASUTA	Thailand	Postal History

Apprentice Jury Secretary

Javaid MUHAMMAD	UAE
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The FIP Secretary General shall proceed to inform the respective Member Federations of the above approvals.

EFIRO 2024

Vice-President Nathaniel updated on the exhibition and many matters were discussed. The FIP Secretary General shall have to start checking all the past FIP awards for the submitted exhibits and liaise with the Organising Committee to ensure that the FIP regulations are followed.

CONTINENTAL JURY TRAININGS

Director Samamé observed that the first Asian Continental training in Bangkok was well done by trainers Dr Andrew Chueng and Koichi Sato. The practical session at the frames seemed to be a very good experience for the participants. He identified a few continental jurors who could be potential FIP jurors.

President Chirakiti would like the Board to consider a financial support for the Associate Members to conduct future continental jury trainings starting from 2024. The Board members approved and Vice-President Tan shall work out on the budget allocation.

FIP Medal of Appreciation for Commissions' Chairmen & Secretaries

The FIP Board had identified the Chairmen and Secretaries from the FIP Commissions who had served more than two terms and has been awarding them in person, if possible, the FIP Medals of Appreciation to them in various FIP, continental or regional exhibitions.

At the regional exhibition Montevideo 2023, FIP Vice-President Reinaldo Macedo and FIP Director Mr Samame presented the Medal to Mr José Raul Lorenzo for his service in the Youth Commission from 2008 - 2012 as Bureau Member and 2012-2020 (2022 due to COVID) as Chairman. During that period, he held conferences and seminars in more than 15 countries for development and promotion of youth philately and for the training of jurors in this Class. Lorenzo worked intensely on updating the Youth Class Guidelines and organized in his country a regional exhibition of Youth Philately and two Summer Camps for the development of Philately with the participation of young people from 4 countries. He published the book "Thematic Philately: a door to knowledge", which has contributed to the training of new youth exhibitors. He created the Facebook page dedicated to youth philately, with a high level of followers.

The latest recipient was Mr Jukka Mäkinen at the THAILAND 2023 Palmares whereby he was commended by FIP Vice-President Reinaldo Macedo for his 14 years of service in the Revenue Commission from 2008 to 2022 as Bureau Member, then as Secretary; one year as acting Chairman and then again as Secretary, up to the 76th FIP Congress. Mr Jukka Mäkinen had intensively participated in writing the new updated Guidelines for the Revenue Class in 2018 and still compiling the publicly available Revenue class database of close to 50 FIP exhibitions since 1988, when Revenue was still an experimental Class. He had also organised and conducted several seminars on exhibiting about the Revenue Class, for example at London 2010, Finlandia 2017 and Stockholmia 2019.

FIP Director Abdulla Khoory, the FIP Liaison officer for the Revenue Commission was invited to present the FIP Medal of Appreciation on behalf of the FIP Board to Jukka for his tremendous contribution to the FIP Revenue Commission.



FIP Medals of Appreciation presented to Mr José Raul Lorenzo for his service in the Youth Commission. (left) and to Mr Jukka Mäkinen (right, photo courtesy of PAT) for his service in the Revenue Commission.



Members who have yet to submit the nomination form for their jurors may download the form under "Applications" section at the FIP website and send it to the FIP Secretariat for checking and the Board's approval.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JOINT MEETING BY FIP BOARD AND THE FIP COMMISSIONS & WORKING GROUPS ON 1 DECEMBER 2023 AT THE GRAND POSTAL BUILDING, BANGKOK

The FIP Board had not had a meeting with the Commissions for some years due to the COVID 19 pandemic and there was no opportunity to hold one in the last Congress. The FIP President Chirakiti and Board members would like to thank the Organising Committee of THAILAND 2023 to allocate a meeting room at the Grand Postal Building on the morning of 1 December 2023 0900 – 1100 Hours to have a meeting with the representations from the FIP Commissions and Working Group.

As some of the Chairmen and Secretaries were not able to be in Bangkok, the final attendees to the meeting from the Commissions and Working Groups:

FIP COMMISSION FOR AEROPHILATELY

Chairman: Glen Stafford (Australia)
Secretary: David Lu (China)

FIP COMMISSION FOR THEMATIC PHILATELY

Acting Chairman: Daniel Szeto (Hong Kong)

FIP COMMISSION FOR ASTROPHILATELY

Chairman: Charles Bromser (Australia)
Secretary: Tan Chee Hui (Malaysia)

FIP COMMISSION FOR TRADITIONAL PHILATELY

Chairman: Koichi Sato (Japan)
Secretary: Andrew Cheung (Hong Kong)

FIP COMMISSION FOR LITERATUEE

Chairman: Javaid Muhammad (UAE)
Secretary: Shaw Pang Chui (Hong Kong)

FIP COMMISSION FOR YOUTH PHILATELY

Chairman: Stephen Chan (Hong Kong)
Secretary: Zhang Wei Wei (China)

FIP COMMISSION FOR POSTAL HISTORY

Chairman: Malcolm Groom (Australia)

FIP WORKING GROUP FOR OPEN PHILATELY

Co-Chairman: Peter Suhadolc (Slovenia)

FIP COMMISSION FOR REVENUES

Chairman: Ralph Ebner (Germany)
Secretary: Daryl Fuller (Australia)

FIP WORKING GROUP FOR PICTURE POSTCARDS

Co-Chairman: Jeff Long (New Zealand)
Secretary: Seija-Riitta Laakso (Finland)

FIP COMMISSION FOR POSTAL STATIONERY

Chairman: Ian McMahon (Australia)

The meeting began with FIP President Chirakiti welcoming all the delegates for attending the Joint Meeting even though there is no Congress in THAILAND 2023. He also welcomed the representatives of Working Groups for the newly approved Commissions - Picture Post Cards and Open Philately at the last Congress in Jakarta. He explained that the Board cannot yet appoint the Commission Bureau for the two new Commissions but can only elect the Working Groups which are co-chaired by Director Khoory and Director Suhadolc respectively.

After the introduction by each Board Member, each Commission and Working Group representatives were given some time to raise any issues, updates or provide feedback on how FIP can assist their respective Commissions.

There was also discussion raised by the Board that the Commissions should also be careful with the new guidelines as SREVs should remain clear and according to the Statutes of FIP – anything on the regulations should be referred to GREVs, SREVs, of which any changes would require Congress approval, whereas Guidelines are simply clarifications on the SREVs.



According to FIP GREX:

Article 7 Judging of Exhibits

Exhibits in the FIP Championship Class and the other Competitive Classes (Article 5.2) are to be judged according to uniform principles in all FIP exhibitions (Article 2). The principles are laid down in the GREVs and SREVs

Article 14 Obligations of the Exhibitor

14.1 Every exhibitor is required to abide by the GREX, GREV, SREVs, Supplementary Rules for the Exhibition Classes, if any, and the IREX.

According to FIP Statutes:

Article 31.1 The FIP Board is empowered to approve and reform all the FIP Regulations, except the Statutes and GREX. They may take decisions on matters which do not admit delay subject to their being published by FIP in FLASH, on the FIP website or otherwise and ratified at the next Congress.

Article 31.2 Changes to the GREV and SREVs must be reported in Flash and be confirmed at the next Congress. If not confirmed the changes shall be withdrawn.

The Commissions that had preserved the SREVS in the new Guidelines:

Postal History

Postal Stationery

Revenues

Thematic

Traditional

Literature

Youth

It was raised by Jeff Long (New Zealand) as Co-chair of Picture Postcards Working group, on whether the detailed breakdown of the scores of each class after every exhibition can be provided to each Commissions, and not just the total scores and medals. Currently, the breakdown of scores was only provided 'by country' to the National Commissioners to inform the exhibitors. President Chirakiti and the Board had taken note of this point.

Another matter discussed was in past, the Commissions had to host their own websites which could be quite a financial burden for them. This had been solved by FIP by rebuilding the FIP website to subsume, sponsor and all the host subsites to be managed by the respective Commissions.

In view that currently Mr Charles Bromser (Australia), Chairman of Astrophilately, was voluntarily helping several Commissions at the same time on the content uploading and that some Bureau Members were not familiar with how to manage their own websites more effectively, FIP proposed to host another round of training by FIP's IT Consultancy company for new Bureau members of the various Commissions to attend, in the first quarter of 2024, so that they would know how to fully utilize the features of the subsites for their Commissions.

FIP Qualifying Seminars in THAILAND 2023

There were six FIP Qualifying Seminars held from 1 – 2 December in THAILAND 2023, by the Literature, Revenue, Picture Postcards, Open Philately, Aerophilately and Postal Stationery Commissions, at the Letter Room and Postage Stamp room of the Grand Postal Building. These Seminars were very well attended.



Picture Postcards FIP Qualifying Seminar in the Postage Stamp room.



Literature FIP Qualifying Seminar in the Letter Room.

Attendance at the FIP Qualifying Seminar is a key criterion for someone who would like to apply for FIP jury apprenticeship to that particular Class in FIP Exhibitions hence please ensure that this is fulfilled prior to submission of the Jury Apprenticeship application form to FIP.

FIP Medal of Appreciation for Exceptional Jury Service

At the 160th FIP Board meeting in Essen, Germany, the FIP President and Board of Directors decided to recognize FIP jurors who had made exceptional contributions to FIP World Stamp Exhibitions over the years with FIP Medal of Appreciation for Exceptional Jury Service. FIP had since received several nominations from Members for the jurors in their Federation who fulfil 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 for example, as Jury Secretary, Jury President or member of the Expert group



Commendation speech made by FIP Vice-President Macedo (top left) for the presentation of Medals of Appreciation for Exceptional Jury Service to eight FIP jurors (photo courtesy of PAT).

During the Palmares of THAILAND 2023, FIP Vice-President Macedo gave the commendation speech and the following jurors were invited on stage to receive their respective medals from the FIP President Chirakiti:

- 1. Bernard Jimenez (France)**
- 2. Aldo Samame (Peru)**
- 3. Yigal Nathaniel (Israel)**
- 4. Fernando Aranaz (Spain)**
- 5. Michael Ho (Chinese Taipei)**
- 6. Tay Peng Hian (Singapore)**
- 7. Surajit Gongvatana (Thailand)**

The eight recipient Prakob Chirakiti (Thailand) received his medal in turn from Surajit Gongvatana, the Advisor to THAILAND 2023.

The Nomination form for your Federation's jurors can be downloaded from the FIP website and attached with any other supporting papers where necessary, for submission to the FIP Secretariat at kelly@f-i-p.ch. The applications will be submitted for the FIP Board's review and approval.

TAIPEI 2023 39th Asian International Stamp Exhibition (FIP Recognition)

Held under the Patronage of FIAP and endorsed by the FIP International Philatelic Federation, TAIPEI 2023 - 39th Asian International Stamp Exhibition was held in Hall 1 of the Taipei World Trade Centre from 11 August to 15 August 2023, with the theme of “Wandering in the Stamp World” as its grand opening. Originally scheduled for 2020, the exhibition was postponed to 2023 due to the impact of the global pandemic of COVID-19.



The Exhibition hall and exhibition frames.

There were 14 categories of competitive exhibits, with 26 FIAP member countries and areas taking part in the event, some 227 philatelic collections and 1,050 frames on display, and 41 literature exhibits. In addition, 89 postal agencies and philatelic companies from all over the world set up booths to promote the culture of philately through the charm of diversity and inclusiveness.

The most notable feature of the exhibition was the Philatelic Gem Pavilion, where a number of precious stamps and covers were on display, including one of the rarest stamps in the world, the “The British Guiana One-Cent Magenta”, which was exhibited for the first time in the Asian region of Taipei, and was the world’s most expensive single stamp, valued at NT\$260 million by Stanley Gibbons Ltd. This exhibit attracted a queue of people lining up to view the stamp during the five-day period, which demonstrated the amazing appeal of precious stamps.



The dealers' booths and huge crowd daily.

The exhibition area was very spacious and divided into six major areas. At the entrance, Chunghwa Post has set up a service counter, where postal passports were issued to the public when they entered the exhibition area, so that they could have their passport cancelled at the booths of various countries. On the left side of the main corridor was the Philatelic Gem exhibition area

featuring the FIAP Grand Prix Club exhibits, where the above mentioned world's rarest stamps, the "British Guiana One-Cent Magenta", was also on display. There was also a philatelic literature exhibition area beside. Further on, there was a bustling area of stamp vendors' booths, which was always crowded with people. In addition to a wide range of stamps on display, the venue also features an immersive theme area.

The opening ceremony was held in the morning of the first day of the fair on 11 August. Mr. Chien-Jen Chen, the Vice President of the Republic of China delivered a speech, and Mr. Wang, the Minister of Transportation, Dr. Wu, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Chunghwa Post, and Prakob Chirakiti, President of the FIP and FIAP, delivered their speeches too at the opening ceremony. A thematic dance performance named "Butterfly" was also arranged.

Chunghwa Post issued commemorative folders, brochures, stamp souvenir sheets, first day covers, and related merchandise to coincide with the daily themes of the event, as well as a wide range of souvenir products for the show, including the "Purple Spotted Butterfly" ATM (meter) stamps, and a dedicated instructor, Prof. Ho, was present at the exhibition area every day to explain the exhibits and provide guided tours.



(Left) "Purple Spotted Butterfly" ATM stamps; (Right) Handing over the flag of the FIAP Asian Philatelic Federation to the next host country.

On the last two days of the exhibition, 14 and 15 August, the organizer arranged two postal lectures in the central stage area. Prof. Huey-Ching Ho gave a talk on "Legends of Classical Taiwan Postal Communication -- Transportation and Political Considerations of the Courier Post" and Prof. Wen-Shiang Chen gave a talk on "Secret Mountains on Taiwan's Stamps".

In addition, FIP held three FIP Qualifying seminars from the morning until the afternoon of 14 August in the Jury Room:

How to Improve Thematic Philatelic Collections by Kim Chang Han & Tono Putranto

Exhibiting and Judging Picture Postcards by Jeff Long

New Guidelines for Aerophilately - Exhibiting and Judging by Glen Stafford

The Palmares Banquet was held on 14 August on the 3rd floor of Grand Hyatt Taipei. Chairman of the Chinese Taipei Philatelic Federation, Mr. Michael Ho, delivered a speech in English, welcoming guests from all over the world to participate in the Asia Philatelic Show, and congratulating the winners of this year's competition, as well as thanking all the staff members for their dedication and hard work, which made the 39th Asia Philatelic Exhibition, Taipei 2023, a very successful event. Then Mr. You-An Chen, Honorary Chairman of the Chinese Taipei Philatelic Federation, and Prakob Chirakiti, President of FIP and FIAP, delivered their speeches, respectively. Mr. Hong-Mou Wu, Chairman of Chunghwa Post, and Prakob Chirakiti then presented commemorative awards and medals to the special contributors, exhibitors of the Honorary class, and winners of the various categories of the exhibition.

Finally, a ceremony to hand over the flag of the FIAP Asian Philatelic Federation to the next host country, Thailand, was held.

Report by Prof Wen-Shiang Chen

THAILAND 2023 Specialized FIP World Stamp Championship Exhibition

The THAILAND 2023 World Stamp Championship Exhibition was successfully held at the Grand Postal Building in Bangkok, Thailand from 27 November - 2 December 2023.

The first FIAP two-day Continental Jury Training was held on 24 - 25 November 2023, prior to the start of the exhibition. The training was conducted by FIP Jury Fellows Dr Andrew Cheung and Mr Koichi Sato, selected by the FIP Board, and the training was participated by 16 Asian Continental and National jurors who registered and benefitted greatly from the training. The comprehensive training contents were created and simplified by FIP Juror Lars Engelbrecht who designed the FIP Jury Academy, these resources were openly shared with all the three FIP Associate Members to conduct for their jurors.



Hands-on session during the FIAP Jury Training whereby the participants attempted to judge at the frames.



Sumptuous Graduation dinner on 25 November!

The Opening Ceremony at the Grand Postal Building was held on 27 November 2024, by graced in person by H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, who also showcased her philatelic gems at the Court of Honour. A special Medal of Appreciation and Certificate by FIP was presented to her to thank Her Royal Highness' significant contribution and support to Worldwide Philately and FIP Patronage Exhibitions in Thailand over the years.



Opening Ceremony on 27 November graced in person by H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (photo courtesy of PAT).

An entertaining Welcome Reception was held in a river cruise by the Organising Committee on the evening of 28 November for all the National Commissioners, Jurors and guests with their spouses.



The THAILAND 2023 team at the end of the Welcome Reception on the River Cruise held on 28 November 2023 (photo courtesy of PAT).



(Left) School children learning about Philately at the interactive and educational exhibition area. (Right) Visitors to the Trade booths (photos courtesy of PAT).

The Trade booths were always busy and the booth holders were happy with the good visitorship by philatelists and collectors from all over the world.

The Palmares was held on 1 December 2023 evening, at the official hotel. Souvenir medals were given to the Grand Prix Club exhibitors, and all exhibitors who were present at the dinner were invited on stage one by one to receive their medals from silver bronze onwards. The Signing Ceremony between FIP and EFIRO 2024 Organising Committee was also held on stage, as represented by Mr Ion Chiorescu from the Romanian Federation and FIP Vice-President Yigal Nathaniel who is the Consultant for the exhibition.



The Signing Ceremony between FIP and EFIRO 2024 by Ion Chiorescu (left) and FIP Vice-President Nathaniel (photo courtesy of PAT).

The Jury Secretary for THAILAND 2023 was Michael Ho from Chinese Taipei and he conducted the counting of votes for the Grand Prix Awards with Apprentice Jury Secretary Javid Muhammad and Jury Vice-President Koichi Sato.

There was only one candidate for **the Grand Prix National** prize and the winner was Prakob Chirakiti (Thailand) for his Postal History exhibit "*Siam – The Development of Early Post Offices*".

The **Grand Prix International** prize had four candidates and the prize went to Han Cheol Kyu, (Korea) for his exhibit "*Korea: the Daehan Empire Stamps. 1884-1905*".

Finally, there were three **World Stamp Champion** candidates. The second runner up was Matha Villarroel De Peredo (Bolivia) for her exhibit "*Bolivia Airmail*". The first runner up went to the exhibit "*Norwegian Skilling Covers – Domestic And Abroad*" by Tom Komnaes (Norway). The WSC winner went to Tay Peng Hian (Singapore) for his exhibit "*Netherlands East Indies 1655-1870*".



F.I Korean National Commissioner Dr Ryoo representing the GPI winner Han Cheol Kyu; WSC first runner up Tom Komnaes; WSC Winner Tay Peng Hian, Ms Pilanthanee Suwanbubpa from Thailand Post; WSC Second runner up Martha Villarroel De Peredo and FIP President Chirakiti (photo courtesy of PAT).



Jury Feedback at the Exhibition area on 2 December 2023.

It is the tradition by the FIP Board to host the Organising Committee of every FIP World Stamp exhibition for an appreciation meal after each exhibition. A lunch was held at the Official Hotel for all the members of the Organising Committee on 3 December 2023.



On behalf of the FIP Board President Chirakiti expressed the Board's appreciation of the hard work by the FIP Consultant Khoory and Organising Committee of THAILAND 2023 at the FIP Appreciation lunch on 3 December 2023.

Congratulations to THAILAND 2023 for the successful exhibition!

Grand Prix Club Lunch THAILAND 2023 on 2 December 2023

It had been a tradition over the many years to have a FIP Grand Prix Club lunch to be held at every FIP World Stamp Exhibition whereby members of the Club would get-together to talk about Philately and catch up with one another.

This time, in THAILAND 2023, it was held at the Coffee Bean by Dao restaurant in the IconSiam mall just opposite the river from the exhibition venue, kindly reserved by FIP President Chirakiti. All the attendees truly enjoyed a very nice ambience and exquisite Thai cuisine & desserts!



The FIP Grand Prix Club members and their spouses during lunch.

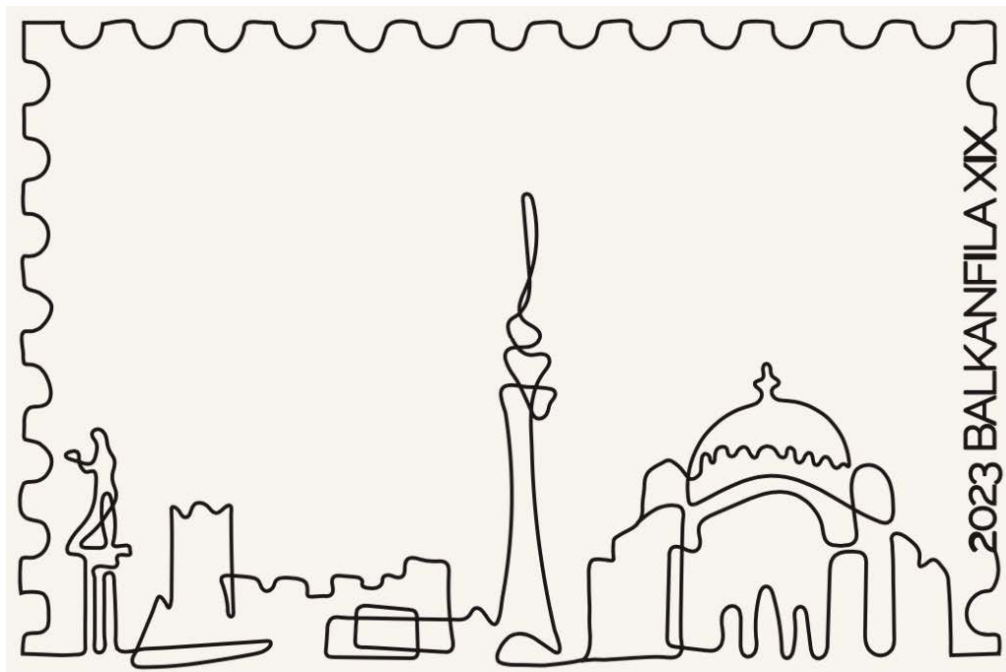
During the lunch, the newly elected FIP Grand Prix Club Executive Committee 2023 – 2025 was announced:

- President: Mr Tay Peng Hian (Singapore)
Vice-President: Mr. Yigal Nathaniel (Israel)
Vice-President: Mr. Everaldo Santos (Brazil)
Vice-President: Mr. Chen Yu An (Chinese Taipei)
Secretary: Mr. Richard Tan (Singapore)

Philatelists can keep a look out for the FIP GPC website that is being updated with a new look and the Executive Committee welcomes more new Grand Prix winners on board!

BALKANFILA XIX IN BELGRADE (FIP SPONSORSHIP)

After almost half a century, Belgrade had the honour of being the host of the 19th regional BALKANFILA exhibition. The capital of the former Yugoslavia - Belgrade, was the host of the exhibition BALKANFILA VI in 1977, as we already reported in the previous issue of Flash. The first moves to hold the regional exhibition BALKANFILA again in Belgrade took place in spring 2022 thanks to the initiative of the Union of Philatelists of Serbia and Serbian postal operator – “Posta Srbije”, which was the GENERAL SPONSOR of this exhibition.



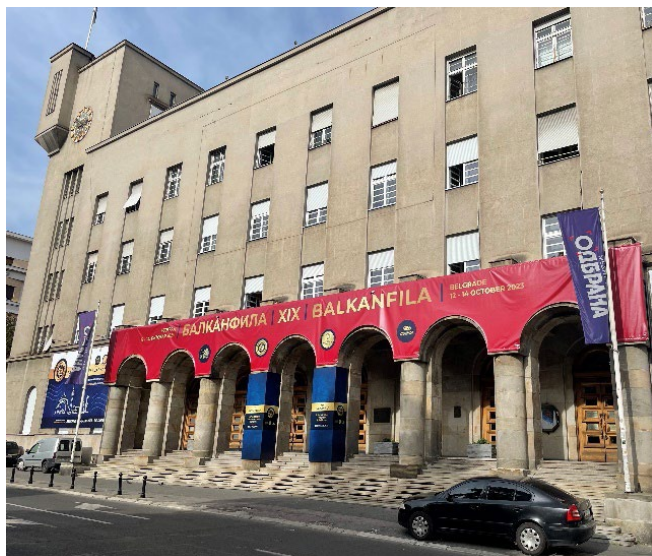
BALKANFILA XIX - official logo of the exhibition in Belgrade

The BALKANFILA working group was delighted to agree that Belgrade will be the host of this 19th exhibition, and the date was set for October 12-14, 2023. As an initiative to support FIP Members to hold more regional exhibitions, FIP approved the sponsorship for the exhibition BALKANFILA XIX.

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.

A total of 12 countries have participated in The International Philatelic Exhibition BALKANFILA XIX: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey and Hungary, as invited countries. The location of the exhibition was in the city centre – THE CENTRAL MILITARY CLUB, directly on Republic Square. In this luxurious environment on over 600 square meters of exhibition space, we were very pleased to host over 177 exhibitors on 600 frames in non-competition (honorary class) and competition class.

The jury team of the BALKANFILA XIX was composed of accredited FIP judges (90%), who came from the participating countries. The Jury judged a total of 162 exhibits. We have found that the quality of exhibits shown at BALKANFILA XIX are very high. We awarded 4 Large Gold medals and 18 Gold medals. 3 exhibits were transferred to a different exhibit class to ensure they achieved a better award. 3 exhibits could not be judged.



Exhibition Venue - THE CENTRAL MILITARY CLUB, Belgrade



On Friday evening 13 October at the Awards Ceremony (Majestic hotel in Belgrade) the top awards were presented (gold medals and large gold medals). Winner of the Grand Prix was Hackmey Joseph of Turkey with "Ottoman Post Offices in the former FPR of Yugoslavia".



Grand Prix: Sculpture "Azbuka" - a sculptural monument to the traditional Serbian Cyrillic script.

The exhibition had a rich and comprehensive supporting program, which further enhanced the content of the exhibition. There were several meetings organized by the Serbian Post and Postal Museum which gathered numerous visitors who came to the exhibition.

BALKANFILA XIX met its expectations and received positive feedback from all guests. After more than 7 years break, BALKANFILA again gathered philatelists from the Balkan region in one place. Belgrade has staged an unforgettable regional exhibition, moved standards further and proved its ability to organize future FEPA or FIP exhibitions.

Report by Vladimir Milic

Newly elected Presidents of Member Federations

Federation	New President/ Chairman	Email
Vietnam Philatelic Association	Chu Thi Lan Huong	vpa@vnpost.vn
Union of Philatelists of Serbia	Vladimir Milic	sfs@ptt.rs

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION MARE BALTICUM 2024 26-28 July 2024 - TARTU, ESTONIA



MARE BALTICUM



- **Venue and dates:** Estonian National Museum, Tartu, ESTONIA, 26-28 July, 2024.
- **Exhibition:** One of the largest Philatelic Exhibitions in the area in 2024 with 500 frames.
- **International exhibitors:** The participating countries are: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and of course Finland. Also invited countries Norway, Great Britain and the United States of America. Literature class is open worldwide for participation. Also all exhibits dealing with Estonia are welcome to apply to the exhibition from all countries.
- **Support:** Mare Balticum 2024 has FEPA Recognition.
- **Sponsorship:** Mare Balticum 2024 has been granted FIP 2023/2024 sponsorship.
- **Leading theme:** Cooperation between the Baltic Sea philatelists. 27. November 2023 it has been 85 years from the Philatelists Day in Tartu (Day of the Stamp).
- **Competitive Exhibition classes:** Traditional Philately, Postal History, Aerophilately and Astrophilately, Postal Stationery, Thematic Philately, Open Philately, Modern Philately, Revenues, Picture postcards, Youth Philately and Philatelic Literature.
- **Most important date:** The deadline for applications is 29.02.2024.

**MARE
BALTICUM**
26-28 July 2024

More information at www.marebalticum.ee
Contact us info@marebalticum.ee

Number of qualifying exhibits for Commissioners 2024

Country	Category	General	Speciali.
Argentina	C	7	4
Australia	F	18	10
Austria	C	7	4
Bahrain	A	3	3
Bangladesh	A	3	3
Belarus	A	3	3
Belgium	C	7	4
Bolivia	A	3	3
Brazil	B	6	4
Brunei	A	3	3
Bulgaria	A	3	3
Canada	C	7	4
Chile	A	3	3
China	F	18	10
Chinese Taipei	D	10	6
Colombia	B	6	4
Costa Rica	B	6	4
Croatia	A	3	3
Cyprus	A	3	3
Czech Rep.	C	7	4
Denmark	C	7	4
Ecuador	A	3	3
Egypt	B	6	4
Estonia	A	3	3
Finland	C	7	4
France	D	10	6
Georgia	A	3	3
Germany	E	12	7
Greece	A	3	3
Guatemala	A	3	3
Honduras	A	3	3
Hong Kong	C	7	4
Hungary	B	6	4
Iceland	A	3	3
India	C	7	4
Iran	A	3	3
Iraq	A	3	3
Ireland	A	3	3
Israel	B	6	4
Italy	C	7	4
Japan	E	12	7
Korea (Rep.)	C	7	4
Kuwait	A	3	3
Latvia	A	3	3
Liechtenstein	A	3	3
Lithuania	A	3	3
Luxembourg	A	3	3
Macau	A	3	3

Country	Category	General	Speciali.
Macedonia	A	3	3
Malaysia	B	6	4
Malta	A	3	3
Mexico	A	3	3
Moldova	A	3	3
Monaco	A	3	3
Mongolia	A	3	3
Montenegro	A	3	3
Nepal	A	3	3
Netherlands	C	7	4
New Zealand	B	6	4
Norway	C	7	4
Oman	A	3	3
Pakistan	B	6	4
Paraguay	A	3	3
Peru	A	3	3
Poland	B	6	4
Portugal	A	3	3
Qatar	A	3	3
Romania	B	6	4
RPD Korea	A	3	3
Russia	B	6	4
Saudi Arabia	A	3	3
Serbia	B	6	4
Singapore	B	6	4
Slovakia	A	3	3
Slovenia	A	3	3
South Africa	C	7	4
Spain	D	10	6
Sweden	D	10	6
Switzerland	C	7	4
Thailand	C	7	4
Turkey	B	6	4
UAE	B	6	4
Ukraine	A	3	3
United Kingdom	F	18	10
Uruguay	A	3	3
USA	F	18	10
Venezuela	A	3	3
Vietnam	A	3	3

Category	General	Speciali.	V & above exh.
A	3	3	0 - 10
B	6	4	11 - 25
C	7	4	26 - 50
D	10	6	51 - 75
E	12	7	76 - 100
F	18	10	over 100

1/3 Youth exhibits allowed

3 One-Frame exhibits = 1 normal exhibit

"General" means the number of exhibits you have to bring to a General World Exhibition to get commissioner's privileges.

"Speciali." means the number of exhibits you have to bring to a Specialised Exhibition to get commissioner's privileges.

BANGLADESH 2023 (FIP SPONSORSHIP)

BANGLADESH 2023 is the first International Stamp Exhibition physically held at Dhaka since the Independence of Bangladesh with the participation of more than 15 countries from mainly Asia, supported and sponsored by the Federation Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) and organized by Bangladesh Philatelic Federation (BPF).

The exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. Mustafa Jabbar, Honourable Minister for Post and Telecommunications Division, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

The objective of the Exhibition was to showcase Bangladesh to the world and promote worldwide Philately; to develop cultural exchanges and friendly relations through postage stamps and encourage philatelists from around the world to share their collections and maintain positive collaborations with Bangladesh. The exhibition was held from 29 September to 02 October 2023 at the Bangladesh ShilpaKala Academy in Dhaka and the official website can still be visited at www.bangladesh2023.com.

Entries submitted through their National Commissioners from Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Malaysia, Moldova, Nepal, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, UAE & USA as well as entries from Pakistan & Fiji submitted through their delegates.



Commissioners for the exhibition.

In total there were 132 exhibits of around 400 frames plus 16 literature exhibits judged. 3 Large Gold medals, 5 Gold medals, 18 Large Vermeil medals, and 21 Vermeil medals were awarded. The judging was carried out in a professional and friendly manner by teams of accredited FIP/FIAP jurors as well as national jurors of the participating countries.

The dealers' area was in Gallery 7 and all the 24 international and national dealers' booths were fully booked. For the first time in Bangladesh, India Post and Fiji Post were present with their Official Post Office booths & the Australia Philatelic Federation also took a booth to support the exhibition. The Bangladesh Post, Fiji Post & Australia Post issued philatelic materials on BANGLADESH 2023, which were available for sale. A Philatelic Passport, Exhibition label and other exhibition materials were available from Bangladesh Philatelic Federation Booth.



Exhibition Gallery with the competitive frames.

The India Study Circle meeting was held at the exhibition official hotel on the 2nd day and there were three seminars held for the Thematic, Picture Postcards & Postal Stationery Classes at the exhibition venue on the 3rd day.

The Palmares was held on 1 October 2023, Sunday evening at the official Hotel Fars and Resorts Ball Room attended by commissioners, jurors, exhibitors, dealers, organizing committee members, volunteers, and invited guests. There were three candidates for the Best of the Show Award, which was sponsored by FIP, and the winning exhibit went to "Pre - UPU Postal History Nepal" by Ashok Rana (Nepal).

We would like to thank all the supporting partners & sponsors for making BANGLADESH 2023 exhibition possible: Bangladesh Post, Federation Internationale De Philatélie (FIP), Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, delcampe & Fars Hotel & Resorts.

**Report by Mohammed Monirul Islam
Director (International Affairs)
Bangladesh Philatelic Federation (BPF)**

Exposición Internacional FIAF "URUGUAY 2023"



EXPOSICION INTERNACIONAL
DE FILATELIA **URUGUAY 2023**
12 AL 16 DE SETIEMBRE
170 ANIVERSARIO DE LA
ASOCIACION ESPAÑOLA
PRIMERA DE SOCORROS MUTUOS

Del 12 al 16 de setiembre en Montevideo, se realizó la Exposición Internacional de Filatelia "URUGUAY 2023 - 170 Aniversario de la Asociación Española Primera de Socorros Mutuos", en la sede de la Parva Domus. Fue organizada por la Federación Uruguaya de Filatelia (FUF), con el patrocinio de la Federación Internacional de Filatelia (sponsorship FIP) y de la Asociación Española Primera de Socorros Mutuos, el auspicio de la Federación Interamericana de

Filatelia (FIAF) y el Correo Uruguayo, el apoyo del Círculo Filatélico de Montevideo (CFM) y la Unión Postal de las Américas, España y Portugal (UPAEP). También recibió las Declaraciones de Interés Ministerial, tanto del Ministerio de Educación y Cultura como del Ministerio de Turismo.

Se exhibieron 364 marcos, los cuales se comenzaron a fabricar localmente un año antes, ya que Uruguay no contaba con esa cantidad de marcos. Participaron 17 países de América y también España, de la zona FIAF. Además, hubo 12 inscripciones de Literatura. Se contó con un Jurado internacional de 12 miembros.



El lunes 11 en la noche se dio la Ceremonia de Bienvenida a Comisionados, Jurados y visitantes extranjeros, con un típico asado uruguayo en el Club Tuyuti.



La Ceremonia Inaugural del 12 de setiembre, contó con la presencia de más de 200 invitados, entre los cuales estaban los Directores del Correo Uruguayo, Legisladores y Embajadores de distintos países participantes.



El 13 de setiembre durante la tarde se programó una visita y degustación de vinos en la "Bodega Bouza" y luego, todos los visitantes, fueron al aeropuerto de Melilla a recibir el avión que realizó la programada recreación del histórico "Vuelo Aeropostal Pionero del Uruguay de 1912", que fuera originalmente realizado por el italiano Bartolomeo Cattaneo, de Salto a Montevideo en 1912.



El 14 de setiembre se llevó a cabo la **LV Asamblea Anual FIAF**, siendo la primera vez que Uruguay es sede de este evento. Debido a la importancia de este acontecimiento para la Filatelia Uruguaya, se había decidido solicitar a la **Unión Postal de las Américas, España y Portugal (UPAEP)**, que dicha Asamblea se pueda realizar en su icónica Sala principal de Congresos, lo cual se concretó satisfactoriamente.



A continuación, el mismo día, se llevó a cabo la **Sesión Académica de la Real Academia de Filatelia e Historia Postal**. La asistencia de público desbordó la sala prevista, con más de 100 personas que atentamente escucharon las presentaciones filatélicas que tenían en común la Medicina y Salud, temática elegida en homenaje al aniversario de la Asociación Española Primera de Socorros Mutuos.

El 15 de setiembre se invitó a todos los visitantes a un **Tour Turístico por Montevideo**.



A la noche, se llevó adelante la **Cena de Palmarés**, con más de 200 invitados, donde se disfrutó de dos espectáculos artísticos típicos de Uruguay y se entregaron las medallas y premios a Expositores, Jurados y Comisionados.

El “**Premio Mejor Colección Nacional**” fue obtenido por el **Dr. Julio Martínez** (Uruguay) quien presentó su colección “**Los Pegasos de Uruguay. Sellos de Correo Aéreo 1929 a 1943**” y por el cual recibió el premio donado por el Círculo Filatélico de Montevideo.



El “**Gran Premio de la Exposición**” lo recibió Julio Cesar Ponce (Perú) por su colección “**Veinte años de conflicto (1821-1841)**” y le fue entregado el premio donado por la **Federación Internacional de Filatelia (FIP)**

La información completa de “**URUGUAY 2023**”, con videos incluidos, se puede ver ingresando a: <https://circulofilatelicodemontevideo.blogspot.com/search/label/Uruguay%202023>

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URUGUAY 2023 FIAF International Stamp Exhibition

In Montevideo, Uruguay, at the Parva Domus premises, it was held the International Philatelic Exhibition “**URUGUAY 2023 - 170 Anniversary of the First Spanish Relief Association**”, from September 12 to 16. It was organized by the Uruguayan Philately Federation (FUF), with the sponsorship of the FIP and the First Spanish Relief Association. It was held under the Auspices of the Inter-American Philately Federation (FIAF) and the Uruguayan Post Office, the support of the Montevideo Philatelic Circle (CFM) and the Postal Union of the Americas, Spain and Portugal (UPAEP). Both, the Ministry of Education and Culture as well as the Ministry of Tourism gave to the exhibition a Declaration of Ministerial Interest.

A total of 364 frames were shown. These frames were built locally a year before as Uruguay didn't have enough frames for an exhibition. Seventeen FIAF countries from the Americas plus Spain participated. Also 12 Literature entries were shown. The International Jury was composed by 12 members.

The **Welcome Ceremony** was held on September 11 -by night- for Commissioners, Jurors and foreign visitors. A typical Uruguayan barbecue in the Tuyuti Club was presented.

The **Inaugural Ceremony**, on September 12, was attended by more than 200 guests, including the Directors of the Uruguayan Post Office, Legislators and Ambassadors of the participant countries.

On the afternoon of September 13 a visit and wine tasting was carried at “**Bodega Bouza**” winery, after the visit to the winery the attendees went to the Melilla airport to see the landing of the plane that recreated the historical “**Aeropostal Pioneer Flight of Uruguay of 1912**”, that was originally done by the Italian pilot Bartolomeo Cattaneo, from Salto to Montevideo in 1912.

The **55th Annual FIAF Assembly** was held on September 14, being the first time that Uruguay hosts this kind of meeting. Due to its importance for the Uruguayan Philately, it was requested to the **Postal Union of the Americas, Spain and Portugal (UPAEP)**, to host the FIAF Assembly in their iconic Main Congress Hall.

Later on the same day, a meeting of the **Spanish Royal Academy of Philately and Postal History** was held. The venue was overflowed as more than 100 people attended this meeting. The common theme for the presentations were “Medicine and Health”, as a tribute to the First Spanish Relief Association.

On September 15, all visitors did a city tour around Montevideo.

By night, the **Palmares Dinner** was held. There were more than 200 guests that enjoyed two typical dancing shows. During the Dinner Medals for Jurors and Commissioners were distributed. Awards, medals and prizes for exhibitors were also given.

The “**Best National Exhibition**” prize was given to **Dr. Julio Martínez** (Uruguay) for his exhibit “**The Pegasos of Uruguay. Air Mail Stamps 1929 to 1943**”, the prize for this award was given by the **Montevideo Philatelic Circle**.

The International “**Grand Prix**” was given to **Mr. Julio Cesar Ponce** (Peru) for his exhibit “**Twenty Years of Conflict (1821-1841)**” and received the Special Prize donated by FIP.

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