

Highlights of the FIP Board of Directors meeting in Singapore on August 19th, 2015

Jury Matters

Apprentices

The following jurors served their apprenticeships successfully at SINGAPORE 2015: Jukka Mäkinen, Finland, in Revenues; José Pedro Gomez-Agüero, Spain, in Aerophilately; Boncho Bonev, Bulgaria, and Hany Salem, Egypt, in Postal History; Yang Gui Song, China, in Thematic Philately; Miguel Casielles, Argentina, and David Loe, New Zealand, in Traditional Philately.

Cross accreditation

The following juror cross accredited successfully: David Lu, China, in Traditional Philately.

Emeritus Juror

The FIP Board granted Emeritus Status to Mr Antoni Kurczynski on request of the Polish Federation. The Board expressed its appreciation to Mr Kurczynski for the many years he served FIP and philately.

Highlights of the FIP Board of Directors meeting in Tokyo on January 25th & 26th, 2016

Finances

President Tay commented the balance and the income & expenditure for 2015 and confirmed that the financial situation was very healthy, due to the reduction of costs and to the productive investments in Singapore. Since July 2012 until December 2015, the yield of the investments in Singapore had been very satisfactory.

Exhibitions

NEW YORK 2016

The jury and the apprentices for this exhibition were discussed and finalised.

PHILATAIPEI 2016

The exhibition would open on October 21. FIP would donate the top award prize, an art object for the World Stamp Champion.

MALAYSIA 2018

The Philatelic Federation of Malaysia had requested FIP Patronage for MALAYSIA 2018 to be held in November 2018. The Board members unanimously granted this exhibition provisional patronage.

PRAGA 2018

The Czech Philatelic Federation had requested FIP Patronage for PRAGA 2018, a Specialised World Exhibition for Traditional Philately and Postal History, with appr. 1'500 frames, to be held from August 15 to 18, 2018. The provisional patronage was unanimously granted by the Board members.

CHINA 2019

The provisional patronage was unanimously granted by the Board members to CHINA 2019. The exhibition is planned in October - November 2019 in Beijing.

CHINA 2016

The All China Philatelic Federation had requested FIP Recognition for the FIAP Asian international exhibition CHINA 2016 that would be held from 2nd to 6th of December, 2016, in Nanning, China. The Board members unanimously granted the FIP Recognition to CHINA 2016 and nominated Director Chirakiti as liaison officer.

FINLANDIA 2017

Director Jimenez as FIP Liaison Officer to FINLANDIA 2017 reported on the progress of the exhibition.

Commissions

Electronic Philatelic Literature

It was decided to include Electronic Literature in the Commission now, creating Jury Guidelines and adding in the SREVs of the Commission the following Rule 5A:

"In the case of Electronic Media eight copies of the DVD, e-book, Video, e-Journals and any other Exhibit presented in Electronic Media (and four copies of the DVD of a website) for each exhibit shall be provided by the exhibitor: three copies for judging and the others for viewing at the Exhibition Literature Section as per article 6.8 of the GREX. Following the exhibition these copies shall be sent by the Exhibition Management to a library designated by the member federation hosting the exhibition. Such exhibits must be accessible in a software format publicly available in the country of the host exhibition. Where this is not the case, the exhibitor shall supply such software as to enable the jury to adjudicate the exhibit."

Highlights of the FIP Board of Directors meeting in New York on June 3rd & 4th, 2016

Finances

Reducing subscription fee for some member federations

The Board members discussed the introduction of a reduced membership fee of 200,- CHF for federations with no more than 4 exhibits receiving Vermeil award or higher on the FIP awards list that had financial problems. They would enjoy all benefits of FIP membership except having no voting right at the Congress.

Jury Matters

New jurors

The following jurors served their apprenticeships successfully at NEW YORK 2016: Kathryn Johnson, USA, and Jeremia D.E. Cronje, South Africa, in Traditional Philately; Yamil Kouri, USA, in Postal History; Igor Pirc, Slovenia, in Postal Stationery.

Cross accreditations

The following jurors cross accredited successfully: Lars Engelbrecht, Denmark, in Postal History, as team leader, and Chen Yu-An, Chinese Taipei, in Philatelic Literature.

FIP qualifying Seminars

The Board members unanimously approved the following seminars to be held during EXFILNA'2016, Zaragoza, in September 2016, to be registered as FIP qualifying seminars:

- Postal History by Fernando Aranaz del Río, in collaboration with José Pedro Gomez Agüero.
- Thematic Philately by José Ramón Moreno, in collaboration with D. Estanislao Pan de Alfaro.

Exhibitions

PHILATAIPEI 2016

The provisional jury including the apprentices for PHILATAIPEI 2016 were approved. Program for the meetings of the Commissions and the Board meetings was finalised.

BANDUNG 2017

The provisional patronage was unanimously granted by the Board members to BANDUNG 2017, a special World Stamp Exhibition with Traditional, Postal History, Thematic, Youth, One-Frame Exhibit, Modern Philately and Literature Classes. There would be around 2,200 frames for competition purpose.

Commissions

The final list of the candidatures for the upcoming elections to the Commissions' Bureaux were discussed.

74th FIP Congress

Elections to the Board

The following candidates had been proposed by member federations :

For America:	Vice-President	one candidate:	Reinaldo Estevao Macedo, Brazil
	Director	two candidates*:	Aldo Samamé y Samamé, Peru Stephen Reinhard, USA
For Europe:	Vice-President	one candidate:	Bernard Jimenez, France
	Director	three candidates*:	Yigal Nathaniel, Israel Chris King, Great-Britain Spas Panchev, Bulgaria

* only 1 candidate will be voted on at the Taipei Congress.

Statutes and GREX

The last version of the amendments to the Statutes and GREX to be submitted for approval to the Congress was finalised.

For the minutes
Andrée Trommer-Schiltz, Secretary General