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Message from the FIP Board

Dear colleagues, members and friends,

We now face uncertain times.

Due to the rapid spread of the Coronavirus since it began in December 2019, almost all of our members are in lockdown of some type or another. This had severely affected your plans and our World Stamp Exhibition programmes.

LONDON 2020 has been postponed to 19 - 22 February 2022. The terms of the postponement have not yet been agreed upon as the proposed dates are too close to the proposed FIP Specialised HUNFILEX 2022 in Budapest from 31 March - 3 April 2022.

INDONESIA 2020 has been postponed from August 2020, to 5 - 10 November 2020. The 76th FIP Congress will not proceed on 11 August and will most likely be rescheduled to 10 November 2020. The FIP Board shall review the global situation and to decide by July 2020 if the Exhibition and the Congress can proceed as planned.

BULGARIA 2020 has to be cancelled in response to the current Pandemic.

The 38th Asian International Stamp Exhibition Taipei 2020 under FIP Recognition shall be postponed from October 2020, until 4 -8 June, 2021.

FIP Sponsored Exhibitions Alpes Adria Tarvisio (Italy) and Banglapex (Bangladesh) have both been postponed to new dates to be fixed. Two other Sponsored Exhibitions SPM EXPO, as well as EXFIGUA 2020, are considering their position.

The FIP Jury Academy (30 trainees) scheduled for London from 28 - 30 April 2020 has to be cancelled.

Our priority is to ensure that all philatelists and stakeholders continue to stay safe and healthy.

We do implore you to restrict your movements and travel until the World returns to normal.

With our Best Wishes,

Bernie Beston, FIP President on behalf of FIP Board of Directors