

NEWSLETTER NO 9 OF HUNFILEX 2022

*WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CUSTOMS, COVID AND
UKRAINIAN WAR*

Dear Friends in Philately,

Budapest, 28 February 2022

we are getting very close to our Exhibition while the COVID seems to loose energy but suddenly history is in the making in Ukraine, not very far from us.

So please allow us to give you current information.

1.) Regarding COVID the situation is getting better, the mathematical curves predict that COVID will be at a very low level in Hungary by the end of March. Many European countries lift restrictions, Hungary has not many restrictions but those are not lifted yet. This means that the entry regulations detailed in our last newsletter (in short: no restriction from the EU, negative PCR test needed from other countries) are still valid, but may change soon favourably.

On a different note, we will operate a PCR test station at the exhibition so if anybody needs a PCR test for the travel back home, the test will be available to buy at the exhibition.

2.,) Regarding Customs. EU countries do not need to deal with customs. Other countries can use the usual ATA Carnet method . BUT at the request of our British friends we arranged an alternative solution, which is much cheaper. As an unprecedented breakthrough, the Hungarian customs will allow overseas (and British) collections to be brought in and taken out with the Duplicate List method, meaning no ATA Carnet will be needed. (This means, that a list has to be prepared in two copies showing all the relevant information about the exhibits brought in to Hungary, with scans of all pages, so that the custom officers can check the contents. One copy remains with the custom office and upon leaving Hungary the

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commissioner can show, that the same thing is taken out of Hungary that came in). There are two conditions, a financial deposit will have to be done while the collections are in Hungary, but we will do this as MABÉOSZ, and this is only valid for stamps older than 50 years, but I presume all collections will only involve such stamps, at least on the enclosed lists..... There is one important thing: we can solve this method for the Hungarian customs, but if a commissioner wants to use this method, he has to secure that he can use it in his home country, which is absolutely not sure.....

We would like to ask all commissioners who are interested in this solution to let us know and then we will let you know the exact details.

Independently of this, we will have a customs agent in the baggage area of the airport, so if anybody needs any kind of help for the customs the agent will stay at your disposal.

- 3.) Regarding the war in Ukraine. Three things are sure: up to now the war does not have any influence on Hungary (apart from some refugees arriving to our borders). Another sure fact is, that Hungary is the member of NATO, so if the war would escalate to Hungary that would mean a war between Russia and the NATO-forces. This seems to be very improbable. And thirdly, Budapest is one of the safest cities in the world. So based upon current knowledge and developments I do not see any cause not to come to Hungary for HUNFILEX2022.

Two more things. If you have the intention to come to the Palmares event please let us know in time as we may run out of places before the event starts.

And we will organize two sight-seeing programs, one for the ladies on Friday afternoon, bus + walk, and another for all jurors and commissioners and their partners on Saturday afternoon. Both of these programs are complimentary.

With best regards



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