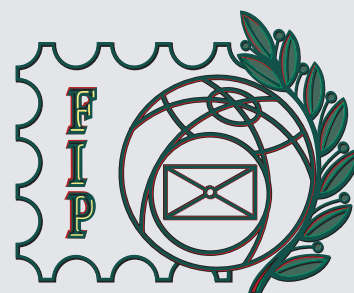


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The 155th FIP Board meeting of the FIP Board of Directors in Cape Town, South Africa on 13 November 2022. f.l. Vice-President Macedo, Director Suhadolc, President Chirakiti, Vice-President Nathaniel and Director Samamé.

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Editorial

This year 2022, and after two years of restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, face-to-face exhibitions were finally held, and there were five of them with FIP Patronage. Thus, this year, during the Congress held in Jakarta (Indonesia), all positions of FIP Board were elected. We welcome Prakob Chirakiti as the new FIP President, Yigal Nathaniel and Richard Tan as FIP Vice Presidents, the new members, Abdulla Khoory and Peter Suhadolc as FIP Directors, with Reinaldo Macedo and Aldo Samame continuing as FIP Vice President and FIP Director respectively. We, Aldo and Peter will be the Co-Editors of FLASH. We appreciate the work done by the Immediate Past President, Bernie Beston, during his 12 years on the FIP Board and 16 years of FIP service by past Vice-President Bernard Jimenez.

During the period of global confinement FLASH has been the means of communications of the FIP Board activities, and through it the work carried out virtually has been reported, given the impossibility of face-to-face meetings. This edition has the summary of the virtual meetings held recently, as well as the decisions adopted by the new FIP Board after its election in Jakarta.

Flash also reports on the activities of the FIP members; we ask you to send us articles about your national or continental activities. We are also open to receiving opinion articles that help strengthen and improve our hobby.

From here we wish you and your families to enjoy the end of the year holidays, and that the New Year 2023 bring you much satisfaction.

Happy End-of-the-Year Festivities!!!

Aldo Samamé / Peter Suhadolc
FLASH Co-Editors

Editorial

Este año 2022, y luego de dos años de restricciones debido a la pandemia por el COVID-19, finalmente se lograron llevar a cabo exposiciones presenciales, y fueron cinco de ellas con Patrocinio FIP. Así, en este año, durante el Congreso celebrado en Yakarta (Indonesia), se eligieron todos los cargos del Consejo Directivo FIP. Damos la bienvenida a Prakob Chirakiti como nuevo presidente FIP, a Yigal Nathaniel y Richard Tan como vicepresidentes FIP, a los nuevos miembros, Abdulla Khoory y Peter Suhadolc, como directores FIP, con Reinaldo Macedo y Aldo Samamé continuando como vicepresidente FIP y director FIP respectivamente. Nosotros, Aldo y Peter, seremos los Co-Editores de FLASH. Agradecemos el trabajo realizado por el inmediato expresidente, Bernie Beston, durante sus 12 años en el Consejo Directivo FIP y los 16 años de servicio en la FIP por parte del exvicepresidente Bernard Jiménez.

Durante el período de confinamiento mundial Flash ha sido el medio de comunicación de las actividades de la Junta Directiva FIP, y a través de él se ha informado sobre el trabajo realizado virtualmente, ante la imposibilidad de reuniones presenciales. Esta edición tiene el resumen de las reuniones virtuales realizadas últimamente, así como las decisiones adoptadas por el nuevo Consejo Directivo FIP luego de su elección en Yakarta.

Flash también informa sobre las actividades de las federaciones miembro FIP; les pedimos nos envíen artículos sobre sus actividades nacionales o continentales. Igualmente estamos abiertos a recibir artículos de opinión que ayuden a fortalecer y mejorar nuestro hobby.

Desde aquí les deseamos a ustedes y sus familias que disfruten de las fiestas de fin de año, y que el Año Nuevo 2023 les traiga muchas satisfacciones.

¡¡¡Felices Fiestas!!!

Aldo 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 upcoming New Year.

In 2022, we had a busy year with five FIP Patronage Exhibitions: LONDON 2022 in February; HUNFILEX 2022 in April; HELVETIA 2022 in May; INDONESIA 2022 in August and CAPE TOWN 2022 in November. Two FIP Recognition Exhibitions were also held: CAPEX 2022 in June and LIBEREC 2022 in October. Congratulations to all the seven Exhibition Organising Committees for their endless efforts to make the Exhibitions happen despite the uncertainties in the aftermath of COVID-19.

In 2023 we will have two FIP Exhibitions, IBRA 2023 in May of which FIP Vice-President Reinaldo Macedo is the FIP Consultant as well as THAILAND 2023 in November, which shall be helmed by FIP Director Abdulla Khoory. Vice-President Richard Tan shall be the Liaison Officer for the FIP Recognition exhibition TAIPEI 2023 in August. We look forward to seeing you all at these Exhibitions and have your support.

The new FIP Board is eager to kickstart many plans. The Jury Academy courses postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic shall resume in IBRA 2023. In addition to the Jury Academy course for experienced jurors, Mr Lars Engelbrecht from Denmark, who was involved in the developing of the Jury Academy will be working with FIP Directors Aldo Samamé y Samamé and Peter Suhadolc develop new courses for Apprentices and newly accredited jurors.

The FIP Board is appointing the working groups for two newly approved Open Philately and Picture Postcard Commissions during the 76th Congress in Jakarta. These two working groups will work closely with the FIP Directors Peter Suhadolc and Abdulla Khoory respectively. They will prepare for the election of the two Commissions' Bureau members at the Conference meeting prior to the upcoming 77th Congress in Seoul, Korea in 2024 and to plan FIP Qualifying Open Philately and Picture Postcard seminars for the Board's approval so that philatelists applying to become apprentices for these classes can attend, prior to being officially accredited according to FIP regulations.

As part of the Board's plan to work more closely with the World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP), Vice-President Yigal Nathaniel delivered a speech on "Philately: digitalization and business model" during the UPU Conference during Cape Town 2022, which was very well received. Three Jurors, Koichi Sato, Yigal Nathaniel and myself judged the UPU Exhibits together with Olfa Mokaddem and Stephane Cuennet (from WADP).

After supporting LIBEREC 2022 in October, both Vice-President Nathaniel and Director Suhadolc also visited Monacophil on their own expenses to get in touch with more philatelists and to convey their feedback and ideas to the FIP Board.

The FIP Board look forward to having more FIP jurors, exhibitors and Members in the upcoming years! Thank you for supporting us along the way. We appreciate your comments, suggestions and advice on how to make FLASH more interesting. Enjoy the festive season!

Warm regards,
Prakob Chirakiti
FIP President



Estimados miembros, colegas y amigos,

En nombre de la Junta Directiva FIP, les deseamos a ustedes y sus familias un Feliz y Saludable Año Nuevo.

El 2022 fue un año ajetreado con cinco Exposiciones con Patrocinio FIP: LONDRES 2022 en febrero, HUNFILEX 2022 en abril, HELVETIA 2022 en mayo, INDONESIA 2022 en agosto y CAPE TOWN 2022 en noviembre. También se realizaron dos exposiciones con Reconocimiento FIP: CAPEX 2022 en junio y LIBEREC 2022 en octubre. Felicitaciones a los siete Comités Organizadores de las exposiciones por su incansable esfuerzo para hacer que las exposiciones se realicen a pesar de las incertidumbres posteriores al COVID-19.

En el 2023 tendremos dos exposiciones FIP, IBRA 2023 en mayo, en la cual Reinaldo Macedo, vicepresidente FIP, es el consultor; así como THAILAND 2023 en noviembre, que estará dirigida por Abdulla Khoory, director FIP. El vicepresidente Richard Tan será el oficial de enlace de la Exposición con Reconocimiento FIP TAIPEI 2023 en agosto. Esperamos verlos a todos en estas exposiciones y contar con su apoyo.

La nueva Junta Directiva FIP está ansiosa por poner en marcha muchos planes. La Academia de Jurados pospuesta debido al COVID-19 se reanudará en IBRA 2023. Además de la Academia de Jurados que es para jurados con experiencia previa, el Sr. Lars Engelbrecht de Dinamarca, quien participó en el desarrollo de la Academia de Jurados, estará trabajando con los directores FIP Aldo Samamé y Samamé y Peter Suhadolc para desarrollar nuevos cursos para Aprendices de Jurados y Jurados recientemente acreditados.

La Junta Directiva FIP está nombrando grupos de trabajo para dos Comisiones recientemente aprobadas durante el 76º Congreso en Jakarta, Filatelia Abierta y Postales Fotográficas. Estos dos grupos de trabajo estarán trabajando estrechamente con los directores FIP Peter Suhadolc y Abdulla Khoory respectivamente. Ellos prepararán la elección de los miembros de los Buró de dichas Comisiones para la conferencia previa al próximo Congreso FIP en Seúl, Corea, en el 2024 y para planificar los seminarios de calificación de ambas clases a ser aprobados por la Junta Directiva para que los filatelistas que soliciten ser aprendices en esas clases puedan asistir antes de ser acreditados oficialmente de acuerdo a las normas FIP.

Como parte del plan de la Junta Directiva de trabajar más de cerca con la Asociación Mundial para el Desarrollo de la Filatelia (WADP), el vicepresidente Yigal Nathaniel dio un discurso sobre “Filatelia: digitalización y modelo de negocios” en la Conferencia de la UPU durante CAPE TOWN 2022, que fue muy bien recibido. Tres miembros del jurado, Koichi Sato, Yigal Nathaniel y yo, juzgamos las presentaciones de la UPU junto a Olfa Mokaddem y Stephane Cuennet (de WADP).

Después de asistir a LIBEREC 2022 en octubre, tanto el vicepresidente Nathaniel como el director Suhadolc visitaron MONACOPHIL por cuenta propia para ponerse en contacto con más filatelistas y transmitir sus comentarios e ideas a la Junta Directiva FIP.

¡La Junta Directiva FIP espera tener más jurados, expositores y miembros en los próximos años! Gracias por apoyarnos en el camino. Agradecemos sus comentarios, sugerencias y consejos sobre cómo hacer que FLASH sea más interesante. Disfruten esta temporada festiva.

Con un cordial saludo,
Prakob Chirakiti
Presidente FIP

Highlights of the 146th FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 17 July 2022

INDONESIA 2022

The meeting was called urgently by the FIP Consultant for INDONESIA 2022 to discuss on how the FIP Board could help the jurors invited to INDONESIA 2022 who were originally first informed of full economy airfare reimbursement in the invitation letter but subsequently received another letter in mid-July to be informed that their airfare amount which worked out to be less than only about 30% of their airfare. It was agreed that the FIP Consultant Dr Chirakiti and Co-Consultant Director Tan should negotiate again with the Organising Committee to reimburse 80% of economy airfare and to revert in three days.

76TH FIP CONGRESS

President Beston asked the Secretary General to publish all the submitted Motions and Board recommendations in FLASH 133 issue.

Highlights of the 147th FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 24 July 2022

INDONESIA 2022

Jury Reimbursement

The meeting was called to discuss and finalise on the FIP assistance on the Jury reimbursement for the INA 2022 jurors.

President Beston proposed that if FIP would pay anything at all, it would be to offer only the figure that is the same as that originally proposed by Organising Committee. It should not be tied to any air ticket price.

Vice-President Chirakiti would like to first report that after the last Board meeting, the Consultant and co-Consultant emailed the OC on the proposal from FIP to reimburse 80% of the airfare and requested for a response or zoom meeting by the deadline of Wednesday 20 July 2022 midnight. However, until then, there was still not response.

Vice-President Chirakiti and Director Tan, would like to seek FIP approval to top up to 80% of the airfare.

The Consultants had done the excel calculation to show the various costs that FIP would have to incur from topping up 60%, 70% and 80% based on actual airfare of the jurors that had been received and this was presented to the Board members.

Decision: it was agreed that FIP shall top up to 80% of actual economy airfare for the jurors of INDONESIA 2022

The Board members agreed to consider disciplinary action to the Indonesian Philatelic Association against the INA 2022 Federation for their failure to comply to the FIP Patronage agreement. In consideration that the National Commissioners, exhibitors and jurors had incurred costs to participate in the exhibition as well as the Congress, FIP's priority would be to support them and ensure that the exhibition and Congress could proceed.

Highlights of the 148th FIP Board of Directors Meeting on 8 August 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia

76TH FIP CONGRESS

The six tellers were tentatively selected by the Board members - three from America, Europe and Asia to collect votes, another three from America, Europe and Asia to distribute the voting cards.

President Beston went through the Agenda items with the Board members.

Decision to suspend IPA Membership

The FIP Board approved in the Board meeting on 8 August in unanimity that the Indonesian Philatelic Association's Membership is suspended with immediate effect until it pays in full for the outstanding membership and Patronage dues.

COMMISSIONS

Confirmation of the respective Commissions Chairmen

The quorums were met for the Commissions' Conference meetings and the approved Bureau members.



Highlights of the 76th FIP Congress held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 9 August 2022



The 76th FIP Congress chaired by Mr Bernie Beston.

On the 9 August 2022, the physical 76th Congress was successfully held at the Lawu Ballroom in JIEXPO Building and was chaired by Mr Bernie Beston. The key highlights were as follows:

ROLL CALL

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| Number of members represented by a delegate | 52 |
| Number of members represented by proxy | 23 |
| Total of valid votes | 75 |
| For a 50% quorum votes needed | 38 |

The minutes of the 75th FIP Congress was unanimously approved by the Congress by the show of green voting cards.

The Congress approved the FIP Patronage and Recognition fees for the different FIP world exhibitions as follows:

- 66,000 CHF (GENERAL WORLD)
- 44,000 CHF (SPECIALISED WORLD WITH WORLD STAMP CHAMPIONSHIP)
- 33,000 CHF (SPECIALISED WORLD WITHOUT WORLD STAMP CHAMPIONSHIP - ONLY GPN, GPI)
- 10,000 CHF (RECOGNITION FEE FOR CONTINENTAL EXHIBITIONS WITH MORE THAN 500 FRAMES)
- 5,000 CHF (RECOGNITION FEE FOR CONTINENTAL EXHIBITIONS WITH UP TO 500 FRAMES)

FIP BOARD ELECTIONS

The entire FIP Board of Directors was elected. The results of the election were as follows:

PRESIDENT (TERM 2022 – 2026) - 2 CANDIDATES

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Mr Bernard Beston, Australia | 20 votes in favour |
| Dr Prakob Chirakiti, Thailand | 55 votes in favour |

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR AMERICA (TERM 2022 – 2024) – 1 CANDIDATE

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Mr Reinaldo Macedo, Brazil | 69 votes in favour; 5 blank votes; 1 missing vote |
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VICE-PRESIDENT FOR EUROPE (TERM 2022 – 2024) – 1 CANDIDATE

Mr Yigal Nathaniel, Israel 64 votes in favour; 10 blank votes; 1 invalid vote

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR ASIA (TERM 2022 – 2026) – 1 CANDIDATE

Mr Richard Tan, Singapore 68 votes in favour; 7 blank votes

DIRECTOR FOR AMERICA (TERM 2022 – 2024) - 2 CANDIDATES

Mr Aldo Samamé y Samamé, Peru 45 votes in favour

Mr Charles Verge, Canada 30 votes in favour

DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE (TERM 2022 – 2024) - 2 CANDIDATES

Mr Peter Suhadolc, Slovenia 48 votes in favour

Mr Spas Panchev, Bulgaria 27 votes in favour

DIRECTOR FOR ASIA (TERM 2022 – 2026) - 1 CANDIDATE

Mr Abdulla Khoory, UAE 64 votes in favour; 11 blank votes



Show of voting cards by the delegates of the 76th FIP Congress.

MOTIONS FROM MEMBER FEDERATIONS

**MOTION FROM THE AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIC FEDERATION & DANISH PHILATELIC FEDERATION –
AMENDMENT TO GREX ARTICLE 8.4**

The Motion was carried.

**MOTION FROM THE AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIC FEDERATION –
i) AMENDMENT TO GREX ARTICLE 8.6**

The Motion was lost.

ii) CHANGE OF ASTROPHILATELY 'SECTION' TO 'COMMISSION' IN ARTICLE 4.2 OF "GUIDELINES FOR THE DUTIES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PHILATELIC COMMISSIONS / SECTION OF THE FIP"

The Motion was carried.

MOTION FROM THE NEW ZEALAND PHILATELIC FEDERATION INC

- i) PROPOSED SIMPLIFIED SREVS FOR AEROPHILATELY AND MAXIMAPHILY
- ii) AMENDMENT TO GREX 5.2: 'PICTURE POSTCARDS' TO BE ADDED AS FIP CLASS
- iii) AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4.2 OF THE "GUIDELINES FOR THE DUTIES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PHILATELIC COMMISSIONS/SECTION OF THE FIP": 'PICTURE POSTCARDS' TO BE ADDED

The three Motions were carried.

MOTION FROM THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA & DANISH PHILATELIC FEDERATION – NEW GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING ONE FRAME EXHIBITS

The Motion was carried on the condition that slight amendments were to be made after the Congress to make it less restrictive.

MOTION FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF THE BRITISH PHILATELIC SOCIETIES

- i) AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4.2 OF THE "GUIDELINES FOR THE DUTIES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PHILATELIC COMMISSIONS/SECTIONS OF THE FIP": 'OPEN PHILATELY' TO BE ADDED
- ii) AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 31 OF THE GREX

The two Motions were carried.

The detailed minutes shall be sent to all Member Federations subsequently.

FIP MEDALS OF SERVICE

The FIP Medals of Service was presented to immediate Vice-President Bernard Jimenez by the immediate past FIP President Mr Beston who made a personal speech on behalf of the FIP Board:

"The FIP Board has decided and wish to recommend to the Congress to confer the Medal of Service to Mr Bernard Jimenez, who had served as Director and Vice President of FIP for his 16 years of service to FIP; this includes 8 years as Director and 8 years as Vice-President. He was the FIP Consultant to both LONDON 2022 and HELVETIA 2022.

Bernard has held a long and respected secondary career as a leader in French Philately; has been an esteemed philatelic Researcher and a senior juror in both Postal History and Thematic Philately.

Please endorse the recommendation of the Board by giving Monsieur Jimenez a round of applause. I would also like to present, on behalf of the FIP Board, the Medal of Service to Mr Jimenez for his huge and expansive contribution to organised Philately over a lifetime."

Mr Bernard Jimenez was also invited to present the Medal of Service to Mr Beston and said the following words:

"We would like to thank Bernie Beston for serving in FIP since 2010, first as FIP Director, then FIP Vice President in 2014 and finally as FIP President since 2018. We thank him for serving as the FIP Consultant for Indonesia 2012, New York 2016 and the upcoming Cape Town 2022 and for having judged in more than 15 FIP exhibitions since becoming an FIP accredited juror in 1984.

Thank you Bernie."

The Congress congratulated the award of the two FIP Medals of Service for Mr Bernard Jimenez and Mr Bernie Beston.



FIP Immediate Past Vice-President Bernard Jimenez (left) and Immediate Past President Bernie Beston. (Photo courtesy of Henry Ong).

Finally, the newly elected FIP President Dr Prakob Chirakiti was called upon by the Immediate Past President Bernie Beston to close the Congress, followed by a buffet lunch reception for all the delegates.

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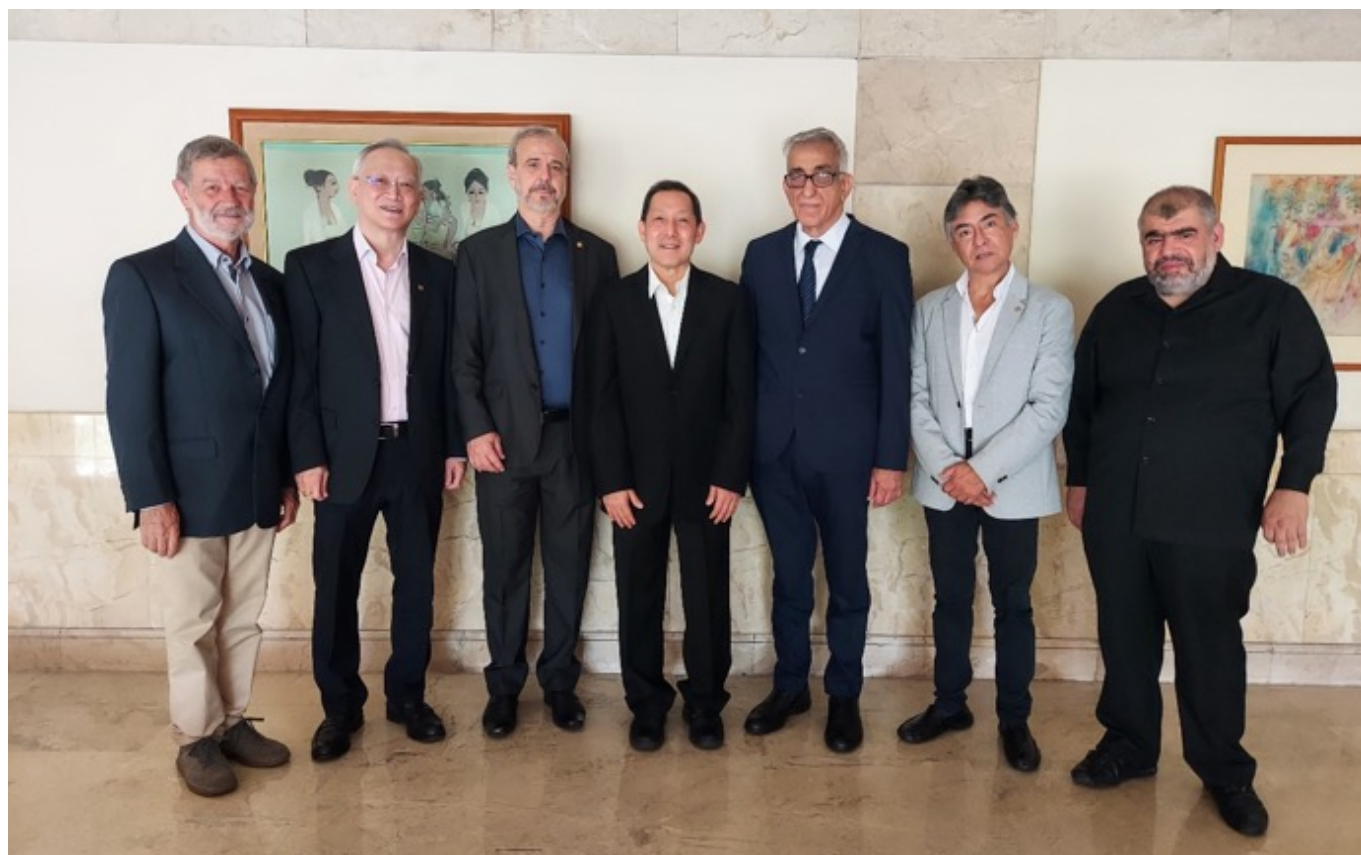
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Highlights of the 149th FIP Board of Directors Meeting on 10 August 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia



The new FIP Board at the 149th FIP Board meeting: f.l. Director Peter Suhadolc, Vice Presidents Richard Tan and Reinaldo Macedo, President Prakob Chirakiti; Vice-President Yigal Nathaniel, Directors Aldo Samamé y Samamé and Abdulla Khoory.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NEW BOARD

President Chirakiti discussed and assigned the new responsibilities with the new Board Members.

JURY MATTERS

Jury selection for FIP Exhibitions

It was agreed that the three FIP Vice-Presidents were to review the jury list proposed by the Organising Committee for FIP Board approval, especially with regards to whether the jurors from each continent for Traditional and Postal History teams would be balanced or not. For the other classes, the Board should try to have a juror from each continent. These will be consolidated, discussed and approved by the FIP Board and then to be worked out with the FIP Consultant and the Organising Committee.

Jury apprentices

It was agreed that apprentices to be proposed by the three Directors. FIP has a shared google drive for all Directors to access the jury apprentice application forms.

FIP Qualifying Seminars for Apprentices

The respective liaison officers will be in charge of the respective FIP Qualifying Seminars of each Commission, which has to be reported and approved by the Board in advance so that the Seminars can be announced prior on the FIP website so that those interested to become apprentice jurors can attend to fulfil the requirements.

Review of Board Travel Guidelines

The FIP Board travel guidelines were reviewed and agreed upon:

| Type of Exhibition | Category | Airfare (Economy) | Accommodation |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| FIP Patronage | FIP Consultant | By OC | By OC (entire exhibition) |
| | Judging Board member | By OC | By OC (entire exhibition) |
| | Non-judging Board member & Sec Gen attending Board meeting | By OC | By OC (5 nights) |
| | Non-judging Board member & Sec Gen without Board meeting | By OC | By FIP (5 nights) |
| FIP Recognition | FIP Liaison Officer | By OC | By OC (entire exhibition) |
| | Board members of same continent | By FIP (same rate as OC) | By FIP (up to 5 nights) |
| | Other Board members | By FIP (with Board approval) By Own | By FIP (up to 5 nights) |
| FIP Sponsorship | Representing Board members from respective continents | By FIP | By FIP (entire exhibition) |
| | Other board members | By Own | By FIP (up to 5 nights) |
| Non-FIP Exhibitions | Case-by-case basis | | |

INDONESIA 2022

Approval of Apprentice Jurors

| Surname | Name | Country | Class Approved |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| PETRY* | Claus | Germany | Traditional |
| MANZATI | Claudio Ernesto Mario | Italy | Postal History |
| ENOSAWA | Yuichi | Japan | Thematic |
| SHIN | Myong Soon | Korea | Thematic |
| DARWISH* | Ali | Qatar | Postal History |
| BUHRMANN | Emil | South Africa | Traditional |

*Petry and Darwish are accredited only after fulfilling the required FIP Qualifying Seminars.

Approval of Cross Accreditation Jurors

| Surname | Name | Country | Class Approved |
|-----------|--------|------------|----------------|
| REINOSO | Juan | Costa Rica | Postal History |
| CHIRAKITI | Prakob | Thailand | Literature |
| MUHAMMAD | Javaid | UAE | Literature |

The above cross accreditations were approved by the Board.

Approval of Apprentice Team Leaders

| Surname | Name | Country | Class Approved |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| MCMAHON | Ian | Australia | Postal Stationery |
| CASIELLES | Miguel Jose | Argentina | Traditional |
| BONEV | Boncho | Bulgaria | Postal History |
| SAMRA | Sherif | Egypt | Traditional |
| EATON | Dila | Paraguay | Expert Group |
| SAMAMÉ y SAMAMÉ | Aldo | Peru | Literature |
| FOONGVANICH | Prakit | Thailand | Traditional |
| KHOORY | Abdulla | UAE | Postal History |

The above apprentice team leaders were approved by the Board.

JURY ACADEMY

Director Suhadolc and Director Samamé proposed that the next Academy could be conducted during IBRA 2023. Vice-President Macedo will talk to OC of IBRA 2023 to see if the Academy could be held before the exhibition. Vice-President Tan highlighted that perhaps more trainers could be sourced from the Commissions' Bureaus, so that they can also be involved.

LIBEREC 2022

Vice-President Nathaniel circulated the final jury list and he reported that all apprentices had been invited. Director Suhadolc would send out to the jurors the details of the jury schedule and list of exhibits to judge in each class.

CAPE TOWN 2022

FIP Consultant Beston informed President Chirakiti that the proposed jury list shall be sent to the Secretary General once he returns to Australia after INDONESIA 2022. As of now there were 1,500 frames being participated. The Board shall consider a Board meeting in Cape Town and for non-judging Board members, they could choose to attend in person or via zoom.

FIP EXHIBITION NEW AGREEMENT TEMPLATES

The Secretary General was to update the FIP Patronage and FIP Recognition new contract templates and circulate to the Board for discussion in the next Board meeting. Vice-President Nathaniel suggested that FIP should seek the comments from the FIP legal advisor for the final draft.

President Chirakiti also highlighted that the following clause should be removed from the IREX:

“e. Where these Regulations deviate from GREX, GREV, SREV's, the IREX shall apply.”

All the Board members agreed.

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Highlights of the 150th FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 16 August 2022 7pm Bangkok time

OUTSTANDING DUES FROM IPA AND INDONESIA 2022

The Board members authorised Director Khoory to liaise with the Indonesia Philatelic Association on all outstanding dues and a letter was to be drafted by the Secretary General based on the details agreed in the meeting.

CAPE TOWN 2022

President Chirakiti had sent to the three Vice-Presidents to review the CAPE TOWN 2022 proposed jurors by FIP Consultant Bernard Beston.

Highlights of the 151st FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 23 August 2022, 7.30pm Bangkok time

CAPE TOWN 2022

Review and Discussion of Jury list for Cape Town after inputs by Board Members

President Chirakiti went through with the Board Members to discuss and agree on the inputs by the FIP Board members with regards to the International Jury Team for CAPE TOWN 2022.

Vice-President Nathaniel confirmed with the Organising Committee that the judging would be done in two halves, like in LONDON 2022.

The Board would propose to have two jury secretaries and two assistant jury secretaries – the local Jan Van Beukerine as well as Kelly Ong, since she had to be in Cape Town for the Board meeting anyway.

The Secretary General was to email the agreed proposed International Jury list to the FIP Consultant, Organising Committee, and copy all Board members as soon as possible.

Highlights of the 152nd FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 26 August 2022, 10.00pm Bangkok time

CAPE TOWN 2022

Review and Discussion on reply to Cape Town 2022 Letter to FIP

President Chirakiti went through with the Board Members to discuss and agree on the questions asked by the Organising Committee of CAPE TOWN 2022 and also did an analysis of the International Jury Team to be sent to the FIP Consultant.

Highlights of the 153rd FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 7 September 2022, 7.30pm Bangkok time

CAPE TOWN 2022

Jury Team assignments

The Organising Committee updated the FIP Board on the jurors who declined the jury invitations. The Board Members discussed and finalized on the jury team assignments for the two halves of judging.

Support for OC due to COVID-19 Disruption

Instead of providing upright discount on the FIP Patronage fee as requested by the Organising Committee due to the additional costs that they incurred from the postponement of the CAPE TOWN 2020 to 2022 due to COVID-19, the Board shall cover some of the costs for the OC.

JURY ACADEMY 2023

Director Samamé had several online meetings with Director Suhadolc and updates on the Class 8 in Essen were updated to the Board. They would also work with Vice-President Macedo to help liaise with the Organising Committee of IBRA 2023 for their support, as FIP Consultant. They were also considering 'Introduction Seminars' for apprentices in the future.

IBRA 2023

Eligibility for FIP Championship Class at IBRA 2023

President Chirakiti would like to raise that as IBRA 2023 was a General World Stamp exhibition, they would have a FIP Championship class. If an exhibit had received the first Large Gold medals in 2011 and 2012, it would no longer be eligible in IBRA 2023. However, two years were 'lost' in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. He sought the Board's approval that exhibits that had received first LG medals in 2011 and 2012 would still be eligible for the FIP Championship class and if so, the IBRA 2023 IREX shall be updated accordingly. The Board approved unanimously.

Highlights of the 154th FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 4 October 2022, 7.30pm Bangkok time

CAPE TOWN 2022

FIP Qualifying Seminars

Three FIP Qualifying Seminars were approved by the FIP Board members for jurors who like to attend to fulfil their application as apprentices in these Classes:

Postal History FIP Qualifying Seminar

Speaker: Prof. Henrik Mouritsen RDP

Title: "Postal History Qualifying judging seminar"

Postal Stationery FIP Qualifying Seminar

Speakers: Michael Smith and Igor Pirc

Title: "Exhibiting & Judging Postal Stationery"

Picture Postcard FIP Qualifying Seminar**Speaker:** Jeff Long**Title:** “Exhibiting & Judging Picture Postcards”

The Secretary General was asked to feedback to the Organising Committee if they could review the date and timings of the seminars to avoid overlapping with the hours of Jury work.

FIP PATRONAGE AGREEMENT TEMPLATE

The Secretary General went through the proposed changes with the Board members and the final cleaned up copy of the agreement shall be sent to them before consulting FIP Legal Consultant Raphael Keller.

APPRENTICE TEAM LEADER APPLICATION

President Chirakiti commented that in the past it was the Board and the FIP Consultant who would propose the jurors to be Apprentice Team Leader (the juror must have judged that class at least 3 times according to Jury Guidelines). When a FIP accredited Team Leader was assigned to be an acting Team Leader in another class, it was not an automatic Team Leader accreditation for that class.

Hence, during INDONESIA 2022, jurors who fulfilled the requirements and served as Team Leader but had not yet been officially accredited were proposed by the FIP Consultant and co-Consultant to be apprentice Team Leaders and had to first be approved by the Board.

To make the procedures clearer, President Chirakiti had also asked the Secretary General to create an official Team Leader Apprentice Application form which was approved by the Board and already been put up on the FIP website. The jurors who fulfil the qualifications can fill up the form, signed by the Federation, and send it to the Secretary General for checking and submission to the Board for approval.

(Refer to page 17 for the form).

Highlights of the 154th FIP Board of Directors Meeting on 11 November 2022, 7.00pm Bangkok time in Southern Sun Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

IBRA 2023

The FIP Board members discussed and gave suggestions on the proposed international jury team with IBRA 2023 FIP Consultant Vice-President Macedo, who shall meet up with the Organising Committee based on what was agreed internally within the Board.

GUIDELINES**One Frame Exhibits Guidelines**

The Motion by the Danish and Canadian Federations to have new One-Frame Exhibits guidelines during the 76th FIP Congress was approved – with the condition that amendments were to be made to make it less restrictive.

Director Samamé had an exchange of views with Prof Henrik Mouritsen in Cape Town and there were further discussions with the Board members during this meeting.

Team Leader Apprentice Application Form Available for Downloading on the FIP Website



FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE PHILATÉLIE

APPLICATION FOR FIP APPRENTICE TEAM LEADER ASSIGNMENT

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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| Surname | | Tel. Home | |
| First Name | | Mobile | |
| Address | | Birthdate | |
| Zip Code | | Languages | English <input type="checkbox"/> |
| City | | | French <input type="checkbox"/> |
| State | | | German <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Country | | | Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E-mail | | | Others: |

2. JUDGING EXPERIENCE AT NATIONAL/CONTINENTAL EXHIBITIONS

| Year | Exhibition Name | City/Country | Class | Team Leader (Yes/No) |
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3. FULL JUROR EXPERIENCE AT FIP PATRONAGE EXHIBITIONS

(Please indicate where and in which competitive class you served as juror – minimum three times)

| Year | Exhibition Name | City/Country | Class | Team Leader (Acting/Accredited) |
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4. APPLICATION AS APPRENTICE TEAM LEADER FOR

(If you have qualification in more than one philatelic class, please indicate your preferences)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional | <input type="checkbox"/> Postal History | <input type="checkbox"/> Postal Stationery | <input type="checkbox"/> Aerophilately | <input type="checkbox"/> Thematic | <input type="checkbox"/> Maximaphily |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> Astrophilately | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Philately | <input type="checkbox"/> Picture Postcards |

5. JUROR DECLARATION

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

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| Date : | Signature of Applying Juror : |
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6. RECOMMENDATION FROM FEDERATION

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| FIP Member Federation: | | |
| Name of Federation President/Chairman: | Signature: | Date: |
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| 7. EXHIBITION PREFERRED FOR APPRENTICESHIP: | |
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Highlights of the 155th FIP Board of Directors Meeting on 13 November 2022, 10.00am Bangkok time in Southern Sun Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

CAPE TOWN 2022

Approval of Jury Apprentices

| Surname | Name | Country | Class Approved |
|----------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| AMBRUS * | Francisc | Romania | Open Philately |
| AMOOORE | Hugh | South Africa | Postal History |
| EVERS | Holger-Rudolf | Germany | Postal History |
| KEWRIGA | Matthew | USA | Postal History |
| LAAKSO | Seija-Ritta | Finland | Picture Postcards |
| MATHESON | Ian | South Africa | Postal History |

Seija-Ritta Laakso had attended the FIP Picture Postcard Qualifying Seminar in Cape Town 2022, Matthew Kweriga, Ian Mattheson had also attended the FIP Postal History Qualifying Seminar. The Board members approved them as accredited FIP jurors.

*Francisc Ambrus shall be assigned as an accredited FIP Open Philately juror after fulfilling the required FIP Open Philately Qualifying Seminar.

Approval of Cross Accreditation juror

| Surname | Name | Country | Class Approved |
|---------|------|---------|----------------|
| SLUTZKI | Joel | Israel | Literature |

The Board members approved this cross-accreditation.

Approval of Apprentice Team Leaders

| Surname | Name | Country | Class Approved |
|----------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| KIM | Seong Kwon | Korea | Thematic |
| MUHAMMAD | Javaid | UAE | Postal History |
| MERI | Pedro | Venezuela | Traditional |
| SEDLAK | Jiri | Czech Republic | Traditional |
| SUNDSBOE | Ivar | Norway | Postal History |

Kim Seong Kwon did not attend the interview as he had to leave Cape Town earlier due to legal matters in Korea. However, he was recommended by the Team Leader Bernard Jimenez to be approved as Team Leader.

The Board members approve the Team leader's recommendation.

FIP POSTAL STATIONERY COMMISSION REPORT

Michael Smith, Commission Secretary

FIP Postal Stationery Commission Meeting Indonesia 2022

The FIP Postal Stationery Commission is the body responsible for the exhibition regulations for postal stationery at FIP World Stamp Exhibitions. The same rules are used at other international and national exhibitions around the world, including at Australian and New Zealand national exhibitions.

The Commission met at INDONESIA 2022 for the first time since 2018. The meeting included reports on the activities of the Commission, a presentation on postal stationery exhibiting and an election of the 'Bureau' of the Commission which runs its activities. The presentation was entitled Postal Stationery: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly and was presented by Glen Stafford. The presentation from the meeting (along with the report of the Commission's activities) can be downloaded from <http://postalstationery.f-i-p.ch/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2022/09/PS-Commission-FIP-Indonesia-2022-red.pptx>.

The new Bureau of the Commission is: Chairman, Ian McMahon (Australia); Secretary, Michael Smith (United Kingdom); Igor Pirc (Slovenia); Frank Li (China); and Ross Towle (USA) with co-opted members, Juan Reinoso (Costa Rica) and Sammy Chiu (Canada).

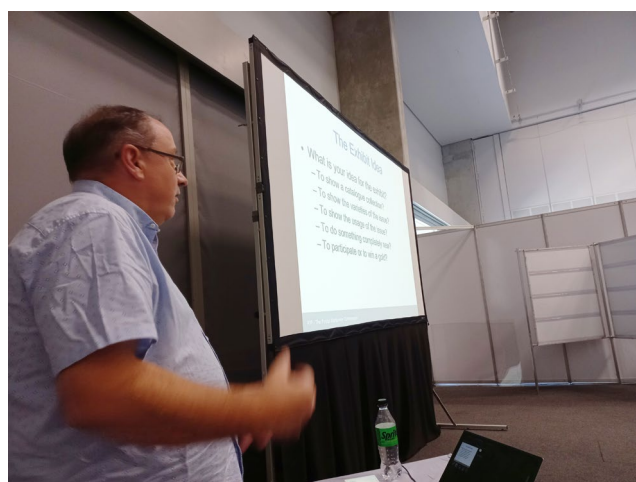
FIP Postal Stationery Qualifying Seminar at Cape Town 2022

Michael Smith and Igor Pirc presented an FIP Qualifying Seminar at the FIP International Exhibition in Cape Town in November 2022 entitled Exhibiting & Judging Postal Stationery.

The seminar covered planning an exhibit, a sample exhibit and an introduction to the judging of Postal Stationery. Fifteen participants attended, mainly from South Africa. The presentation can be downloaded from <https://www.f-i-p.ch/wp-content/uploads/PS-Commission-Presentation-Cape-Town-2022-webr.pdf>.



Igor Pirc discussing the Introductory Page.



Mike Smith discussing the Exhibit Idea.

The Commission's latest newsletter was published in August 2022 and can be found at: <https://postalstationery.f-i-p.ch/newsletter/>.

The website of the FIP Postal Stationery Commission has been converted to a new subsite on the FIP website. The new address is postalstationery.f-i-p.ch.

FIP YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT

Stephen Chan, Commission Chairman

Despite the Covid pandemic, stamp collecting activities for young people continued in different parts of the world, though somewhat hampered.

For instance, exhibitions were held in Argentina and France which were open to young exhibitors locally as well as from neighbouring countries.

In India, a Youth Academy was launched by the Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) for promotion of Youth Philatelic activities, in addition to a series of competitive exhibitions for youth at district and state levels.

In China, a wide range of promotional pursuits were conducted to attract young people to our hobby. Stamp design contests and workshops to teach young collectors to create a one-page exhibit have proved very popular.

The Youth Philately Commission subsite within the FIP website will be up and running shortly. This is a platform for sharing. We urge our delegates to provide information on all aspects of stamp collecting activities for young people in their respective areas, preferably but not necessarily related to organized philately.



Proud winners of the National Youth Exhibition “Stamp Passion” held in Moulins, France.



A well-attended youth exhibition in Argentina.

INDONESIA 2022 Specialized FIP World Stamp Championship Exhibition

After being postponed for two years, the INDONESIA 2022 World Stamp Championship Exhibition was finally held at the JIEXPO convention centre in Jakarta, Indonesia from 5 – 9 August 2022.



The Jury room.

The FIP Board would like to recognize the hard work of the members of the Organising Committee in making the exhibition happen, including the late Mr Herman Santoso, a very efficient and responsible deputy Commissioner General in 2020, who unfortunately passed away during the pandemic. The new Deputy Commissioner General Tono Putranto took on the work subsequently, to ensure that the exhibition could proceed smoothly.



School children learning about philately at the exhibition hall.



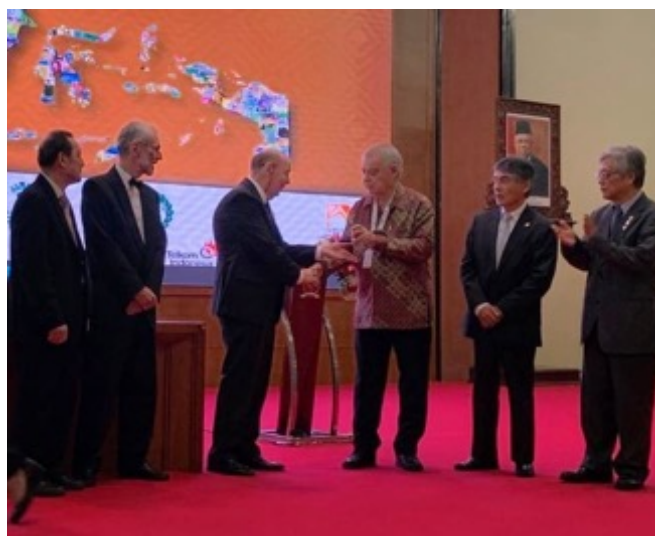
In memory of Mr Herman Santoso who passed away.



Jury feedback in progress.

A very efficient Palmares dinner was held on 7 August 2022, at the Parliament House, where souvenir medals were given to the Grand Prix Club exhibitors, and gold and large gold award winners were also invited on stage.

For the three Grand Prix awards, there was only one candidate for the Grand Prix National prize and it went to Mr Tono Dwi Putranto (Indonesia) for his exhibit “The Development of KLM and KNILM Operation in the Netherlands Indies 1920 – 1942”.



Left photo: Chairman of INDONESIA 2022 Fadli Zon (on left) and GPN winner Tono Putranto. Right Photo: f.l. Prakob Chirakiti, Bernard Jimenez, GPI winner Jan Huys-Berlingin, Bernard Beston, Aldo Samamé y Samamé and Jury Vice-President Chen Yu-An.

There were four candidates for the **Grand Prix International** prize, which in the end went to Mr Jan Huys-Berlingin (Liechtenstein) for his exhibit “Belgium’s First Issue, the EPAULETTES” with the most number of votes.

Finally, the winner of the **World Stamp Championship** was Mr William Kwan (Hong Kong), who received the most votes out of four nominated candidates, for his exhibit “Hong Kong Designs, Proofs, Specimens and Other Archival Materials”. The prize was collected on his behalf by the Hong Kong Commissioner Mr Daniel Szeto.

WSC First runner-up: Douglas Storckenfeldt (Sweden) – “Iceland until 1901”.

There were two WSC second runner-ups:

1. Jose Alberto Barreras (Spain) – “The First Issues of the Spanish Mail”.
2. Kazuyuki Inoue (Japan) – “Postal History of the Korean Peninsula 1876 – 1909”.



Newly elected FIP President Prakob Chirakiti and FIP Consultant for INDONESIA 2022 invited immediate past President Beston to say a few words at the FIP Appreciation Dinner.

Finally, in the evening of the 9 August, the FIP Board hosted an Appreciation Dinner for all the new Bureau Members elected at the Conference Meetings prior to the 76th FIP Congress, as well as members of the Organising Committee who were able to attend.



Presentation of FIP token of appreciation to Deputy Commissioner General Tono Putranto for his hard work.

The new FIP Board meeting was held the following day on 10 August 2022, chaired by the newly elected FIP President Prakob Chirakiti to discuss on the new Board responsibilities, upcoming plans and what was necessary to be addressed as soon as possible.

Congratulations to the Organising Committee of INDONESIA 2022 on the successful exhibition despite all the challenges!

CAPE TOWN 2022 Specialised FIP World Stamp Championship Exhibition

The Philatelic Federation of South Africa took a bold decision towards the latter

part of 2017 to host a FIP sanctioned International Stamp Exhibition for the 11th time in South Africa since 1913. All early preparation was accomplished, and a date was set for 17 to 22 May 2021 in Cape Town at the prestigious Cape Town International Convention Centre 2. The FIP Consultant was Mr Bernard Beston, the current immediate Past President of FIP.

Planning and preparations for the event went ahead, and then in 2020 the Covid-19 brought the world to a sudden stop. The pandemic's negative impact lasted well into 2021 and it became obvious that the Exhibition could not go ahead. The Organising Committee (OC), under chairmanship of Mr Emil Bühnman RDPSA, approached FIP and a new date was established for 8 to 12 November 2022.

During the first quarter of 2022 world travel was still uncertain and no one could tell if life would be at all be 'normal' in November. Nevertheless, preparations continued.

During the early planning stages, the OC decided that it will be appropriate to historically link the theme of the event to the RSA's *Road to Democracy*. As a basis to the theme, the international award-winning Open Class collection of Dr Gerhard Kamffer RDPSA "*The Road to Democracy in South Africa up to 1994*" was adopted. The collection, inter alia, include a significant historical letter that Nelson Mandela wrote from his prison cell, regarding the conditions for his release in 1985. Fifteen frames of this collection were displayed in the Court of Honour at the venue.



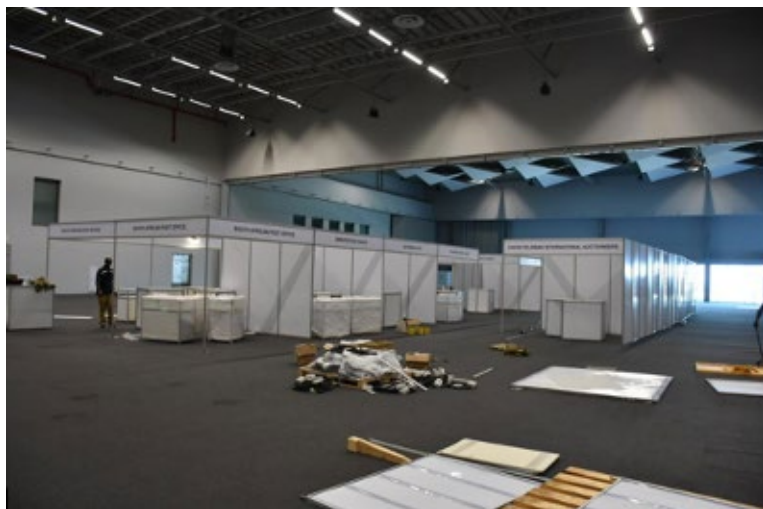
Dr Kamffer (left) explaining to the SA Deputy Minister of Communication and Digital Technologies, Mr Philly Mapulane, certain items in his collection. The Deputy Minister is joined by the Ms. Nomkhita Mona, Group CEO of the SA Post Office, on his right and the Interim Chair of the SA Post Office Board, Mr. Sipho Majombozi on his left. Mr. Sifundo Chief Moyo, Secretary General of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU), Mr. Cornelius Ramathlakwane, CEO of BotswanaPost are standing behind the Deputy Minister.



The Venue: Cape Town International Convention Center

For the very first time in South Africa Philatelic history, an International and National Exhibition have jointly been held at the same venue and run at the same time.

This World Stamp Championship Exhibition was held in conjunction with the South African Department of Communications and Digital Technologies.



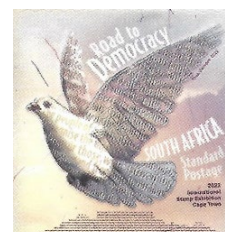
More than 1 600 frames (including the RSA National Exhibition) were erected, and stamps mounted on Sunday and Monday 6 and 7 November 2022 by commissioners and volunteers. Exhibits were displayed on a rotational basis with rotation taking place on Wednesday (9 November) in the afternoon.



The International Commissioners with Commissioner General Emil Minnaar seated third from left

To compliment the theme, the South African Post Office (SAPO) issued a limited-edition stamp that was launched during the opening ceremony on 8 November 2022 and was on sale at the SAPO stand at the Exhibition from 9 November 2022.

SAPO had also created five unique date stamps, one for each day of the event, to celebrate South African Nobel Peace Prize laureates Albert Luthuli, Desmond Tutu, Nadine Gordimer, Nelson Mandela and Frederik Willem de Klerk.





Designer of the stamp and date stamps, Thea Clemons from the SA Philatelic Services with Mr. Dawood Dada the Group Company Secretary of the SAPO

The Organising Committee also reached out and involved children of previous disadvantaged communities. Arrangements were made for transport and guided tours for these learners from various schools to visit the exhibition.

An UPU Conference commenced on Wednesday and continued till Thursday.

A Government Sponsored Gala Dinner was held and hosted by the Deputy Minister of Communication and Digital Technologies on Wednesday evening.

Three FIP Qualifying seminars were held. It kicked off with Picture Postcards by

Jeff Long on Wednesday followed with Postal History presented by Henrik Mouritsen on Thursday.



Children visiting the Exhibition

The third one, Exhibiting and judging Postal Stationery, was held on Saturday and jointly presented by Igor Pirc and Michael Smith. On Friday Eva Mouritsen presented a workshop on Open Class Philately.

The following apprentice jurors qualified as FIP accredited Judges at the Exhibition:

| | | | |
|----------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| AMOORE | Hugh | South Africa | Postal History |
| EVERS | Holger-Rudolf | Germany | Postal History |
| KEWRIGA | Matthew | USA | Postal History |
| LAAKSO | Seija-Ritta | Finland | Picture Postcards |
| MATHESON | Ian | South Africa | Postal History |
| *AMBRUS | Fransisc | Romania | Open Philately |

*to be assigned as accredited juror after fulfilling FIP Qualifying Open Philately Seminar.

On Friday the Philatelic Federation of South Africa held their 84th Annual Congress that was officially opened by Bernie Beston. On Saturday the Philatelic Foundation of South Africa held their Annual General Meeting. Attendance for this meeting is limited to Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of South Africa (RDPSA).



Bernie Beston addressing the PFSA congress with André du Plessis, Hugh Amore and Neil Cronjé on right



Transvaal Stamp Study Circle meeting

Two study circle meetings were held by the Rhodesia Study Circle on Wednesday and the Transvaal Stamp Study Circle on Saturday.

The Awards Ceremony was held on Saturday at 18:30 with a total of 15 Large Gold awards and 50 Gold medals awarded by the international jury team, led by Jury President Howard Green and Jury Secretary Koichi Sato.

There were two candidates for the **Grand Prix National** prize and the winning exhibit went to “Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek – Transvaal 1869 – 1885” by Lars Jørgensen RDPSA (Belgium).

The **Grand Prix International** prize had three candidates and the prize went to Alfred Schmidt (Germany) for his exhibit “Prussia – The First Three Issues 1850 – 1859”.

Finally, there were also three **World Stamp Championship** candidates. The winner was Jan Huys-Berlingin (Liechtenstein) for his exhibit “Belgium’s first issue, the ‘Epaulettes’”, who won with the tie-breaking vote by the Jury President.



PFSA President Hugh Amoore with Alfred Schmidt, Lars Jørgensen and Jan Huys-Berlingin



From L to R: Alfred Schmidt, Emil Bühman, Reinaldo Macedo and Walter Bernatek on right

During the ceremony, Emil Bühmann RDPSA, Chair of the SA Organising Committee handed the FIP flag to Mr Walter Bernatek of Germany, in preparation for the Essen International Exhibition from 25 - 28 May 2023 in Germany.



Chair of the Organising Committee, Emil Bühman, with the FIP President, Dr Prakob Chirakiti at the dinner

The event was concluded on Sunday evening with a dinner hosted by FIP at the Southern Sun Cullinan hotel.

It was a delight to see everyone with a philatelic interest and new friendships been made at this memorable event.

The twenty-four local and international dealers that participated and supported this event are greatly appreciated. The activity at the various booths affirmed that philately in South Africa continues to hold the interest of many collectors.

by André du Plessis
PFSA: COO





European Stamp Exhibition and Polar Salon LIBEREC 2022



Under the patronage of FEPA, and with the recognition of FIP, a unique exhibition called the European Stamp Exhibition and Polar Salon Liberec 2022 was successfully held in Liberec (Czech Republic) from 13th to 16th October 2022 in the exhibition halls of the Wellness Hotel Babylon. The exhibition was held under the patronage of the Governor of the Liberec Region Mr. Martin Půta and the Mayor of Liberec Mr. Jaroslav Zámečník.



Opening Ceremony

The exhibition enjoyed great international interest, as evidenced by the participation of the President of the FIP Prakob Chirakiti (Thailand), the President of FEPA Bill Hedley (GB), members of the FEPA Board and many other presidents and representatives of European associations and federations.



Exhibition Hall – European Stamp Exhibition



President of the FIP Prakob Chirakiti

The LIBEREC 2022 exhibition was divided into two parts.

The European Stamp Exhibition LIBEREC 2022 was attended by 198 exhibitors and presented 52 exhibits in the literature class. The European exhibition included almost 1000 exhibit frames with exhibits from more than 30 countries both European and from further afield including Australia, Oman and UAE. The complete results are listed in Palmares on the website: www.liberec2022.eu.

11 Large Gold and 40 Gold medals were awarded.

The Grand Prix Championship Class was awarded to Terje Heskestad of Norway for his exhibit "The Postal History of the Southern Coast of Norway from 1719 to UPU".

The Grand Prix International was awarded to Jan Huys-Berlingin of Liechtenstein for his exhibit "Belgium's 40c Imperforate Medallions (1849-1863)".

The Grand Prix National was awarded to Tomáš Mádl of the Czech Republic for the exhibit "Czechoslovakia 1918-1939 (philatelic interests and rarities)".



*Ladies who helped the exhibition
to run smoothly led by Zuzka Kunášková*



*President of the FEPA Bill Hedley
and President of the O.C. Jiří Kraus*



FEPA Board led by Bill Hedley

Along with the exhibition, the FEPA Congress took place on Saturday 15th October and was attended by almost all participating countries.

On display in the Court of Honour was the Red Mauritius-POST OFFICE, which is owned by a Czech investor. There was also a display of the 1 pence "Penny Black" stamp used on the first day of its validity and many other interesting items from the Postal Museum including gems of Austrian classic stamps.



The second part of the exhibition was the Polar Salon LIBEREC 2022, with 35 exhibits and one literature exhibit from all over the world on almost 200 frames.

7 Large Gold Medals and 5 Gold Medals were awarded.

The Polar Multiframe Grand Award went to Jiri Kraus for his exhibit "Finding Antarctica-Then Finding More of It. The Polar Single Frame Grand Award went to Daniel Bringer for his exhibit "The Scottish National Antarctic Expedition 1902-1904".

Visitors could admire, for example, rare letters from the first polar expeditions of the early 19th century. The majority of these are unique and unavailable today, for example, the only preserved letter sent by Amundsen from Antarctica, or letters sent and stamped by Robert Falcon Scott. The exhibition also brought visitors closer to this frozen region with unique preserved artefacts from the first expeditions to Antarctica.



Exhibition Hall – Polar Salon

A rich programme had been organized to accompany the exhibition, including an autograph session of Pavel Sivko, author of the stamps issued on the occasion of the exhibition, an autograph session of the first Czechoslovak and two Slovak cosmonauts, or interesting lectures on polar topics.

Expo, a sales exhibition, attended by Czech and German Post, leading auction houses and other dealers, also accompanied the exhibition.



The European Stamp Exhibition and Polar Salon LIBEREC 2022 was a unique opportunity to see both philatelic materials from all over Europe and polar materials from all over the world in one place.

For more information, please visit www.liberec2022.eu

BALKANFILA XIX

International exhibition BALKANFILA, after almost five decades will be held again in Belgrade from 12th to 14th October 2023. The international philatelic exhibition BALKANFILA was first held in Bulgaria in 1965. Until 2016, 18 exhibitions were held, and Serbia, as part of Yugoslavia, was the host twice: in Belgrade in 1977 (BALKANFILA VI) and in Novi Sad in 1987 (BALKANFILA XI).

The International Philatelic Exhibition BALKANFILA XIX continues to consolidate and develop the friendship between the philatelists from the Balkan Region. Participating countries are Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey and invited countries are Cyprus and Hungary.

The complete logistical and financial support was taken over by the Serbian postal operator – “Pošta Srbije”, while the Union of Philatelists of Serbia will actively participate in the organizational part of the exhibition.

Exhibition BALKANFILA XIX will be placed in 600 frames and is free for all participants. The IREX was approved and uploaded in August 2022 and the competition includes all popular Classes: Traditional Philately, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Aerophilately, Astrophilately, Thematic Philately, Maximaphily, Revenue Stamp, Picture Postcard, One-Frame/Two-Frames/Three-Frames Class and Philatelic Literature.



International Philatelic Exhibition
BALKANFILA XIX

12-14 October 2023,
Belgrade - SERBIA



The organizers of the exhibition are intensively working on organizational details and are currently in negotiations regarding the venue of the exhibition at a representative location in the center of Belgrade.

What will certainly be an innovation for an exhibition of this level is its availability “online”. It is planned that every participant of the exhibition will be offered this possibility as an option. The Union of Philatelists of Serbia has already experience in organizing online exhibitions (SOFIZ 1, 2020), so in this way an important regional exhibition, as BALKANFILA is, will take a step forward.

Seminars from various philatelic fields are also planned as an integral part of the exhibition. The organizer will make an effort to be available through the Zoom application for all interested parties.

As an integral part of the exhibition, tourist visits to historical sites in Belgrade and its surroundings are planned.

We are expecting you in Belgrade next autumn.

Welcome.

Vladimir Milic, Serbia

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