



# Thematic Philately Commission

## Internal Bureau Businesses

**#02**

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**Dear Bureau members,**

Europe is in the middle of the summer holiday season. I have myself just finished vacation leave from work and I am now "back in business again", which include the Bureau businesses and the work for the Commission and the Bureau.

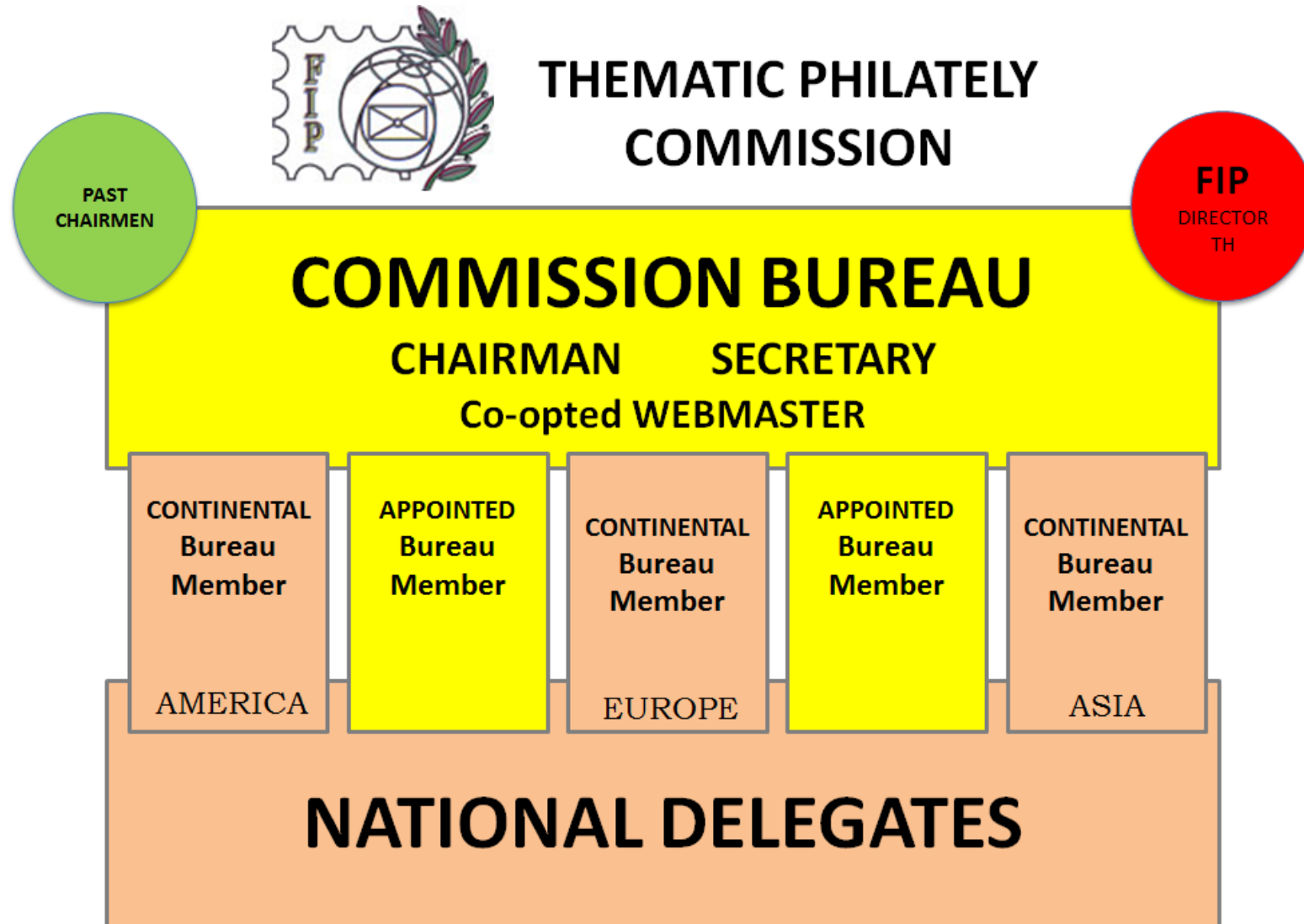
The first focus, since the elections in Jakarta, has been to update the website together with Charles Bromser. Thank you Charles for being so quick in your actions taken in this regard, both via me and via Koenraad.

Referring to the response I have received from several national delegates, the visiting activity on the website has increased the last month. It will be a challenging task for the Bureau to continue on a regular basis to publish new material on the website to keep the interest among national delegates and others to visit the website.

In parallel with the focus to publish updates on the website, Koenraad as Secretary has been working hard on updating the national delegate list. The list has now a contact address for all FIP members, which is important because it means that no FIP member is excluded from communication with the TH Commission!

Still we don't have a national delegate appointed from all FIP members. The aim for the Commission the next term must be to have a national delegate appointed from all FIP member federations. Thank you Koenraad for your efforts with the list and please continue aiming for our goal to have national delegates appointed from all federations and to update the list according to incoming changes and corrections. Having an updated list continuously is one of the factors for success in the operational work conducted by the Bureau.

The next step to take is to draw up how we should work within the commission the next 4 years. I have made an analysis to hereby present for you as a suggestion for which I seek your feedback.



### **The NATIONAL DELEGATES**

The TH Commission is an international network for TH philately, which must be reflected in how the Commission works. The main responsibility for the national delegates must therefore be to establish national networks with thematic collectors. It will be through such networks we act proactively with the achievements we decide about.

Establishing the domestic networks is the first task I want to distribute to all national delegates. Of course, in many cases networks already are up and running, but in many cases they probably only is informal. I would like to establish the networks on a more formal basis, which is done under the national delegate to the FIP TH Commission. We should have a network connection from the top/bottom/bottom/top perspectives.

When we have networks like that, we maintain the first factor for success – COMMUNICATION.

Through this communication we will go on with the second task for the national delegates, which is to make an inventory of TH judges in respective national federation. Having a network with the TH judges, we will be able to communicate judging/jury matters more effectively.

- In the next NEWSLETTER to the delegates I will distribute these tasks.

### **The CHAIRMAN and the SECRETARY**

My own responsibility as Chairman is to fix my eyes on the progress work for the Commission. Practically, I will do that by having a steady and fixed look forward on to what actions we need to take, and how to act.

Like with the tasks I will give to the national delegates (as above), one of the duties for the Secretary will be to collect and document/keep record on the reporting back from the national delegates to the Bureau.

The Secretary will put the information together to a publishable format, suitable for the website, TCNEWS Bulletin or the NEWSLETTERS.

- During the time until December, it's my intention to, step by step, constitute the management of the commission. As Chairman, together with the Secretary, I will have a responsibility to uphold an executive role in this management.

### **The CONTINENTAL Bureau members**

- As I see it, the main responsibility for the three continental bureau members in the context of Bureau management will be to follow up the progress of all work done by the national delegates in respectively continent.

In FIAF, the continental TH Commission managed by Luiz Paulo is a typical example on what I mean how to follow up and execute TH work on a continental basis.

- In the near future, my wish as Chairman is that Europe and Asia study the FIAF example and start the progress on constituting a similar continental organizational structure. Having continental TH commissions in America, Europe and Asia should be a second aim to fulfil during this election term for the FIP TH commission. Please Peter and Tan go on with this work immediately together with thematic philatelists on your continents.

### **The APPOINTED Bureau members**

I will in the near future take contact with potential delegates to be appointed by me as Bureau members. My aim is to have appointed members who actively can support the Continental Bureau members on their actions to take within the continents, but also with personal capabilities to independently work with/execute specific projects.

### **PAST CHAIRMEN**

Immediately when I was elected chairman, I got into contact with Giancarlo Morolli and Damian Läge. They have promised support to the Commission and are both very eager and positive to act in close relation with the Bureau in the way we wish and ask them to do. They are both an important resource for us.

- I have already decided to meet up with Damian in Switzerland the first weekend of October to have a formal handover regarding commission matters and the future of the commission. Referring to Damian's very important text in the last issue of TCNEWS Bulletin, I share his assessment of the current situation and critical factors for progress and success in the future. The aim of my meeting with Damian will be to secure a contingency planning deriving from that shared situational picture.

### **The Co-opted WEBMASTER**

- I will treat Charles Bromser in his role as webmaster as co-opted onto the Bureau. In practical meaning, continuously I will share the internal information with Charles so we can have his feedback and knowledge as well reflected.

### **The FIP DIRECTOR for TH Philately Commission**

Bernhard's role as the link between the TH Commission/Bureau and the FIP Board is essential. At this point of reading this e-mail, you probably all understand my ambitious starting point for constituting the work and the progress.

- Everything we will do the next four years, aiming for the "operational" judging work at exhibitions. To have positive effects and a situational and relevant picture of thematic philately conditions, it's important that the FIP Board continuously understand WHAT we do, WHY and HOW we do it and for WHAT PURPOSES we are doing it. For that back brief to the FIP Board, I trust on Bernhard's engagement, which he also has promised.

### **Other businesses**

1. We have been invited by the se commission to hold a seminar in Bogota/Colombia in December. A final decision will be set soon with content for such a seminar in line with the needs/wishes over there.
2. My aim would still be to gather the Bureau in London next February 22-24, 2013. I still lack confirmation from a few of you. The appointed additional Bureau members will of course be called too. When I know that the conditions to have a majority of the Bureau on place, I will give a formal call for the meeting in February. This will be set in the next month's time.
3. I plan for the next TCNEWS Bulletin to be published on 1 October. In the next NEWSLETTER I will repeat my call for contributions.

Please all, I remind you again on your feedback on the above, so I can review the content and publish a NEWSLETTER to the commission on these matters.

Best wishes,  
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