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Dear thematic philatelists,

Thank you for your support for me being elected as the new chairman of the "F.I.P. Thematic Philately Commission" (TC). The elections took place on 20 June 2012 in Jakarta, Indonesia, in conjunction with the "World Stamp Championship". The new elected Bureau of the Commission is:

Chairman	<i>Jonas Hällström</i>	Sweden
Secretary	<i>Koenraad Bracke</i>	Belgium
FIAP	<i>Tan Ngiap Chuan</i>	Singapore
FIAF	<i>Luiz Paulo Rodrigues Cunha</i>	Brazil
FEPA	<i>Peter Suhadolc</i>	Slovenia

Thank you Damian Läge and José Ramón Moreno

I would like to express my deepest respect to the outgoing chairman *Damian Läge* from Germany for his eight years in the leading position of Thematic philately worldwide. Since Damian was not able to attend the meeting in Jakarta, we will officially thank him on a later occasion where he is present. My deepest thanks also to the outgoing secretary of the commission *José Ramón Moreno* from Spain who was present in Jakarta and officially thanked during the commission meeting there.

"Communication" - an important factor for success

Receiving comments and feedback on what to deal with in the Commission the next four years' term, "communication" is a priority when asking the delegates present at the meeting in Jakarta. The Bureau will try to do its best to keep contact on a regular basis with thematic philatelists through e-mail, via the website and our official bulletin *TCNews*.

Delegates to the Commission

F.I.P. has 91 members and the TC has delegates from 64 of these member federations, so from 27 federations delegates are not appointed. On our website www.fipthematicphilately.org we have listed all F.I.P. members with or without a delegate in the TC.

We are lacking a TC delegate from the following F.I.P. members:

ALBANIA, BAHRAIN, BELARUS, BRUNEI, COLOMBIA, CONGO, ECUADOR, EGYPT, GEORGIA, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, JAPAN, DPR KOREA, KUWAIT, LATVIA, LIECHTENSTEIN, LITHUANIA, MACAU, MALTA, MONTENEGRO, NIGERIA, SERBIA, UKRAINE, URUGUAY and VIETNAM.

- To be able to improve our communication we would like to ask federations not having an appointed delegate to appoint one.

The following federations have an appointed delegate with name, but we lack the person's contact details:

ARMENIA, BULGARIA, CHINA, CHINESE TAIPEI, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRELAND, NEPAL, PHILIPPINES, QATAR, THAILAND, TURKEY and UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

- Please, it will be much more efficient if we could receive the personal contact details of the above federation's TC delegate.

Please send all additions and changes directly to the secretary of the commission: Koenraad Bracke kobra22@telenet.be

The progress on the website www.fipthematicphilately.org

Charles Bromser is the TC webmaster and has done a great job after the meeting in Jakarta to update the website. The following content is recently posted:

- A new "Chairman's message"
- The new Bureau
- Attached to the "Chairman's message", the initial draft of a "roadmap 2012-2016" as it was introduced in Jakarta (to be further revised)
- The presentation given at the thematic philately seminar in Jakarta
- The previously lacking back issues of *TCNews Bulletin*, now the complete run of *TCNews Bulletin* is available on online
- A new structure for "information" with new sub headings/links
- *TC Historical Documents*. This heading covers the historical documents collected from the first document from 1975 until the *TCNews Bulletin* took over as the official bulletin in 1996
- Updated delegate list (... still in progress as mentioned above)

Next issue of the *TC NEWS Bulletin*

The plan is to release the next *TCNews Bulletin* in September/October. We need inputs from all over the world, information, news, reports; articles ... please send all material

for the next issue of *TCNews Bulletin* to me as chairman of the commission. I need the material not later than 15 September.

Best wishes

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