

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIP COMMISSION MEETING - Brussels 21.12.75 at 9.00 (1)

Presents: 21 delegates, M. Putz, FIP President, Mr. Stibbe, President of the Belgian Federation, M. Scherb, Leader of Thematic Groups.

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The President welcomes the delegates and points out that THEMABELGA has shown that thematic philately has reached the maturity age.

1. Proposal of a candidate to the Chairmanship of the Commission. Abbè Frans de Troyer (Belgium), is unanimously proposed to serve as chairman of the Commission for the next four years.

2. Designation of a member to replace the chairman when prevented. Two candidates are proposed for election: Mr. G. Morolli (Italy) obtains 16 votes and Mr. H.W. Bosserhoff (W. Germany) 5 ones. Mr. Morolli will therefore act as vice chairman of the Commission.

3. Rules of the Thematic Commission (2)

To the Bureau of the Commission are elected (3):

- Central and Eastern Europe: A. Katschinsky (URSS), S. Zrubec (Czechosl.)

- Northern Europe: I. Bindel (Denmark)

- Western Europe: M. Dhotel (France, French language), E.F.Hugen (U.K., English), W. Serres (Luwembourg, German), G. Morolli (Italy, others)

- America: F.V.Crestana (Brazil), T. Dandreamatteo (Venezuela)

No Asian member is appointed. (4)

Mr. F. Scherb, leader of the Thematic Groups, informs that he cannot keep this place owing to professional reasons; therefore he will serve as a member of the Bureau up to the nomination of his successor.(5)

Mr. De Troyer reminds that, according to the new FIP rules for the Philatelic Commissions, the travelling expenses of the members of the Bureau should be paid by the Federations related.

4. Unwanted issues.

A long discussion, with intervention of many delegates, covers all the major aspects of the problem (proofs, essays, souvenirs sheets, etc.) as well as the actions to be taken in order to protect the collectors. At present this matter is discussed between FIP and UPU.

5. Documentary collections.

Mr. De Troyer stresses the need of a systematic study in order to realize something "thematic" and anyway different from a classic or postal history collection.

6. Miscellaneous.

- Portucale 77 will be the second international thematic exhibition; on that occasion the Commission will have its next meeting.

- Mr. De Troyer will propose to the FIP Congress that the Thematic Jury in an international exhibition will award the gold medals without any further discussion at general Jury level (as it is at present).

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(1) Since the Secretary of the Commission did not prepare any draft, in spite of many requests, I was compelled to arrange this document starting from press articles and personal notes. Any comments will be appreciated.

(2) It is not clear if in Stockholm the Commission new rules were approved, as proposed by Mr. De Troyer, and I have no record of talks between him and the FIP Executive Committee concerning the FIP Commissions rules voted in Madrid (1975). Therefore I have not a clear status about the rules of our Commission at present. Again cooperation is welcome.

(3) No information about the way of electing.

(4) After this meeting Mr. De Troyer appointed Mr. Bosserhoff as member of the Bureau, according to the rules he proposed in Stockholm.

(5) Dr. M. Bergman (Switzerland) was appointed leader of the Thematic Groups at the beginning of 1977.