

Proceedings of the Meeting of
the Commission - Praha, 15.9.78

NOTE: The Secretary of the meeting, in spite of many requests, never submitted the report; the following text was prepared on the basis of personal notes.

The meeting of the Commission takes place in the Park Hotel, Praha, at 9.00. The following Federations are represented: Austria, Belgium, Brasil, Cuba, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Germany F.R., Germany DDR, Denmark, Spain, France, Liechtenstein (observer), Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Switzerland, Venezuela, URSS, Rumania, Luxembourg, Sweden, Uruguay; the delegates of Hungary, U.S.A. and Israel have justified their absence to the President.

The proceedings of the previous meeting, held in Porto (Nov. 1977) are approved by the Delegates by a unanimous vote.

The President reports on the following items:

- FIP Congress. The report of the Thematic Commission was unanimously voted by the Congress. The main decisions concerning the activity of the Commission:
 - amendment to art. 32.1 of the Regulations for the Exhibitions (the Philatelic Commissions will no longer have control over the proposals for nomination of Jurors);
 - new Commission for detrimental issues, composed of representatives of the Thematic, Maximaphily and Youth Commissions;
 - FIP patronage to BRASILIANA, third international thematic exhibition.
- International exhibitions. The latest thematic exhibition was followed by discussions pointing out the need for a balanced judgement between thematic and subject collections. The problem is very important and will be considered on the occasion of the new Comments to the Regulations.
- Thematic Groups. A proposal for new Regulations has been prepared by Dr. Bergman.
- Comments to the Regulations. As discussed in Porto, it is a general feeling that the Comments prepared in 1973 need a deep review. The President has already received a detailed input from some experts and the Bureau will discuss the subject in the next meeting. After the preparation work of the Bureau the results will be discussed by the Commission.
- Bibliography. A detailed research will be conducted with the target of listing all the thematic works available in the countries. The Delegates will be asked to cooperate.
- Maximaphily. The Subcommission has completed its organisation and has achieved significant results; therefore it is recommended that it will be established as independent Commission.

The report and the specific recommendation for the Maximaphily Subcommission have been unanimously approved.

Dr. Bergman, leader of the Thematic Groups, introduces the latests version of the List of the Groups and suggest that the Delegates review their input and update their specific situation. He gives details about the way the coordination among the thematic Groups should be established and about the exchange of information among them.

Dr. Morolli summarizes the problems related to the internal Regulations of the Commission which caused the decision of electing a new Bureau in Praha. FIP is considering to review the Regulations of the Philatelic Commissions in the next future and on that occasion the needs and the experience of the Thematic Commission will be presented.

On proposal of the President, the following Delegates are elected, with unanimous vote, members of the Bureau:

Dr. Walter Lippens, Germany F.R.;

Willy Serres, Luxembourg,

Dr. Severin Zrubec, Czechoslovakia,

Anatoli Katchinski, URSS.

Dr. Lippens will serve as stand in of the President.

Dr. Morolli informs that he is going to appoint some Delegates as charged of special tasks: J. Peeters (detrimental issues), G. Dahlvig (bibliography), L.M. Fernandez Canteli (Regulations). Dr. Bergman will serve as a member of the Bureau in his capacity of Leader of Thematic Groups.

The President introduces Gen. Euclides Pontes, President of the FEBRAF, the Brasilian Federation, who invites the Delegates to support and participate to the third international thematic exhibition.

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