

FIP - THEMATIC COMMISSION

Report of the meeting
of the Bureau
Oslo - June 19th, 1980

Participants: Morolli, Katchinski, Serres, Zrubec, Bergman
Abstent: Lippens (no invitation received)
Guests: Dahlvig, Scherb, Peeters, Bayle

1. Meetings of the Bureau.

After the problems to call the meeting in Geneva and London a solution has to be found in order to have a better participation whenever a meeting is called. This request is shared by all the members and the following suggestions are made:

- meetings should not be held on the same day or the day before a meeting of the Commission, as a certain interval is necessary to prepare the subjects for further discussion;
- the Bureau will meet once a year and it is recommended that its meetings will not be held on the occasion of an exhibition, in order to have enough time for discussions;
- when a meeting is sponsored by a national Federation the organizers should take care of the costs of the meeting, including the accomodation of attendees;
- when a Federation proposes a delegate as candidate to the Bureau understands that there is a committment to refund the participation costs to the delegate, otherwise it will jeopardize his cooperation to the Bureau;
- FIP should be aware of the value of the activities of the Bureau, which guided three international exhibitions over four years (1975-1979) and therefore consider the refund of the travel expenses to the members of the Bureau.

Mr. Morolli will discuss these points with the presidents of FIP and of the other philatelic Commissions.

2. Maximaphily.

The Bureau will propose to the Commission a motion asking that Maximaphily will be accepted as autonomous Commission at the next FIP Congress. The sub-Commission has already an operating authonomy and no guidance is required from our Commission.

Furthermore the Bureau asks that the judgement of thematic and maximaphily collections should be made by separate groups.

3. Comments to the Regulations.

Mr. Morolli hands a document out to the participants. It addresses to all common collectors rather to the specialists and exhibitors, even if the general approach could give benefits to any philatelists. This document has to be reviewed by the participants before Oct. 10th and a translation in three languages will be submitted to the next meeting of the Bureau (Essen) in order to review it in the Commission meeting in Vienna (May 1981).

4. Bibliography

M. Dahlig presents the first draft of the thematic bibliography he prepared according to the task he was given in Praha. The Bureau agrees upon the decimal classification system used to classify the books and the extension of the activity to catalogues of stationery, cancellations, etc.

Mr. Dahlvig regrets that no input has been sent by the delegates of Germany F.R., D.D.R. and U.S.A.

A letter will be sent to all the delegates asking their input by

September 1st.

The first edition of the Bibliography should be of 500 copies (at least).

5. Exhibitions.

The Bureau regrets that the Federation of Venezuela has not achieved the goal of arranging the next International Thematic Exhibition in Caracas (1981). The negotiations with the Postal Administration failed because of unsatisfactory timing of funding. Therefore TEMBAL 1983 will be the next international thematic exhibition. Mr. Scherb informs that the official presentation will take place in Vienna. About 1400 frames will be available, allowing about 220 participations. In the next future contacts should be established in order to have the right cooperation with the organizers.

The Bureau discusses some problems concerning the Jurors and agrees that - their nomination should be done with the cooperation of the President of the Commission, appointing only persons listed in the FIP list of international Jurors and balancing the thematic Jury according to geographic and thematic criteria; - participation of FIP Jurors in competition class should not be allowed at least for one year after their last presence in a Jury.

6. Thematic Groups.

The third list is circulated by Dr. Bergman. Many changes have been introduced, but still some problems have to be solved, like the status of international groups or the acceptance of groups acting outside a national Federation.

The Bureau decides that, with a clear statement, all groups listed by national delegates will be put in the list.

7. Miscellanueos.

Mr. Morolli informs about the slides he has prepared for a conference in Dehli. A similar approach could be used to support the document about thematic philately (see 3.); a projection could be arranged in Essen.

A quarterly bulletin of the Commission could be published, but no committment is taken by the Bureau.

Mr. J. Peeters, appointed secretary of the meeting, has produced the draft for this report. I thank him for his kind support.

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