

FIP - THEMATIC COMMISSION

Report of the meeting
of the Bureau
Luzern - March 20 - 21, 1981

Participants: Morolli, Lippens, Bayle, Bergman
Guests: Dahlvig, Scherb
Abstents: Katchinski, Zrubec, Serres (all excused)

1. Astrophilately

The Bureau met with the representatives of the Sub-commission for Astrophilately, Ing. Müller (President), Mssrs. Ricois and Paudler and with Dr. Theo Dahinden, coordinator of Philatelic Commissions in the FIP Board of Directors. After a long discussion and a common visit to some collections exhibited at LURABA the Bureau had a review of the different positions and unanimously agreed upon the following points:

- FIP tried hard to get all thematic collectors under the same organisation (ex. agreement with FIPCO) and also the present Regulations prevented some strong thematic groups (active in Sport, Europe, Scouts, etc.) from setting up separate organisations; therefore the Bureau asks a consistent approach, in order to avoid that a specific area will be taken over by another Commission.

- If this the case, the consequences will be:

- confusion among collectors
- motivation for thematic groups to fight for independence (also for getting their own budget and representation in the Juries)

The Bureau is not fighting against an existing Sub-commission but asking for a clear definition, based on the motion voted by the Commission in Oslo. Therefore we will continue to judge all collections built according to our Regulations and to support the thematic groups working in the subject area (ex. Germany F.R., U.S.A.).

The Sub-commission for Astrophilately, which is asking to cover any collection in this field (included those built in a thematic way), will send us the definition they are working out for FIP approval; as a matter of fact their Regulations, even if already used in some Exhibitions, have not yet been approved by the FIP Congress.

2. Report of the President

Dr. Morolli informs about the latest events and about the new FIP organisation

The two major problems are:

- the clear definition of the relationship between the Coordinator appointed by the FIP Board of Directors and the Commissions. The Bureau thinks that this new role should act as interface with the Board of FIP (for a better and more timely information) and as a bridge among the Commissions (proposing the best experiences from one to the others); each Commission should keep full autonomy and the President report to the Congress as usual.

- the Budget for the Commission should be reviewed in order to allocate the amount needed for the publications (Bibliography and Thematic Groups) as well as for the coordination of the Groups; these expenses should have been covered, according to an agreement with the past President, with specific funds.

The Bureau also regrets that the request for a trip of the President according to an invitation received from the organizers of the TOPEX (the ATA annual exhibition) has not been approved by the FIP Board; Dr. Morolli should have given a presentation on FIP views of thematic philately to the largest thematic association of the world, the only one which has not agreed upon the FIP thematic Regulations.

3. TEMBAL

Mr. Scherb informs about the present situation of the organisation of TEMBAL, after the resignation of the General Commissioner. The Swiss Association SMV is looking after the problems together with Dr. Schlunegger, President of the

