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To the Delegates, FIP Thematic Commission
CC. National Federations,
Members of the FIP Board of Directors,
Presidents of FIP Philatelic Commissions,
Leader of the Central of Thematic Groups

Dear Friends,

herewith enclosed you will find the report of our meeting in Vienna. On this occasion I like to stress the following facts:

1. The Commission is a wide international organization and the meetings take place every year/two years. In each meeting only 40% of the Delegates are present, because most of our friends from the more distant locations cannot make it very often or do not get the financial support of their Federations. Therefore it is vital to have a good writing connection and I ask you to keep me informed about activities and problems in your country.

2. Furthermore all major activities of the Commission have to rely on postal communications. We have prepared both the Thematic Bibliography and the List of the Thematic Organizations in this way and we are working on the Document about Thematic Philately by correspondence. I realize that this implies some homework, but this also helps to reduce the problems caused by our multi-lingual environment.

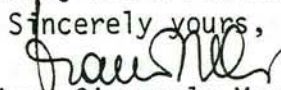
I am looking forward to receiving a timely cooperation on the final draft of the Thematic Document (latest, by November 15th) and to getting a good input for the new activities in the Thematic Bibliography area.

3. The Delegate of the Commission must keep his Federation (and in particular the Delegate in the FIP Congress) up to date about the activities and the problems of our Commission.

4. Each Delegate is recommended to give special consideration to the new program of FIP and bring to the Commission his ideas and suggestions. Ing. Dvoracek and the Board of Directors are considering the Commissions as the "Brain-Trust" of FIP and we have to fulfil this challenging task.

I am looking forward to a very active cooperating and I remain,

Sincerely yours,


Dr.ing. Giancarlo Morolli, President
FIP Thematic Commission

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FIP THEMATIC COMMISSION

REPORT OF THE MEETING IN VIENNA - MAY 30TH, 1981

Venue: Hofburg, first floor, WIPA Jury room.

Participants: Delegates of Argentina (J.A. Romanelli), Austria (K. Tancsos), Belgium (J. Peeters), Czechoslovakia (dr. S. Zrubec), France (E. Bayle), Germany F.R. (dr. W. Lippens), Great Britain (Mrs. A. Lee), Greece (M. Angelopoulos), Israel (prof. E. Eylan), Italy (dr. ing. G. Morolli), Luxembourg (W. Serres), Norway (E. Evensen), Poland (Mrs. Maria Groer), Sweden (G. Dahlvig), Switzerland (F. Scherb).

Proxi: U.S.S.R. to dr. Zrubec; Venezuela to dr. ing. Morolli.

Central of the Thematic Groups: Dr. M. Bergman.

Guests: Dr. T. Dahinden (FIP), G. Gourin (FIP), R.A.G. Lee (Great Britain), Dr. E. Schlunegger (Switzerland), K. Dostal (Austria), J. Bakowski and J. Rabowski (Poland).

Dr. Morolli welcomes the participants and introduces the guests; he informs that General Euclides Pontes (Brazil) and J. Ph. de Leeuw (Netherlands) are excused because of other commitments and also President L. Dvoracek, engaged in another event, regrets being unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. J. Peeters is unanimously elected secretary of the meeting.

1. Approval of the proceedings of the meeting in Oslo.

The proceedings of the previous meeting held in Oslo in the Scandinavia Hotel on June 20th, 1980, are unanimously adopted.

2. Report of the President.

Dr. Morolli informs that the Federation of Singapore has appointed a delegate to the Commission and that new delegates have been recently appointed by Argentina (J.A. Romanelli), Great Britain (Mrs. A. Lee), Denmark (H. Krøyer), Portugal (Dr. M. Macedo Teixeira) and Bulgaria (C. Nikolicev).

The President regrets to announce the death of Mr. E. Hugon, delegate of Great Britain and past member of the Bureau, Dr. A. Zioni, member of the Jury in Rio de Janeiro and Mrs. Marina Pontes, wife of general Euclides. A moment of silence is dedicated to their commemoration.

The current number of Delegates in the Thematic Commission is 42.

Dr. Morolli gives a short report of the activities of the FIP Congress held in Vienna before the WIPA:

- The FIP Board of Directors is working with a well defined distribution of tasks among the nine members; Dr. T. Dahinden has been charged of coordination among the FIP philatelic Commissions.
- A long term program has been introduced and all Commissions are asked to plan their activities in this perspective.
- Maximaphily has started its autonomous activity as a Commission, but it is ne-

necessary that a corresponding autonomy is obtained in the Jury of international exhibitions through the appointment of dedicated Jurors, since the thematic ones cannot be automatically involved in this task.

- The subcommission for Astrophilately is working on a new draft of Regulations and it will be circulated very soon; a first outline has been already received by Dr. Morolli. A clear definition of the matter will be discussed at the next Congress (Paris 1982). The Bureau has reconfirmed the conclusions achieved in Oslo, after a detailed discussion held in the meeting in Luzern.

- The official observer on the occasion of "specialized" FIP exhibition will be a member of the FIP Board of Directors but the Commission will be involved in the technical support of the exhibition.

At this point Dr. Morolli invites Dr. Dahinden to comment about the FIP activities. Dr. Dahinden points out that he has been designated as coordinator between the Board of Directors and the Presidents of the Commissions. The national Federation hosting a FIP exhibition is the only responsible organization and the Commissions are asked to cooperate as long as required.

Dr. Morolli stresses the fact that the specialized exhibitions are very important to the Commission and therefore they must serve also to this objective.

He presents Dr. Dahinden with the first copy of the "Thematic Bibliography" which is a beautiful example of cooperation within the Commission. He thanks Mr. Dahlvig, who has performed this task, for the outstanding work done.

The President informs about the coming international Exhibitions and the related activities:

- PHILATOKYO. Dr. Morolli regrets that the organizers have rejected very important collections from many European countries, including FIP large gold exhibits. Dr. Bergman supports the President's position and Dr. Dahinden gives some reasons for the current situations and informs that both Dr. Ichida and Mr. Jatia are working in order to achieve a satisfactory participation in the thematic class.

- PHILEXFRANCE. Mr. Gourin, president of the French Federation, presents the major facts about this exhibition and says that the current plans are based upon 800 frames (120 entries) for the thematic class. The International Symposium proposed by the Commission will be fully supported by the Organizing Committee of PHILEXFRANCE.

- TEMBAL. Dr. Schünegger makes the first leaflet available to the delegates and informs about the next activities to be performed.

Dr. Morolli introduces the publication "Thematic organisation in the different countries" prepared together with the Central of the Groups. This booklet will be sent to all Federations and Groups and a second edition will be published in 1982.

The report of Dr. Morolli, after a short discussion, is unanimously approved.

3. Thematic Groups - Internal Regulations & Activities.

The Regulations are unanimously accepted in the text circulated in advance.

Dr. Morolli informs that the publications will be updated in the normal papers of the Commission and ask the cooperation of the Delegates.

Dr. Bergman is planning to publish a bulletin, in conjunction with the Commission and he needs input from the Delegates about the Groups, their activities and publications.

4. Document about Thematic Philately.

The President says that some Delegates have written their agreement to the document and/or sent some comments to specific parts of it. Mainly in the countries where thematic philately is developing now the document has been received with enthusiasm and already translated or printed.

Mr. Scherb considers it as a good frame to be worked out, Mrs. Groer a very valuable vademecum; Mr. Peeters suggest to circulate it in the present form, so that each country will use it according to the specific situation and requirements. Dr. Lippens stresses that this document should be better shaped and hopes that in every country educational material will be developed. The conclusion of the discussion is that the document will be presented in the current version, with some improvements suggested by the delegates. The deadline for contribution is July 31st, 1981. (A)

5. Bibliography.

Mr. Dahlvig asks the cooperation of the Delegates for completing the bibliography and shows the first form prepared for the second part of the work, considering the publications devoted to cancellations, postal stationery, etc. The Delegates will receive the form and the related information.

6. Future activities.

Dr. Morolli will give a presentation at the TOPEX in order to introduce the FIP concepts of thematic collecting to the meeting of the largest national thematic association.

The International Symposium in Paris should highlight the most important problems of thematic philately (collecting, judging, exhibiting) as well as the international cooperation (thematic groups, bilateral exhibitions, etc.).

7. Elections.

After the decisions of the FIP Congress in Essen, two additional places are available in the Bureau.

The first is reserved to the Leader of the Central of Thematic Groups; Dr. M. Bergman (Switzerland) is designated by unanimity.

The second place is obtained by Dr. S. Zrubec (Czechoslovakia) who gets 12 votes, while Mrs. M. Groer (Poland) gets 3, out of a total of 15 voters.

8. Next meetings.

The Commission will meet again in Basel, on the occasion of TEMBAL. No official meetings are planned for 1982, unless FIP requirements will ask a special meeting. The major appointment of 1982 will be the International Symposium in Paris, most likely on Sunday, June 20th. Anyway this date has to be discussed with the Organizing Committee in order to match the general program of PHILEXFRANCE.

The President thanks Mr. Tancsos and Mr. Dostal for the organization support given for the meeting and closes the meeting at 12.00.

Jozeph Peeters, Secretary
Segrate, 25th September 1981.

Giancarlo Morolli, President

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(A) As of today no input has been received. A timely cooperation is recommended in order to achieve the target of a really valid document.