

MEETING OF THE FIP THEMATIC COMMISSION STOCKHOLM, 6.9.1986

1. PARTICIPANTS

Bayle (France), Bergman (Switzerland), Bosserhoff (Germany F.R.), Buttini (Argentina + proxy Uruguay), Dahlvig (Sweden), Docambo (Cuba), Evensen (Norway), Eylan (Israel), Fischer (Germany DDR), Kroyer (Denmark), Laaksonen (Finland), Lee (New Zealand), Molnar (Hungary), Morolli (Italy + proxy India), Nagarajah (Malaysia), Nelwan (Indonesia), Nikoltchev (Bulgaria), Owens (USA), Rapkin (Great Britain), Rodriguez Perico (Spain), Shunke (China), Siem (The Netherlands), Stes (Belgium), Wolff (Luxembourg), Wollansky (Austria). Dr. George Griffenhagen (USA) attended as a guest.

2. INTRODUCTION

The President, after the call of the Delegates, asked Mr. Dahlvig to act as secretary of the meeting. (This notes are after his report). Then he asked the delegates to remember the memory of Dr. Soichi Ichida, great philatelist and past FIP Vice President, with a minute of silence.

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

3. DELEGATES TO THE COMMISSION

The President and the delegates expressed great appreciation to Messrs. Lippens, Peeters and Zrubec who left the Commission. He welcomed the new delegates from Indonesia and the Republic of Korea.

4. NEW REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

The President informed about the status of the translation of the Thematic Regulations into the FIP languages and asked the delegates to send him the new translations in their respective languages.

He also reported on the development of the Guidelines. The wide document he submitted and which was discussed in the meeting in Chicago is considered a very good introduction to Thematic Philately and its Regulations. Furthermore a paper submitted by the German (F.R.) delegate will be used as a basis for a second set of Guidelines, fully consistent with the first, following in detail the structure of the Regulations. The first document will serve as a guidance to the collectors, the second to the exhibitors.

5. BIBLIOGRAPHY

900 copies of the reprint of the APRL "Thematic Bibliography", made available by the Philatelic Congress of India, were distributed to the delegates according to their requests. The second part is in preparation; Dr. Griffenhagen, Dr. Schlunegger and Dr. Morolli will publish it in the APRL magazine and then the Commission will look for a reprint.

While the role of the Commission in the "Thematic Bibliography" is related to the circulations of the publication and its reprint, an official activity has been started by Mr. Dahlvig after a decision of the delegates. They should provide him with the details of catalogues concerning postmarks and cancellations, postal stationery, franking meters and other items useful for the research of thematic philatelists.

6. NEW INITIATIVES

The President suggested to improve the cooperation between countries by allowing translation of articles; he quoted the availability of the Italian association CIFT in this direction. A future task could be to collect interesting articles in the major languages and propose them for distribution.

In the Thematic Symposium in Buenos Aires a request was submitted to compile a list of dealers and auction firms specialized in thematics. The Commission cannot take a formal position by publishing lists, but the delegates could get them officially by the national dealer's associations, freeing the Commission from any formal responsibility.

7. THEMATIC GROUPS

Dr. Bergman reported that he will circulate the latest computer list of all the thematic organisations and groups, which is the first step in order to issue the second edition of our publication and keep it up-to-date on a computerized file.

The President called the attention of the delegates to the fact that the Groups cannot use the denomination "FIP Group", since their position is "recognized by the FIP Thematic Commission". Delegates were asked to make sure that the correct name is used in their respective countries.

The relations with FIPO will reflect the evolution which has been reported in the FIPO statutes. The Commission will do its best to continue this positive relations for the benefit of thematic collecting. The Sport-Olympic Exhibition during the Games in Seoul will be proposed for the official FIP auspices as a special international thematic show. Mr. Nikoltchev informed that in 1990 Bulgaria will host the following OLYMPHILEX exhibition.

