

MEETING OF THE FIP THEMATIC COMMISSION

Copenhagen, 23 October 1987

1. PARTICIPANTS

23 Federations were represented by a Delegate or by proxy given to another Federation.

2. INTRODUCTION

After the roll call, the President asked Mr. Dahlvig to act as secretary of the meeting. Then he asked the delegates to stand in silence for remembrance of the former members of the Commission, Vicente A. Di Gaudio, Heitor Fenicio and Hennig Kroyer, who recently passed away.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held in Stockholm were unanimously approved.

4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Morolli made a short resume of his report, circulated to the FIP Board and to the Delegates. The report was unanimously approved.

5. NEW EXHIBITIONS

FIP thematic exhibitions are planned in Vienna (1990), together with Postal History, Thematics and Literature; and in Genoa (1992) together with a Traditional-Postal History show.¹

A team competition is planned in Belgium in 1990, for European countries.

6. BIBLIOGRAPHY

The President stressed, once again, the need to support Mr. Dahlvig's effort, by sending him the forms related to the publications of the delegate's country, especially for part 2 "Catalogues and Handbooks of Special Cancellations, Meters and Postal Stationery".

7. MODERN PHILATELY

Mr. Bosserhoff gave a summary of his experience on this subject as judge in this field at MOPHILA '85 and

¹ The FIP Congress granted its patronage only to Genoa, under the condition of an agreement on the date with Spain and Uruguay, which are also planning a FIP general show in 1992. The Austrian request will be discussed by the next Congress.

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have a separate class of Modern Philately within Thematic Philately".

8. FIPO AND OLYMPHILEX

Dr. Bergman presented the status of the co-operation between FIP and FIPO and the plans for OLYMPHILEX '88. FIPO is planning to set up a philatelic show at all main sport world championships and other similar events.

9. THEMATIC GROUPS

Dr. Bergman informed about the list of the thematic groups in the world.

10. GUIDELINES

Dr. Morolli gave the latest status about this activity.

11. JUDGES EDUCATION

According to the President, a meeting of the international Jurors could be arranged in Praha; Dr. Bergman informed that FIP is planning regular meetings of this kind before and after each international exhibition. The first is for the specific jury, while the second is open to all FIP accredited judges.

12. FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The three main activities will be the completion of the Guidelines and their translation into the FIP languages, the issue of the Bibliography (part 2) and of the List of the Thematic Groups.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in Praha; the election of the Bureau and the President will be in the agenda.²

An informal meeting could be held in Helsinki during FINLANDIA 88.³

29.2.1988

G. Dahlvig. Secretary

G. Morolli, Chairman

² The Organizers have already informed that the meeting will take place on Thursday, September 1st, at 14.00.

³ Delegates attending this show are asked to contact me by return of mail if they wish to have this meeting.

REPORT OF THE FIP THEMATIC COMMISSION, Jan. - Sept. 1987

Dear Delegate,

1. I regret to open this supplementary report with very sad news.

Two pioneers of Thematic Philately in South America and past delegates to this Commission, **Vicente A. Di Gaudio** and **Dr. Heitor Fenicio**, passed away in the last weeks. Both served as international Juror several times and played a key role in building the thematic organisation in their country and established close contacts with the FIP thematic world. **Dr. Heitor Fenicio** died at 80 on July 5th. He was the General Commissioner of BRASILIANA '79. **Vicente Di Gaudio**, Honorary President of the Argentinian Federation, passed away on August 2nd.

Furthermore **Hennig Kroyer**, delegate of Denmark, who acted as trainee in the CAPEX Jury in view of his work at HAFNIA '87, left us recently.

On behalf of all the delegates, I express our deepest sympathy to their families and their Federations. We will remember them in friendship.

2. This nine months have been characterized by two major highlights. **CAPEX '87** was a very successful show and I was pleased to run, with the support of **Mary Ann Owens**, a two hours walk-through of the thematic class, to which about one third of the exhibitors (18) took part. **OLYMPHILEX '87**, organized in Rome with the FIP support, was a success in number and level of entries and visitors. On that occasion a session between the FIP and FIPO delegations took place, with the participation of the FIP President.

I have been informed that the Brazilian Federation is not in the position of organizing the international thematic show planned for 1989, but it is likely that in the next Congress the patronage will be requested for 1990 and 1992.

The next international thematic event will be **OLYMPHILEX '88**, during the Olympic Games in Seoul, with a competition class and a special promotion class. To the latter are invited exhibitors which have no FIP qualification but who wish to enjoy the new Olympic philatelic climate and contribute to the propaganda for our hobby. Please make sure that proper contacts are already in place between your Federation and the General Commissioner, so that the world of philately is duly represented at the first official FIP appointment with the Olympic games.

3. The American Philatelic Research Library has published, in the Philatelic Literature Review Vol. 36 No. 2, 2nd Quarter 1987, the First Supplement to the **Thematic Bibliography** by **G. Griffenhagen**, **G. Morolli** and **E. Schlunegger**. This work presents about 600 additional titles and a thematic index for the overall Bibliography. A copy of the Review will be sent to the Delegates and I hope that the Philatelic Congress of India will reprint the Supplement in "Signet".

4. In our internal activities priority has been given to the **Thematic Guidelines** and I have to thank **Manfred Bergman**, **Gunnar Dahlvig** and **Walter Bosserhoff** for their efforts to this subject. **Gunnar** has also enhanced the special Bibliography, to which I recommend your detailed support, and **Manfred** kept up-to-date the Directory of the Thematic Organisations. Both works are now based on computer applications and we hope to send out some deliverables before year end.

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ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 1986

1. At the end of 1986 the Commission consisted of 52 delegates (Indonesia, Republic of Korea and San Marino joined last year).

2. As Vice-President of the Commission was elected Dipl. Ing. Hans-Walter Bosserhoff (Fed. Rep. Germany), after Dr. Walter Lippens left the Commission.

3. The Commission had an informal meeting during AMERIPEX '86 and held the yearly session in Stockholm with the participation of 27 delegates and several guests. On this occasion the Bureau met to discuss the 1987 plans.

The major activity of the Commission was devoted to the new Regulations. Translations in several languages were provided by the Delegates. A draft of the Guidelines was proposed by the President and got a very large consensus. A second document on the Guidelines was suggested by the German Delegate, it was agreed to continue to work on both, keeping them fully consistent. The first will address the collectors at large, the second the exhibitors.

5. A full day Seminar on the new Regulations was held during STOCKHOLMIA '86 and was very successful; 30 Jurors and delegates from 17 countries were present. The President, together with Mary Ann Owens and George Guzzio from U.S., ran a Thematic Seminar at AMERIPEX '86.

6. Dr. Bergman presented the first draft of the new edition of the Directory of the Thematic Organisations in the world and Mr. Dahlvig continued to collect data for the second part of the thematic Bibliography, devoted to cancellations and stationery. . .

PROGRAMME 1987/88

The key short-term objective is to complete both documents to be used as Guidelines. The Commission intends to present a detailed comment to the individual items of the Regulations and to introduce the principles of the same to all thematic collectors. This is achieved with two separate but fully consistent documents, one thought as a basis for better

understanding the evaluation criteria and the second aimed to make visible the concepts of thematic collecting as they are established by the same criteria. The President and the Vice-President will take care of this activity and then start a review process with all the delegates.

2. The Commission will make sure that a proper education of national and international Jurors will be continued, after the first experiences of 1986. If possible, an international Seminar will be held in one of the next Exhibitions.

3. The President and the members of the Bureau will continue to support individual Federations in contributing to Seminars and special events organised to present the new Regulations to collectors and Jurors.

4. In light of the decision of the 55th Congress, the Commission will be active on the subject of „Modern Philately“; the Vice President will be responsible for this subject.

5. A constant objective of the Commission is to improve the coordination of the thematic Groups, on the basis of the new Directory. This matter will be addressed considering the new role and organisational structure of the Groups in the Federations, as well as the function of the international Groups directly linked to this Commission since many years.

7. The Commission will continue its relations to FIPO, according to the new definition of this organisation. In 1988 the International Thematic (Sport & Olympics) Exhibition OLYMPILEX will be organized in the frame of the Olympic Games in Seoul.

8. The second part of the Thematic Commission's Bibliography will be carried on and the cooperation of other Commissions will be welcome. The target is to list all the catalogues of postal stationery, cancellations and other items that may be useful to the research of thematic philatelists.

9. The President will continue his work with APS and ATA in order to achieve a common standard in coding thematic items, in view of computerized applications like checklists, thematic catalogues, list of exhibits, membership directories and bibliographies.

10. The Commission will meet in Copenhagen, on the occasion of HAFNIA '87, with the target of completing its work on the Guidelines and defining the detailed activity plan for 1988.

Dr. Ing. Giancarlo Morolli
President