

MEETING OF THE FIP THEMATIC COMMISSION

Praga, 1 September 1988

1. PARTICIPANTS

37 Federations were represented by a Delegate or by proxi given to another Federation. This is the highest figure in the history of the Commission and it represents 71% of the members. In addition, 8 observers as well as the representatives of the FIP Commissions for Maximaphily and Youth and of the FIPO were present.

2. INTRODUCTION

After the roll call, the President asked Mr Dahlvig to act as secretary of the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice President H.W. Bosserhoff pointed out that some lines were missing in paragraph 7 of the minutes of the meeting held in Copenhagen, 23 October 1987. This paragraph shall read:

"Mr Bosserhoff gave a summary of his experiences on this subject as a judge in the field at MOPHILA 85 and STOCKHOLMIA 86. As a result of this information, the Commission made the following unanimous statement: The FIP Thematic Commission does not see any reason to have a separate class of Modern Philately within Thematic Philately".

After this correction, the minutes of the meeting 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. He especially emphasized the great team-work laying behind the Guidelines and the importance of the implementation program through the activity of international, national and regional judges.

The report was unanimously approved.

5. THEMATIC DIRECTORY

Dr Bergman reported that the new Directory of the thematic Organisations is now finished and it hoped that it should be possible to print and distribute it soon.

6. FUTURE EXHIBITIONS

The following exhibitions were reported:

1990	Vienna (1)	Thematic, Maxima and Heimat
1990	Sofia	Olymphilex (sport)
1992	Barcelona	Olymphilex sport)
1992	Genoa (2)	Thematic
1993	Rio de Janeiro	Thematic

(1) no FIP support will be requested.

(2) the FIP patronage, granted by the FIP Congress in Copenhagen, is no longer valid since the Italian Federation did not fulfil the obligation to pay in due time the 10% fee.

7. ACTIVITY PLAN

Dr Morolli presented the activity plan for 1988-89, circulated to the delegates before the meeting and expanded in a document, entitled "Project Thema", distributed to the attendees.

The major object will be the consolidation of the Guidelines by:

a) the training of Judges at international and national level. Dr Vicklicky declared that the Czechoslovakian Federation is willing to act as host for a Judges Seminar in Praha, in 1990.

b) the cooperation of specialists preparing short studies on specific problems of interest to all collectors, like private postal stationery, proofs and essays, philatelic studies within a thematic exhibit, etc. The intention is to distribute this studies to all the delegates for translation/publication in the national thematic press.

c) an increased exchange of experience among Judges of different countries, recommending the members to invite foreign judges to their national exhibitions. The Commission asks a rotation system at international level, in the sense that all the judges who were involved in preparing the Guidelines should have the opportunity of serving more frequently and transmitting their experience to other colleagues.

On the long term, the Commission is interested in developing agreements like that with the FIPO, with other specific organisations, in order to increase the general interest for thematic philately.

8. ELECTIONS

Dr Morolli informed that, in case his candidature for the FIP Board should be successful, the newly elected vice President will run the Commissions's business till the next Congress, when a new President has to be elected.

Dr Morolli, Italy, the only candidate for President, was elected with 33 votes for, none against and 4 blank ballots.

