

MEETING OF THE FIP THEMATIC COMMISSION
Paris, 15 July 1989

1. OPENING AND ROLL CALL

22 Federations were represented by a delegate (including 1 by proxy). In addition, 5 observers, and the representatives of the FIP Youth Commission and of the FIPO were also present.

The President, Dr Morolli, introduced a delegation from San Marino, led by the Minister of Finance, Dr. Boscaglia. She presented to each delegate the 1988 issue devoted to thematic philately, the first in the world of this kind.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING IN PRAGUE

The minutes of the meeting of 1 September 1988 in Prague were unanimously approved.

3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President welcomed the new delegate for France, Mr Robert Deroy, who succeeded Mr. Emile Bayle. He also mentioned the contribution of Mr. Bayle to the work of the Thematic Commission during many years. The President congratulated Mr. Gunnar Dahlvig with his appointment to President of the Swedish Federation.

The President made some comments to the report circulated to the delegates and updated it with some remarks about recent events and future plans.

- **Philexfrance '89** was the first FIP exhibition where the point system was used in depth in all classes; this required longer sessions of the Jury, but allowed also a better understanding of the methodology based on a point system. This experience, of course, was smoother in the thematic class, where the system have been used for many years.
- **Training for jurors** on an international level will be arranged by the Commission. Efforts will be made in order to reach the closest possible unanimity and improve the credibility of the judgement. A seminar in Prague is planned in 1991 for the education of jurors on an international level; the details will be defined later on.
- FIP will check all the jurors which have not judged for the last 10 years. There will be **re-training programs** to enable these jurors to follow the new standards. Education of jurors on a national level has to be done by the national Federations. The Commission is available for support, especially for countries where a limited know-how is available.
- **Evaluation results** in points will not be communicated in a formal way to the exhibitor or published in the Jury report. A short experience started at THEMABELGA highlighted the workload, the time constraints and the communications problems related to the preparation of the evaluation sheet with some comments for the exhibitor. Anyway, in the Thematic Class points have been made often available informally on direct request of the exhibitor.

