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The Commission's Bureau

The Commission's Bureau continued to work in its original composition as elected in 2008.

The Commission Bureau meeting took place on October 22, 2009 during the Italia 2009 exhibition, between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Golf Hotel in Rome. Five members (K. Kimmel, P. Comelli, JJ Danielski, P-F Mortensen, D. Walker) out of eight were in attendance. A. Cheung was unable to attend due to transportation difficulties.

The participants were acquainted with the Commission's activities in Europe and the Americas and the progress on the preparation of the final version of the Streamlined Seminar#2 (SS2).

A list of qualified presenters for FIP Postal History judging seminars and for FIP general and exhibiting seminars in Postal History was presented, discussed and approved. Twenty nine individuals were approved as presenters of general and exhibiting seminars and eight as presenters of judging seminars.

With regard to the Bureau information policy, it was decided that only final decisions of the Bureau may be communicated to outside parties.

The discussion regarding improvement of SREV and the Guidelines was postponed. The process of accreditation/cross-accreditation of judges was explained by Paulo Comelli.

The Commission's Delegates

In January 2009 Mr. Rui Pires Mendes was confirmed as a new delegate of the Portuguese federation. The Secretary of FEFILCO confirmed Dr. Hugo Goeggel as the Columbian delegate on May 27, 2009. On September 8, 2009, we lost the Peruvian delegate, Mr. Aldo Salvattecchi Amador (President of the Peruvian Federation) who passed away. A replacement has not yet been appointed.

As of December 31, 2009, there were 88 members of the FIP including 2 provisional members; only 74 appointed as delegates to our Commission.

The continental composition of our Commission is as follows:

FEPA (Europe) – 38 (40) delegates

FIAF (Americas) – 13 (16) delegates

FIAP (Asia, Africa & Australia) – 23 (32) delegates

The numbers in parentheses reflect the number of FIP members located in the areas of continental federations.

The FIAF Commission for Postal History

Out of three continental federations, only FIAF developed an organizational structure which encompasses the commissions.

The Commission for Postal History worked in the following composition:

Chairman – Dr. JJ Danielski (Canada)

Secretary – Roberto Eaton-Kent (Paraguay)

Members: Dr. Giorgio Migliavacca (British Virgin Islands), Mr. Alfredo Frohlich and W. Danforth Walker (USA) and Mr. Aldo Salvattecchi Amador (Peru), who passed away on September 8, 2009.

The role of the Commission is to be a forum for discussions regarding postal history matters and judging postal history as a class.

The Chairman advised that the FEPA decided not to form its own commissions in order to avoid confusion resulting from possible difference of opinion between the FIP commissions and its FEPA equivalents which might confuse exhibitors.

The Commission's Finances

Due to financial problems which arose at the beginning of 2009, the Chairman of the Commission consulted with members regarding the potential for outside sponsorship of the Commission. A preliminary agreement was reached with Corinphila Auktionen AG in Zurich to become the Commission's main sponsor and acquire an exclusive right to be present on the Commission's website for one year. Corinphila's presence will manifest itself by the company's logo accompanied by a short text (subject to approval by the Commission) and a link to its website at the bottom left corner of the Commission's website below its email address.

The Press Release issued on March 30, 2009 announced the finalization of this agreement. So far, our expenses for the last paper newsletter, our website and our Bureau meeting in Rome have been paid by our sponsor.

The Commission's Activities

Over the course of the last year, the Commission's efforts were focused on the preparation of seminars. In late 2008, each member of the Commission was assigned a specific subject of postal history to work on. The decision was made to consolidate those assignments and the seminar initially prepared by Dr. Andrew Cheung, *How to Win a Gold Medal in Postal History*, in the form of three streamlined seminars:

SS1 "The new SREVs and Guidelines for Postal History Class",

SS2 "The Judging Criteria for Postal History", and

SS3 "How to Win a Gold Medal in Postal History".

Ms. Patricia Stilwell-Walker and W. Danforth Walker took upon themselves the task of preparing drafts of the above mentioned seminars based on our input.

Drafts were distributed at the end of January 31, 2009 to the Commission's members for their feedback. In May 2009, final versions of SS1 and SS3 in two formats were placed on the Commission's website.

SS1 in PDF format requires 12.7 mb and in PowerPoint compressed ZIP file – 186 kb.

SS3 in PDF format requires 16.9 mb and in PowerPoint compressed ZIP file – 427 kb.

The Commission's Website

The Commission's website has been updated regularly by our Webmaster Malcolm Groom. Below are some highlights of additions which took place in 2009:

- 1) Translations of SREV and Guidelines into: French, German, Spanish, Danish, Portuguese, Hungarian and Chinese.
- 2) The Question and Answer section where questions addressed to the Commission are published along with answers. This section is coordinated by our Chairman after consulting all the Bureau members.
- 3) Streamlined Seminars SS1 and SS3 are published in two formats.
- 4) Class 2C Exhibits.

The Commission is looking for examples of modern period exhibits and One Frame postal history exhibits to be published on our website. Our webmaster wishes to receive more items for our site "cover watch" and references to the main postal history literature in each area.

Education in Postal History

1. Seminars approved by the FIP board

Date	Place	Event	Type	Presenter(s)
May 9	Essen, Germany	IBRA 2009	Exhibiting	Kurt Kimmel P-F Mortensen
June 6	Mc Lean, VA, USA	NAPEX 2009	Judging	Peter McCann Pat Walker
August 2	Seoul	PHILAKOREA 2009	One Frame Exhibiting	Tay Peng Hian S. Gongvatana M. Hammersley
August 21	Malmö , Sweden	1 st International Philatelic Summit	Exhibiting	Kurt Kimmel P-F Mortensen
August 22	Malmö , Sweden	As above	Exhibiting	Kurt Kimmel
August 22	Malmö , Sweden	As above	Exhibiting	Pat Walker H. Mouritsen
August 23	Malmö , Sweden	As above	Exhibiting	Wolf Hess
September 3	Bogota, Columbia	FIAF exhibition	Exhibiting SS3	Peter McCann
November 1	Toronto, ON, Canada	Seminars at VGG Philatelic Foundation	Exhibiting	JJ Danielski

2. Seminars (not approved by FIP) presented at international exhibitions

Date	Place	Event	Type	Presenter(s)
March 8	Dubai	2 nd Arab Stamp Exhibition	Exhibiting	P.H.G Clarke
April 13	Luoyang, China	China 2009 (FIP)	Exhibiting	Peter McCann
July 26	Melbourne, Australia	Melbourne Stamp Show 2009	General	Malcolm Groom
October 22	Rome, Italia	Italia 2009 FEPA Exhibition	General	JJ Danielski P-F Mortensen

3. National conferences, seminars and other forms of education in Postal History

In addition to the events listed above as items 1 and 2, the following forms of educational activities were reported to the Commission:

The delegates of the following countries are recognized for submitting activity reports:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Hong-Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Korea Rep., Macedonia, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, USA.

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