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## FIP COMMISSION FOR POSTAL HISTORY

### 2010 Interim Report of the FIP Commission for Postal History

The members of our Bureau have been and are still the same as elected in Bucharest on June 26, 2008.

Based on § 45.1 of the FIP Statutes the Commissions should report on their work done in the current year up to five months before the next Congress. Therefore, this short report covers only the period January to May 2010.

In spring 2010 we finally achieved to complete our SS2 (FIP Postal History judging seminar) in a way that FIP Vice-President Peter McCann, RDP, was in a position to give it during the exhibition in London on May 13. All the comments we have heard from the 54 participants have been very positive.

Nevertheless, there are a few details which we intend to improve. All the Bureau members have contributed, however, without Dan and Pat Walker we would not have achieved it in time. The basic idea of our approach was to streamline our different opinions before such a seminar will be given.

We remain financially independent because our main sponsor Corinphila AG, Zurich, has renewed their contract for another year until spring 2011.

We understand that the grouping of Postal History exhibits according to sub-classes and time periods is difficult to implement although successfully tested for the Traditional Class in Singapore in 2004 and after four years of discussion finally accepted by the FIP Congress in Bucharest on June 27, 2008, for the Postal History Class. This depends on the first publication (bulletin 1) of the classes of each exhibition and on the application forms so that each exhibitor has to decide in which sub-class and time period his Postal History exhibit belongs. Such a grouping would not only help the Jurors to compare exhibits which are more similar, therefore, easier to be compared than it has been practised for years by putting all of them into the same "pot". If the FIP Board is really interested to encourage exhibits containing mainly material of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the grouping by time periods would certainly help to achieve this goal, but only if judged by different jury teams.

Please consult our website [www.fippostalhistory.com](http://www.fippostalhistory.com) which is linked to the FIP-website. We kindly ask you to contribute to our sites like "cover watch" or "references". This is open to everybody and would be appreciated by many philatelists world-wide.

Massagno, June 9, 2010. Respectfully submitted,

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