



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE PHILATELIE

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FIP COMMISSION FOR POSTAL HISTORY

ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE FIP COMMISSION FOR POSTAL HISTORY JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015

Website

Our webmaster, Malcolm Groom, reported the following activity on the Commission's website (www.fippostalhistory.com) between 1.1.2015 to 31.12.2015:

- 816 visits to the website and 709 were separate visits, about 50% less than 2014.
- Of the 709 separate visits, 86.89% (616) were for new users.
- The month of May and June 2015 was the major peak viewing time. There was also a smaller peak in November 2015.
- 814 pages of the website were visited throughout the period.
- We have visits from 49 different countries. The top 10 countries that generated website visits are as follow:-

1.	United States	343
2.	Russia	78
3.	Netherlands	40
4.	China	39
5.	Japan	26
6.	United Kingdom	21
7.	Germany	19
8.	Brazil	11
9.	South Korea	8
10.	Mexico	8
- The US has the most new visits among the 49 countries, 333 out of 343 visits were made by new users.
- There were 127 visits (15.5%) from unknown country or countries
- Our Commission has links to 48 philatelic organizations on our website and to our sponsor Corinphila AG, Zurich.

Website activity this past year apart from day to day maintenance has mainly consisted of regular updates when requested such as Current News, renewal of the Corinphila sponsorship of the website, updating exhibition and seminar schedules, updating commission members and delegates. Reports of Commissioner and Bureau meetings, seminars and announcement of forthcoming Postal History seminars.

A list of covers from the three time-periods supplied by Bureau members has been posted on the website and changed from time to time to generate interest for visitors. The 'Cover Watch' page features a long list of fake covers from nine countries. The 'Reference page' contains a list of essential reference works on five countries.

The Bureau and Commission Meetings

In 2015, Bureau members, Kurt Kimmel, Andrew Cheung, Per Friis Mortensen, Charnchai Karnasuta and FIP Director Peter McCann met on 17 August at Singapore 2015 World Stamp Exhibition. A commission meeting was also held on the same day. 86 participants from 46 Federations attended the meeting; 51 are postal history exhibitors, 34 are FIP jurors and 24 are interested to become FIP postal history jurors. Minutes of both meetings are posted on our website. Bureau Chairman Kurt Kimmel, Secretary Andrew Cheung and Bureau member for FIAP and FEPA Charnchai Kanasuta attended the FIP Board meeting with the Commissions during Singapore 2015 World Stamp Exhibition.

Seminars:

- 17 August 2015: Bureau Secretary Dr. Andrew Cheung presented the new FIP Postal History Seminar SS4 "The Judging Criteria for One-Frame Postal History Exhibits" after the Commission meeting in Singapore. Feedbacks received from the meeting have been incorporated into the version of the seminar available on the website.
- FIP Postal History Seminar SS3 "How to win a Gold medal in the Postal History Class" has been translated into Spanish and Hungarian and available on website.

Database

Thanks to our diligent Bureau member Dan Walker who produced the following statistics regarding postal history exhibits at international stamp exhibitions: -

- Postal History medals from Large Gold to Large Silver and below as a percentage of all Postal History medals at FIP, FEPA, FIAP, FIAF exhibitions 2000 to 2015. See Appendix 1
- Postal History medals from Large Gold to Large Silver and below as a percentage of all medals at FIP, FEPA, FIAP, FIAF exhibitions 2000 to 2015. See Appendix 2.
- Percentage of postal history medals (Large Gold to Cert.) versus all medals in FIP, FEPA, FIAP and FIAF during year 2000 - 2015. See Appendix 3.

The Bureau Finances

We remain financially independent because our main sponsor, Corinphila AG, Zurich, renewed their contribution for 2015. The sponsorship (which has been granted on a yearly renewal base) has been confirmed for 2016.

The Commission Statistics:

We have recorded and published on our website 70 delegates to our Commission. Three Federations have not yet properly confirmed their delegates: **Belarus, Croatia and Slovakia.**

We cannot trace having received the nomination of a delegate to our Commission from the following FIP member Federations:

Albania, Bahrain, Brunei, Congo, Ecuador, Estonia, Georgia, Honduras, Korea DPR, Kuwait, Macau, Mongolia, Nigeria, Ukraine and Vietnam.

Delegates' Reports:

To facilitate reporting, the Commission designed a standard activity report form for the benefit of the delegates filing the report.

Only 25 out of 70 delegates (FIAF 6, FEPA 14, FIAP 5) sent activity report from their country at the time of writing, other countries failed to reply to requests and reminders sent by the Commission's Bureau members.

Argentina

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

Dr. Andres Schlicter gave two lectures, "La Oficina de Descifradores del Correo Argentino" on 11 July and "Batalla entre lujosos buques de pasajeros en la Guerra Mundial" on 8 August.

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

- EXPOSICION FILATELICA INTERNACIONAL FIN DEL MUNDO, RÍO GRANDE, ARGENTINA 21-19 March 2015. Regional Latin American exhibition 11 multi-frame postal history exhibits and 9 one-frame postal history exhibits took part. 1 Large Gold and 3 Gold
- Exposición Promocional de Filatelia- CEFINI 40th Anniv. 11-14 July (For new exhibitors)
- Exposición Nacional de Filatelia 150 años CHAMPAGNAT, Buenos Aires, Argentina. 5 Multi-frame exhibits (3 Gold) and 5 One-frame exhibits (2 Gold)
- JUVENEX y Clase 1 Marco. Buenos Aires, Dec 2015 (Juvenile and One Frame) 2 one-frame postal history exhibits (1 Gold)
- WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION, SINGAPORE 2015, 1 multi-frame exhibit

Publications concerning Postal History

- One book - Martin del Prato: "Los Ferrocarriles Argentinos, Ramales, Estaciones e Historia Postal. Ferrocarril Oeste 1863-1872"
- FUNDACIÓN BOSE. Publication N° 18 contains 4 original postal history research articles:-
I Pablo Reim Marcas Prefilatéticas y stampless en Cuyo.
II Pablo Reim Matasellos aplicados en Cuyo en emisiones Confederación, escuditos y Rivadavias.
III Yamil H. Kouri: El Correo de Cuba con la Argentina y Uruguay antes de la UPU.
IV Olivier Villard: Análisis de una interesante pieza postal.

Other activities or events concerning Postal History

- FUNDACIÓN BOSE: postal history meeting every 15 days around the whole year. Most meetings on postal history research.
- The Foundation donates Special Prize for the best postal history exhibit in many shows.

Australia

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

A Judges Refresher Course was conducted over two days prior to the Sydney 2015 National Exhibition which was held in April 2015. Bureau member Malcolm Groom presented an update and refresher course on postal history judging to all qualified National judges from Australia as well as several judges from New Zealand and Hong Kong. The audience included judges from other disciplines. Class 2C was given particular emphasis during the course.

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

The number of exhibits at National Exhibitions in Australia (Sydney 2015) and overseas was 53. Class 2C attracted 12 entries for the year.

Stephen Browne won the Grand Prix d'Honneur for his "NSW Postal History 1801 to 1849" at the 30th FIAP Exhibition held in Taipei. He also won the Grand Prix with this entry at Capitol Stampshow in New Zealand.

There were 5 postal history exhibit entries in FIAP and FIP level Exhibitions in 2015

Publications concerning Postal History

The major publication on postal history by an Australian in 2015 was The “1836 Anglo-French Postal Convention” by Geoffrey Lewis published by the Royal Philatelic Society London. The major Australian Societies continue to publish their journals which regularly include postal history articles on Australian topics.

Other activities or events concerning Postal History

Bureau member Malcolm Groom maintained and updated the FIP Postal History website.

Austria

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

- Seminar Philately / Postal History from 1900 in MONDSEE 27-29 March. 37 participants
- Seminar Prephilately IRRSEE 10-14 April. 42 participants
- Seminar Transpönten ST PÖLTEN international mail before UPU. 32 participants
- 32. Philatelic Symposium: Lectures of Austrian Postal History in Carintia and Slovenia

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

- 4 regional and 2 national exhibitions with Postal History exhibits and Youth Class.
CANNACALE 2015, LONDON 2015 Europhilex, HUNPHILA 2015 SINGAPORE 15

Publications concerning Postal History

- Die französische Zensur in Tirol und Vorarlberg 1945 – 1953 mit Schwerpunkt Stempel und Verschlussstreifen (400 pages), Franz Egger
- Taxierte Briefpost in, aus und nach Österreich 1894-1914 (300 pages) Dr. Ernst Bernardini
- Österreichische und ungarische Posteinrichtungen in den Donaufürstentümern 1782 – 1880 Band I Hist.Umfeld, Begriffe, Postwege, Stempelkunde (320 pages) Dr. Gertlieb Gmach
- K.u.K. Post in Ost Asien 1900 – 1922 (190 pages) DI Jörg Krasser

Belgium

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

Meeting of the Belgian Commission for Postal History on 8 November 2015, 10 participants took part. 2 new apprentice jurors participated at the meeting.

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

No National Exhibition in 2015.

5 Regional Exhibitions were held in 2015. In each there were many postal history exhibits; total around 35. Only one female postal history exhibitor took part, none in Youth Class. For Class 2C, there were 2 exhibits. In One-frame Class around 15 postal history exhibits. More than half of the exhibits are qualified for the National Exhibition in future.

At the specialized international postal history exhibition in Sindelfingen (Germany), one Belgian exhibit was nominated (place 4 to 6) and one awarded “Bronze Posthorn” (third place).

Publications concerning Postal History

Several books and articles were published, mostly by philatelic societies specialized in postal history with members from overall the country (in ‘Le Philatliste Belge’ of the Société Belge de Philatélie, Land van Waas, Studiekring Antwerpen, WEFIS, FISTO and many others) but also by several more local societies. Some are next to the printed version also distributed by email.

Two very active websites specialized in postal history of the former Belgian colonies.

(<http://issuu.com/CONGOLATRES>) and the other in postal history of the Maghreb.

(<http://www.philafrica.be/MAGHREBOPHILA/bulletins.htm>).

The Société Belge de Philatélie is starting a website.

Other activities or events concerning Postal History

The Postal Museum of Belgium was closed by the postal service many years ago. The items and bibliotheca are stored in depot by Belgium Post. Access is on demand.

Bolivia

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

In VIII EXPOSICION FILATELICA NACIONAL, Santa Cruz de la Sierra. October 2015, there was 1 multi-frame postal history exhibit.

Chile

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

Exposición Filatélica Continental “EXFIL125” 125 AÑOS SOCIEDAD FILATÉLICA DE CHILE. October 20-24th, 2015 (FIAF), 13 multi-frame postal history exhibits took part (3 exhibits by Chilean exhibitors) resulted in 1 Large Gold and 3 Gold exhibits (1 Gold from Chile). 7 one-frame postal history exhibits at the exhibition (One exhibit by Chilean exhibitor). Total 3 GOLD Medals.

China

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

National exhibitions:

No national stamp exhibitions in China this year.

China was invited to take part in Capital Stamp Show in Wellington, New Zealand 23-25 October. Postal history exhibit in 8 frames “Domestic Mail Rate during the Early People’s Republic of China (1949-1951)” won a Large Gold and Special Prize.

International exhibitions:

- Singapore 2015 FIP, 1 multi-frame exhibit (Gold) and 1 one-frame exhibit (77 points).
- Hong Kong 2015 FIAP, 4 multi-frame exhibits (2 Large Vermeil, 1 Vermeil, 1 Large Silver) and 1 one-frame exhibit (82 points)

Publications concerning Postal History

There were many books on postal history in the Chinese language published by different regions.

Other activities or events concerning Postal History

Royal Philatelic Society London regional meeting in Port Arthur, 18 September 2015. Some 70 philatelists from U.K., Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and mainland China took part in a philatelic seminar and display focused on Manchuria. Four presentations on Postal History of Korea, Dairen, Taiwan and China postal history during the Second World War. The Asian Philatelists 2015 was published concurrent to the meeting; titled “War and Peace”, there are many postal history articles.

Czech Republic

1. Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

- 2 meetings of Postal History Society of the Czech Republic (average 20-30 participants)
- 2 meetings of Field Post Section (average 10-15 participants)
- 10 meetings of Postal Labels Section (average 15-20 participants)
- 10 meetings of KF 00-15 (Postal History Philatelic Club; average 40-50 participants)
- Annual Czech Philately Day at Postal Museum Prague (on Nov. 10, 2015; (<https://www.facebook.com/Postovnimuzeum>)
- 10 public lectures given by members/guests of KF 00-15 (<http://www.kf0015.cz/?p=17642> and <http://www.kf0015.cz/?p=30737>)
- active participation in the regional history conference in Slany through postal history presentation (L.Kunc) – (<http://oms.slany-2014.cz/2015/10/valka-v-nas-my-ve-valce-slany-slansko.html>)
- M. Cernik a L. Kunc is the new postal history juror

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

- Czech-German Rank I philatelic exhibition Euregia Egrensis Chomutov 2015 (CZ; (<http://www.kf0015.cz/?p=10882>) with 25 postal history exhibits: 4 Large Gold medal and 5 Gold medal.

- HUNFILA 2015 international stamp exhibition (HU) – 3 postal history exhibits receiving 2x Large Gold and 1 Gold medal, the exhibit of P. Severin was awarded Grand Prix International.
- Glogow 2015 international stamp exhibition (PL) – 1 postal history exhibit awarded Large Vermeil.
- Standing Display at Royal Philatelic Society of London for November 2015 (L. Kunc) (http://www.rpsl.org.uk/events_Standing-Displays.asp)
- Participation of the Society members in the EXPONET permanent virtual stamp exhibition (<http://www.exponet.info>)
- Non-competitive stamp exhibition “Filatelie bez hranic” (Philately Without Borders) organized by KF 05-001 (Hradec Kralove Philatelic Club); the exhibits demonstrated various areas of philately, the postal history section led by K. Holoubek.

Publications concerning Postal History

- Book: Poštovní historie královského věnného města Jaroměř (City of Jaromer Postal History in 16th – 21st centuries), 100 well illustrated pages, ISBN: 9788090487413 (J. Boruvka)
- Postilion Journal four issues: (Editor K. Špaček) with regular enclosures of “Polní pošty” (Field Post Magazine; Editor L. Bártík) and “Poštovny” (Postal Agencies; Editor P. Gebauer)
- Postal Labels Section magazine (editor J. Kratochvíl)
- Articles published by the Society members in philatelic magazines in the Czech Republic and abroad (Filatelie (CZ), The Czechout (GB), The Czechoslovak Specialist (USA), Rundbrief der ArGe Feldpost (A) etc.
- A regular philatelic column in the Zprávy klubu přátel Pardubicka magazine (M. Vostatek; <http://www.kppardubicka.cz>)
- Philatelic information centre via Postal History Philatelic Club web site: (<http://www.kf0015.cz>)

Other activities or events concerning Postal History

- KF 00-15 (Postal History Philatelic Club Prague) awarded with FEPA Certificate of Appreciation 2014 for outstanding activities for the promotion of philately (<http://fepanews.com/news/awards%202014>)
- L. Kunc awarded with annual prize for the best philatelic article published in the Filatelie Magazine in 2014 (Vyročni cena Filatelie za rok 2014 as announced in April 2015)

Denmark

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

- Seven lectures over the year at the Djursland Philatelic College with speakers from U.K., Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Half a day each. 25 to 30 participants all exhibitors.
- Danish jury group specific postal history training 2x half a day

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

- The national exhibition Silfi2015 had 33 exhibits in the postal history class. A postal history exhibit won the Danish Championship.
- On different local shows approximately 50% were postal history exhibits
- At Singapore 2015 there were two Danish postal history exhibits of which one won the Grand Prix International and one Large Vermeil.
- At London 2015 there were three Danish postal history exhibits – a Large Gold, Gold and Large Vermeil.
- At Nordia 2015 there were three Danish postal history exhibits – one in Class of Honour, one in Championship Class and one-frame competition.

Publications concerning Postal History

Articles in NFT (KPK magazine) about different postal history relation.

Ecuador

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

Local meetings were held and SS1 to SS4 seminars were given, there were many participants. Some new jurors in postal history.

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

In National or local exhibitions, many postal history exhibitors including youth and women exhibitors. There were exhibits in Class 2c and one-frame class.

EXPOSICIÓN FILATÉLICA CONTINENTAL EXPOAFE 150 AÑOS, 2015, QUITO, ECUADOR, there were 23 postal history exhibits total 88 frames. 3 exhibits from Ecuador.

Finland

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

- Juror training day, 14 February 2015, Helsinki, 6 postal history jurors present. Theme of the day was how to give break down points and how to present them to the exhibitors in feedback sessions.
- Seminar for exhibitors 12 December 2015, Helsinki, invited speaker Jonas Hällström of Sweden. Theme of the day is the key elements of a gold medal exhibit. The number of registered participants so far is 24.
- Ari Muhonen qualified to FEPA level juror in London 2015 exhibition in May, 2015.

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

- Postimerkkimessut, local 1 frame exhibition in Helsinki 22-25 October 2015. 25 one-frame postal history exhibits, biggest class in exhibition, 22 of the exhibits were new.
- National Lapoex 2015 exhibition in Lahti, 10-12 April 2015, 1 postal history exhibit out of 5 exhibits in Championship class, 23 postal history exhibits, biggest class in the exhibition.
- Nordia 2015, Nordic exhibition in Stockholm, Sweden in 30 October - 1 November 2015, 3 postal history exhibits from Finland awarded 2 Large Vermeils, 1 Large Silver medal.
- London 2015, FIP Recognized and FEPA Patronized exhibition in London, 13-16 May 2015, 2 postal history exhibits from Finland awarded 1 Gold and 1 Large Vermeil medal.

Publications concerning Postal History

The Finnish Postal History Society published two books:

- “Suomen postihistoria 45 minuutissa” (Finnish postal history in 45 minutes), a 60 page book in Finnish. It describes the key elements of Finnish postal history in 19 small articles. The authors of the articles are all specialists in their fields. The editor of the book is Mr. Petteri Hannula.
- “Pekka Taiton kokoelma Lahden seudun postihistoria” (Postal history of the city of Lahti and its surroundings, an exhibit by Pekka Taitto), a 128 page book covering scanned images of the exhibit mentioned in the title. This is the first book of a series planned to cover the most notable current Finnish postal history exhibits.
- Petteri Hannula published a 28 page book called “Näyttelykokoelman rakentaminen” (How to build up an exhibit). The book is based on a lecture series given by Hannula, Ari Muhonen, Jukka Mäkipää and Janne Sahlstein.
- Filatelisti, the journal of the Finnish Philatelic Federation published some postal history articles.
- Abophil, journal of Turun Postimerkkikerho (Turku Philatelic Club), published a series concerning Finnish figure cancels.
- Luppen, journal of Ålands Frimärkssamlareförening (Stamp Collectors' Club of Åland Islands), contain mainly articles about postal history of the islands.
- Suomen Postimerkkilehti, journal of Suomen Filatelistiseura (Philatelic Society of Finland) published articles on postal items submitted by collectors and articles about Finnish figure cancel.
- Tavastforum, common journal of seven Finnish philatelic societies published three postal historical articles.

Other activities or events concerning Postal History

The Finnish Postal History Society celebrated its 40th Anniversary on October, 2015. 24 members attended the Gala Dinner. Eight members of the Society were awarded Pro Filatelia medals by the Finnish Philatelic Federation, two of them in gold. This was the first time in the history of the Federation that two gold medals were given out in the same event.

Germany

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

No Judging or exhibiting seminars given this year, no new jurors, only postal history lectures given at Sindelfingen in October 2015

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

12 regional and 1 national exhibition in 2015

National exhibition:

- Gotha, 36 postal history exhibits.
- Sindelfingen 2015, more than 50 postal history exhibits.

International exhibition

- London 2015, several postal history exhibits with Large Gold and Gold.
- Singapore 2015, 3 postal history exhibits; 1 Large Gold, 1 Gold and 1 Large Vermeil

Publications concerning Postal History

Major publications including the following:

- In Kriegsgefangenschaft auf Malta 1914-1919. Seeleute des Kreuzers Emden (W. Juncker)
- Handbuch der Bahnpost Schleswig Holstein, Hamburg und Lübeck (Arge)
- Die Rohrpost von Algier (Prof. Dr. R. Krüger)
- Ortseestempel im Deutschen Reich (H.J. Eichter, J. Spilker)
- NDP Daten & Fakten (I. Von Gartnier, J. Schaaf)
- Postgeschichte Finnland 1600-1844 (Dr. W. Hess)
- Mischfrankaturen mit Brustchildmarken 1872 bis 1875 (H.M. Krug, J.O. Ljung)

There are many other books published on postal history.

Hong Kong

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

The Hong Kong Philatelic Society held monthly meetings ten times this year. Meetings with postal history theme:

- October 2015, a One-frame judging seminar was held and members were asked to judge “treatment and appropriateness“ of three exhibits in traditional, postal history and airmail class.
- November 2015, seminar on “Late Fee applied on mail from Hong Kong during the Queen Victoria period“. December, seminar on “Early Postal History of Ecuador“.

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

- National stamp exhibition Hongkong Stampex 2015 in March, four new postal history exhibits, one Gold medal, two Vermeil medal and one Large Silver medal. In the One-frame class, one postal history exhibit scored Gold medal and best exhibit of show.
- FIAP exhibition in November, 35 multi-frame postal history exhibits and 6 One-frame postal history exhibits out of 223 total.

Publications concerning Postal History

In the annual journal of the Hong Kong Philatelic Society:

- Two articles on postal history; Macao Boat Office handstamp and “Bearing“ handstamp on stampless covers.
- Annual update of unrecorded Hong Kong Queen Victoria covers sourced from private collection, dealers’ stock and auctions.

Other activities or events concerning Postal History

There were some good postal history exhibits in the Court of Honour and Patrons Club display of Hong Kong 2015 31st Asian International Stamp Exhibition. The list and pictures can be viewed on (www.hongkong2015stampexpo.com)

Hungary

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

- Hungarian Jury-Seminar 1-day: 31 January 2015 - SS3
- International FEPA Jury Seminar 3 days: 16-18 October 2015 – SS4
- Seminar for Postal History Group: 24 September 2015 - Exhibition methods

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

- HUNFILA exhibition 2015: 21 postal history exhibits, 14 one-frame PH exhibits
- LONDON 2015, Dr. Lippai Pal was in jury, results in Postal History Class, 1 Large Gold and 1 Large Vermeil.
- SINGAPORE 2015, 1 Grand Prix D'Honneur Candidate, 1 Large Gold, 1 Vermeil.

Publications concerning Postal History

- "POSTAL HISTORY-NEWS" 9x20 pages

Other activities or events concerning Postal History

- 8 meetings in the year POSTAL HISTORY-Working-Group with different programs (lectures, exhibits-critic, stamp-shows, etc.)

Italy

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

Many Italian association federated with the Italian federation promoted seminars and presentations of postal history topics.

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

National exhibitions:

- Qualification, National and Champions sections exhibition of Martinengo (Bergamo) 25-27 September. Total 28 exhibits of postal history: 3 exhibits Postal History Classic (up to 1900) - Champion section 22 exhibits of the National section: 12 exhibit of the classic class, 6 of the "Diacronica" class (in Italy pH exhibit illustrating both the periods before and after 1900 belong to the class called "Diacronica"), 4 one-frame exhibits, 3 exhibits of the Qualification section: 2 classic and 1 "Diacronica".
- Exhibition of Florence 23 – 24 October with Champions, National and Qualification sections. Postal history class Modern and contemporary (from 1900 to present days). The German federation was invited and participated with 4 postal history exhibits. Total 31 exhibits of postal history: 1 exhibit – Champion section, 24 exhibits – National section, of these 4 one-frame exhibits, 6 exhibits – Qualification section, of these there was 1 one-frame exhibit.

International exhibitions:

- London 2015 (13 -16 May) in the Postal History class: 5 exhibits with 2 Large Gold medal.
- Notos 2015 (: 12 – 15 November) in the Postal History class: 8 exhibits 1 Large Gold medal and the Grand Prix winner.

Publications concerning Postal History

- Vaccari Magazine: 2 issues. It is a postal history magazine of 112 pages, articles are mainly of pre-UPU Postal History.
- Cursores is the Magazine of the AISP, Italian Association of Postal History: 128 pages. In the May 1815 issue an article of Armin Knapp related to the Balloon Post from the besieged Paris to Saxony in 1870-1871
- Qui Filatelia is the Italian Federetion magazine that in addition to other information present postal history articles.

Other activities or events concerning Postal History

- Milanophil 2015 (10 – 12 April) a non competitive exhibition was organized by Cift (Centro italiano filatelia tematica) and Aicpm (Associazione italiana collezionisti posta militare). This exhibition featured thematic and postal history exhibits related to the 1st World War. Patrick Maselis presented a postal history exhibit related to the participation of Belgium to the War.
- Bruno Crevato Selvaggi on 15 October coordinated a Philatelic exhibition at Quirinale (residence of the President of the Italian Republic). The exhibition was divided into 3 sections: 1st World War, 2nd World War and Italian Liberation from the German occupation, presentation of the 100 most important pieces of the Italian Philately.

Japan

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

National exhibitions:

- All Japan Stamp Exhibition (AJSE) 2015, 17-19 July, 19 postal history exhibits; 2 in Championship Class, 5 in Class 2A, 7 in Class 2B, 1 in Modern Philately and 4 in one-frame class. 3 Large Gold, 1 Gold and 2 Large Vermeil. Class 2C has not been adopted in National Exhibitions in Japan yet.
- Japex 2015, 30 October-1 November, 33 postal history exhibits; 19 in Class 2A, 4 in Class 2B and 10 in one-frame class. 4 Gold and 10 Vermeil in Class 2A, 2 Vermeil in Class 2B and 2 Vermeil in one-frame class.

International exhibitions:

- Taipei 2015 FIAP, 6 Postal History Exhibits in Class 2A and 2B; 3 Large Vermeil and 3 Vermeil.
- Singapore 2015 FIP, 4 Postal History Exhibits in Class 2A and 2B; 3 Gold and 1 Large Vermeil.
- Hong Kong 2015 FIAP, 4 Postal History Exhibits; 1 won the Grand Prix International, 3 Large Vermeil of which 1 is the first Class 2C exhibit from Japan.

Publications concerning Postal History

- Philatelic books
 - I. “List of Post Offices in Japan 1871-1888, revised edition”, revised by Chikatsuji, Kiichi (Narumi Co), 464 Pages. It is a revised edition of great work about the transition of postmarks in all Post Offices in Japan in 1871- 1888.
 - II. “Early Postal History in Kumamoto Post Office in Higo Province” written by Tateyama, Ichiro
- Journal
 - I. Katayama, Namio “Postage Due in Overseas Mail in Japan”, *All Japan Philately* 2015-2 to 2015-4.
 - II. Some Postal History articles are found in “*Stampedia Philatelic Journal 2015*” and “*Yushu Kenkyu*” magazines.

Other activities or events concerning Postal History

The 1st “Postal System History” Exhibition, Apr 10-12, 2015 in Tokyo, held by “Postal System History” study group. Seven Exhibits (42 frame) were displayed, including FIP Gold Medal exhibit. Conference of Postal System History was also held on April 11 night, during the exhibition, discussed with many serious participants.



Conference of Postal System History held on Apr. 11, 2015

Norway

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

- Norsk Posthistorisk Selskap (Norwegian Postal History Society) held 4 meetings for members and one open meeting.
- 1 new postal history juror at Nordic level, 1 new postal history juror at national level.

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

- Singapore 2015, 1 postal history exhibit took part.
- London 2015, 5 postal history exhibits took part.
- Nordia 2015 in Sweden, 1 postal history exhibit Honorary class, 7 in postal history class, 1 postal history juror, 1 postal history apprentice juror.
- National exhibition in Trondheim, 4 postal history exhibits in Championship class, 22 in postal history class.
- Local exhibition in Trondheim, 19 postal history exhibits.
- Local exhibition in Halden: 13 postal history exhibits, including 2 female exhibitors.
- Local exhibition in Mandal: 8 postal history exhibits.

Publications concerning Postal History

- Knut Glasö: "Trondhjems By-Post" (Handbook, the local post of Trondhjem)
- Erik Lördahl: "Murmanskkonvoiene 1941-1945" (The Murmansk Convoys 1941-1945)
- Hallvard Slettebø (editor): "Poststemplene i Rogaland 1848-2015" (Handbook, the postmarks of Rogaland county 1848-2015)
- Arne Eriksen: "Feltpostinspektøren - Posten i Krig 1940" (The Field Post Inspector – Norway Post at war 1940)
- "Budstikka" (Journal for Norwegian Postal History Society), 4 issues yearly, also www.posthistorisk.no
- "Postlugaren" (Journal for Norwegian Ship Mail Society), 4 issues yearly.

Poland

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

- Seminar of Postal History in Porazyn (about Poznan) 17-18 October 2015 with 7 sessions on Postal History.
- Conference of the Polish Academy of Philately (PAF) in Ciechocinek (22-24 May 2015) with 8 sessions on Postal History.

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

National Polish Exhibition in Glogow, Ilawa, Koszalin and Warszawa with including about 60 postal history exhibits in competition.

Publications concerning Postal History

Published eight books on postal history subjects.

Portugal

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

One new PH Juror – Júlio Manuel Pedroso Maia

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

- XXV NATIONAL EXHIBIT GAYA 2015, 4 exhibits with 1 Large Gold and Grand Prix, 2 Large Vermeil, 1 Vermeil medal.
- INTER-REGIONAL EXHIBIT GAYA 2015, 5 exhibits with 2 Gold, 2 Vermeil and 1 Silver Bronze.
- LONDON 2015 – EUROPHILEX with 1 Large Gold.
- SINDELFINGEN 2015 - GERMANY with 3 Gold and 3 Bronze.
- NOTOS 2015 INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION – GREECE with Gold.

Slovenia

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

- Participation with PH collection to: London 2015, Singapore 2015, Notos, AAfila, and Hunfila. Organisation of two exhibitions: 7. okno, Kranj, FIMERA, Trbovlje, both with more than 40% postal history exhibits.

Publications concerning Postal History

- Turk, Frankirne nalepnice postnih uradov v Sloveniji / Francking labels of post offices in Slovenia, 2015.
- 30% articles in Nova filatelija are postal history.
- Bolletino ASP/Association of Postal history/ FVG/Friul Julian Venetia/, one (Veselko Gustin)

Sweden

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

- Nordia 2015 international exhibition with about 900 frames (of 16 A4-pages). 45 exhibits including 5 one-frame in postal history class and 3 postal history exhibits in Championship class. One of the Grand Prix prizes to a postal history exhibit. 95points highest in postal history class and about 3 Class 2C exhibits.
- National Exhibition Wernamo, 17 postal history exhibits shown (91 points highest and best in show), including 3 exhibits in Class 2C.
- Regional/Local Exhibition Wernamo, 8 postal history exhibits shown (One-frame exhibit scoring 90 points highest marks and best in show), including 3 one-frame and 2 Class 2C exhibits.
- London 2015: 7 postal history exhibits, including 3 one-frames. Total 1 Large Gold and 3 Gold.
- Singapore 2015: 4 postal history exhibits including 2 one-frames. Total 2 Gold.

No assignment for Swedish FIP jurors in FIP Postal History class. Sweden has 4 FIP qualified postal history jurors of which 2 can be considered as active postal history jurors.

No PH exhibits showed in 2015 by female exhibitors and no exhibit in youth class at all.

Publications concerning Postal History

- Book: "Swedish Armed Forces' & Military Volunteers' Postal History in Wars and Abroad", a 200 colour pages hardbound book in English language published as the handout to the 1PM display given to RPSL by Richard Bodin FRPSL (also author and editor), covering Swedish general PH, some foreign PH and especially Swedish military PH from 1582 to 1979.
- Catalogue: Facit Postal IX, new updated issue, about 560 pages, content are e.g. Swedish postal history rates, covers to abroad, postmarks, Railway mail, Steamship mail, Military mail, perfins and labels.
- Article in London Philatelist (issued by RPSL) about Swedish mail sent abroad 1939-1948 (mainly WW II) by Kjell Nilson.
- 4 nr of the society magazine "Notiserna" by the society for Swedish postal documentation, SSPD.

Other activities or events concerning Postal History

Royal Philatelic Society London display on Swedish Postal History (588 pages as one exhibit theme) given by Richard Bodin FRPSL. Very few full displays of postal history at RPSL given by one person only each year and also only the 3rd from Sweden ever doing solo full display.

Switzerland

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Postal History jurors and/or exhibitors

The 19th annual seminar for jurors and exhibitors was organized on November 7, 2015 in Olten with over 40 participants and two exhibits (Regional exhibit of Lucerne and Postal History of Nova Scotia) which have been explained by the collectors followed by discussions how to improve them. Yearly seminars for jurors and exhibitors should be organized by all the Federations giving a chance to their delegate of our FIP Postal History Commission to present our Streamlined Seminars, which can be downloaded from our website.

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

Postal History exhibits from Swiss collectors have achieved highest results abroad like two Large Gold at LONDON 2015, four Gold medals at SINGAPORE 2015 and two Golden Posthorns in Sindelfingen. Postal History exhibits are usually the class with the highest number of applications in each exhibition. The collecting of regional Postal History remains very popular in Switzerland. We try to encourage our exhibitors to show more related non-philatelic material like maps, engravings and picture postcards in order to achieve exhibits, which look more attractive also to the general public and visitors.

Publications concerning Postal History

After many years of research Paolo Vollmeier published the important books "Le armate francesi in Italia 1792-1814" in two volumes.

Other activities or events concerning Postal History

Paolo Vollmeier RDP and Max Matti have been honoured for their life-work in favour of postal history by receiving each a gold coin from the Kimmel Postal History Foundation.



Paolo Vollmeier RDP signing the "Book of merit for life-work in favour of Postal History" and Kurt Kimmel RDP (standing)

Thailand

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

- TAIPEI 2015 FIAP, 24-28 April, 3 postal history exhibits - 2 Gold and 1 Large Vermeil medals
- THAIPEX 2015 National exhibition, 3-9 Aug, 10 PH exhibits - 3 Large Gold, 3 Gold, 2 Large Vermeil, 1 Vermeil and 1 One-Frame Gold medals
- Singapore 2015 FIP, 14-19 Aug, 2 postal history exhibits - 2 Gold medals
- New Zealand 2015 National exhibition, 23-25 Oct, 1 postal history exhibit - Large Gold medal
- Hong Kong 2015 FIAP, 20-23 Nov, 1 postal history exhibit - Large Vermeil medal
- Four-Nation Malaysia National exhibition, 4-6 Dec, 2 postal history exhibits - 1 Large Gold and 1 Gold medal. Postal history exhibit "World War I Siamese Postal History" (5 Frames) from Thailand won the Best in Show award. Postal history exhibit "Dutch East Indies: The China Connection: A study of Chinese Postal History, 1858-1949 (5 Frames) from Thailand won the Best Novice Exhibit award.

Publications concerning Postal History

There are 3 new researches postal history articles printed in the quarterly PAT Journal:

- Issue 28, Jan: Bang Pa-In Palace Post Office in the Reign of King Rama V
- Issue 29, Apr: National Assembly Postmark - The Only One in Thailand
- Issue 30, Oct: Postal Route to Chachoengsao in the times of King Rama V

Uruguay

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

ExpoUruguay 2015 Exposición Filatélica Binacional Argentino Uruguay, Nov 2015, 3 one-frame postal history exhibits winning 2 Gold medals and 2 multi-frame postal history exhibits winning one Large Gold medal.

U.S.A.

Exhibitions with Postal History Class

The US had about 30 national exhibits with postal history approximately 35 to 45% of exhibits postal history exhibits.

Publications concerning Postal History

The US Postal History Society, the American Philatelist and the American Stamp Dealer & Collector publications all have many postal history articles.

Other activities or events concerning Postal History

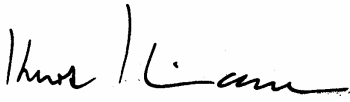
The American Philatelic Research Library continued construction and secured financing and final approval for construction of the new American Philatelic Research Library at its Match Factory Headquarters, Bellfonte, PA.

Dear delegates, please keep in touch with your continental representatives even when you have nothing to report.

Please consider to download from our website www.fippostalhistory.com our seminars "SS1", "SS3", "SS4" and the simplified "SS2" and to inform the jurors and exhibitors of your Federation of such seminars.

International Stamp Exhibitions with Postal History class in 2015

- Continental stamp exhibitions with FIP recognition in 2015
 - I. FEPA region - London Europhilex International Stamp Exhibition, 13-16 May 2015
 - II. FIAP region - Taipei 2015, 24-28 April 2015
- Continental stamp exhibitions
 - I. FIAP region - Hong Kong 2015, 20-23 November 2015
- World Stamp Exhibition - Singapore 2015, 14-19 August

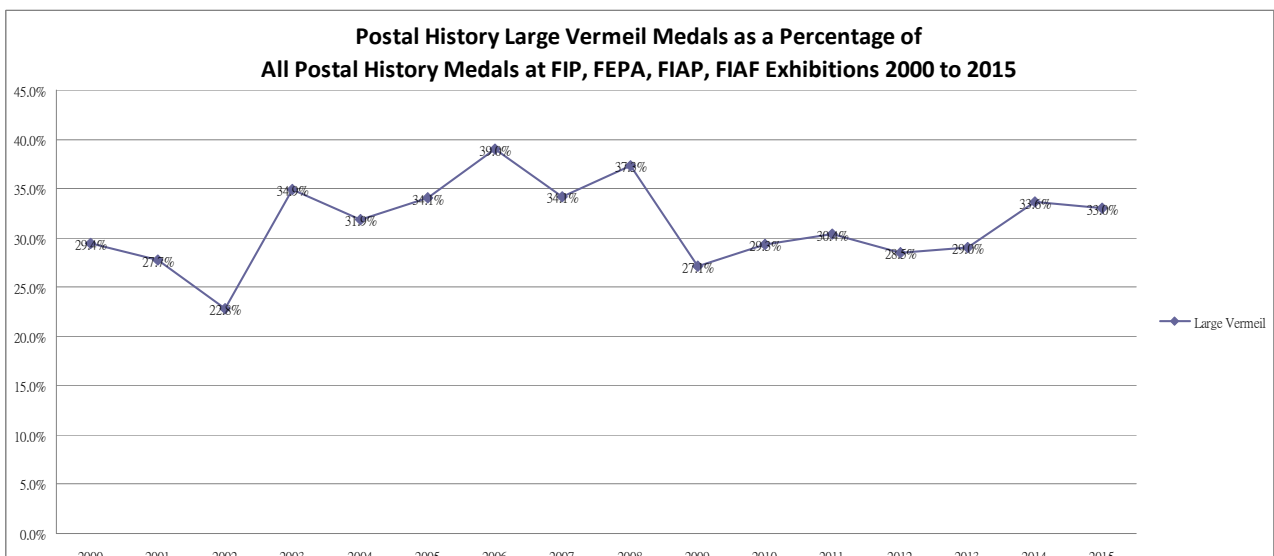
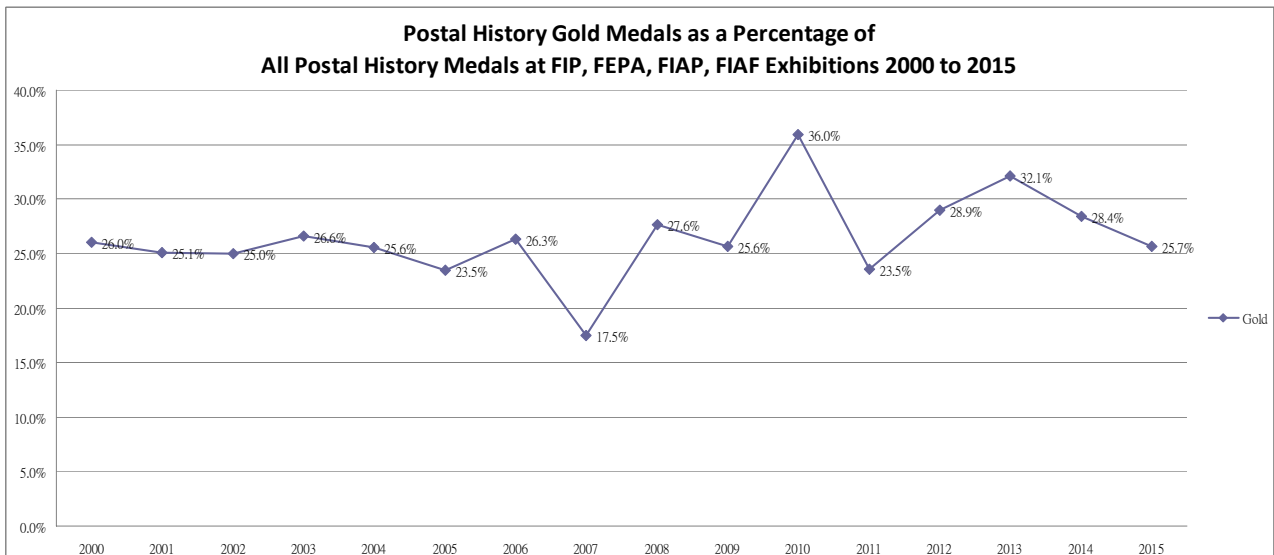
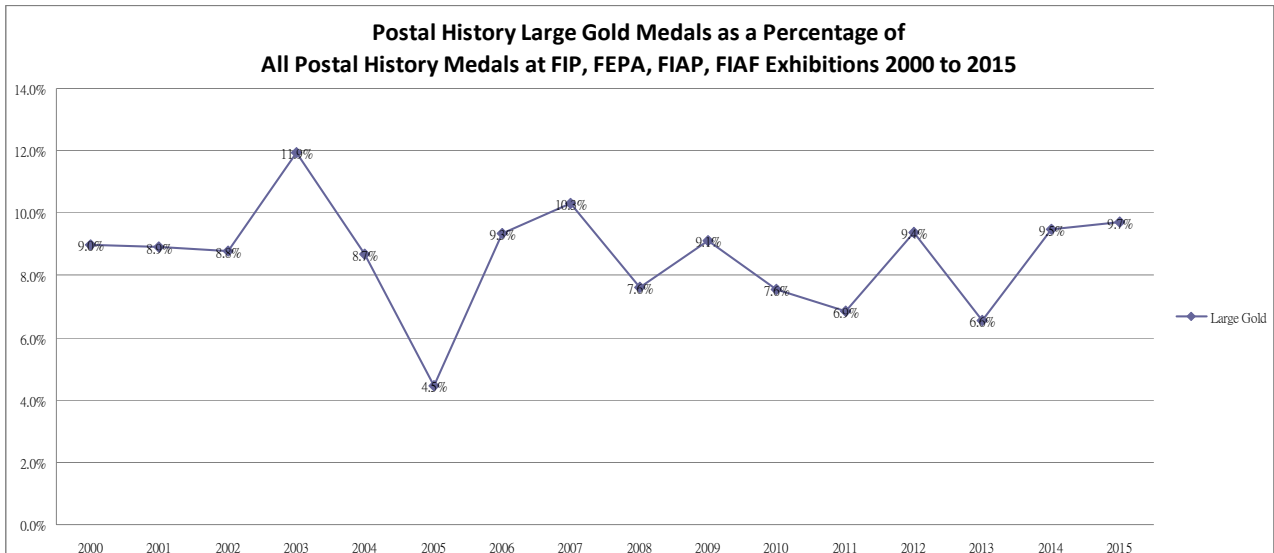


Kurt Kimmel RDP
Chairman of the FIP Postal History Commission

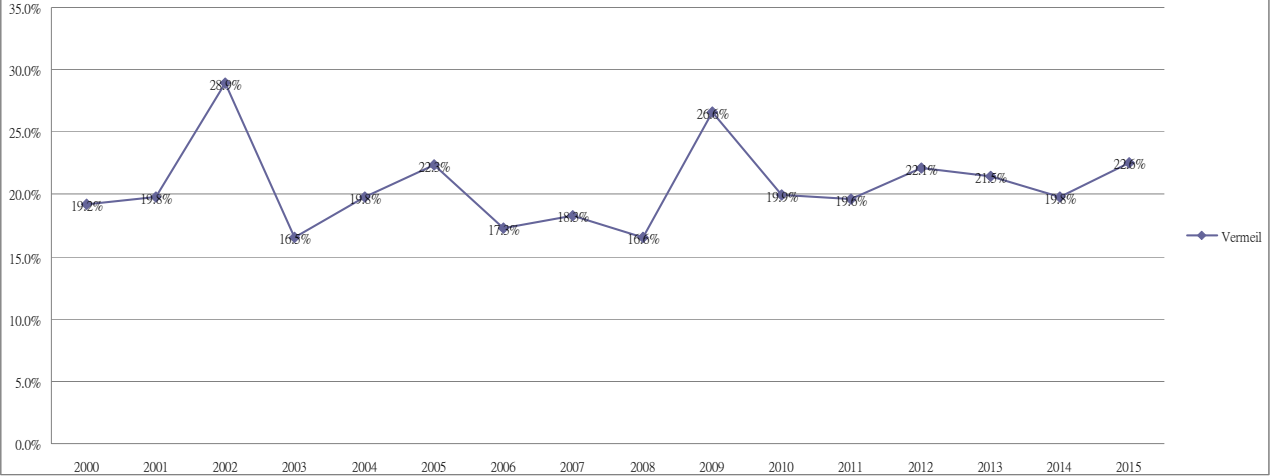


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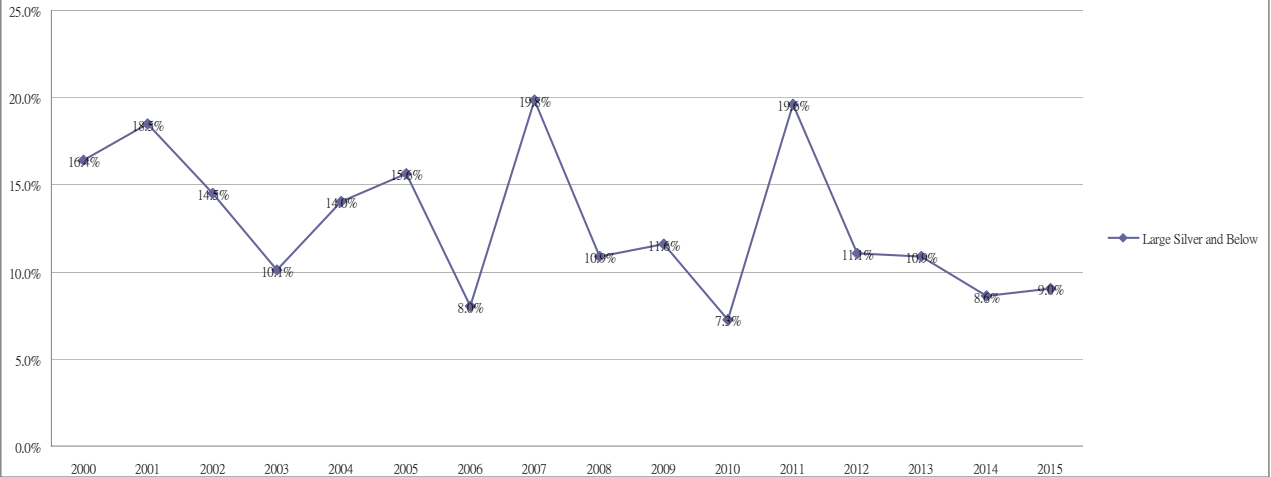
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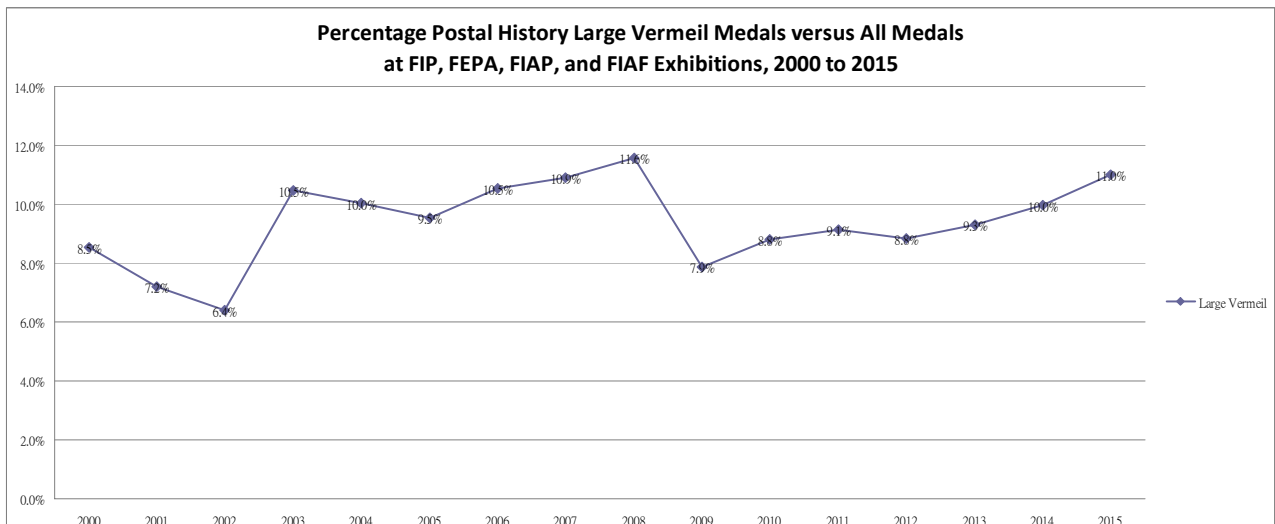
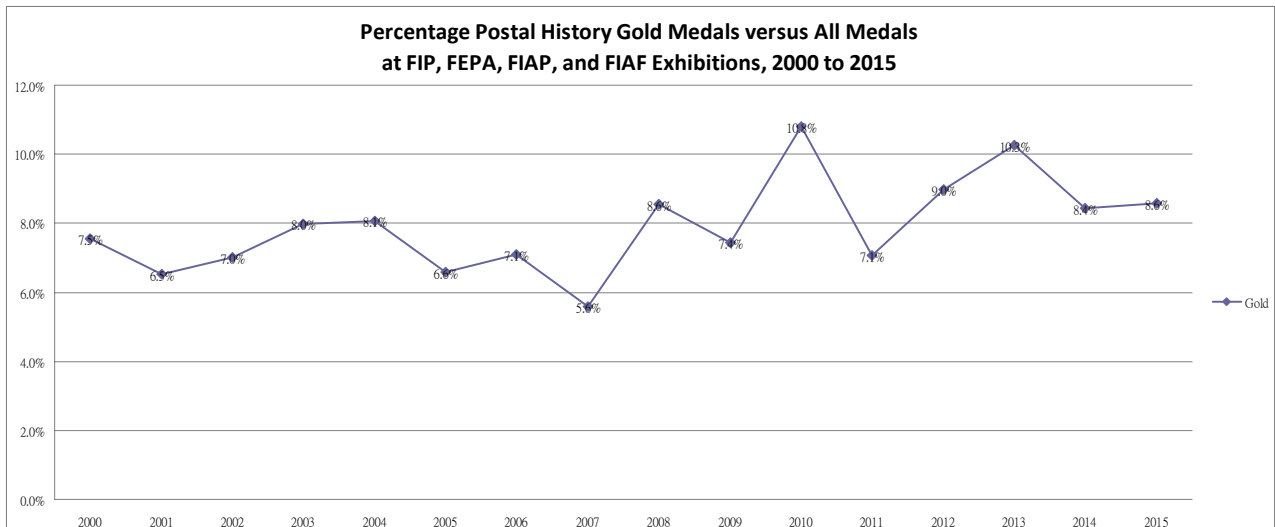
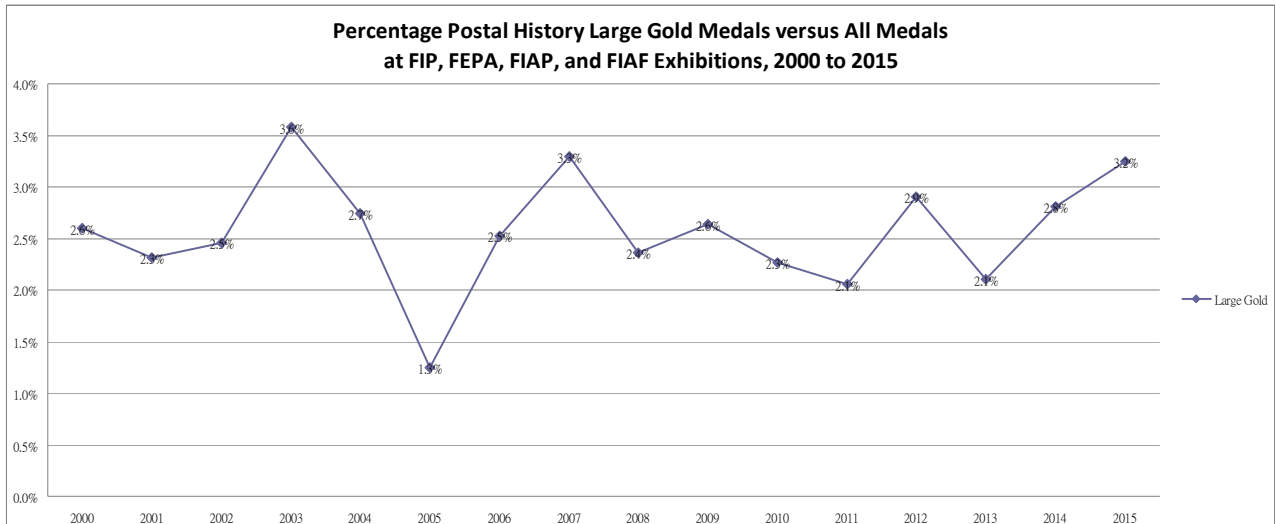
**Postal History Vermeil Medals as a Percentage of
All Postal History Medals at FIP, FEPA, FIAP, FIAF Exhibitions 2000 to 2015**

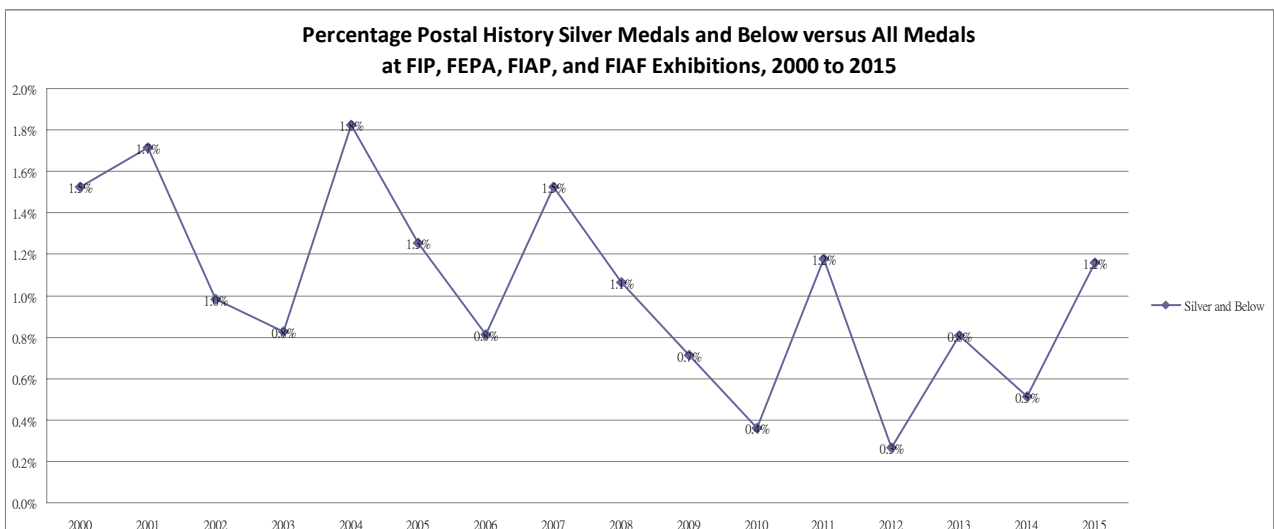
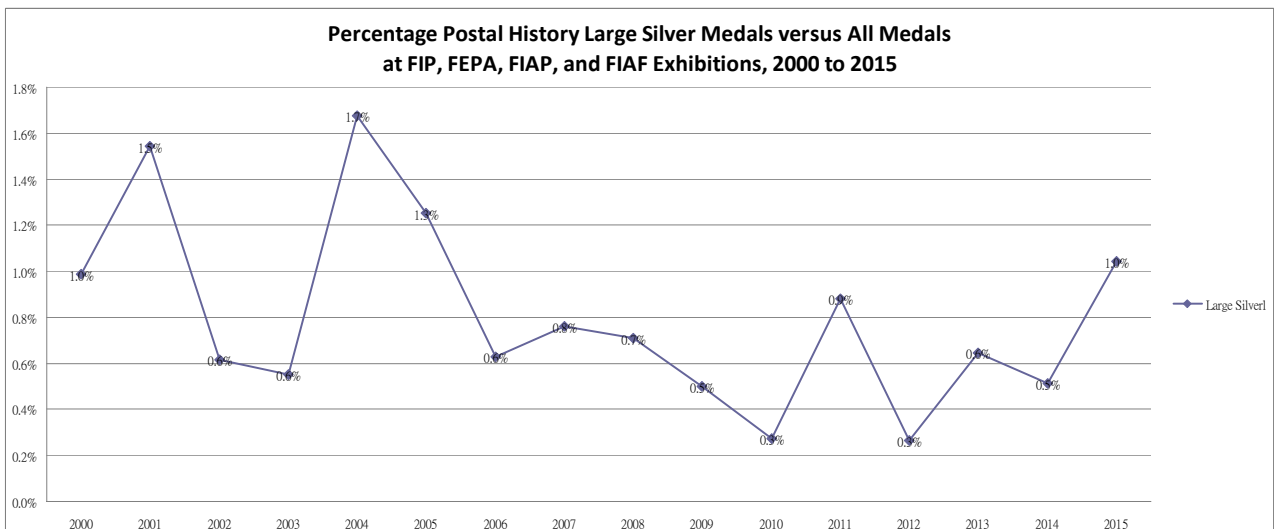
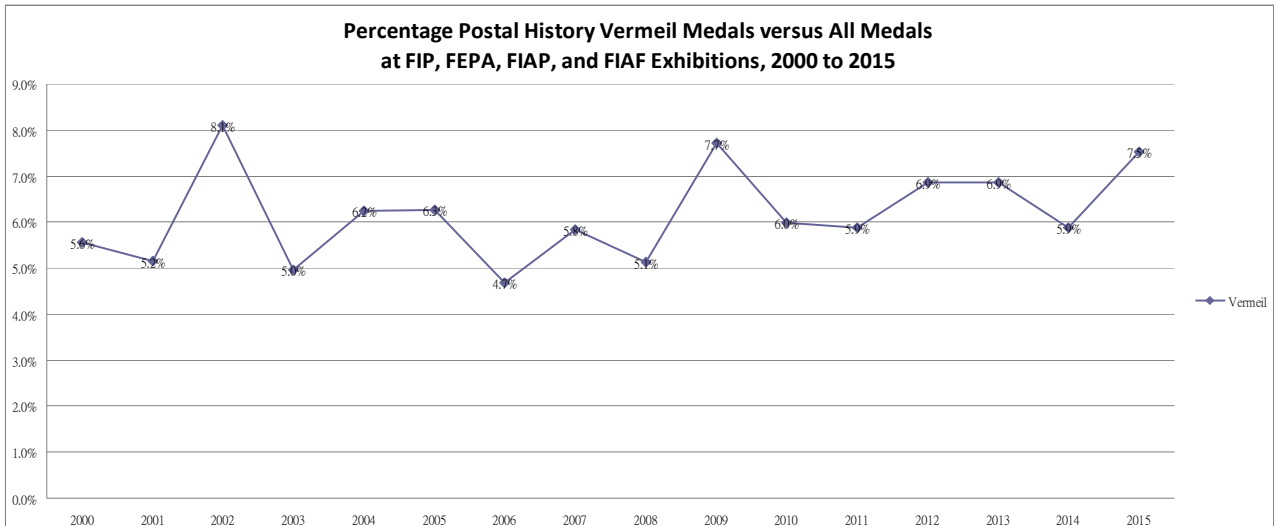


**Postal History Large Silver and Below Medals as a Percentage of
All Postal History Medals at FIP, FEPA, FIAP, FIAF Exhibitions 2000 to 2015**



Appendix 2





Appendix 3

