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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF THE FIP COMMISSION FOR MAXIMAPHILY

held in Madrid on Friday 13 October 2000 at 17h
on the occasion of the World Exhibition «ESPANA 2000»

Present were : The Bureau members

President Mr J. Thénard (France), Vice-president Mr N. Rangos (Cyprus), Secretary Mme Kotopoulis (Greece), Mr M. Monterrey (Spain), Mr A. Sanders (Belgium), Mr S. Taioli (Switzerland) and Mr J. Wolff (Luxembourg), member of the administrative committee of F.I.P. with the active participation of Mme Trommer (L) for the translations.

Of the 43 countries of which the Commission comprises to this day, 20 countries were represented by delegates or by representatives and 10 by proxy.

Delegates or representatives :

Rield (Austria)

Sanders (Belgium)

Constantourakis (Canada)

Shi Weilin (China)

Rangos (Cyprus)

Boyard (France)

Kotopoulis (Greece)

Mittal (R.K. Bagri) (India)

Behboud (Iran)

Poggi (Italy)

Wolff (Luxembourg)

Goofers (Nederland)

Cardoso (Portugal)

Daniliuc (Roumania)

Sadovnikov (Igor Rodin) (Russia)

Wong Chee Keong (Singapour)

Scheepers (South Africa)

Monterrey (Spain)

Taioli (Switzerland)

Olsen (U.S.A.)

By proxy :

Argentina to Mr Galante

Bulgaria to Mr Rangos

Corea to Mr Wolff

Germany to Mr Rield

Hungary to Mr Sanders

Indonesia to Mr Bagri

Malaysia to Mr Shi Weilin

Perou to Mr Thénard

Philipines to Mr Wong Chee Keong

Republic of Slovakia to Mme Boyard

Observers : Australia : Mr Denis Rosenfeld and United Kingdom : Mr Trevor Davis

After the signing of the sheets by those present, and the verification of proxy, the president Mr J. Thénard greeted those present and welcomed the new members, Mr George Constantourakis (Canada), Mr Ioan Daniliuc (Roumania) and Mr Daniel Olsen (U.S.A.). He payed homage to Mr Faria Braga, delegate of Brasil recently deceased, for his devotion to our speciality during many years, to Mr Karl Dostal, president of the association of maximaphily of Austria as well as to Mr Jordan Pezevski, president of the maximaphilists of Yougoslavia. He requested the assembly to observe one minute's silence in their memory.

Then the assembly unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting in Milan (1998) and the report of activities of 1998/2000.

Election of the new president :

Candidates : Anny BOYARD (France), Nicos RANGOS (Cyprus).

On the request of Mr Jos Wolff, Mr Bagri and Mr Bouffa accepted voluntarily to act as scrutineers for the counting of the votes.

The two candidates presented themselves in turn in French and English.

As a result of the counting of votes, under the supervision of Mr J. WOLFF, Mr. Nicos RANGOS was elected president. He thanked the assembly and announced his programme of activities.

Election of the six members of the Bureau of the Commission

The very short time which was granted to this important meeting did not permit that the candidates would present themselves individually. Mme Marguerite KOTOPOULIS informed the assembly that she no longer wished to be a candidate, so that younger people may take her place for the benefit of Maximaphily.

Candidates : BESTON Bernard (Australia), BOYARD Anny (France), CHADRAABAL Shagdariin (Mongolia), DANILIUC Ioan (Roumania), POGGI Gianfranco (Italia), SADOVNICOV Vladimir (Russia), SANDERS André (Belgium), TAIOLI Silvio (Switzerland).

Were elected : Mme BOYARD, Mr DANILIUC Ioan, Mr MONTERREY Manuel , Mr POGGI Gianfranco, Mr SANDERS André and Mr TAIOLI Silvio.

Mr Jos WOLFF and Mr Nicos RANGOS congratulated the newly elected and wished them all the best for their work during this new session.

Various questions :

Mr J. Thénard answered briefly various questions which were addressed to him by mail.

- relations with the stamp designers and reserved rights:

It appears that in every country the reproduction of any work is only possible on payment of rights to the owner of the work and one must be very careful on this subject.

- size of the postal cards : the use of size 12 x 17.

After a discussion, the use of this size for the creation of M.C. was rejected and Mr. Wolff, the F.I.P. coordinator, instructed that one should stick to the two sizes 9 x 14 and 10,5 x 15.

- use of stamp pairs :

It is reminded that the use of se-tenant stamps is authorised on the condition that they form a panorama (see Guidelines of 1996)

- validity of cancellations : the period during which the stamp has franking validity.

As long as the stamp is not withdrawn the cancellations are valid, but those made on dates near the date of issue are considered better (a more recent cancellation is preferred only if the illustration is more relevant).

Mr D. Olsen (U.S.A.) and Mr G. Constantourakis (Canada) asked for an official clarification on the following points :

- validity of M.C. bearing 2 different stamps and 2 different cancellations :

If it was created before 1974, date of the adoption of the status of the M.C., a M.C. bearing many stamps is not valid unless : one of them is in direct relation to the subject of the postal card and if the cancellations are identical and of the same date. After 1974, ALL M.C. bearing many stamps should be rejected.

- surface of the illustration of the postal card :

the Guidelines recommend 75% illustration, but the M.C. created with postal units issued about 1895/1900, of which only a small part are in relation to the stamp, are valid because of their early date.

Similarly, the postal cards issued before 1960 which bear a text occupying at least 50% of their surface will be accepted.

- use of a stamp surcharged with a name :

the surcharge of a name of a personality on a stamp is not sufficient in order to justify its use on a postal card with the illustration of this personality for the creation of a M.C.

- M.C. Venus of Milo published in the article of the magazine no. 446 of Maximaphiles Français :

It is confirmed that a stamp can only receive a cancellation of the country of its issue and that the M.C. fig. 5 p. 26 is not valid.

The meeting finished at 19h15 because of the closing of the Exhibition.

Before leaving, Mr N. Rangos offered to Mr J. Thénard and Mme M. Kotopoulis a present in order to thank them for their excellent work in the Commission during many years.

In order to decide on the composition of the Bureau, Mr. Nicos Rangos invited the members of the Bureau to meet at the Hotel Méliá Castilla.

Mme Anny Boyard was unanimously named vice-president and secretary, the other members having declined the offer of the secretariat. Mr Jos Wolff accepted this double nomination as in the future the post of vice-president will be abolished.

Anny Boyard
Secretary

Nicos Rangos
President