

REPORT
OF THE
FIP MAXIMAPHILY COMMISSION CONFERENCE
HELD IN MALAGA
ON OCTOBER 12, 2006



At the conference, held in Malaga on October 12, 2006, twenty seven countries out of 52 member federations were present with their official delegates or represented by proxies. Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China (PR), Cyprus, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Korea (Republic of Korea), Luxembourg, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Portugal, Spain, Slovenia, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Venezuela. Fourteen other persons without voting rights attended the conference.

Mr. Joseph Wolff, FIP Coordinator for the Maximaphily Commission was also present. All the delegates who were absent were excused.

The chairman Nicos Rangos welcomed the participating delegates, expressed his thanks for their presence, asked for their signature and verified the validity of the proxies.

He referred to the Commission's strategic plan which led to the following positive results of the last three years of Maximaphily worldwide development, assuring a better future of this attractive class of philately:

- The spectacular 100% increase of the FIP Maximaphily Commission member federations' world wide Maximaphily activity reports. (18 for 2003, 30 for 2004 and 36 for 2005).
- The spectacular increase of the participant countries to the World Best Maximum Card Competition: (18 for 2003, 27 for 2004 and 31 for 2005).

- The great interest shown in the new Maximaphily regulations which was expressed with written notes, live discussions and numerous proposals among many delegates and collectors.
- The four high level (Gold and Large Vermeil) Maximaphily exhibits which were exhibited in Washington 2006.
- After the CYPRUS '02 European exhibition, where 44 Maximaphily collections were exhibited and after the participation of 16 European countries, plus Canada and China in MAXIFRANCE '05 with 29 Youth collections out of 102 participations, we can say how important the result of the actual outstanding dynamism of today's Maximaphily is.

Following the Agenda the delegates present approved:

- The Minutes of the Meeting in Singapore on September 1st, 2004.
- The world national activities report 2005-2006, included in the Agenda of the 69th FIP Congress.
- The Updating of the SREV and Guidelines after the discussions following the relative power point presentation by the chairman. FIP board is asked to approve the new Maximaphily regulations.

Furthermore the chairman presented his new strategic plan for the next two years term, which comprises:

- Improvement of the official regulations for the "World Best Maximum-card Competition" recently introduced by the Commission.
- Further promotion of the "World Best Maximum-card Competition".
- Further improvement of the very recently designed FIP Maximaphily Commission website: www.maximaphily.info
- Spreading Maximaphily in African and Asian countries and in other European and American countries where it is not well known.
- Better knowledge and recognition of Maximaphily by the official authorities of the world postal services and philately.
- Maximaphily collections evaluation must be carried out only by qualified Maximaphily jury members at national and international exhibitions.
- Conformity with the FIP regulations of the maximum-cards created by certain Postal Administrations.

Finally, the delegates present were invited to vote, according to the regulations of the World Maximaphily Competition, for the three best Maximum Cards created during the year 2005. Thirty one countries participated to the competition. As it was previously announced the main goal of this worldwide competition is to encourage Maximum Cards creators to continue their efforts for new, correct and outstanding creations and to recognize and compensate all maximum card creators for their very hard work and their cartophily and marcophily research for many years in this wonderful area.

The results of the three World Best Maximum Cards Competition created during the year 2005 are as follows: **1st prize awarded to Mr. Jürgen Noll, Germany, 2^e prize to Mr. Kalevi Ant-Wuorinen, Finland and 3rd prize to ASEMA, the Maximaphily Association of Spain.**

Malaga, October 12, 2006