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World Maximaphily Activity Report for the year 2008 **Continuous Increasing Trend of Worldwide Maximaphily**

Considerable and permanent increase **of the National Federations delegates to FIP Commission for Maximaphily**

38	42	45	47	50	51	52	54	57	60
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	March 2008	March 2009

Considerable and permanent increase **of the participating countries in our worldwide Maximaphily activity report**

18	18	21	30	36	43	46	49
2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008

The Best Maximum Card World Competition participations were also considerably increased. Our idea turned out to a successful philatelic innovation. **In a short period of six years participations were increased more than 100%.**

18	26	31	34	37	40
2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008

We extend our thanks to the FIP Maximaphily Commission delegates who had the kindness to enrich our worldwide Maximaphily activity report and cover the most important activities of their own country during the year 2008. Their efforts are very much appreciated.

The following forty nine countries (49), the highest recorded so far, participated in the present worldwide Maximaphily activity report:

Albania	Chinese Tapei	Iceland	Nepal	Slovenia
Argentina	Cuba	India	Netherlands	Spain
Armenia	Cyprus	Israel	New Zealand	Switzerland
Australia	Czech Republic	Italy	Pakistan	Thailand
Austria	Egypt	Korea South	Philippines	Turkey
Belgium	Finland	Luxembourg	Poland	Ukraine
Brazil	France	Malaysia	Portugal	United Kingdom
Bulgaria	Germany	Malta	Romania	USA
Canada	Greece	Mexico	Russia	Venezuela
China	Hungary	Moldavia	Serbia	

Our sincere condolences

- On April 27, 2008 USA delegate Daniel Olsen passed away. He had a deep knowledge of world Maximaphily, being one of the most competent maximaphilist all over the world. With his Maximaphily exhibit "To Conquer the Sky" he received in Stamp Show 2000 82 V, in

España'2000 80 V, in Belgica 2001 85 LV. He also had 2 National level Gold medals, one for his Columbus exhibit and another for his Volkswagen exhibit. Our regret and our sincere condolences to all the members of his family and to the American Philatelic Society whose Daniel was a distinguished member.

- On August 19, 2008 Roberto Wang passed away. He was one of the most efficient philatelist in Argentine, good friend and very active delegate of our Commission. We express our regret for the death of Roberto Wang and our sincere condolences to all the members of his family and to Argentine Federation Board whose Roberto was a brilliant a respectable member.

Welcome to our new delegates

We welcome the new delegates to the Commission: Mayer Gozes of Israel, John A. Cardona of Malta, Jacek Tatarski of Poland, Zlatimir Maljica of Serbia, and Terry Watson of USA.

FIP Commission Bureau was very active all over 2008 and the first three months of 2009:

We worked for:

- The embedding and the spreading all over the world of the new Maximaphily regulations making them clearer, popular and more easily understood by all the shareholders. Great interest was shown in the new rules of Maximaphily which appeared in written notes, lively discussions and proposals emanating from many delegates and collectors.
- The diffusion of the official texts and reports to the delegates.
- The improvement of our communication with the delegates through modern means of communication.
- The publication of articles and reports in the FIP Flash, FEPA News and FIAP magazine.
- The publication of articles related to Maximaphily in other national and international philatelic press.
- The consisted efforts to convince the postal administrations to create maximum cards in conformity to the new regulations. Many Postal Services already complied with FIP regulations.
- The offering on request to the National Philatelic Federations an electronic documentation on our class of Philately.
- The continuing and further improvement of the best maximum card world competition of each year.
- The offering of Maximaphily seminars during national and international exhibitions.
- The improvement of our own FIP Maximaphily Commission website. .

After the hard work during all the year around of the FIP Maximaphily Commission Bureau on the regulations which govern Maximaphily in order to improve them, the Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission started a new campaign for making them easily understood by the various persons in charge in FIP, in the national federations, in postal administrations, by the members of the Commission and all Maximaphily collectors. The Commission offered gratis documentation at the disposal of the members who needed additional information.

Maximaphily seminars in Tel Aviv and in Bucharest for 2008 and in other countries during previous years allowed embedding and explaining the new regulations, to enforce Maximaphily and to show the interest which it might have for youth and for world philately in general.

In the meeting of Bacău (5.10.2008) in Romania the use of the personalized stamps in Maximum cards was once more raised and discussed. The feeling was that the use of the personalized stamps in Maximum cards could make a great boom and a tremendous expansion of Maximaphily all over the world but for the moment we have to give priority to the assimilation of the new regulations which will take several years. We noted the current development that the circulation of personalised stamps presents today and talked about the dynamic which could be developed in the near future for Philately and for Maximaphily in particular. We could say that today we could accept a maximum card created with a personalised postage stamp whose image contributes to the enhancement of interests that are private, social or national, on condition that this enhancement limits itself to the local or national, spiritual and cultural heritage. We greet this positive attitude because it is an important step in the direction of progress which will bring the public and above all young people closer to the postage stamp, philately and maximaphily.

The position of the Universal Postal Union, during its next meeting, will contribute to the adoption of a more precise position on this subject. We hope that these new arrangements will favour the development of philately and maximaphily.



19th century Postal Stationery concordant cards are correct Maximum Cards.

We have also opened a discussion on the postal stationery in circulation during the last 30 years of the 19th century. This is certain postal stationery, on which the image of the stamp stuck on the view side of the postcard has a visible concordance with the very small picture printed on the postcard. We all agreed that these postcards, in conformity with the regulations, both previous and new, are considered precursors of Maximaphily and in consequence they are valid maximum cards.

Important questions discussed during Maximaphily Seminars:

- The exit polls during exhibitions proving that visitors find Maximaphily as the most attractive and popular of the FIP classes.
- The increasing worldwide public interest for Maximaphily.
- The high level (Gold and Large Vermeil) Maximaphily exhibits covering classic period (1876 -1946) which were exhibited in World Exhibitions.
- The fact that only in Maximaphily class the collector has the right to create himself his own philatelic collectable items.
- The new regulation for the antiquity of the Maximum cards which goes back to 1873-1946.
- The amendment of the previous difficult and complicated regulations which have been changed to new, simple, clear and understandable.
- The personalised stamps in connection with maximaphily.

“Best Maximum Card World Competition”

We continue to be delighted by the growing number of participants to the 2008 Best Maximum Card World Competition with MCs created during 2007. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the delegates for their own interest towards this successful competition and to all maximum card creators

Our innovative idea for organizing an international competition for the best Maximum Card of the year became a successful reality because it was the first step towards the recognition of those who have worked hard for Maximaphily and of those who need to be encouraged. This competition demonstrated our great interest in the world wide feeling of the maximum cards collectors. It is our belief that in the next few years this competition will create such dynamism, especially in most of the Asian and African countries, which Maximaphily has never had before.

Results for 2008 Best MC World Competition

1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize (1/2)	3 rd Prize (1/2)
ITALIA	ROMANIA	BRAZIL	LUXEMBURG
Former IMA Pr. Cezare Rialdi	Romfilatelia Postal Services	BMC Pr. Agnaldo de Souza Gabriel	LMC President Joseph Wolff

Failure to organize the “Best Maximum Card World Competition” in philatelic gatherings of high importance

The failure of our plan to organize the Best Maximum Card World Competition in Saint Petersburg and Luoyang world FIP exhibitions was very disappointing for us, as a bigger number of delegates and much more visitors could be present.

Cyprus Philatelic Society financial contribution to FIP Maximaphily Commission activity

Expenses concerning the preparation of the prizes of the 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 Best Maximum Card Competition, as well as Maximaphily seminars organized in different countries and other expenses related to the each year activity of the FIP Commission chairman, as tickets, electronic material preparation, Maximaphily website construction updates and annual rent, postal expenses and printed material sent from Cyprus to the delegates, evaluated yearly on the order of €800 were covered by Cyprus Philatelic Society.

SUMMARY OF THE 49 DELEGATES’ NATIONAL REPORTS.

Reading the present worldwide national reports we can note that on the international level the maximaphilists are always very active in MCs creation, in MCs collecting, in MCs exhibiting and that they wish a greater recognition in equal part of their class with the other FIP classes of philately by the International Philatelic Organisations and the National Philatelic Federations.

They wish that their work is appreciated because it is a step in favour of the development of the word philately.

We can also note that many maximaphilists write and publish articles for Maximaphily in the philatelic press of their country and that they maintain, as far as possible, of very good relationship with the postal administrations in order to facilitate the creation of maximum cards. It is necessary to persevere in this way which is the good one.

The maximaphilists all over the world are very satisfied with the FIP Commission for Maximaphily which knew to create dynamism for this class of philately by improving the regulations, by organizing the World Best Maximum card Competition, by the creation of the FIP Maximaphily Commission website and the personal help offered to delegates who asked for it.

One thousand seventy seven (1076) maximum cards were created by the worldwide national maximaphily associations or local clubs during 2008. Congratulations to the delegate of Finland gaining the top with 125 maximum card creations. Postal Services creations and an unknown number of individuals’ creations are not included in the above number. In the rest of the countries, with Monaco, Andorra and Liechtenstein included, much more maximum cards were created either by Postal Services or by local or foreign unknown individuals. Unfortunately availability of this very important and specific information can not be obtainable.

Maximum cards created during 2008 per country:

FINLAND ON THE TOP

COUNTRY	MC	COUNTRY	MC	COUNTRY	MC	COUNTRY	MC	COUNTRY	MC
Albania	4	Ch. Tapei	28	Iceland	1	Nepal	?	Slovenia	?
Argentina	?	Cuba	?	India	?	Netherlands	89	Spain	40
Armenia	12	Cyprus	14	Israel	?	N. Zealand	?	Switzerland	38
Australia	?	Czech Re	?	Italy+S.M+V	83	Pakistan		Thailand	?
Austria	?	Egypt	?	Korea South	?	Philippines		Turkey	?
Belgium	88	Finland	125	Luxembourg	18	Poland	25	Ukraine	12
Brazil	67	France	83	Malaysia		Portugal	40	U.K.	?
Bulgaria	30	Germany	32	Malta		Romania	18	U.S.A.	50+
Canada	?	Greece	21	Mexico	?	Russia	48	Venezuela	
China	80	Hungary	?	Moldavia	12	Serbia	19	TOTAL	1076

- **Furthermore 257 Maximaphily collections participated worldwide to National or International exhibitions during 2008**
- **In Spain the first MCs creations with specialised stamps appeared, it was reported by the country’s delegate.**

- In the majority of the countries Maximaphily is progressing, in some others is not regressing, in a few regressing and some others maximaphily is just now starting up.
- Postal Services of the following countries do not always respect the regulations: Italy, Romania, Finland and Greece. Other postal services (U.K. and Venezuela) are issuing postcards with reproduction or merely reproduction of the stamp. Some collectors believe they can use the above postcards to create maximum cards.
- High participation fees to continental or world exhibitions are considered to be an inhibitory factor for many exhibitors, especially for Eastern European and Latin American countries. We propose a small quota with half price fees for first time participations.

- **Jury formation**

Efforts for the jury formation in Maximaphily must be more effective. The absence of specialized jury in the national exhibitions seems to be a barrier to the development of our hobby, as well as the high value of the participation fees. It is certain that in case the exhibitor meets too many difficulties, in our open societies where internet plays a great role, he will not stay any more in our organized philatelic associations and he will not join either the Philatelic Federations.

- **No more exclusions**

The recently exclusion of Maximaphily from “London 2010” World Stamp Exhibition, in spite of the excuses, remains a unique and negative way of looking the future of philately. Any kind of exclusions can not be normally turned out to satisfaction and pleasure and as such all kinds of exclusions are condemned by our civilised societies.

- **Backing and Enhancement by FIP Board, by Continental and by National Federations**

F.I.P Commission for Maximaphily is certain that the F.I.P Board. will take into consideration the existing negative evolution of the philatelic world, the positive evolution of Maximaphily and that it will be able to consider Maximaphily as a class with whole share, equal to the other classes, being able to contribute, more than all the other classes of philately, with its development particularly towards the youth and the new world of creative philately. The support of the Philatelic Authorities towards all the classes of philately is of primary importance for the future of our hobby. Maximaphily, attractive and instructive class, contribute too much to the worldwide development of philately. It is very appreciated by the general public and it is also an asset in direction of the youth philately which should not be neglected. In some countries the possibility of organizing Maximaphily exhibitions appears as a major wish in order to promote this class and thus to increase the number of members of their clubs.

The main points of our strategic plan for the future of Maximaphily:

- To further improve the means of communications between the delegates of the FIP Commission for Maximaphily
- To continue improving the World Maximaphily Competition of the three best maximum cards created during the past year
- To make clear that Maximaphily class has also its classic period
- To change old mentality and stop discrimination against Maximaphily class through learning procedures
- To persuade the few remaining Postal Administrations to create correct Maximum Cards
- To introduce and promote Maximaphily in the countries where it is not yet known
- To offer to all national philatelic federations a Maximaphily data-processing documentation
- To improve our network with all National Philatelic Federations
- To improve and update FIP Maximaphily commission website: <http://www.maximaphily.info/>
- To open the way for more Maximaphily jury training
- To organise a specialised World Maximaphily Exhibition
- To connect maximaphily with personalised stamps
- All FIP members to have their own active delegate in FIP Maximaphily Commission.

Maximaphily activity reports per country:

1. ALBANIA (Nikolla Xharo)

Four new maximum cards were created in 2008 with Harry Potter.

We participated in EFIRO 2008 with a maximaphily collection.

We have participated to the Commission meeting in Bucharest and to the 2008 world competition for the Best Maximum card created during 2007.

We continue improving our two five frames Maximaphily exhibits which were mounted according the FIP regulations and actively participate to international exhibitions and competitions gaining bronze, silver and large silver medals.

2. ARGENTINE (Eliseo Otero)

On August 19, 2008 Argentine lost Roberto Wang one of the most efficient philatelist, good friend and very active delegate to the FIP Commission for Maximaphily.

- Argentine was represented in the FIP Maximaphily Commission meeting in Bucharest by the Federation president Mr. Eliseo Otero and participated to the 2008 World Best MC Competition created during 2007 with a MC created by the late Roberto.

- “The Best Maximum Card World Competition is useful and has to be continued”, has written in his activity report the late Roberto few months before he passed away, “because MCs creators are encouraged and because it helps to promote all over the world this part of Philately”.

- “The problems of Maximaphily in Argentine are always the same. It is most difficult to obtain a postcard with a similar picture with the one of the stamp. In Argentine there are not correct Postal cards, most of the people do not know what Maximaphily is and there is not specific Maximaphily Jury” Roberto Wang reported.

In the same year FAEF organized three National Exhibitions where maximum cards collectors exhibited in Maximaphily Class with two exhibits and in One Frame class with another two.

3. ARMENIA (Sedrak Nersesyan)

Twelve new maximum cards were created during 2008 with Europa, Flowers and Famous people issues. A philatelic exhibition with maximaphily participation was organized in October by Armenian Post.

Albert Poghosyan has participated in ISRAEL 2008 international exhibition held in Tel – Aviv with his maximum card collection. There were organized lectures and seminars relating to the development of maximaphily in UPA. We have participated to the Best Maximum Card World Competition held in Bucharest, gaining a certificate of participation.

The Armenian postal services do not issue any maximum cards. We would like to know FIP Commission members list to have good relations in exchange field.

4. AUSTRALIA (Barbara Bartsch)

In the 2008 (MC created in 2007) “Best Maximum Card in the World” competition Australia was represented by one of my own creations and I was very happy with the result.

This gave me the idea of inaugurating a 2007-2008 “Great **Australian** Maximum Card Competition” with the help the NAPE magazine, where I outlined my idea and asked for submissions that would be later be judged by popular vote through the magazine.

I also wrote several other small pieces to show the recent changes to the regulations that Australian still do not seem to fully understand.

Unfortunately the completion was a failure – Only myself and one other submitted entries,

This emphasized the dismal collector’s interest in Maximaphily in Australia.

During the year I displayed at several venues, but did not exhibit.

I work with children at several primary schools and I am co-ordinator of the APF 'Youth Magazine' where I make an effort to use Maximum Cards as illustrations wherever I can. Australia Post Maximum Card creations seem to be following the regulations but I was very disappointed with several issues where the combination of thin fine lines in the pictorial postmarks combined with grey, (not black) ink make it hard to see and the necessary date is quite impossible to read. The latest issues are much better.

5. AUSTRIA (Peter Riedl)

In Austria we are few but good quality collectors for Maximum Cards. In 2008 two from us have exhibited our five exhibits in Austria and abroad. I obtained a Large Vermeil Award in Bucharest and Franz Schiffbaenker obtained a Large Silver Award at the WIPA in Vienna. The other exhibits were displayed in Austria.

In September 2008 we had in Vienna the WIPA Vienna International Postage Stamp Exhibition with Maximaphily Class with 8 exhibits and 60 frames. Very good exhibits were shown, which received partially high awards. That was a good promotion for our Maximaphily in Austria.

6. BELGIUM (Vandenhautte Pierre) Version Française

Pendant l'année 2008, l'exposition nationale qui se déroulait à Marche-en-Famenne a rencontré un succès non négligeable et la section maximaphile a attiré de nombreux visiteurs. Le recrutement de membre du jury a porté ses fruits : deux nouveaux jurés.

Le Président a été le seul à participer à plusieurs expositions internationales compétitives ou non. C'est toujours un plaisir de promouvoir cette discipline.

En contact avec les responsables de la Poste, nous avons pu améliorer nos relations avec les employées des bureaux afin que les oblitérations apposées sur nos cartes soient irréprochables.

Soulignons qu'il est de plus en plus rare de trouver des cartes dans le commerce. Seul les musées, les endroits touristiques sont une source d'approvisionnement, les droits de reproduction trop onéreux nous obligent à renoncer à certaines éditions de sujets intéressants.

Cette année a été aussi la nomination pour trois ans du Président qui assumera la continuité des actions. Un regret : pas de jeunes philatélistes pour notre discipline et nous cherchons une solution. In the 2008 "Best Maximum Card in the World" competition Belgium was represented by one of our creations. Notre passion est communicative et intéresse de plus en plus les amateurs de thématiques qui nous approchent via le site Internet consacré à la Maximaphilie en Belgique « www.belgianmaximaphiles.be »

7. BRAZIL (Klerman Wanderley Lopes)

Thanks to our Brazilian Maximaphily Club President Mr. Agnaldo de Souza Gabriel activity in 2008 we have achieved high quality and quantity results.

- Sixty seven (67) new different MC's were created, using 33 out of the 50 Brazilian stamps issued in 2008.
- ***Brazilian articles on Maximaphily***
 - "The secret of a well done Maximum Card", in COFI (Correio Filatélico) n° 210, April-June 2008;
 - "The Brazilian Patron Saint", in Filacap Bulletin n° 159, setembro/2008.
- ***References to the Brazilian participation on "The best MC 2008" - articles***
 - "Les Maximaphiles Français n° 481, July-September 2008
 - "Brazilian Philatelic Journal" n° 10, December 2008.
- ***The Brazilian Maximaphily Club (President Mr. Agnaldo de Souza Gabriel) activities:***
 - 56 associates (15 new members joined in 2008) distributed on 13 Brazilian States (BA, CE, DF, ES, GO, MG, PB, PE, PR, RJ, RS, SC e SP) and one in Portugal;
 - The best 2007 Brazilian MC contest;
 - 3° place on the world's FIP best MC contest (Rose MC)
 - 549 members correspondences exchanged in 2008;

- **Brazilian MC Participations on competitive shows:**
 “Floripa 2008” National Show, Florianópolis/SC, July-August 2008, Silver award for “Brazil is the Maximum” exhibition.
 National One Frame Show “Piracicaba 2008”, Piracicaba/SP, October 2008, Silver award for “National Heroes” exhibition.
 “Sulbrapex 2008” National Show, November 2008, São Paulo/SP, Large Silver award for “Brazil is the Maximum” exhibition.
- **Brazilian MC Participations on non competitive shows:**
 “Gabriel 2008” Religious Show, July 2008 Cruzeiro/SP, “Christian Faith Biographies” exhibition.
 - “Aparecida City Philatelic Show” – August 2008, Aparecida/SP, “Christian Faith Biographies” exhibition.
 - “4th Philatelic Dealers International Meeting”, October 2007, São Paulo/SP. “Brazil is the Maximum” exhibition.
 - “Exfilo 2008”, Porto Velho/RO, October-November 2008, “Christian Faith Biographies» exhibition.
 - “Excart 2008”, Juiz de Fora/MG, October-November 2008, “Brazilian Birds” exhibition

8. BULGARIA (Sergei Magdichev)

- Our Maximaphily Bulgarian maximum cards collectors club in 2008 had 55 members and has created 30 maximum cards.
- A special magazine has being issued four times a year.
- In 2008 a philatelic exhibition of national level was held in Sofia – 120 years ZOO – with the 5 maximaphily exhibits.
- In 2008 a philatelic exhibition of national level was held also in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, with the participation of 15 maximaphily exhibits.
- Bulgaria has participated to the last year’s Best Maximum Card World Competition in Bucharest.

9. CANADA (George Constantourakis)

FIP MAXIMAPHILY COMMISSION CONFERENCE, BUCHAREST 2008: The Canadian Delegate to the FIP Maximaphily Commission George Constantourakis was present at the FIP Maximaphily Commission Conference held in Bucharest, Romania on June 26, 2008. He assisted in the discussions that took place and in particular he translated into English the address in French by Mr. V. Doros, the hosting country's Delegate. Mr. George Constantourakis was elected Bureau Member of the Maximaphily Commission, representing the Americas.

EXHIBITIONS: Canada participated in 2 International FIP Philatelic Exhibitions that is *ISRAEL 2008* and *EFIRO 2008* with the same 8-frame exhibit '*History of Maximaphily*' by George Constantourakis and received Large Vermeil awards at each exhibition; in particular at *EFIRO 2008* it received LV with 89 points.

MAXIMUM CARD REALIZATIONS: During the year 2008, there was a certain number of Canadian Maximum Card realizations, primarily on Flora & Fauna and Famous personalities like Churchill, Champlain, and A. Hepburn. Canada also participated at the World Best Maximum Card Competition for the year 2007, held in Bucharest with the Maximum Card of a *Right Whale* and came 8th amongst 40 countries competing.

ARTICLES: During the year 2008, Canada's George Constantourakis wrote two Maximaphily Articles in MACSU's North American Maximaphily Journal: 1. - On '*James Stewart*', one of Hollywood's greatest legends. This article presents his biography and summaries of his major films, using 2 pages of text and 4 images of Maximum Cards. 2. - On the '*Star Wars*', movie. This article uses 2 pages of text and 15 images of Maximum Cards to tell the 4 episodes of this S/F story and describe the major characters.

GENERAL COMMENTS: Maximaphily in Canada is followed only by a limited number of philatelists, who realize on occasion their own Maximum Cards. On the positive side, Maximum

Cards are becoming ever more acceptable to both exhibitors and judges and are shown ever more frequently in Topical Exhibits.

10. CHINA (Li Hong)

- In 2008, individual Maximaphilists created over 80 Chinese Maximum Cards.
- In April 2008, China (ACPF) organized China 2008 National Philatelic Exhibition-New Exhibit, where 23 Maximaphily exhibits, 115 frames appeared in competition and 9 competition exhibits was 'One Frame' class. I have built the new Maximaphily collections, "Latin America 1897-1946", 5 frames, have participated this exhibition.
- For Olympex 2008, 5 Maximaphily exhibits in competition, and China exhibit "Programmes of Summer Olympics" won the Gold Medal, the exhibitor is Mr. Mei Haitao.
- In September 2008, ACPF organized 2008 National Philatelic Exhibition-Nanchang, where 18 Maximaphily exhibits, 90 frames appeared in competition and 2 competition exhibits was 'One Frame' class, 4 Large Vermeil, 6 Vermeil, 6 Large Silver, 2 Silver. At this Exhibition, I have appointed the Jury for Maximaphily and Postal Stationery class.
- I have prepared in 2007 the MC for participation to the 2008 Best Maximum Card World Competition.

11. CHINESE TAIPEI (Chih-ping Chu)

- March 7-11, 2008 the 21st Asian International Stamp Exhibition (Taipei 2008) opening in Taipei, Taiwan. Palmares Catalogue of Maximaphily class as follows:

Name of Exhibitors/Country/Frames/Title of Exhibits//Total Score/Medal

- Chau-Ju Shieh/Chinese Taipei/5/Metal/72/S
- Kuo-Hsiung Chen/Chinese Taipei/5/The campaniles/85/LV
- Chung-Chen Wang/Chinese Taipei/5/Pyramid & Sphinx/84/V
- Holin Chen/Chinese Taipei/5/Ocean/80/V
- Tsan-Horng Yang/Chinese Taipei/8/The Beautiful Architectures/84/V
- Yen-Tuan Chao/Chinese Taipei/5/The Culture of Folk Custom, Taiwan/75/LS
- Syhy-Rong Leu/Chinese Taipei/5/The Maximum Card of Japan/73/S
- Kei, Kok Ying/Hong Kong/5/Headwear/74/S

- Two Chinese Taipei Members participation the 22nd Asian International Stamp Exhibition (JAKARTA 2008, Indonesia) in Oct. 23-28, 2008, Won medals are as follows:

Name of Exhibitors/ Frames/Title of Exhibits/ Total Score/Medal

- Li Ye-Mei/5/Hots/77/LS
- Wang Chung-Chen/5/Tower/75/LS

For celebrating the 10th anniversary of establishing the Chinese Taipei Maximaphily Association, several activities held in 2008, which were listed as following:

- A memorial maximaphily exhibition, totally 100 frames, was held at 10th floor, the Taiwan Postal Museum on May 10~18, 2008.
- Participation to the 2008 Best Maximum Card World Competition. Chinese Taipei Maximaphily Association took the 12th place among 41 counties competing.
- Two sessions of philatelic lecture were held at 6th floor, the Taiwan Postal Museum on May 18, 2008. The first session "Discussing on the Maximum Cards Whether Genuine or False" was narrated by Mr. Chih-ping Chu. The second session "The maximum Cards Created by the Postage Label" was narrated by Mr. Syhy-Rong Leu.
- The temporary post office was established at the first floor, the Taiwan Postal Museum on May 18, 2008.
- The 2008 general assembly of the Chinese Taipei Maximaphily Association was held at 10th floor, the Taiwan Postal Museum on May 18, 2008.
- About 28 new maximum cards creation and already participation to the 2008 Best Maximum Card World Competition in Bucharest.

12. CUBA (Fernando Garcia)

In Cuba there are about 25 collectors who are interested in Maximaphily. Private maximum cards were created during 2008; Postal Services of Cuba produce also maximum cards.

We have four Maximaphily exhibits participating to our national philatelic exhibitions and sometimes to the international ones.

13. CYPRUS (Nicos Rangos)

At the end of the year 2008, 22 years of intensive Maximaphily activity in Cyprus were completed and 17 years of participation to national and international exhibitions in which Maximaphily collections of Cyprus were awarded bronze, silver-bronze, silver, large silver, vermeil, large vermeil, gold and large gold medals.

Maximum cards creation

Fourteen Maximum-Cards were created during 2008 with the relevant stamps, issued by the Cyprus Postal Services.

Cyprus Postal Services continued during 2008 to create 3 Maximum-Cards using only the stamps of the year Christmas issues. Thanks to the excellent relations and the valuable co-operation between Cyprus Postal Services and the Cyprus Philatelic Society, all the last 6 years Christmas Maximum Cards were correctly created by the Philatelic Section of the Cyprus Postal Services according to the FIP Maximaphily regulations. Visual concordance and concordance of time and place with postmarks of the nearest post office or the specially illustrated first day of issue are fully respected.

Exhibitions

Maximaphily activity in Cyprus during the same year was very active. Six Maximaphily exhibits participated to the "CYPRUS'08" national level philatelic exhibition held in Agia Napa on October 3- 15 2008.

Our Maximaphily collections that usually participate to international exhibitions are now 13 while another one is being prepared. Two of them belong to the one frame class.

Six Cyprus Maximaphily exhibits participated to the following International level exhibitions: "Israel 2008", "Slovolympila'08", "EFIRO 2008", "Olympex'08", "Praga 2008" "WIPA 2008", "EXPOMAX BACAU 600" and to "CYPRUS'08" national level exhibition, winning Large vermeil, vermeil, large silver, silver and bronze medals.

Excellent relations with our partners and schools activity

Thanks to our excellent relations with Cyprus Postal Services and the Ministry of Education and Culture, 18 philatelic exhibitions with Maximum Card participations were organised to primary and secondary schools during 2008 and more than 7.000 students have visited them following specially scheduled guided visits.

Seminars

Two seminars on Maximaphily were organized in Cyprus during 2008 and two seminars, during "Israel 2008" FIP Exhibition and "EFIRO 2008" in Bucharest.

An updated PowerPoint presentation of Maximaphily in electronic form with the newly proposed regulations was prepared and was given to many FIP Maximaphily Commission delegates

Participation to the World Competition for the Best Maximum Card

Cyprus participated to the World Competition for the Best Maximum Card created during 2007, held in Bucharest on June 2008. Cyprus took the 10th place out of 41 countries in competition.

Cyprus Maximum cards collectors have decided about the Maximum card created during 2008 which will represent the country to the 2009 Best Maximum Card World Competition.

FIP Maximaphily Commission website

Cyprus Philatelic Society contributed by all means to the construction of the FIP Maximaphily Commission website and continues to take care about it with necessary updates once or twice a year.

Cyprus Philatelic Society financial contribution to FIP Maximaphily Commission activity

Expenses concerning the preparation of the prizes and diplomas of the 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 Best Maximum Card Competition, as well as Maximaphily seminars organized in different countries and other expenses related to the each year activity of the FIP Commission chairman, as tickets, electronic material preparation, Maximaphily website construction, updates and annual rent, postal expenses and printed material sent from Cyprus to the delegates, evaluated yearly on the order of €800 were covered by Cyprus Philatelic Society.

14. CZECH REPUBLIC (Josef Fronc)

- A section of CM collectors have been setting up by ten members on the end of the year 2007 while SSČSZ SČF because of a precept, that was published in philatelist's journals and on the internet. The boss of this section is Mr. Josef Fronc, the editor of the journal "Zpravodaj", who issues an insertion "Maximus" for CM collectors, too. There were issued four journals Zpravodaj (Maximus number 1/3; 1/4+2; 3 and 4) in the year 2008. A substance of this insertion is familiarization with the organization of CM collectors in terms of FIP, instructions how to create an exhibit, an introduction of members, a FIP competition for the nicest CM, a history of maximaphily in ČSSR, information about state of members' base,...
- Members of section were individually working in the year 2008. Some of them created new CM, the biggest opportunity for that was in terms of the World's Exhibition Praga 2008. An inauguration of new stamps is more and more popular and it is used for the production of new CM.
- A member's base speeded on seventeen members during the year 2008. It thanks to meeting of members SSČSZ that was realized on 6. 12. 2008 (we found three new members).
- Just Jiří Koukal took part in philatelist's exhibition "Premiéra Hluboš". He presented his oneframe exhibit of Czech and Moravian Madonna on postcards with usage of CM. I presuppose he will present this exhibit on biggest exhibitions.
- Our section sent up to international competition of the nicest CM for the year 2007 a postcard with Lada's crib. This postcard was furnished with domicile of stamp in the post Hrusice (place of Lada birth). Unfortunately, this CM stayed on the end of evaluation.
- Our delegate didn't take a part of the meeting of maximaphily delegates (retaliated on June 26 in Rumania) because of health's reasons.

15. EGYPT (Dr. Sherif El Far)

Egypt continues to participate last four years to the world best Maximum card Competition. We also participated to the 2008 Best Maximum Card World Competition held in Bucharest on June 26, 2008 with a maximum card created during 2007. We have to support this competition which offers an important satisfaction to all participants. In Egypt there are individuals who are creating a small number of maximum cards. The Philatelic Society of Egypt is launching an awareness campaign about Maximaphily. It is an interesting subject but not easy with collectors who have been in old traditions for years. But we will keep our spirit high. Our main concentration is focused on school students. We hope to be able to achieve some success in the near future.

16. FINLAND (Kalevi Ant-Wuorinen)

- The maximum card N. 18 of our club that was issued last February depicts the Easter celebration of the Orthodox Church of Finland.
- The Finnish Post continued the inflation of stamps: altogether 59 stamps were issued. The official MCs were made of five animals predicting the coming weather. Only one of these MCs was perfectly correct: the stamp with a snail because the snail was also the motif of the cancellation stamp. The other stamps showed a fish, a lamb, a frog and a bird. The Åland Post Office issued four MCs with lighthouses. Here we also had the same problem: the stamp cancellation showed the lighthouse of Bogskär, which was just one of the four lighthouses!
- Again our club members have made lots of MCs with different motifs, though not all stamps were suitable for making of them. I myself made about 110 MCs for Finland and about 15 for Åland.
- There was no national Exhibition of MCs, but many of our members participated in local exhibitions with results of silver and bronze medals. The so far first appearance in abroad was made myself in WIPA08 in September with the result of large silver.

- Some lectures were given in club meetings by the President of our club Mr. Olli Turunen and the lecturer Mr. Pertti Järvimäki.
- The organ of the Philatelic Federation of Finland "Filatelisti" had in each number (10 per year) always an own column with interesting news of our field. But the main organ was of course our own duplicate-paper "MaxFil".
- We participated of course in the yearly competition of Worlds Best Maximum Card with the (not so bad) result of getting 6 points for both Finland and Åland taking the 9th and the 11th place out of 41 participations.
- We still have wonderful postcards in Finland with different forms which we want to process into even more wonderful MCs; why is it not possible today? I hope that the future brings new rules and ideas even to this field!!

17. FRANCE (Anny Boyard) Version Française

Comme toujours, un important travail de fond a été effectué tout au long de l'année 2008. La commission de maximaphilie a été très active et a développé de nombreuses actions.

Réalisations maximaphiles :

- En 2008, 75 cartes-maximum ont été réalisées par le Service Nouveautés-France des Maximaphiles Français avec des timbres-poste et 8 avec des vignettes de distributeurs Libre Service Affranchissement (LISA).
- De nombreuses correspondances ont été effectuées avec des amis maximaphiles permettant ainsi de faire des échanges très fructueux au niveau international.
- La France a participé au concours mondial de la meilleure carte-maximum 2007.

Information, formation et publication :

- Tout au long de l'année des conférences ont été données à l'occasion de Congrès régionaux ainsi que dans plusieurs associations philatéliques en France.
- Les membres de la commission nationale de maximaphilie se réunissent pour harmoniser le travail des jurés en regard des nouveaux textes de la FIP. Le CD Rom, en cours d'élaboration par Jean-Claude Bouquet, enrichi de divers tests qui illustrent les règles adoptées à Malaga, regroupera les spécificités de la maximaphilie. Il est en cours de finalisation.
- Au niveau national le grand événement fut l'édition du catalogue des cartes-maximum de France qui répertorie les cartes-maximum de 1901 à 2007 qui a été édité lors du Salon d'Automne en novembre 2008 à Paris. A noter qu'il vient de recevoir dernièrement des mains de Robert Deroy, président du jury, le Grand Prix lors de l'exposition de la Fête du Timbre 2009 à Melun (près de Paris).

Vie associative :

- A notre grand regret, malgré tous les efforts déployés l'association «Les Maximaphiles Français» a vu le nombre d'adhésions en diminution de 19 personnes pour l'année 2008, résultant de 18 adhésions (dont 5 jeunes) et 37 départs (décès, démissions ou radiations). Les actions entreprises encore cette année auprès des clubs et au travers des expositions et conférences n'arrivent malheureusement pas à endiguer la lente érosion des effectifs.
- L'association « L'Essor maximaphile » est en grande difficulté et envisage sa dissolution.

Communication :

- Le site Internet www.Maximaphiles-Francais.org vient d'être «relooké» et modernisé. Il connaît toujours une fréquentation importante tout en faisant toujours le lien entre les différents sites maximaphiles et philatéliques du monde entier ainsi que les sites culturels nécessaires à la maximaphilie.
- La revue trimestrielle de l'association «Les Maximaphiles Français», excellent support d'informations internationales sur la maximaphilie est toujours éditée 4 fois par an et diffusée à tous les adhérents, aux responsables de la FFAP ainsi qu'aux délégués de la commission F.I.P. de maximaphilie et aux membres du comité directeur de la F.I.P. Elle est en cours de refonte pour paraître tout en couleur et en grand format.
- Enfin la Maximaphilie a été très présente avec beaucoup de succès dans la presse philatélique française "La Philatélie Française", "L'Echo de la Timbrologie", "Atout-timbres", « Timbres-magazine », « Phil info » et dans les magazines associatifs

Actions Jeunesse :

- L'année 2008 a été incontestablement marquée en France par l'action menée en direction de la jeunesse avec les partenariats réalisés avec les associations de la FFAP (6 clubs et 17 jeunes). Il

convient de signaler la réalisation d'un "flyer" jeunesse sur la maximaphilie et d'une carte-maximum "Mammouth" réalisés à l'occasion du Salon du Timbre et de l'Écrit 2008 avec l'aide de Phil@Poste et de la FFAP. Des ateliers jeunesse maximaphiles ont été mis en place dans de nombreuses expositions.

- Les relations particulières nouées avec des associations maximaphiles étrangères qui nous apportent de l'aide en offrant des CM afin de permettre à des jeunes de commencer des collections de maximaphilie se poursuivent.

Expositions :

- Participation aux Journées Maximaphiles en septembre 2008 à Wormeldange dans le Grand-Duché de Luxembourg. Deux collections françaises étaient exposées.

- A Gérone (Espagne) deux collections françaises ont obtenu une médaille d'Or, deux Grand Vermeil, trois Vermeil dont une collection jeunesse.

- La principale action fut la participation d'une délégation française en Roumanie à l'occasion d' "EIFIRO 2008 " du 20 au 27 juin à Bucarest et de "EXPOMAX" à Bacau, du 3 au 9 octobre où Anny Boyard était membre du jury.

- Enfin les collections maximaphiles sont présentes dans de nombreuses expositions, à tous les niveaux : départemental, régional, national et international. Ces participations exposées ont toujours un grand succès auprès du public ce qui augure d'un bel avenir pour la maximaphilie et nous encourage à persévérer pour son développement.

FRANCE (Anny Boyard) English version

As usual, an important basic work was carried out throughout the year 2008. The maximaphily commission was very active and developed many actions.

Maximum card carrying out:

- In 2008, the Service of new issues of the association "Les Maximaphiles Français" carried out 75 maximum cards with postage stamps and 8 ones with postal prepayment impression dispensed by vending machine (so called LISA in France).

- Many correspondences with maximaphilist friends made possible very profitable exchanges at the international level.

- France took part in World Maximaphily Competition for the best maximum card created during the year 2007.

Information, training and publication:

- Throughout the year many lectures were given at the time of regional philatelic congress as well as locally to several philatelic associations in France.

- The members of the French National Commission for Maximaphily met together in order to match their judgment with the new texts of the FIP. The CD Rom, under development by Jean-Claude Bouquet will explain the specificities of maximaphily and will include various tests illustrating the rules adopted in Malaga. It is progressing well.

- At the national level the great event was the edition of the catalog of the maximum cards of France which indexes the maximum cards carried out from 1901 to 2007. It was issued at the time of the yearly Autumn Philatelic Exhibition in November 2008 in Paris. It should be noted that it has just received from the hands of Robert Deroy, president of the jury, the Grand Prix on the occasion of the event "La Fête du Timbre 2009" in Melun (close to Paris).

Association life:

- Much to our regret and in spite of all its efforts the association "Les Maximaphiles Français" saw a falling rolls of 19 for the year 2008, resulting from 18 memberships (including 5 young people) and 37 departures (death, resignations or radiations). The actions undertaken year after year towards the philatelic clubs and through the exhibitions and lectures do not succeed unfortunately to dam up the slow erosion of the roll.

- The association "L'Essor Maximaphile" is in difficulties and is considering its dissolution.

Communication:

- The Internet site www.Maximaphiles-Francais.org has just changed its look and has been modernized. It still have an important frequentation while still establishing the links to the various sites dedicated to maximaphily and philately of the whole world as well as to the cultural sites necessary to the maximaphily.

- The quarterly review of the association "Les Maximaphiles Français", first-rate media for international information about maximaphily, is distributed to all the members, to the managers of the F.F.A.P. (Fédération Française des Associations Philatéliques), as well as to the members

of the F.I.P. Commission for maximaphily and to the members of the management committee of the F.I.P. It is in the course of revision to be fully colored and in large size.

- Lastly Maximaphily was very present with much success in the French philatelic press, "La Philatélie Française", "L'Echo de la Timbrologie", "Atout-timbres", "Timbres-magazine", "Philinfo", and in the magazines of philatelic associations.

Young people

- Beyond question, year 2008 was marked in France by actions towards young people in partnership with the associations belonging to F.F.A.P. (6 clubs and 17 young people). To be noticed the issuing of a flyer about maximaphily and of a maximum card having the mammoth as subject on the occasion of the "Salon du Timbre et de l'Ecrit 2008". They were carried out towards young people thanks to the help of Phil@Poste and of the F.F.A.P.. Training class of maximaphily were organized in many philatelic exhibitions for young people.

- The specific relations with some foreign maximaphilist associations that help us by offering some maximum cards for young learners in maximaphily are still in force.

Exhibitions

- In Wormeldange (Great Duchy of Luxemburg), during the Maximaphily days in September 2008, two French collections were at exhibit.

- In Gerona (Spain), two French collections won a gold medal, two won a large vermeil medal and three, of them a young people class collection, a vermeil medal.

- The main involvement was the delegation of French maximaphilists in Romania on the occasion of EIFIRO 2008 from the 20th to the 27th of June in Bucharest and on the occasion of EXPOMAX from the 3rd to the 9th of October in Bacau where Anny Boyard was member of the jury.

- Lastly maximaphily exhibits were presented in a lot of exhibitions from local level to international level. The exhibits always have a great success with the public that announce a great future for Maximaphily and encourage us to persevere in developing it.

18. GERMANY (Günter Formery) German version

Zum Jahresende 2008 konnte die Arge einen Mitgliederstand von 60 Philatelisten und Philokartisten aufweisen. Unsere Mitgliederversammlung 2008 führten wir in Speyer am Rhein durch. Der bisherige Vorstand wurde hier wiedergewählt.

Herausragendes Ereignis im vergangenen Geschäftsjahr war unsere zusätzliche Zulassung als Fach-ARGE für Philokartie seitens des deutschen Nationalverbandes. Damit werden beide Fachbereiche des Sammelgebietes Maximaphilie, Philatelie und Philokartie, offiziell von uns bearbeitet. Infolgedessen wurde unsere Fachzeitschrift in Maximaphilie & Philokartie-REPORT umbenannt. Der REPORT konnte 2008 dreimal an die Mitglieder versandt werden, bei einem Umfang von teils über 60 DIN-A4 Seiten.

Der AMPH-Vorsitzende war in ganz Deutschland als Referent im Bereich Philokartie auf zahl-reichen Seminaren, bei Vorträgen und Jurorenschulungen im Einsatz, so auch bei den internationalen Briefmarkenmessen in München und Sindelfingen.

Beim 109. Philatelistentag in Weiden wurden unsere Mitglieder Kurt Schubert und Günter Formery mit der Verdienstnadel für Literatur und Forschung des BDPh e.V. in Vermeil, der höchsten Stufe dieser Ehrung, ausgezeichnet. In Weiden haben wir mit einem Exponat für die Maximaphilie geworben.

Ein MK-Katalog für das Sammelgebiet Französische Zone ist in Arbeit. Desweiteren ist ein Lexikon für Philokartie druckreif. Auch eine umfangreiche Publikation über das Sammelgebiet Maximaphilie ist im Wesentlichen fertiggestellt. Auf der Homepage des BDPh waren mehrere Beiträge über die AMPH eingestellt. In dieses Medium stellten wir unter „Exponate-online“ ein Maximumkarten- und Philokartie-Exponat ein, um für unsere Sammelgebiete zu werben.

Im Jahre 2008 hat der AMPH-MK-Neuheitendienst 32 Maximumkarten realisiert. Wir nahmen erneut am FIP-Wettbewerb 2008 für die weltbeste MK teil und konnten für 2007 einen guten fünften Platz unter 39 Teilnehmerländern erringen.

Unsere Mitglieder stellten mit gutem Erfolg Maximaphilie- und Philokartie-Exponate auf allen Ausstellungsebenen, bis hin zur Weltausstellungen aus. Die Juroren unter unseren Mitgliedern waren bei zahlreichen Wettbewerbs-Ausstellungen verschiedener Ebenen im Einsatz.

19. GREECE (Pantelis Leoussis)

During 2008, the "Union of Greek Collectors of M.C." created 21 new MAXIMUM CARDS that covered various subjects, such as landscapes, communication, Greek traditional products and athletic teams.

Many M.C. auctions took place during the periodical meetings of the Union's members at the centrally located private owned offices in Athens. In addition, Maximum Cards were included in other auctions organized by well known Greek philatelic auctioneers.

During 2008, members of our Union participated in various, non competitive inland exhibitions (Patras 2008, Chalkida 2008, Agrinio 2008), as this year no one competitive exhibition was organized in Greece.

A new issue (No 63) of the "Maximafilia" magazine was published by our Union during last year, covering interesting articles about Maximaphilie.

Finally, once again, our Maximaphily Union took part in the Best Maximum Card World Competition, following the recent years' tradition.

20. HUNGARY (Judit Szekeli)

- We took part in the Best Maximum Card World Competition which was held in Bucharest during 2008. We use to participate every year to the Best Maximum Card World Competition. I consider the organization of the Best Maximum Card World Competition very important and as such it must be enhanced and continued.
- Maximum card collectors continue to create new maximum cards
- We have a separate column in Bélyegvilág the philatelic journal which is published monthly. In addition, the Magyar Federation Section has a publication on 4 occasions annually.
- Twice a year we are able to meet the members of the Sections because some members live in the countryside.
- Maximaphily collections participated in first class exhibitions and won large silver medals.
- We participated on 2 occasions with 28 collections with demonstrative nature connected to events.
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21. ICELAND (Gunnar Rafn Einarsson)

Last year I had my self created one maximum card. It was on 9 October, the 135th anniversary of UPU and the first day of issue of the "Imagine peace tower" stamp. It featured the peace tower on the stamp and a similar motive including northern lights on the card cancelled with the first day cancellation. I will send you a copy for the 2008 World Best Maximum Card Competition Apart from that all has been peaceful in the field of maximaphily here in Iceland. There are two maximum card collectors dealing with maximum cards in the field of parks and animals. Efforts are taking over for increasing the interest of Maximaphily in our country. An article was published in our philatelic magazine about the results of the 2007 world best Maximum Cards Competition. So, there are no other activities to report.

22. INDIA (Ajay Mittal)

Many collectors in India use or create Maximum cards. For first time India has taken part to the 2008 Best Maximum Card World Competition held in Bucharest on June 26, 2008 with a maximum card created during 2007. I had the opportunity to attend two maximaphily seminars during 2008, one in Tel Aviv "ISRAEL 2008" and one in Bucharest during the meeting of FIP Maximaphily Commission.

23. ISRAEL (Mayer Gozes)

Israel has a long tradition with maximum cards. In our country we know some collectors who are creating maximum cards, but they are not publishing their work. Some other collectors are using maximum cards in their thematic collection.

Surely there are also other persons who create or collect maximum cards. During "ISRAEL 2008" World Philatelic Exhibition held in Tel Aviv on May 14-21, nine maximaphily collections were exhibited. One of them "The play of Light" was mine. Israel participated also to the World Best Maximum Card Competition held in Bucharest on June 26, 2008. We try to further increase Maximaphily activity in Israel.

24. ITALY (Gianfranco Pogy)

Pendant l'année 2008 l' AIM a réalisée 49 CM avec les timbres de l'Italie, 11 avec Saint-Marin et 23 avec le Vatican. Des sociétaires ont fait des réalisations avec des timbres d'autres pays (Autriche, Allemagne, USA, SMOM, etc.).

Expositions.

- Exposition nationale à Vasto – Vastophil 2008 : 1 Or et 5 GV
- Participations à l'étranger : « Alpe Adria » en Autriche : 1 Or.
- Journée de la Maximaphilie à Strassen au Luxembourg : 1 Or et 2 GV
- EFIRO 2008 à Bucarest : 1 GV
- WIPA 2008 en Autriche : 1 GV
- EXPOMAX à Bacau en Roumanie : 1 GV

De nombreuses collections ont participé à des expositions non compétitives. A Imola, une exposition non compétitive nommée «Parata di Stelle» (Parade d' Etoiles), réservée aux collections qui avaient obtenu dans les dernières années un GV ou un Or, a été organisée. Cette initiative pourrait être un exemple pour développer la Maximaphilie.

Notre Revue (Notiziario AIM) a été publiée deux fois pendant l'année 2008.

Collaboration avec la revue de la Fédération Italienne ou un article maximaphile a été publié (auteur G.F.Poggi).

Le nombre des membres de l' AIM est presque toujours le même.

Nous avons participé au Concours mondial pour la meilleure carte maximum créée en 2007 et nous avons gagné la première place.

La Poste Italienne émet des cartes qui reproduisent le timbre et que les appelle maximum.

25. KOREA SOUTH (Jin Hur)

There was no exhibit of the Maximaphily category in the annual Korean national stamp exhibition in 2008. As well as on the level of the international stamp fair, no Koreans attempted to exhibit their Maximaphily collections.

However, in 2008, two kinds of achievement in the field of the Maximaphily had better be notified.

Firstly, the Woopyo-Munwha(directly translated in English, "Philatelic Culture" ; No. 148/ June 28, 2008), a local based philatelic bulletin which is issued on a regular basis by the Busan Philatelic Club, carried an article on the Maximaphily. The article, titled "Some References in the Making of the Maximum Cards", contains the full translations of the "Special Regulations for the Evaluation of Maximaphily Exhibits at F.I.P. Exhibitions" and the "Guidelines for Judging Maximaphily Exhibits" into Korean language as the appendixes.

Those regulations and guidelines were translated several years ago and inserted in the official publication named "All the Regulations and Guidelines of the FIP" which was issued by the Korean Stamp Postal Service of the Korean Ministry of Communication in 2003. However, those translations were made by the non-philatelists, so that it was not easy for the serious collectors to get the exact understanding about the technical aspects of those explanations. That's why the new version of the two stipulations on the Maximaphily of the FIP was inevitable and timely-requested.

Apart from those translations, the article touches on the theoretical applications of the FIP norms to the making of the maximum cards in general, and practical analysis for the components of the maximum cards in general. Actually the article intended to give the correct answers to the currently discussed questions among Korean collectors, such as, what kind of postmarks can be allowed to the making of the maximum cards and why certain postmarks and stamps are not acceptable in the competitive exhibitions.

Secondly, Doctor Jang-Whan KIM, the acting president of the Korean Philatelic Federation since 2008, had several occasions to provide all the philatelists with keen interest in the maximum

cards in Korea with some sophisticated presentation on the current situation of the modern Maximaphily.

Although he himself is not a maximum card collector, he gave a good opportunity for the Koreans to obtain the relevant reflections on the Maximaphily in general terms.

In Korea, the popularity of Maximaphily is still confined to the sub-category of the thematic philately. However, as the interest for the combination of stamps, postmarks and classical cards are in the process of increasing, we can expect that, in the near future, the Maximaphily will get its independent status along with other major philatelic fields in Korea.

26. LUXEMBOURG (Andrée Trommer)

- Seven meetings of the Commission, where the FIP regulations and the national and international news of this class of philately were discussed.
- President Jos Wolff held conferences about the elements of a maximum card and the evaluation of exhibits in different associations.
- Jos Wolff published articles on the new maximum cards of the Commission in all newspapers, before every issue.
- The 19th Day of Maximaphily had been organized by the local association of Strassen, with 17 maximaphily exhibits in competition, 11 from Luxemburg, 4 from Italy, 1 from France and 1 from the Netherlands.
- On June 15, 2008, Mr Jos Wolff held a seminar on maximaphily for exhibitors from Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.
- The members of the Commission participated in numerous local, regional and international exhibitions.
- On June 28, 2008, Mr Wolff and Ms Trommer attended the Conference of the FIP Commission for Maximaphily in Bucharest, on occasion of the FIP Congress.
- On November 14, 2008, Jos Wolff and Andrée Trommer held a seminar on maximaphily in Luoyang (China).
- In 2008 the Commission created 18 new maximum cards.
- We participated of course in the yearly competition of Worlds Best Maximum Card with the result of getting 10 points and taking the 3rd prize. In total there were 41 participations.

27. MALAYSIA (Tan Chee Hui)

It is important to note that more and more non-Maximaphily exhibits are including Maximum cards. It is the time to give Maximum cards better recognition in other classes especially for Thematic, Youth and possibly Traditional exhibits...

General exposures through websites and publications are much the same as what were reported in the previous years.

Authenticity of cards has been a major concern for not only the intentional forgeries but also unintentional contemporary forgeries.

There are no significant changes in the creation of Maximum cards but almost every issue in Malaysia had collectors making a card.

Due to the compliance to concordance, Maximum cards carry much important / meaningful dates, place names and picture. There are more and more cards created for special events as meaningful presents for friends. This is a very good development as Maximum cards are becoming more popular through this.

28. MALTA (John A. Cardona)

Between 18th November 1981 and 18th August 2008, Malta Post issued 16 Maximum Cards. I am not aware if any individuals in Malta create Maximum cards.

We have published a comprehensive report in the Journal of the Malta Philatelic Society about the Commission Conference in Bucharest on June 2008 and of course the results of the 2008 World Competition for the Best Maximum Card created during 2007.

29. MEXICO (Ana Luisa Guerrero Cuellar)

There are individuals creating maximum cards in Mexico. They are not well organised. They need help and they have direct contacts with FIP Maximaphily Commission Bureau members. Sometimes they buy maximum cards through internet. We are working for the spreading of Maximaphily in our country.

30. MOLDAVIA (Constantin Ciobanu) Version Française

Monsieur Général Vasile DOROS, président de la Société Roumaine de Maximaphilie « Dr. Valeriu Neaga » m'a transmis votre sollicitation concernant un rapport sur notre activité dans le domaine de la Maximaphilie. En ce moment l'Association est composée de 6 collectionneurs de cartes-maximum. Le phénomène s'explique simplement : en URSS dans la composition de laquelle la République de Moldova s'est trouvée jusqu'au 1991, la Maximaphilie n'était pas soutenue, ni propagée, car il n'était pas admis la correspondance et l'échange des pièces avec l'étranger, des facteurs qui ont influencé négativement sur les aspects, liées sur la collection des cartes-maximum.

En 2008 l'Association des Philatélistes, Maximaphiles et Cartophiles de la République de Moldova a organisé 2 expositions locales (dans les bibliothèques) et une nationale – dans le locale du Musée National d'Ethnographie et Histoire Naturelle. Dans le cadre de ces expositions ont été exposées les collections de Maximaphilie suivantes :

- CIOBANU Constantin – Maximaphilie Moldave (7 panneaux, 105 feuilles).
- GODOROZEA Maria – Femmes célèbres (4 panneaux, 60 feuilles).
- GODOROZEA Maria – Fleures (4 panneaux, 60 feuilles).
- PARFENTIE Vitalie – le Vatican – la capitale du catholicisme (2 panneaux, 30 feuilles).

Dans la présentation « Maximaphilie Moldave », 90% des cartes-maximum sont des réalisations personnelles de l'auteur.

En octobre 2008 à l'invitation de la Société Roumaine de Maximaphilie « Dr. Valeriu Neaga » (Gl. Vasile DOROS), l'Association a participé à l'Exposition de Maximaphilie, organisée dans la ville Bacau, où a été présenté 5 panneaux (75 feuilles) de la collection « Maximaphilie Moldave ».

Dès 2005, à l'occasion des certaines émissions de timbres-poste et de marques postales, des réalisations ont lieu de façon individuelle en donnant également des leçons d'initiations dans l'art de la confection des cartes-maximum.

A la suggestion de l'Association la Poste Moldave a édité en 2008 un set de 4 cartes-maximum sur : les Personnalités.

Egalement, à la proposition de l'Association la Poste Moldave va réaliser en 2009 encore 2 sets de cartes-maximum. Le premier set concernant : les Dirigeants de la Moldavie (8 pièces) avec les timbres de 2008 qu'ils ont été déjà émis.

En mai 2009 à Chisinau s'organise une exposition philatélique nationale avec la participation internationale, où vont être exposées 6 expositions de Maximaphilie (dont 4 de Roumanie).

Pour un développement plus rapide et efficace de la Maximaphilie dans les pays de l'Est de l'Europe il est nécessaire une collaboration plus grande entre les structures d'une expérience riche dans le domaine et l'organisation d'expositions bilatérales entre 2-3 pays.

31. NETHERLANDS (Frans Hermse)

Eighty nine 89 new maximum card were created during 2008 and one new collection with the title "Communism in Europe". We had two maximaphily participations in national level exhibitions and 4 participations in international level exhibitions. Tree lectures were given and one article was published in "IIX Dutch Magazine For Philaterz", while maximaphily bulletin was issued 4 times during 2008. Netherlands participated also to the Best Maximum Card World Competition

32. NEW ZEALAND (Bob Gibson)

- New Zealand has very few dedicated maximum card collectors; however, we sent a maximum card to Best Maximum Card World's competition created in 2007.

- There are many New Zealanders who are happy to use maximum cards in their thematic or open class collections. As a result these people and other collectors were encouraged to take part in 'New Zealand's maximum challenge'. Maximum cards, created using New Zealand stamps over an 11 month period from November 2007, took part in a competition held in conjunction with the Tarapex Stamp Exhibition in November 2008. It was hoped this would introduce more people to the challenge and enjoyment of maximum cards. The number of competitors was disappointing but those who did compete and some others who considered taking part came to the realisation just how challenging creating maximum cards could be.

33. PAKISTAN (Syed Imtiaz Hussain Rizvi)

The activities regarding maximaphily collections in Pakistan especially in Peshawar were very encouraging. Many collectors are making their collections on different subjects and collecting different maximum cards according to their requirement. I'm encouraging these philatelists to participate in a National Exhibition at first and then to FIAP/FIP Exhibitions. I am very hopeful that in near future, you will also see some of the Pakistani Philatelists in FIAP/FIP Exhibitions

34. PHILIPPINES (Robert T. Tan)

In Philippines there are collectors who collect other countries Maximum Cards. Postal service does not produce maximum cards. We may see some maximum cards of Philippines created with cards produced by private book stores.

35. POLAND (Jacek Tatarski)

- In 2008, two regional branches of the Polish Philatelic Union (Tarnów and Białystok) prepared 25 new CM cards for the emission of Polish stamps In 2008.
- In our monthly FILATELISTA had been published two articles written by Jacek Tatarski ("Analogophily with certificate" and "Classification and evaluation of maximaphily at philatelic exhibitions"). Two further articles were published in quarterly of Warsaw branch of the Union (Jacek Tatarski "From the history of maximaphily" and Bartosz Sztyma "Maximaphily and its origin").
- Two exhibits of GM were presented on philatelic exhibition of the II range (in Slovakia and in Poland).
- It is pity that despite my nomination and appropriate information submitted to FIP Office, I am not obtaining information from the Maximaphily Commission of the FIP.

36. PORTUGAL (Eurico C. E. Lage Caldos) Version Française

- Activités et réalisations maximaphiles :
L'association Portugaise de maximaphilie, unique association fédérée, a envoyé quatre mille exemplaires de cartes-maximum à ses associés.
- Participations au Portugal :
 - « VIANO DO CASTELO 2008 »: Exposition interrégionale. Notre classe a été représentée avec 7 participations.
 - « VIANO DO CASTELO 2008 » : Exposition Nationale de Philatélie. Quatre participations. Les médailles reçues ont été: Un Or, un Grand Vermeil et deux Grand Argent. Deux participations d'Un cadre ; quatre jeunes maximaphiles ont participé.
 - La maximaphilie a également été présentée lors des expositions « FILAPEX'S » ainsi que d'autres encore réalisées au Portugal.
- Participations internationales :
 - À «EXFILNA 2008», le Portugal a présenté deux participations de maximaphilie. Palmarès : Un OR et une Grand Vermeil.
 - À «EFIRO 2008», quatre participations ont été présenté. Médailles reçues : une Grand Vermeil, une Grand Argent et deux jeunes ont reçus une médaille d'Argent.

Lors de « WSC Israël 2008 », une participation a reçu une médaille de Vermeil ainsi qu'à « SUDWEST 2008 », la participation portugaise a reçu une Vermeil.

- Publications et articles maximaphiles :
 - L'Association APM édite une revue qui paraît 2 fois par an.
 - Le juré national et Vice Président de l'APM, Joao Pinheiro da Silva, a écrit des articles publiés dans la revue « Selos e Moedas » et dans les bulletins du « Clube Filatélico de Portugal », de l'Academia Filatélica de Portugal » et du « Personnel da BP ».

37. ROMANIA (Vasile Doros) Version Française

Heureusement, l'année 2008 peut être considérée pour la maximaphilie roumaine, comme une année fructueuse grâce aux expositions organisées en Roumanie, à la participation aux expositions internationales et à d'autres activités qui ont eu lieu dans ce domaine :

L'Exposition mondiale EFIRO 2008, 19-27 juin 2008.

26 collections de maximaphilie, dont 22, en classe adultes (Étaient présents : Albanie, Autriche, Belgique, Canada, Chypre, France, Italie, Corée, Luxembourg, Portugal, Roumanie, Serbie, Ukraine) et 4 en classe Jeunesse (Roumanie, Serbie, Ukraine) et 4 à la classe Jeunesse (3 de Roumanie et 1 du Portugal). Les organisateurs ont accordé un nombre plus grand de cadres, beaucoup plus grand que celui qu'on a accordé aux dernières expositions internationales : Malaga 2006, Petersbourg 2007, Istanbul 2007 et Tel-Aviv 2008. Le jury, formé de spécialistes de réputation mondiale, a accordé aux collections de maximaphilie une médaille d'Or (Roumanie), 7GV, 5V, 6GA et 3 A. Les maximaphiles roumains, tous membres de la Société Roumaine de Maximaphilie «Dr. Valeriu Neaga», ont participé avec 6 collections à la classe adultes, en remportant une médaille d'Or, 1GV, 2V, 2 GA et à la classe Jeunesse : 1V, 1GA et 1BA. A la classe de littérature, la collection de maximaphilie « Georges Enesco dans la constellation de la musique universelle » a reçu la médaille d'Argent.

Un événement très important a eu lieu le 26 juin, c'est-à-dire la réunion de la Commission de Maximaphilie de la Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) à l'ouverture de laquelle ont été présents les messieurs Joseph Wolff (Luxembourg), le président de la FIP et Bernard Jimenez (France), directeur dans le bureau de la FIP pour maximaphilie et Jeunesse. Les travaux de la commission ont été dirigés par monsieur le président Nicos Rangos (Chypre) et madame la secrétaire de la commission, Anny Boyard (France) ; 39 représentants de certains pays d'Europe, d'Asie, d'Amérique du Nord et d'Amérique du Sud y ont pris part. Messieurs Vasile Doros, Ioan Daniliuc et Mihai Semenov ont participé comme représentants de la Roumanie. Le séminaire de maximaphilie, organisé sous l'égide de la FIP, a été dirigé par monsieur Nicos Rangos ; on y a discuté les problèmes majeurs de la maximaphilie actuelle et son développement futur.

A cette occasion ont eu lieu :

1. le lancement de l'ouvrage monographique « La Maximaphilie en Roumanie » - auteur dr. Ioan Daniliuc, édition bilingue roumaine-française, préfacée par monsieur Nicos Rangos et madame Anny Boyard.

2. l'élection, par scrutin secret, du nouveau Bureau de la Commission de maximaphilie, (sous la surveillance des messieurs Joseph Wolff et Bernard Jimenez), constitué de : Nicos Rangos (Chypre) président, Anny Boyard (France) secrétaire et Frans Hermse (Hollande), Vasile Doros (Roumanie), Tan Chee Hui (Malaysia), George Constantourakis (Canada) et Kleman Wanterlay Lopez (Brésil), membres représentant les trois Fédérations Continentales existantes dans le cadre de la FIP.

II. L'Exposition nationale de maximaphilie à participations internationales, « EXPOMAX BACĂU 600 », organisée par la Société Roumaine de Maximaphilie «Dr. Valeriu Neaga».

L'exposition a eu lieu entre le 3 et le 9 octobre 2008 dans deux locaux situés dans la zone centrale de la ville de Bacău. Dans la plus importante, 170 cadres de collections de maximaphilie ont été exposés dans les galeries du complexe commercial « Arena Mall » et l'autre partie au Musée de la ville.

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Le jury international a été formé du président Nicos Rangos, président de la Commission de Maximophilie de la FIP et président de la Fédération Philatélique de Chypre et les membres : Anny Boyard, secrétaire de la Commission de Maximophilie de la FIP et présidente de l'association « Les Maximaphiles Français », Vasile Doros, membre du Bureau de la Commission de Maximophilie de la FIP et président fondateur de la Société Roumaine de Maximophilie «Dr. Valeriu Neaga», Ioan Daniliuc, vice-président de la Société Roumaine de Maximophilie «Dr. Valeriu Neaga», Petru Pitea, membre du Conseil Directoire de la Société Roumaine de Maximophilie «Dr. Valeriu Neaga», Sylvain Monteillet, assistant de jury, membre du Conseil d'Administration des Maximaphiles Français » et président du Groupement Philatélique Régional Dauphiné dans le cadre de la Fédération Française des Associations Philatéliques, Gabriel Oancă – secrétaire, membre de la Société Roumaine de Maximophilie «Dr. Valeriu Neaga».

Le jury a décerné 2 médailles d'Or (O), 4 médailles GV, 5 V, 5 GA, 4A, 6 BA, et 2 B. 9 collections appartenant à la Roumanie, à la France, au Chypre et à la Belgique ont été présentées « Hors concours ».

Hormis les invités étrangers qui ont fait partie du jury, nous avons eu comme invités d'honneur les messieurs Gianfranco Poggi, vice-président de l'Association Italienne de Maximophilie et Constantin Ciobanu, président de l'Association des Philatélistes et des Maximaphiles de la République Moldave.

Une délégation, comprenant aussi les cinq invités étrangers a été reçue à la Mairie de la ville Bacău par le maire Romeo Stavarache et les deux premiers adjoints au maire. Durant les discussions, qui ont eu lieu dans une atmosphère décontractée, les hôtes et les invités ont mis en relief l'importance de telles manifestations culturelles dans le contexte où la Roumanie s'affirme de plus en plus active dans le cadre de la communauté européenne.

Les invités étrangers ont eu la surprise de participer aussi à un circuit touristique à travers la région et le département de Bacău. A Slănic-Moldova, monsieur Nicos Rangos a remarqué à un moment donné que dans le salon de protocole de la villa « Rica » il y avait assez d'experts en maximophilie pour que se déroule un colloque. C'est alors que le thème de l'utilisation des timbres personnalisés ou « Timbrâmoi » de plus en plus nombreux, a été abordé pour la réalisation des cartes-maximum. C'était également une rencontre « informelle » de la commission de maximophilie de la F.I.P. (Sur ce sujet, a été publié un article dans la revue « Filatelia »).

Certainement, le colloque de circonstance, déployé « à la villa Rica » a mis en évidence le fait que les problèmes spécifiques à la maximophilie peuvent être abordés n'importe où et n'importe quand si les partenaires de discussion sont des passionnés, des professionnels et des amis...

I. D'autres expositions organisées en Roumanie à participation maximophile.

1. *L'exposition de maximophilie de niveau départemental «SUMMIT OTAN 2008», noncompétitive, organisée par le groupement de maximaphiles de l'Association philatélique de Cluj-Napoca, 2-4.04.2008. Ont été exposées 4 collections sur 19 cadres, toutes ayant pour thème l'armée en rapport avec l'OTAN ;*

2. *L'Exposition Philatélique Nationale «Junimea/Studentfila 2008», Timisoara, 09-16.05.2008.*

Ont participé 62 collections de 12 départements, ayant 156 cadres. A la classe-enfants ont participé 8 exposants avec 11 cadres et à la classe jeunesse – 6 étudiants avec 24 cadres.

3. *L'Exposition philatélique départementale «EMINESCIANA», organisée entre 12 et 18 juin 2008 par l'Association Philatélique de la ville de Botosani. Du total de 65 cadres, la maximophilie a été représentée par 4 collections à la classe-adultes et 3 collections à la classe-jeunesse.*

4. *L'Exposition Philatélique Nationale «90 ans dès l'Union de la Transylvanie (1918-2008)» organisée à Cluj-Napoca. Ont participé 71 exposants, 41 collections de philatélie (10 de maximophilie), 16 à la classe-littérature et 9 à la classe-cartophilie. A la classe de maximophilie*

on a obtenu 1 GV, 3V, 1GA, 3A et 1Ba. La monographie du dr. Ioan Daniliuc intitulée « La Maximaphilie en Roumanie » a été primée du Grand Vermeil.

Participation aux expositions internationales

1. *L'Exposition mondiale Tel-Aviv, Israël, 14-21.05.2008* : Vasile Doros, collection de maximaphilie «George Enescu dans la suite des grands musiciens européens» a obtenu la médaille de Vermeil.

2. *L'Exposition mondiale, « Prague 2008 », la République Tchèque 12-14.09.2008* : Vasile Doros, à la classe-littérature, «George Enescu dans la constellation de la musique universelle» a obtenu la médaille d'Argent.

II. Participation aux colloque / cours de maximaphilie.

1. *Séminaire FIP à EFIRO 2008, Bucarest, 26.06.2008* ;

ont participé : Vasile Doros, Mihai Semenov.

2. *Colloque à la Commission de maximaphilie de la FIP, Slănic-Moldova, Roumanie, 05.10.2008* ; ont participé Vasile Doros, Mihai Ceucă.

III. Participation au concours le plus récent : « La meilleure carte maximum du monde ».

Le concours pour «La meilleure carte maximum du monde en 2007», organisé à Bucarest, EFIRO 2008 le 26.06.2008.

40 pays ont participé a ce concours. La première place a été gagnée par l'Italie, la deuxième place est revenue à la Roumanie avec la C.M. « Le scoutisme 2007», éditée par SC «Romfilatelia» Bucarest et la troisième place a été partagée entre Brésil et Luxembourg.

IV. Articles écrits sur la maximaphilie.

1. Un article détaillé écrit dans la revue «Filatelia» de la FFR a été consacré à l'exposition « Phil à Macon », France ;

2. Trois articles de la revue «Filatelia» ont détaillé le déroulement d'Exposition «EXPOMAX Bacău 600» ;

3. Un article consacré spécialement à «l'EXPOMAX Bacău 600» dans le bulletin informatif « Le Courrier philatélique » qui paraît à Sibiu – Roumanie ;

4. De nombreux articles parus dans la mass-media de Bacău et du pays, sur les web-sites de Roumanie et dans les revues de spécialité de France, Chypre, Italie de même que dans les bulletins «Flash»FIP et «NEWS»FEPA et tout cela grâce à l'amabilité du monsieur Nicos Rangos et de madame Anny Boyard.

V. Des cartes maximum nouvellement créées.

1. SC Romfilatelia SA Bucarest a émis en 2008, 25 émissions de timbres. Parmi celles-ci, 6 séries ont été utilisées pour réaliser 17 lots de CM. Certaines CM sont correctes, mais elles sont peu nombreuses par rapport aux demandes sur le marché intérieur et extérieur. Malheureusement, toutes ont été oblitérées par le cachet premier jour de Bucarest, ce qui ne correspond pas à la concordance de lieu requise selon les règlements de la FIP. C'est dommage surtout pour la série de 4 CM «Châteaux de Roumanie». En tant que support, elles sont très bien réalisées, mais elles sont oblitérées à Bucarest, bien que ces châteaux, si importants au point de vue historique et d'une rare beauté, se trouvent dans les localités : Făgăras, Sinaia, Hunedoara et Cris. Des démarches à ce sujet ont été effectuées auprès des services postaux.

2. La Société Roumaine de Maximaphilie «Dr. Valeriu Neaga» a réalisé les trois premières CM ayant pour thème des monuments historiques de Jassy, tandis que le groupement de maximaphiles de Cluj-Napoca a réalisé 5 CM en série et 12 CM réalisations personnelles à thèmes divers, 1 CM à Fagaras-Brasov et encore 1 CM à Sinaia-Prahova.

VI. Idées et propositions pour un meilleur avenir de la maximaphilie.

J'ai eu occasion de participer au Séminaire de l'EFIRO 2008, de Bucarest et au Colloque de Slănic-Moldova où j'ai fait des propositions verbales et par écrit. Ces propositions ont été assez récemment faites et il serait délicat pour moi, de les énumérer encore une fois.

Je crois que ce qui va compter avant tout, c'est la communication et la collaboration des maximaphiles avec les associations, les forums philatéliques et les organismes postaux.

38. RUSSIA (Valery Petrov) Version Française

A peu près 40 cartes-maximum (réalisations personnelles) ont été créées en 2008 par les maximaphiles russes avec les timbres-poste de notre pays sur les cartes du commerce en conformité avec les règlements de la F.I.P. On peut y ajouter 8 CM faites avec les timbres commémoratifs découpés des entiers postaux. En même temps plus que 20 cartes-maximum ont été réalisées par des maximaphiles de Moscou et St-Petersburg avec des cartes faites exprès (tirage limité de 40-80 exemplaires).

Les Services de Poste de Russie n'émettent pas de cartes-maximum depuis longtemps mais projettent de reprendre les émissions en 2009. Les responsables de ces Services m'ont consulté et ont reçu les recommandations nécessaires aussi que les exemples des CM faites conformément aux règlements de la F.I.P.

Une collection de maximaphilie a participé à l'exposition mondiale WIPA-2008 (Galina Tchudessova, vermeil). 2 autres participations maximaphiles ont été présentées aux expositions nationales (2 argents).

- Nous avons participé au Concours mondial pour la meilleure carte-maximum 2007.

39. SERBIA (Jovan Velickovic)

- Maximaphily was quite popular in Serbia and YU attended all Balkanphilas and also Balkamax exhibitions. Due to the last decades situation all sections of philately have gone down a little, but especially maximaphily. We had Jordan PESEVSKI, a maximaphily collector who won more than 50 medals, on the national and international level; he was especially engaged in the International association of railway philatelist. He passed away some ten years ago. His work was continued by Zlatimir Maljica, he was for a period President of the Union of Serbia (then within YU).
- At present there are about 20 collectors of Maximaphily in Belgrade and Serbia, and some more in the Voivodina. We have on the national level one exhibition every two years (If the PTT decides to help), but Maximaphilists are not happy because they think the Jury does not pay due attention to them.
- Zlatimir produces maximum cards for nearly every new issue, between 20 to mostly 80 and these get dispersed in the country. Very few remain on stock.
- The Post, i.e. JUGOMARKA, the firm involved in trading with stamps, produces MC for nearly every issue, last year there were 22 issues and for 19 MC were produced, probably about 100 or more for each issue. These can be bought in the state stamps store, but most are sent abroad to dealers to whom JUGOMARKA sells new issues.

We are poor Federations, Maljica was expected to join the FIP commission, but there was never money to pay the trip and stay. Even delegates to FIP and FEPA congress pay from their own pockets. However it would be very welcomed if Maljica would be included in the mailing list of publications on Maximaphily. The Federation can also propose him officially as a delegate to the FIP Maximaphily Commission, in spite the fact that it will be hard to attend.

40. SLOVAKIA (Jules Molnar) Version Française

Pendant 2008 j'étais malade et les membres du groupe de maximaphilie n'était pas tellement actifs. Nous n'avons pu créer qu'une seule carte-maximum mais la poste de la République Slovaque a pu éditer trois cartes-maximum correctes. Comme tous les ans, nous avons participé au Concours Mondial pour la Meilleure Carte-Maximum créée en 2007 qui a été organisé à Bucarest le 26 juin 2008. Nous avons organisé en 2008 une exposition philatélique générale spéciale pour la maximaphilie où nous avons pris part en exposant nos collections maximaphiles. Nous envisageons d'augmenter notre activité pendant 2009 et de réorganiser notre groupe maximaphile

41. SLOVENIA. (Bojan Bracic)

We are going to organize a special group for maximaphily in Slovenia while some individuals are creating maximum cards but we don't know how many. We published in Nova filatelija (magazine of Slovenian Philatelic Association) 1/2008 two articles: New rules for maximaphily

and the report about the best maximum card in 2006. I also called to competition for the best maximum card in Slovenia in 2007 and 2008, but without success. I will do the same this year again – using the first Number of Nova filatelija this year. There was also published the report about competition for the best maximum card in the world in our magazine NF 3/2008. We have participated also to the World Best Maximum card held in Bucharest on June 26, 2008. For the current year I will call for competition for the best Slovene maximum card once more and I will prepare a new seminar about maximum cards. Slovenia's Post does not issue maximum cards.

42. SPAIN (Juan Antonio Casas Pajares) Version Française

La Commission de la FESF divulgue la Maximophilie entre les philatélistes et les associations philatéliques qui le demandent. On constate que les collections de maximophilie occupent un lieu important dans les expositions philatéliques. Elles sont les plus vues et les plus demandées.

Le 10 juin, on a réélu Juan Ant. Casas Pajares, le Président de la Association Espagnole de Maximofilia (ASEMA) pour une autre période de quatre années. Il a nommé sa Commission

L'ASEMA a publié la revue *Apuntes de Maximofilia* (n° 35 et 36) qui est très demandée pour les associations philatéliques et les philatélistes. Et on participe avec cette revue dans les expositions philatéliques.

Cette année, on a réalisé 40 cartes-maximum qui ont été très appréciées pour les membres et les philatélistes.

D'autre part, il faut remarquer le grand succès que les timbres personnalisés ont eu auprès les philatélistes pour réaliser des C.M.

Dans notre site www.asemamaximofilia.com on peut déjà consulter le contenu des différents numéros de notre revue APUNTES DE MAXIMOFILIA, grâce à Juan M. Laynez Ramírez et Francisco Velázquez Barroso.

ASEMA a participé avec la C.M. de « María Santísima de la O » dans le concours « La Meilleur C.M. du monde de 2007 », et elle a obtenu la 5^{ème} position parmi 40 participations.

La Sociedad Filatélica Gaditana a organisé, pendant tout l'année, des réunions philatéliques, grâce au athénéiste Mr. José Ossorio Zájara et le président de cette association. Et c'est Mr. le Président, Juan Ant. Casas Pajares, qui a exposé « Tarjetas máximas de Picasso y de sus obras » avec une projection de ces C.M.

A l'occasion de l'exposition philatélique XX EXFILMUNI (Benissa, Alicante), le 1 novembre, Luis V. Peris Alcover a réalisée une projection «El apasionante mundo de la Maximofilia », qui a été très intéressante.

Beaucoup de membres de l'ASEMA ont continué à publier des articles sur la Maximophilie dans les revues philatéliques : El Eco, Madrid Filatélico, Gades Filatélico, revues de la Fundación Alcalde Zoilo-Ruiz Mateos, Apuntes de Maximofilia et dans les sites: www.fefian.iespana.es/intro, www.fevati.org y www.asemamaximofilia.com . Mr. Andrés Galarón a publié l'article « La tarjeta máxima, un instrumento artístico y documental » dans les journaux suivants : Diario de Burgos, Diario Palentino, La Tribuna de Ciudad Real, La Tribuna de Guadalajara, La Tribuna de Toledo et Diario de Burgos Digital.

Participation des collections de Maximophilie aux expositions suivantes : EXFILNA 2008 à Oviedo. GIRONA 2008-I EXP. BINACIONAL HISPANO-FRANCESA. 51 MOSTRA DE FILATELIA E COLECCIONISMO à Almada (Portugal). VIANA 2008 à Viana de Castelo (Portugal). II EXP. BILATERAL ALEMANIA-ESPAÑA “SÜDPOSTA '08” à Sidelfingel (Allemagne). 150 AÑOS DEL SELLO POSTAL DE CÓRDOBA à Córdoba (Argentine). EXFILANDALUS 2008 à Rota. XVIII EXP. FILATÉLICA CHICLANERA à Chiclana.

Nous souhaitons que des jurés spécialisés en maximophilie soient conviés comme membres du jury dans les expositions philatéliques nationales et que la participation des collections maximophiles soit plus importante.

43. SWITZERLAND (Willy Monnet) Version Française

En 2008 l'Association a mis à disposition des membres 38 nouvelles cartes-maximum, dont 6 variantes, toutes réalisées uniquement avec des timbres émis par la Poste suisse. En effet, contrairement aux autres années, aucune réalisation n'a été effectuée avec les timbres de la Poste du Liechtenstein ou avec l'O.N.U. En ce qui concerne les Nations Unies, nous avons dû y renoncer, faute de trouver dans le commerce des cartes postales concordantes. Par ailleurs, nous

avons également abandonné l'idée de recourir à l'impression d'un document antérieur, étant donné le nombre de collectionneurs intéressés en constante diminution. La raison de ces abandons ne tient pas à un manque d'intérêt, mais au fait que l'illustration du cachet du premier jour de l'O.N.U. présente uniquement une concordance avec 1 timbre, parfois 2, sur les 4 de la série, et que les démarches pour obtenir, en lieu et place du « Premier Jour », une oblitération ordinaire à la date du premier jour des Offices postaux de Vienne et de New-York, s'avèrent actuellement trop compliquées.

A mi-octobre 2008, M. Jean-Pierre Rivoire, membre de l'Association depuis 1981, et membre du Comité, est décédé dans sa 91^{ème} année, après une courte maladie, entouré de sa famille. Pendant plus de 20 ans, il fut particulièrement actif, se déplaçant dans toute la Suisse, pour trouver la carte postale offrant la meilleure concordance pour une réalisation maximophile ; à défaut de trouver ladite carte, il se plongeait dans les archives et découvrait le document permettant de procéder à une réalisation. Sa santé étant devenue chancelante ces dernières années, il renonça à ses petits voyages dans les diverses régions cantonales, mais n'abandonna pas pour autant la maximophilie. Il resta membre du Comité et continua de monter des collections qui furent désormais présentées, non plus dans des expositions philatéliques, mais lors de manifestations populaires dans des établissements médico-sociaux notamment.

De même que les années précédentes, le rapport annuel a été également diffusé à d'autres sociétés philatéliques de Romandie, ainsi qu'à de nombreux organismes avec lesquels l'Association entretient des contacts, notamment lors de la recherche des cartes postales. En outre des articles sont régulièrement publiés dans le Bulletin mensuel du Club philatélique et aéropostal de Genève (CPAG).

Des collections de cartes-maximum furent présentées lors de deux expositions :

- Bourse exposition de la Société Lausannoise de Timbrologie, à Lausanne le 30 octobre :

- BACHER Jean-Jacques, « Sélection de cartes-maximum de Suisse »
- MONNET Willy, « Peinture suisse et Artisanat ».

- Bellinzonafil 08, Rang III, à Bellinzone du 5 – 7 décembre :

- MONNET Willy, « A la découverte de la Suisse », Vermeil.

Et en catégorie 12/24 :

- BOUCHER Emmanuel, « La gastronomie au fil des régions », Rubis.

En outre, la Poste suisse a accueilli sur son stand du « Salon du Livre », organisé à Genève du 30 avril au 4 mai, le Club philatélique et aéropostal de Genève et notre Association. Ce fut donc l'occasion de présenter la maximophilie aux très nombreux visiteurs de cette manifestation.

Si le nombre des membres est resté quasiment stable, en revanche plusieurs d'entre eux ont demandé de recevoir désormais moins d'exemplaires de cartes-maximum que le nombre souscrit primitivement auprès du Service des nouveautés. Cette diminution relativement conséquente et les démarches toujours plus nombreuses et compliquées pour trouver les bonnes cartes, nous laissent quelque peu songeurs quant à l'avenir de l'Association. A cela s'ajoutent la difficulté d'obtenir de belles oblitérations concordantes de la part de plusieurs bureaux postaux locaux, en lieu et place de l'oblitération « Premier Jour » du Service philatélique de Berne, ainsi que le choix et l'esthétique discutables de certains timbres du programme annuel d'émission...

Mais restons optimistes, continuons à oeuvrer, à parler de la maximophilie, à participer à des expositions philatéliques, ainsi qu'au concours mondial de la meilleure carte-maximum 2008, avec la réalisation du 8 mai 2008 présentant un très bel oiseau, le Monticole de roche.

44. TAILAND (Fiorenzo Grassi)

Thailand participated for first time to the 2008 Best Maximum Card World Competition held in Bucharest on June 26, 2008 with a maximum card created during 2007. Individuals in our country are creating maximum cards but they are not organized

45. TURKEY (Arman Arikan)

In Turkey there are some maximum card collectors. One of them has mounted a collection. In my knowledge, so far, Postal Services in Turkey produced maximum card during the year 1969 on the occasion of the Centenary of the Pawn Office in Istanbul and in 1989 with Sea Turtles. This year Postal Services produced one maximum card (Joint Issue between Turkey and Bosnia Herzegovina). All of them are correct.

46. UKRAINE (Veslav Savin)

There are some individuals who create maximum cards. There is one exhibitor whose collection participated to the FIP world exhibition EFIRO 2008. Ukraine participated also in 2008 world best maximum card competition. In Ukraine were also created during 2008 12 new maximum cards.

47. UNITED KINGDOM (Christine A. Earle FRPSL)

Maximaphily in UK had a very limited following as the almost sole interest in Maximum cards in the UK is their inclusion in the Thematic Philately Class.

I am aware that some collectors are spasmodically creating their own maximum cards usually for their own collections on a very limited basis. Unfortunately we do not have the Maximaphily Class included in our Regional or National competitions, and so there is very little chance for the UK collectors, that do not travel abroad to visit the international exhibitions, to see or experience Maximaphily. Unless the APBS adopts Maximaphily as a class in the National Competitions (very unlikely) unfortunately I cannot see this situation changing. Perhaps the introduction of the OPEN CLASS will ignite a future interest; we may hope this will be so.

48. USA (Terry Watson)

To my knowledge there are about 10 maximaphilists in the United States that actively are involved in the creation of maximum cards using newly released stamps from the U.S. Postal Service. I have arrived at this estimate by observing sales of USA maximum cards on eBay and from my knowledge of USA collectors. Most of these 10 or so collectors realize USA cards in small numbers for their own personal collection, maybe making a few duplicates for sale of exchange. I probably am the most prolific USA maximaphilist in regards to realization of USA cards. Each year I try to realize as many USA maximum cards from USPS stamp issues as I can locate appropriate postcards. For 2008 issues, I realized cards for about 50 of the 200+ USA stamp issues. For some of these issues I was able to realize as many as 100 maximum cards (baseball stamp). However, for most of the 50 USA issues for which I realized cards, I created about 30 cards per stamp on average. I trade these duplicates with over 20 exchange partners around the world.

In 2008 a USA Maximum card was submitted for the Best Maximum Card World Competition.

49. VENEZUELA (Ignacio Martinello)

- We should like to create interesting MCs, but in the local market it is not easy for us to find adequate cards.
- Our Postal Administration IPOSTEL does not create any MCs.
- The only available cards for the philatelic issues in my country are the ones printed by the Postal Administration (Ipostel). The pictures of the cards practically are identical to the stamps, although, fortunately, they are not a complete reproduction of them. Anyway, we consider that they are not well suitable for good MCs.
- With every issue (very few exceptions) they produce a set of cards, whose pictures are very similar (sometimes practically the same) to the postage stamps. Face value and perforation do not appear, but the country's name (Republica Bolivariana de Venezuela), always. Collectors buy the cards, some of them attach the matching stamp as on a normal card. With regard to the cancellations (only one cancellation for a set of usually 10 stamps), they are thematic and have a connection with the purpose of the issue; but the concordance of place is not always respected. So, if we want to prepare a good MC, we have to travel to the place in question and get a cancellation at the post office there (in this case, it is not a thematic cancellation, but one with concordance of place). At several occasions we tried to explain to the philatelic manager of Ipostel the principles and the regulations with regard to Maximaphily, but the outcome has not been satisfactory, at least for the time being. We'll keep insisting on the subject.

I think, your idea is worthwhile that the FIP Board tries and advises Postal Administrations on this matter. My sincere congratulations!

- Our Postal Administration promised its financial help for the organization of philatelic Exhibitions in our country, but we are still waiting for the frames.
 - We had periodic informal meetings dealing with Maximaphily during 2008.
 - We published in our journal Gaceta Filatélica the Special Regulations for the Evaluation of Maximaphily Exhibits at F.I.P. Exhibitions (SREV), in order to give a drive to the activity.
 - Our sincere congratulations to the FIP Maximaphily Commission members for the excellent work they are doing.
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We extend our cordial thanks especially to Joseph Wolff, the FIP President, whose contribution to the Maximaphily progress is outstanding, having successfully exercised for many years his responsibility as a member of the FIP Board for Maximaphily class and to whom we trust for his deep knowledge and belief on Maximaphily future and values.

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