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8TH FIP MAXIMAPHILY WORLD COMPETITION FOR THE BEST MAXIMUM CARD CREATED IN 2010 MONTREAL – PARIS, MARCH 1ST, 2012

For the first time, the '8th World Competition for the three Best Maximum Cards created in 2010' was posted in our Website <http://www.maximaphily.info/> and open for Voting to all our official Delegates. Also, for the first time, the Voting for this Competition, was done electronically. The Voting period was from January 28, 2012 to February 29, 2012. The official Delegates sent in by email their Voting Papers with their Choices to both the Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission. This way, ensuring that the Voting Choices will be better secured.

In order to give a fair chance to all participating countries, we deemed it appropriate that the Voting Rules needed to be better defined, thus ensuring more Objective Results. We used this occasion to make a major change in the Rules that it will NOT be allowed to vote for your own country. In the past, a country present with a proxy power ended up Voting twice for their own country and countries not present were at a major disadvantage. This change was done after formal requests by certain National Maximaphily Associations and after consultation. (For, your information, the previous such Competition in Lisbon on Oct. 7, 2010 had 53 countries taking part. There were 24 Votes cast by 16 Delegates present, thus 8 Votes were by proxy). **For this new Voting formula, which allows for every Delegate to vote, we already received compliments from many participants.**

For this '8th 2010 World Competition for the three Best Maximum Cards' there were 59 countries taking part, an increase of six (6) since the previous Competition. There were 45 Votes cast by Delegates representing 45 FIP Countries and out of the 59 participating countries, 50 countries received a Vote. We would like to thank all the Delegates that sent in their Maximum Card. Their contribution proves that Maximaphily is a dynamic Philatelic Class.

The results of the three (3) Best Maximum Card created in 2009 are the following:

1st Prize: PORTUGAL (105 points)

FUNICULAR TRAM 'ELEVADOR DA GLORIA' LISBON



This Maximum Card was created by the *Rui Dias*. The First Day Lisbon cancellation has a special mention: '*Elevadores Publicos de Portugal*', and a concordant illustration (triple).

The Glória Funicular was opened on October 24, 1885. At first, it was designed as a water powered system, then in 1886 it was replaced by a steam power one, and finally in 1915 it was electrified. In 2002 it was designated a National Monument. The Glória Funicular makes the connection from the downtown *Restauradores* square to *Bairro Alto* (literally High Quarter) on a 265 metres journey up or down the hill, with an average gradient of 18%. The Glória is the busiest funicular in Lisbon and also the most accessible for tourists. When you go out of the funicular you will find on the right side the *S. Pedro de Alcântara Belvedere*, from where you get a magnificent view of downtown Lisbon and the magical *St. George Castle*. Just across the road, lies the *Instituto do Vinho do Porto*, where a vast range of port-wines may be tasted and purchased in the sumptuous surroundings of the *Palácio Ludovice* (1749).

2nd Prize : Two countries *ex eco*: CZECH REP. and SAN MARINO

CZECH REP. (48 points)

PRAGUE CASTLE & CHARLES BRIDGE



This Maximum Card was created by *Pavel Kancnyr*. The First Day Prague Castle (exact place), cancellation has a concordant illustration (triple).

The **Prague Castle** is said to be the biggest castle in the world at about 570 meters in length and an average of about 130 meters wide. Its history stretches back to the 9th century. The castle buildings represent virtually every architectural style of the last millennium. The Prague Castle includes Gothic *St Vitus Cathedral*, Romanesque *Basilica of St. George*, a monastery and several noble historical palaces, gardens and defense towers. Most of the castle areas are open to tourists. It also houses several museums, including the National Gallery collection of Bohemian baroque and mannerism art, exhibition dedicated to Czech history. The area around the Prague Castle is called *Hradčany*.

The **Charles Bridge** is a famous historic bridge that crosses the Vltava (Moldau) river in Prague. Its construction started in 1357 under *Charles IV*, and finished in the early 15th cent. As the only means of crossing the river until 1841, the Charles Bridge was the most important connection between Prague Castle and the city's Old Town and adjacent areas. The bridge is 516 meters long and 10 meters wide, resting on 16 arches shielded by ice guards. The bridge is decorated by a continuous alley of 30 statues and statuary, most of them baroque-style, originally erected around 1700. They form two rows, one on the north and the other on the south side. Damage caused to the statues over many years has resulted in many of the originals being replaced by copies.

SAN MARINO (48 points)

ITALIAN CYCLISTS F. COPPI – G. BARTALI

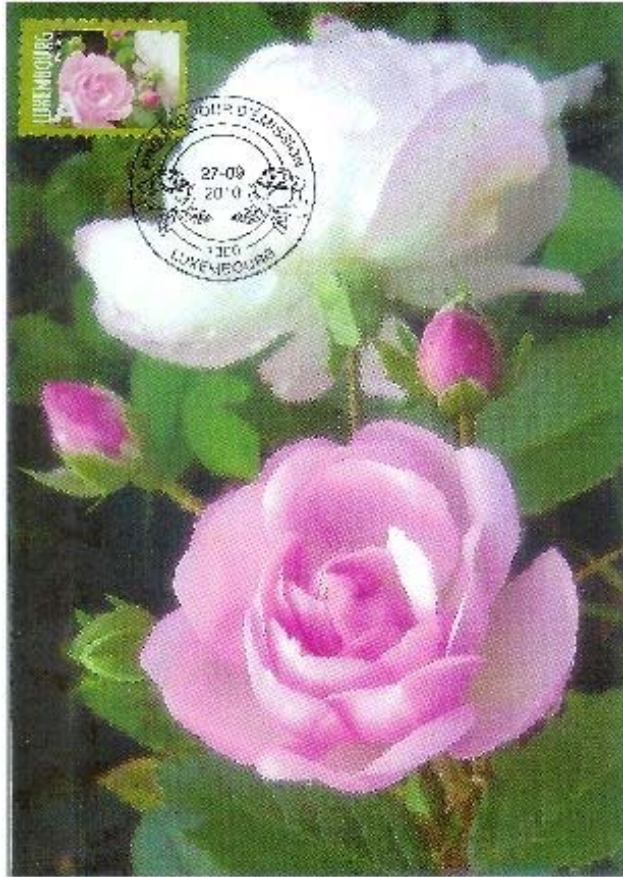


This Maximum Card was created by A.I.M. (Italian Maximaphily Association). The se-tenant stamp depicts *Giro d'Italia's* most famous cyclists *Gino Bartali* (on the left) and *Fausto Coppi*, (on the right). The First Day San Marino cancellation has a concordant illustration (triple). Although this San Marino cancellation is not concordant with the location of the event, here the focus is on a historic photo of two great rival cyclists, as symbol of good sportsmanship.

Gino Bartali was the undisputed champion of Italian cycling until *Fausto Coppi* came along. *Coppi* beat his older rival time and again, winning the *Giro* race five times and le *Tour de France* twice. Their personal rivalry was more acidic. On this 1952 photo, taken during the *Tour de France* race (actually on April 4, 1952) during the segment between *Lausanne* and *Alpe d' Huez*, we see *Fausto Coppi* (right) in the yellow jersey and *Ginno Bartali* (left). During the climb of the *Galibier (Alpe d'Huez)* a photographer for *Omega*, *Carlo Martini*, snapped a photo where you could see the passage of a water bottle between the two arch rivals. The photo quickly became a symbol of knightly sports rivalry, the contest between gentlemen and fair play that characterized the relationship between the two champions. But, the truth about the photograph has always been in debate: It is not known which one passed the water bottle to his rival. It has been argued about for years until *Coppi's* premature death from malaria in 1959.

3rd Prize : LUXEMBOURG (45 points)

ROSE *YVAN MISSON*



This Maximum Card was created by the *Commission de Maximophilie FSPL*. The First Day Luxembourg cancellation has a concordant illustration (triple).

It depicts the Rose *Yvan Misson*, a rose of unique beauty, an early variety created in 1912 in Luxembourg by *Souper* and *Notting*. The stamp used is found on the lower right of a Booklet of 10 stamps. This booklet is featuring 10 different Rose varieties found in Luxembourg. These stamps were to be distributed by the automated teller machines.

The complete results of the World Competition for the Best Maximum Card created in the year 2010 are the following:

FINAL RESULTATS – 2010 BEST MC COMPETITION

1st.- PORTUGAL (105 points)

2nd.- CZECH REP. (48 points)

2nd.- SAN MARINO (48 points)

3rd.- LUXEMBOURG (45 points)

4th.- ARMENIA (33 points)

4th.- GERMANY (33 points)

5th.- BULGARIA (27 points)

6th.- CHINA (24 points)

6th. -ROMANIA (24 points)

7th.- AUSTRIA (21 points)

7th.- DENMARK (21 points)

8th.- ANDORRA (18 points)

8th.- CHINESE TAIPEI (18 points)

8th.- FINLAND (18 points)

8th.- GREENLAND (18 points)

8th.- RUSSIA (18 points)

8th.- SLOVAKIA (18 points)

8th.- THAILAND (18 points)

9th.- GREECE (15 points)

9th.- ITALY (15 points)

9th.- LIECHTENSTEIN (15 points)

9th.- Rep. KOREA (South) (15 points)

9th.- Sov. Order MALTA (15 points)

10th.- BRAZIL (12 points)

10th.- FRANCE (12 points)

10th. -MONACO (12 points)

10th.- U. S. A. (12 points)

11th.- ARGENTINA (9 points)

11th.- BELGIUM (9 points)

11th.- ICELAND (9 points)

11th.- ISRAEL (9 points)

11th.- SPAIN (9 points)

11th.- SWITZERLAND (9 points)

12th.- ALAND (6 points)

12th.- AUSTRALIA (6 points)

12th.- CANADA (6 points)

12th.- CYPRUS (6 points)

12th.- FR. ANTRC.TERR.(TAAF) (6 points)

12th.- HONG KONG (6 points)

12th.- ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON (6 points)

12th.- SOUTH AFRICA (6 points)

12th.- VENEZUELA (6 points)

13th.- ALBANIA (3 points)

13th.- MACAU (3 points)

13th.- MALAYSIA (3 points)

13th.- NETHERLANDS (3 points)

13th.- Rep. of MOLDOVA (3 points)

13th.- SINGAPORE (3 points)

13th.- TUNISIA (3 points)

13th.- UNITED KINGDOM (3 points)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES & VOTE RECEIVED

(50 Countries Voted - 59 Countries took part in the Competition)

- [1.- ALAND \(6 points\) 2nd](#)
- [2.- ALBANIA \(3 points\) 3rd](#)
- [3.- ALGERIA](#)
- [4.- ANDORRA \(18 points\) 1st, 2nd, 3rd](#)
- [5.- ARGENTINA \(9 points\) 1st](#)
- [6.- ARMENIA \(33 points\) 1st, 1st, 1st, 2nd](#)
- [7.- AUSTRALIA \(6 points\) 2nd](#)
- [8.- AUSTRIA \(21 points\) 1st, 1st, 3rd](#)
- [9.- BELGIUM \(9 points\) 2nd, 3rd](#)
- [10.- BRAZIL \(12 points\) 1st, 3rd](#)
- [11.- BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS](#)
- [12.- BULGARIA \(27 points\) 1st, 1st, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd](#)
- [13.- CANADA \(6 points\) 2nd](#)
- [14.- CHINA \(24 points\) 1st, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd](#)
- [15.- CHINESE TAIPEI \(18 points\) 1st, 2nd, 3rd](#)
- [16.- CYPRUS \(6 points\) 2nd](#)
- [17.- CZECH REP. \(48 points\) 1st, 1st, 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd](#)
- [18.- DENMARK \(21 points\) 1st, 1st, 3rd](#)
- [19.- FAROE ISLANDS](#)
- [20.- FINLAND \(18 points\) 1st, 1st](#)
- [21.- FRANCE \(12 points\) 2nd, 2nd](#)
- [22.- FRENCH ANTARCTIC TERR. \(TAAF\) \(6 points\) 3rd, 3rd](#)
- [23.- GERMANY \(33 points\) 1st, 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd](#)
- [24.- GREECE \(15 points\) 1st, 2nd](#)
- [25.- GREENLAND \(18 points\) 1st, 1st](#)
- [26.- HONG KONG \(6 points\) 2nd](#)
- [27.- ICELAND \(9 points\) 1st](#)
- [28.- ISRAEL \(9 points\) 1st](#)
- [29.- ITALY \(15 points\) 2nd, 2nd, 3rd](#)
- [30.- LIECHTENSTEIN \(15 points\) 1st, 2nd](#)
- [31.- LUXEMBOURG \(45 points\) 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd](#)
- [32.- MACAU \(3 points\) 3rd](#)
- [33.- MALAYSIA \(3 points\) 3rd](#)
- [34.- MEXICO](#)
- [35.- MONACO \(12 points\) 1st, 3rd](#)
- [36.- NEPAL](#)
- [37.- NETHERLANDS \(3 points\) 3rd](#)
- [38.- NEW ZEALAND](#)
- [39.- PORTUGAL \(105 points\) 1st, 1st, 1st, 1st, 1st, 1st, 1st, 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd](#)
- [40.- Rep. KOREA \(South\) \(15 points\) 1st, 2nd](#)
- [41.- Rep. MACEDONIA \(former Yugoslav\)](#)
- [42.- Rep. of MOLDOVA \(3 points\) 3rd](#)
- [43.- ROMANIA \(24 points\) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd](#)
- [44.- RUSSIA \(18 points\) 2nd, 2nd, 2nd](#)
- [45.- SAN MARINO \(48 points\) 1st, 1st, 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd](#)
- [46.- SINGAPORE \(3 points\) 3rd](#)
- [47.- SLOVAKIA \(18 points\) 1st, 2nd, 3rd](#)
- [48.- SOUTH AFRICA \(6 points\) 3rd, 3rd](#)
- [49.- Sovereign Order MALTA \(15 points\) 1st, 3rd, 3rd](#)
- [50.- SPAIN \(9 points\) 1st](#)
- [51.- SRI LANKA](#)

- 52.- ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON (6 points) 2nd
53.- SWITZERLAND (9 points) 2nd, 3rd
54.- THAILAND (18 points) 2nd, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd
55.- TUNISIA (3 points) 3rd
56.- UNITED KINGDOM (3 points) 3rd
57.- U. S. A. (12 points) 2nd, 2nd
58.- VATICAN
59.- VENEZUELA (6 points) 2nd

LIST OF VOTE RECEIVED

(45 Countries sent in their Vote)

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| 1.- ALBANIA, | 2.- ARGENTINA, | 3.- ARMENIA, | 4.- AUSTRALIA, |
| 5.- AUSTRIA, | 6.- BELGIUM, | 7.- BRAZIL, | 8.- BULGARIA, |
| 9.- CANADA, | 10.- CHILE, | 11.- CHINA, | 12.- CHINESE TAIPEI, |
| 13.- CZECH REP., | 14.- CYPRUS, | 15.- FINLAND, | 16.- FRANCE, |
| 17.- GERMANY, | 18.- GREECE, | 19.- HUNGARY, | 20.- INDIA, |
| 21.- ISRAEL, | 22.- ITALY, | 23.- LIECHTENSTEIN, | 24.- LUXEMBOURG, |
| 25.- MACAU, | 26.- MALTA, | 27.- MALAYSIA, | 28.- MEXICO, |
| 29.- NETHERLANDS, | 30.- NEW ZEALAND, | 31.- PAKISTAN, | 32.- PORTUGAL, |
| 33.- REP. KOREA, | 34.- ROMANIA, | 35.- RUSSIA, | 36.- SERBIA, |
| 37.- SLOVAKIA, | 38.- SLOVENIA, | 39.- SPAIN, | 40.- SWITZERLAND, |
| 41.- THAILAND, | 42.- UKRAINE, | 43.- UNITED KINGDOM, | 44.- U. S. A., |
| 45.- VENEZUELA. | | | |

For the next Competition, we will NOT include the '*Sov. Mil. Order of Malta*' as this is not a country recognized nowadays by the UPU. By this coming summer, we hope to conclude our next '*Competition for the three Best Maximum Cards created in 2011*' and then post the pages for each Participating Country on our website. It should be much easier this 2nd time around.

The new regulations of the *World Competition for the three Best Maximum Cards*, with changes in voting procedures, will be presented to Delegates for approval at the upcoming Meeting of the Commission in Jakarta and then they will be submitted to the FIP Board for final approval.

Please start selecting your Country's Best Maximum Card created in **2011** and then mail it to the postal address of the Chairman George Constantourakis. (See address on the 1st page).

With our sincere thanks for your active participation.

Kind regards

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FIP Maximaphily Commission

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