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## REPORT OF THE FIP MAXIMAPHILY COMMISSION CONFERENCE HELD IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA ON JUNE 22, 2012

At the FIP Maximaphily Commission Conference, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on June 22, 2012 the following twenty eight (28) member federations were either present with a Delegate or represented by Proxy. *Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Cyprus, Czech Rep., France, Greece, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Korea (Rep. of ), Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, and the USA.* (Italy and Romania did send their Proxy, however the delegates given this Proxy were absent, we regret that they could not be taken into account).

### **Opening of the conference.**

The Conference was opened by the Chairman *George Constantourakis*, co-chaired by Mr. *Bernard Beston*, FIP Director responsible for the Maximaphily Commission and in the presence of Mr. *Bernard Jimenez*, FIP Director and Mrs. *Andrée Trommer-Schiltz*, FIP Secretary General. He welcomed all participants and expressed his thanks for their presence. Next the Chairman asked all present to observe one minute of silence in memory of the late *Jacques Thénard* former Chairman of our FIP Maximaphily Commission from 1988 to 2000.

### **Approval of the Agenda, the Minutes and World Activities Report 2010 - 2012.**

Following the approval of the Agenda and the Minutes of the Lisbon Conference of October 7, 2010, the Chairman presented the World Activities Report from 2010 to 2012, included in the Agenda of the 72<sup>nd</sup> FIP Congress. He requested and received the approval of this Report, by the delegates present.

### **Work done worldwide during the last two years, brought the following results:**

- We kept constantly upgrading our contact information leading to greater facility to communicate.
- We kept in constant contact with every Delegate either requesting their National Activity. Report or sending out official communications, plus our annual World Activity Report.
- We updated our own FIP Maximaphily Commission Website with the most recent information, with emphasis on the Reports, Competitions and Links.
- We offered electronic documentation on Maximaphily Class, on request by the Nat. Phil. Fed.
- We made and communicated a clear proposal on the issue of *Personalized Stamps*.
- We have managed - for the first time - to post on our Commission Website the 59 participations in our World Competition of the three Best Maximum Cards created in 2010.
- We carried out electronically - for the first time - the Voting for the World Competition of the three Best Maximum Cards by having the official Delegates email their Voting Papers to both the President and the Secretary of the Commission.
- There were two important Maximaphily Seminars given by Nicos Rangos. First, in April 2011, during the 'ALPE-ADRIAPHILA 2011' Exhibition in Opatija, Croatia, he gave a power point presentation on "How to be Protected from Fake Maximum Cards". Second, in October 2011, during 'Polkowice 2011' Youth Exhibition in Poland, he gave another a power point presentation on 'Maximaphily Collecting'. Both presentations were enriched with many colourful examples of Maximum Cards. Numerous other Seminars were given by many National Maximaphily Associations.

- Throughout this period, there was a very close and cooperation between the Chairman, Secretary, Bureau Members and past Chairman. Mr *Constantourakis* publicly thanked Mme *Anny Boyard* and Mr. *Nicos Rangos*, expressing his gratitude for their constant support and sound advice in the service of our FIP Maximaphily Commission.

### **Approval of the new Voting Regulations for the annual World Competition of the three Best Maximum Cards.**

The Chairman *George Constantourakis*, requested from the attending official Delegates and Proxies to vote on the motion to approve or not that: “It will NOT be allowed to vote for your own country”. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Updating of the SREV and Guidelines on Personalized Stamps and on the preferred cancellation for an artwork integral to a monument.**

On the SREV article 3.1. *The postage stamp*, the following underlined sentences were added:

The “postage stamp” designation is reserved for the postal operator (postal authority) designated to ensure the universal service within a UPU member country (Universal Postal Union), or a dependent territory. The postage stamp can be personalized on request from a client (individual, association, company,...), provided that it is accessible to the general public.

Postage stamps printed online by a customer are not allowed.

Franking labels, issued by postal operators (postal authorities) authorized by the governmental body responsible for overseeing postal affairs, are admitted under the same conditions as the postage stamps.

On the SREV article 3.3. *The cancellation*, the following underlined sentence was added on the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph:

The ordinary cancellations without illustration are valid provided that they indicate the name of the locality where the post office is located and the concordance of the place is respected.

On the SREV article 5.2. *Judging of exhibits*, the following underlined word:

“importance” replaces the word “*extent*”.

On the Guidelines article 3.1. *The postage stamp*, the following underlined sentences were added on the last paragraph:

For a specific subject, the order of preference is: postage stamp issued in the philatelic program of the designated postal operator (postal authority), where it comes as main subject, or easily identifiable secondary subject, then personalized postage stamp, then postage label of an authorized operator (postal authority).

On the Guidelines article 4.3. *Knowledge and research / The concordance of place*, the following underlined sentence was added at the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> paragraph:

When a work of art is an integral part of a monument (relief, sculpture, fresco, stained glass window, mosaic, etc.), the preferred cancellation is that of the place where the monument is located.

**These changes to the SREV and Guidelines must first adopted by the FIP Board before they can be applied.**

### **Presentation on updating the SREV and Guidelines on Personalized Stamps and on the place of cancellation.**

The Chairman, with the aid of a well illustrated PowerPoint presentation, explained the Updating of the Maximaphily Regulations (SREV and Guidelines) on Personalized Stamps. He explained acceptable examples of the “**Collector timbré**” (**Stamped Collector**): Picture (image) selected by the Post and printed by the Post; examples of ‘**Mon Timbre moi**’ (**My own Stamp**): Picture (image) given by the applicant and after confirmation by Post; examples of the ‘**ID timbre**’ (**the ID Stamp**): Picture (image) given by the applicant and printed by the post, but that is to promote our events, products, brands...He also explained non acceptable examples such as the ‘**Timbre en ligne**’ (**Online Stamp**): printed at home based on our choice, without true

perforation. It is a stamp mainly for practical use and not for philatelists. He explained using acceptable MC examples of authorized **Private Posts**. He explained non acceptable MC examples having a cancellation without the name of the locality. He concluded with examples of the preferred cancellation for an artwork integral to a monument such as *relief, sculpture, fresco, stained glass window, mosaic*, etc. For example: in the case Michelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel of the Vatican, the preferred MC is that using a Vatican stamp with a Vatican cancellation. Second choice is a MC using an Italian stamp with a Rome nearest Post Office cancellation. (Acknowledgements go to the "*Maximaphiles Français*" for making available to the Commission their CD used in this presentation).

- The Chairman then requested that each National Delegate should try to provide the Commission with examples of the types of *Personalized Stamps* that exist in their country, in order to eventually gather enough data and use them to prepare a presentation that will be also available to all Delegates.

### **Election of 1 Chairman, 1 Secretary and 3 Bureau Members for the 2012 – 2016 term.**

Mr. *Bernard Beston*, FIP Director responsible for the Maximaphily Commission, announced that there was one nominee for each available position of the new Bureau of the Commission and thus proceeded in officially declaring these nominees as the new Bureau of the FIP Maximaphily Commission. They are as follows:

CHAIRMAN: GEORGE CONSTANTOURAKIS, CANADA

SECRETARY: JENNY BANFIELD, NEW ZEALAND

BUREAU MEMBER: ANNY BOYARD, FRANCE (FEPA)

BUREAU MEMBER: TERRY WATSON, USA (FIAP)

BUREAU MEMBER: YE CHOH SAN, MALAYSIA (FIAP)

Mr. *Beston* proceeded by introducing each new Bureau Member present at the meeting, first Mr. *George Constantourakis*, who is 1<sup>st</sup> elected as Chairman, (prior to that he was appointed and confirmed at the 71<sup>st</sup> Congress of Oct. 2010), then Mrs. *Jenny Banfield*, followed by Mr. *Ye Choh San*. He excused the absence of Mme *Anny Boyard*, as she was unable to come to Jakarta for health reasons and Mr. *Terry Watson*, who was tied to the US for personal reasons, but had expressed his willingness to travel to future Maximaphily Commission Meetings.

- On the issue of the two (2) extra Appointed Bureau Members, after consultation between the Chairman and Mr *Beston*, it was decided to postpone their appointment in order to find the best qualified candidates. We will take into account - besides the candidate's personal qualifications and activity - the Continental representation and more importantly his/her ability and willingness to travel to the locations where future Maximaphily Commission Meetings will be held.

### **Presentation of the main points of our Strategic Plan for the 2012-2014 period:**

- To communicate the Updating of the Maximaphily Regulations (SREV and Guidelines) on *Personalized Stamps* and explain the specific criteria of their acceptance.
- To further publicize the posting of the World Maximaphily Competition of the three Best Maximum Cards in our Commission's Website and strive to improve the Voting fairness.
- To continue updating and improving our FIP Maximaphily Commission Website: <http://www.maximaphily.info/>
- To continue improving the means of communications between the Delegates of the FIP Maximaphily Commission by constantly upgrading our contact information.
- To encourage National Maximaphily Associations in the direction of promoting Youth Maximaphily.
- To lead a campaign in fighting Fakes and Forgeries in Maximaphily by creating a data base of questionable MC's and by offering Seminars at many Maximaphily and Philatelic venues.
- 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 request from FIP members countries the appointment of **active** Delegates to our Commission.
- To improve our network with all National Philatelic Federations.
- To persuade certain Postal Administrations to create correct Maximum Cards.

- To open the way for more Maximaphily Jury training.
- To reduce the level of discrimination against Maximaphily through learning procedures.
- To promote the acceptance of all classes at FIP Exhibitions.
- To promote the increase of the number of Maximaphily Exhibits being accepted by the organizing committees of FIP Exhibitions.

**Question Period – General Discussion.**

The discussion centered around the Private Entities (companies) of New Zealand issuing their own stamps and using the National Postal System for mail delivery. It was a good discussion, however lacking all the information, we could only make assumptions.

**Conclusion**

- The Chairman emphasized the importance that each Delegate responds to requests to send his annual National Activity Report, even if he feels that their activities are limited. He suggested that even limited activities are a starting point.
- He also invited the new members of the Bureau to actively promote Maximaphily in their region, focusing on countries where there is already an activity. He used as an example Southeast Asia, mentioning the following countries Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines.
- He concluded by thanking again all present for their participation in this Maximaphily Commission's Meeting.

Jakarta, June 22, 2012

George Constantourakis  
*Chairman*  
*FIP Maximaphily Commission*

Jenny Banfield  
*Secretary*