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NEWSLETTER – August 2011

INVITATION TO OUR NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

June 2012 in Jakarta

1. Welcome and Roll Call
2. Approval of the minutes of our Commission Meeting in Lisbon (October 8, 2010)
3. Report on activities 2010-2012 (Bureau and Delegates)
4. **Election of Chairman, Secretary and three Bureau members** (to represent FEPA, FIAF, FIAP)
5. Questions, Discussion, Suggestions
6. Next meeting

The terms of the Secretary (Norman Banfield) and of the Bureau Member (Liu Jia-wei) representing FIAP countries expire in June 2012. Therefore we need two new Bureau Members – especially a Secretary.

We shall need somebody who is computer literate, has a good knowledge of English and some time from other commitments.

SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness that we report the death in Brazil on 9 May 2011 of **Dr Paolo Comelli** RDP, FIP Director and the Board Coordinator for the Philatelic Literature Commission.

After returning home from INDIPEX 2011 in New Delhi in February he was admitted to hospital with pneumonia which led to other serious medical complications. At INDIPEX 2011 he was awarded the Grand Prix International for his fabulous "*Brazilian Mail to Foreign Destinations – from Correio – MOR to UPU*". He was a great researcher and philatelist. Some of the positions he held included:

Vice President of the Brazilian Federation of Philately (FEBRAF) 1997-2001
Vice President of the Inter-American Federation of Philately (FIAF) 1998-2001
Director of Association Internationale des Experts en Philatélie (AIEP) 2006-2011
Director of Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) 2008-2012

His website <http://www.comelliphilatelist.com> will be maintained by his family members in order to continue sharing Paulo's philatelic knowledge with the world.

As FIP Board Coordinator for our Commission he showed a keen interest in the Commission's work and was always helpful.

Wolfgang Hellrigl RDP, former Italian Delegate for Philatelic Literature, AIEP, well known philatelic author, passed away on 23 November 2010. Prolific writer on Nepal philately he was past President of the AIEP. The award of the only Literature Large Gold at PHILANIPPON 2011 for his book *The Postal History of Mongolia 1841-1941* is a fitting tribute to his scholarship.

Juhani Olamo RDP, FRPSL former Finnish Delegate and past Bureau member of our Commission, passed away on 1 September 2010 in Helsinki. He was a respected philatelist in Finland and author of books on forgeries and revenues. He will be missed by those who knew him.

1.COMMISSION REPORTS TO CONGRESS

The Chairman of each FIP Commission is required to provide a report on the work of the Commission since the previous Congress – the report for 2010-2012 will appear in the next Newsletter.

2. FIP AWARD FOR RESEARCH

Following the proposal of our Chairman, the FIP Board has awarded Madame Michele Chauvet RDP (France) the FIP Award of Research for 2010 and the commemorative plaque was presented during the FIP Congress at Lisbon.

The proposal of our Chairman appears below.

Madame Michele Chauvet RDP

Madame Michele Chauvet appears in our days to be a very exceptional case in the Philatelic Literature worldwide.

Her accomplishments due to her prolific writings surpass many other contemporary male contestants.

Her researches published in the form of voluminous books listed below exceeding 4.000 pages, are considered outstanding by all standards:

- *Les Bureaux Taxateurs*, 1999,
- *Les relations de la France et de l'Angleterre avant 1849*, 2001,
- *Introduction à l'histoire postale des origines à 1849* (two volumes 2nd editions) 2002-2004,
- *Les relations de la France avec l'Espagne de 1660 à 1849*, 2002,
- *Les réexpéditions dans le régime intérieur des origines à 1878*, 2003,
- *La collection La Fayette, timbres mythiques de France*, 2003,
- *Les relations de la France avec Genève, 1669-1849*, 2003,
- *Les colonies françaises. Tarifs et service postal. 1848-1878, Les colonies d'Amérique*, 2008,
- *Les colonies françaises Tarifs et service postal 1848-1878, les colonies d'Afrique*, 2009.
- The 3rd volume on *Les colonies d'Océanie* is going to be published within 2010.

She has also co-opted with notable and well known researchers, publishing with:

- [Guy Dutau] *La vie quotidienne dans les lazarets: vivre ou mourir*, 2005,
- [Jean-François Brun] *Introduction à l'Histoire Postale 1848-1878*, 2007,
- [Jean-François Brun] *Cérès 1849 et ses usages postaux, à travers les timbres et lettres de la collection Joseph Hackmey*, 2009.

She has also collaborated in collective works, such as:

- *Le Patrimoine du timbre-poste* (sections: Introduction - postal history before 1849), 1998
- *Dictionnaire Philatelic et postal*, 1999,
- *Catalogue des timbres de France: Le Spécialisé* (sections: Introduction - the letter before 1849 – The Franco-Prussian war), 2000.

In addition, she has published considerably in periodicals such as *Les Feuilles Marcophiles*, *Relais*, *Le Monde des Philatelistes*, *Les Feuilles Philateliques*, *Philatelie Française*, *Bulletin de CPF*, *Fakes*, *Forgeries Experts*, *Journal of the France & Colonies Philatelic Society (UK)*, *Posthistorama*, *Belgian postal history*, *Marcophila* and, in particular, *Documents Philateliques*.

Her original and meticulous researches in various French Archives compiled with authorship and communicating skills due to her education (Diploma in Law of European Communities Center and Diploma of Superior Studies -D.E.S- in European Law) has brought to light many unknown aspects of the vast French postal history.

M. Chauvet's scientific work in philately and her indefatigable work in spreading philatelic knowledge have been recognised by several Philatelic Academies and International Philatelic Organisations, by electing her:

Corresponding member of Academie de Philatelie Française in 1994 and titular member since 1996,

Corresponding member of Academie de Philatelie de Belgique, since 1998,

Member of Academia Hispanica de Filatelia, since 2003,

Corresponding member of Consilium Philateliae Helveticae, since 2006

Member of Association Internationale des Experts en Philatélie (AIEP) 2006

Member of Académie Européenne de Philatélie (AEP)

She has been internationally awarded with:

- Prize 2003 of Consilium Philateliae Helveticae for *Les relations de la France avec Genève*,
- FEPA medal 2007 for exceptional research and study for her book co-written with Jean-Francois Brun, *Introduction a l'histoire postale de 1848 a 1878*,
- the Crawford medal 2010 by the Royal Philatelic Society London for *Les colonies françaises. Tarifs et service postal (1848-1878). Les colonies d'Afrique*.

Her collections “The use of 5 and 1 c of 1854-76 issues” and “Les Aigles“ have been awarded the Grand Prix in the national exhibitions of Mulhouse 2003 and Tarbes 2009, respectively. The first collection has also gained a gold medal in FIP España 2004, whereas her thematic exhibit “The sail, men and techniques history” a gold medal in FIP Praga 1988.

She was rightfully asked to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 2006.

Anthony Virvilis
Chairman, FIP Philatelic Literature Commission

3. BUREAU MEMBERSHIP

We welcome the new Delegates: **Frank Walton** from the United Kingdom, **Thimi Nika** from Albania, **Robert Cloix** from France and **Ms Olga Lazarovics** from Hungary.

With this Newsletter is an updated list of Commission Delegates as at 31 August 2011.

Please check this list and if there are errors or omissions please advise the Secretary. It is very difficult to keep track of all the changes in postal and email addresses and is very time consuming if there are problems in sending emails.

4. WEBSITE – WHAT IS NEW

The following items are new or have been updated:

- Delegates Addresses – updated
- Newsletter for July 2010
- Under ‘History’ – Continental Literature Awards and Awards per Country

5. FEPA CONGRESS IN OPATIJA - April 2011

Below are extracts from the report of Giancarlo Morelli, FEPA Director for Literature and Awards.

(1) FEPA Awards 2009 - FEPA Medal for exceptional philatelic study and research

Patrick Maselis (Belgium), Editor of the Catalogue of MonacoPhil 2009 published by the Club de Monte-Carlo.

All co-authors of this research (Messrs Delbeke, Huys, Kaiser, Maselis, Van Pamel, Schouberechts, Slabbinck, Stes, and Tavano) will receive a Diploma.

I would also like to comment that the number of nominations for both the Literature Award and for the Certificate of Appreciation was lower than in the two previous years. I recommend a stronger participation, especially as far as literature is concerned.

(2) Support of Philatelic Literature

1. The project for building and maintaining a Philatelic Literature Data Base was presented in the last number of FEPA News. I am currently working with the President of the AIJP and the Chairman of the FIP Literature Commission in order to establish a strong cooperation aiming at ensuring a solid, long term implementation of the project and at identifying the resources to be involved and the ownership and availability of the data base. In particular the cooperation with the AIJP will bring in the requirements of the authors and that with the FIP commission should create a wide and focused attention to the initiative.

[See full report as in FEPA News December 2010 at end of this Newsletter]

2. I am pleased that the proposal for granting the full FEPA patronage to Philatelic Literature Exhibitions at a nominal fee has been agreed by the Board.

3. The German Federation is finalizing the plans for IPHLA, the International Literature Exhibition to be held in Mainz at the beginning of November 2012 – [see next item].

6. PHILATELIC LITERATURE EXHIBITION IN GERMANY - IPHLA 2012

from Wolfgang Maassen

There will be an international Literature Exhibition in 2012 in Mainz, Germany, the town of Johannes Gutenberg (2 - 4th of November, 2012). Due to the fact that this IPHLA Literature Exhibition is a specialized exhibition we don't have any national country-commissionars. So we are depending on the philatelic press and federation journals with their possibilities of publication.

IPHLA 2012 Mainz is an experiment: with completely new regulations and guide lines. So it is possible not only to present literature of all kinds, also digital static media like CD/DVD and also Internet-websites! You will find the regulations and the application forms on the bilingual website www.iphla.de.

IPHLA 2012 Mainz continues the tradition of important literature exhibitions successfully organised by the German Federation of Philatelists (BDPh) in Frankfurt (1989) and in Leipzig (2007). Like these two preceding philatelic literature exhibitions, IPHLA 2012 Mainz will be an international meeting. This becomes evident by the two patrons FEPA and AIJP who strongly support this literature exhibition. IPHLA 2012 Mainz will be held in the generous and pleasant location of the remarkable city hall. The Gutenberg-Museum of the city of Mainz will be incorporated in the event as well. The German Philatelic Federation BDPh e.V. is your host and invites all authors of study groups, small and big publishers, literature dealers and libraries to take part in this philatelic literature exhibition of 2012 as an exhibitor, dealer or sponsor.

IPHLA 2012 Mainz is a philatelic literature exhibition with international participation organised under the auspices of **FEPA** (Federation of European Philatelic Associations). FEPA has 42 members in Europe, among them the German Philatelic Federation BDPh e.V. In agreement with FEPA regulations (FREGEX) § 2.1.3, IPHLA 2012 Mainz will be held as a specialised one class exhibition and is open to exhibitors from all national associations of FEPA. Furthermore, again in agreement with FREGEX § 2.1.3, exhibitors from those countries are invited who are connected with a European language by their national idiom. These are authors and publishers from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Australia, New Zealand and Singapore as well as the USA, Canada and South Africa.

The international character of the exhibition is also underlined by the patronage of the **AIJP** (Association des Journalistes Philatéliques), the world association of philatelic authors and journalists. For IPHLA 2012 Mainz, AIJP will assume the national and international press work and give the organisation of the event its full support.

The main sponsor of IPHLA 2012 Mainz is the Foundation for the Development of Philately and Postal History in Bonn, which by means of its financial help enables the German Philatelic Federation BDPh e.V. to organise this exhibition. A sponsor not less important of IPHLA 2012 Mainz is the municipality of Mainz represented by Mayor Jens Beutel who generously placed the city hall at our disposal as a worthy location appropriate to the cultural importance of the event. Among individual sponsors is the AIJP, the world association of philatelic authors and journalists.

7. PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE ‘GUIDELINES’

Judging of CDs

In the last Newsletter it was suggested that some guidance is required when judging CDs and it was proposed to add a note to the Guidelines.

The following addition will be made to the Guidelines – the updated Guidelines will be submitted to the FIP Board for approval.

JUDGING OF CDs

The marking system is the same as for hardcopy literature. However, there are differences.

Technical Matters: At 15% would include such things as ease to load, compatibility with **your** software (even though nominally the same software, some CDs can be difficult or impossible to open depending on the country). Clarity of images, use of contents page, index etc are all important considerations. For a CD to gain high marks under this heading, it **must** use the unique features of a CD. For instance, has it got a search capability, one of the key matters for electronic literature.

Treatment of Contents or Authorship 40%, Research (40%) and Presentation (5%) are the same standards as we use for hard copy books.

8. EXHIBITION RESULTS

For the exhibition results a few more titles than normal are listed – this shows that a lot of good books are being published each year. As an exhibitor and as a judge it is essential to have access to philatelic literature.

We tend to emphasize the Large Gold and Gold awards which normally only go to books – we must also recognise journals from specialist societies which contribute to our knowledge and specialist catalogues.

So far the highest award given to a periodical is a Gold medal awarded to *The American Philatelist* in WASHINGTON 2006.

Large Vermeil medals have been repeatedly awarded so far to *Philotelia* (Greece), *Vaccari magazine* (Italy), *The Collectors Club Philatelist* (USA), *The London Philatelist* (U.K) and *India Post* (USA).

However, many other periodicals may have achieved only a Vermeil (still a high award) but they are quite essential to philately.

PORTUGAL 2010

Medals: 3 Large Gold, 11 Gold and 25 Large Vermeil.

Large Gold:

Claude Delbeke, Belgium: *The Belgium Maritime Mail 1850-1870* 96 points + Special Prize

Robert Odenweller, USA: *The Postage Stamps of New Zealand 1855-1873: The Chalon Head Issues* 95 points + Special Prize

Michèle Chauvet, France: *Introduction to Postal History from 1848 to 1878* 95 points

Gold:

Vaccari srl, Italy: *Letter Mail from and to the Old Italian States 1850-1870* 93 points

Hugh Feldman, United Kingdom: *US Contract Mail by Water (Star Routes 1824-1875)* 92 pts

Wolfgang Maassen, Germany: *History of Expertising in the German Philately* 91 points

Manfred Amrhein, *Costa Rica: Philatelic Literature – History & Bibliography since 1861 – Volume 4* 90 points
Damir Novakovic, *Croatia: Stamps & Postal History of Trieste, Pola, Fiume, Istria & Slovene Littoral under Yugoslav Military Administration 1945-1947* 90 points
Mario Carloni - Vanna Cercena, Italy: *Postal History of the Dodecanese* 90 points
David Feldman SA, Switzerland: *Cérès 1849* 90 points
Schwanenberger Verlag GmbH, Germany: *MICHEL Catalogue Europe 2009/2010–7 vol* 90 pts
Schwanenberger Verlag GmbH, Germany: *MICHEL Overseas Catalogue – 10 volumes* 90 pts
EDIFIL, SA, Spain: *Specialized Catalogue of Stamps of Spain & Colonies Vol I/II Ed. 2009,2010* 90 points

INDIPEX 2011

The Literature Class included 57 books, 27 journals and 22 catalogues- but no CDs.

Medals: Large Gold – Nil, Gold – 4, Large Vermeil – 12.

Books –4 Gold, 7 Large Vermeil

Gold:

Wolfgang Maassen, Germany: *From the First Albums and Catalogues to Publishing Houses of Global Standing, Vol I & II* 90 points, Gold
Marlo Carloni & Vanna Cercena, Italy: *Postal History of the Dodecanese – 4 volumes* 90 points, Gold
Grupo Filatelico Y Numismatico de Tenerife, Spain: *Historia del Correo en Canarias – Tomos I & II* 90 points Gold
Hugh Feldman, United Kingdom: *U.S. Contract Mail Routes by Water (Star Routes 1824-1875)* 91 points Gold + Special Prize.

Large Vermeil medals were awarded to:

Karoly Szucs, Hungary: *Revenue Stamps in the Habsburg Empire and in Hungary*
Yoshiyuki Yamazaki, Japan: *Postal Rate in Japan 1871-2010 and Encyclopedia of Japanese Cancellations*
Narumi Co., Japan: *Tosa Local Stamps called “Muraokuri Kite”*
Max Smith & Robert Johnson, United Kingdom: *Express Mail, After packets and Late Fees in India before 1870*
Leonard Charles Stanway, United Kingdom: *Malaysia & the Federation of Malaya – Their Stamps and Postal Stationery Volume 1*
American Philatelic Congress, U.S.A.: *The Congress Book 2009*

Journals – 2 Large Vermeil to:

Hellenic Philatelic Society, Greece: *Philotelia Vol 86, 2009*
Sandeep Jaiswal, USA: *India Post*

Catalogues – 3 Large Vermeil to:

Argiros Karamitsos, Greece: *Hellas 2010, 2 volumes, 5th Edition*

Philatelia Hungarica, Hungary: *Catalogue of Postage & Revenue Stamps of Hungary 2011*

Mikhail Podvyaznikov, Russia: *Submarines and Underwater Vehicles on the Postage Stamps of the World*

PHILANIPPON 2011

Medals: Large Gold -1, Gold – 3, Large Vermeil – 15, Vermeil – 22, Large Silver – 19, Silver – 24, Silver-Bronze – 17 and Bronze – 9.

Large Gold:

Wolfgang Hellrigl (Ed. Frank Walton): *The Postal History of Mongolia 1841-1941*

Gold:

Mario Carloni & Vanna Cercena: *Storia Postale del Deodecaneso*

Jun Ichi Matsumoto: *The French Post Office of Yokohama*

British West Indies Study Circle: *Trinidad – A Philatelic History to 1913.*

Large Vermeil:

Everaldo Santos: *Cartas, Correios e Filatelia na Historia do Brasil*

Vaccari Srl: *Sicily 1859 - Comparative Plates of Stamps*

Hideo Kosogabe: *Tosa Local Stamps called “MURAOKURI KITTE”*

Jun Ichi Matsumoto: *History of the Studies on the “Degrun-Kin Covers of Franco-Japanese Mixed Franked Covers*

Yoshiyuki Yamazaki: *Encyclopedia of Japanese Cancellations*

Yoshiyuki Yamazaki: *Postal Rate of Japan 1871-2010*

Cicerov Stanislav: *Slovenia Postage Due Stamps 1919-1921*

Eugenio de Guesada: *Estudio de los Sellos de Telegrafos de Cuba 1868-1896*

Kenneth G Clark: *History & Postal History of Japan's Wars, Volume II*

Knud Mohr (Ed): *Fakes Forgeries Experts (FFE Journal) 2010 Edition*

Soc. Filatelica de Madrid SOFIMA: *España Coleccionista*

Philatelia Hungarica LLC: *Catalogue of the Postage & Revenue Stamps of Hungary 2011*

Vaccari SRL: *Vaccari Catalogue 2011-2012*

Japanese Philatelic Society Foundation: *Japanese Stamps Specialized Catalogue Vol 1 (2011-12) & Vol 2 (2010-11)*

Facit Forlag AB: *Facit Special 2011*

9. AROUND THE WORLD

ARGENTINA from Orlando Eloy CORRES

Firstly, congratulations to Orlando for his accreditation as an FIP Juror for Thematic Philately.(Ed.)

At the National exhibition PHILAFEST 2011 held 14-20 June 2011 in Villa General Belgrano (Córdoba), there were 10 Literature entries. A Gold medal 85 points was awarded to:

Guillermo Jalil for *Catálogo especializado de sellos postales de la RA (1856-2009)*

2010 ARGENTINE PHILATELIC LITERATURE ANNUAL REPORT

2010 was a good year with many and important activities, including exhibitions and press release organized by both FAEF Philatelic Literature Commission and FAEF Member' Societies, as collectors, exhibitors and authors. The following is a short review:

NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

The Jesús María 2010 National Philatelic Exhibition was held in Jesús María, province of Córdoba, on 16-20 June 2010. Entries included: 7 books/handbooks, 4 Periodicals, and 2 Articles. Top awards:

<i>Catálogo Especializado de Sellos Postales de la República Argentina</i> - José Luis Götig & Guillermo Jalil	88 Gold medal
<i>CEFAI magazine</i> - Centro Filatélico Argentino Israelí	85 Gold medal
<i>Sistemas de impresión</i> - José Ramón Merlo	83 Large Vermeil
<i>Mariposas de Papel</i> - Graciela Nieto Ortiz	83 Large Vermeil
<i>Rivadavia 5c. Métodos de identificación y clasificación</i> - Gustavo de la Torre	80 Large Vermeil
<i>Próceres y Riquezas I, catálogo especializado de sellos postales</i> - Darío Antonio Bardi	80 Large Vermeil

The JUVENEX 2010 National Exhibition of Youth, One Frame and Philatelic Literature was held in Ituzaingó, province of Buenos Aires, on October 30-November 6, 2010. There were 9 entries: 5 books/handbooks, 2 periodicals and 2 articles. The top awards were:

<i>Manual para coleccionistas de la serie Próceres y Riqueza I (1935-1958)</i> - Guillermo A. Pettigiani	86 Gold medal
<i>Catálogo Especializado de Sellos Postales de la República Argentina</i> - José Luis Götig & Guillermo Jalil	85 Gold medal
<i>CEFAI magazine</i> - Centro Filatélico Argentino Israelí	80 Large Vermeil
<i>La Línea, routes and rates of the Compañía General Aeropostal and Air France (2 vol.)</i> - Miguel Ravignani	78 Vermeil
<i>Próceres y Riquezas I, catálogo especializado de sellos postales</i> - Darío Antonio Bardi	75 Vermeil

Judging is to FIP rules but as a national exhibition, medal levels are one step higher.

A list of the entries and awards can be found on the Federación Argentina de Entidades Filatélicas FAEF website - www.fae.org.ar

INTERNATIONAL F.I.P. EXHIBITIONS.

Argentina entered literature in LONDON 2010 – one book and PORTUGAL 2010 – 3 entries.

Books and handbooks published in Argentina during 2009

- *Carlos Gardel en la filatelia argentina 1974-2010*, by José Campoy Fernández. Publ. Biblioteca de Filatelia N° 18, Federación Argentina de Entidades Filatélicas FAEF, Buenos Aires, 68 pages, with illustrations. Spanish language.
- *Manual para el coleccionista de la serie Próceres y Riquezas I (1935-1958)*, by Guillermo Agustín Pettigiani, publ. by the author. 176 pages with illustrations, Spanish language.
- *Jesús María 2010, Exposición Filatélica Nacional*. Exhibition catalogue/palmars publ. by Centro Filatélico y Numismático de Jesús María, Córdoba. 56 pages with illustration, Spanish language.

Magazines, bulletins and newsletters published in Argentina during 2009

- *Revista FAEF* magazine N° 127-130: 4 issues
- *CEFAI* magazine N° 55-57: 3 issues
- *Cronista Filatélico*, magazine N° 266-268: 3 issues
- *El Correo del Oeste*, magazine N° 108-110: 3 issues
- *Centro Filatélico y Numismático Villa Calos Paz*, Bulletin N° 45 and 46: 2 issues
- *Boletín Aeropostal*, magazine N° 40 and 41: 2 issues
- *Informativo FAEF*, monthly newsletter N° 182-194: 12 issues
- *Coleccionando*, magazine N° 9 and 10: 2 issues
- *Boletín Cefiloza*, magazine N° 186-188: 3 issues
- *Boletín Podium*, bulletin N° 77-81: 5 issues
- *Temafilia*, bulletin N° 3-6: 4 issues
- *Centro Filatélico y Numismático de San Francisco*, bulletin N° 46 and 47: 2 issues
- *Apuntes Filatélicos* magazine N° 65: 1 issue
- *El Coleccionista* magazine, N° 105: 1 issue

Electronic bulletins and newsletters published in Argentina during 2010

- *La Hojita - Noticias Scouts filatélicas*, electronic journal: 6 issues (Enero-abril, Abril-junio, Julio-septiembre Partes I, II y III, y Octubre-diciembre).
- *Boletín Electrónico Podium*, electronic bulletin N° 34- 45: 12 issues (publ. Grupo Podium)

AUSTRALIA from David Collyer

At the National exhibition Sydney Stamp Expo 2011 in March there were 7 literature entries; *The Australian Commonwealth King George V 1½d Die 1 stamp, parts 1 and 2*. (Gold 86 points), published by the Australian Commonwealth Collectors club of New South Wales. *Czeslaw Slania- Master Engraver 1912-2004*. (Vermeil 75). Author - John Campbell of New Zealand.

Victoria. The 1895 Havelock-Fosters Postcards. (Gold 85). Author - Raymond Kelly.

Journal of China Philately Vol. 4 (Vermeil 77).

Philatelic Society of Australia, a Centenary history (Vermeil 79). Author Richard Peck.

Catalogue: *Stamps of Australia 12th edition* (Large Silver 70).

Catalogue: *The Australasian Stamp Catalogue Vol. 1* (Large Silver 74)

CHILE from Manuel L. Mariño-Reimann

I am pleased to report that Sociedad Filatelica de Chile (Chilean Philately Society) has continued publishing its magazine CHILE FILATELICO. The last number is N°282.

Also, the Circulo filatelico Diego Portales (Diego Portales Philatelic Circle) of Valparaiso has continued publishing its magazine LAS HOJAS AMIGAS (THE FRIENDLY SHEETS). The last number is N°94.

CROATIA from Ivan Martinas

The Croatian Philatelic Federation publishes: *Hrvatska filatelija* (four times a year) and Glasnik HFS (monthly). CPF has an internet page: www.hfs-cpf.hr

FRANCE from Bernard Jimenez

At the "Championnat de France de Philatélie", French annual national exhibition, in Metz, 10-13 June a Gold with 97 points and the Literature Grand Prix was awarded to Michèle Chauvet for

Les Colonies Françaises - Tarifs et Service Postal 1848 - 1878" (3 volumes).

A fantastic work (more than 1000 pages!)and a great edition!

GREAT BRITAIN from Frank Walton

Global List of Philatelic Periodicals

Since 2009 the Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSL) has made a significant amount of information available online at www.rpslcatalogue.org.uk. Whilst some data is restricted to members of the Royal, a great deal is available to the general public at no cost. The area which has had the greatest success is the Cumulative Index to Philatelic Periodicals. This now has indexes to 125 different journals totalling 320,000 references; it is still growing weekly. These come from a variety of countries; in addition to the UK, it has indexes from

journals published in the USA, Canada, Australia, France, Denmark, Philippines, Norway etc. It is a great resource for philatelic authors to check against.

The 'rpslcatalogue' also includes a full list of the books and periodicals in the RPSL Library. The book list (which is only available to members) includes over 13,000 titles. However, it is the periodicals listing though that I am currently focusing on. The RPSL Library today has just over 2,000 periodical titles on its shelves; it is one of the largest libraries in the world with great strength in early British and American publications. Currently over 300 current journals are added when new editions are published.

The 'rpslcatalogue' is a large (and growing!) relational database. I am currently working on enhancing the design so that the cumulative indexes link seamlessly with the RPSL Library listing of periodicals held so that an internet user can see instantly whether or not an article indexed is held in the RPSL Library. Because the Royal's periodicals library does not hold every philatelic journal, and we are now getting indexes for titles that we do not hold, it is essential that the table of philatelic journal titles within the 'rpslcatalogue' holds data about journals not in the library.

Hence I have started building a list, in Excel, of all periodicals that have ever been published. Using many resources, and drawing on lists provided by several international contacts, I now have over 6,000 titles listed. For each title there are included the basic attributes of title, publisher, place of publication, language and dates of first & last issue. Links have also been built between titles so that successor titles are joined together.

I don't claim that to be the first person in the world to build a global list of periodicals, but I have never before seen an attempt to link such a list with a globally searchable series of cumulative indexes. The result of this work will be fully and freely available to members of the public on the website www.rpslcatalogue.org.uk

The RPSL would like to invite anybody in the world to contribute information to this project. Although the online information is held in a relational database, all input is via Excel spreadsheets hence can be easily transmitted via email. Contact: frank@frankwalton.com

GREECE from Anthony Virvilis

The annual literary award C. Binos of the Hellenic Philatelic Federation was awarded for 2010 to the book by Bill Ure, *Forgeries of The Greek stamps of the 19th century*, published by Collectio. The 146 colourful A4 pages illustrate 454 stamps and 308 details (details at info@galinos.eu).

The European Philatelic Academy at its Congress in Lisbon during the exhibition PORTUGAL 2010, announced the award for 2010 to the bimonthly periodical *Philotelia* published by the Hellenic Philatelic Society without interruption since 1924.

The Royal Philatelic Society London is publishing C. Mattheos' *Introduction to the large Hermes heads of Greece 1861-1886*. It will be a hardbound, with dust jacket, handbook of 180 colourful pages and it is expected mid September.

On 1st October 2011 we are celebrating in Greece the 150th anniversary of the issue of the first Greek stamp (1st October 1861). The Hellenic Philatelic Society has dedicated two

numbers (May-June and July-August) of its journal *Philotelia* to these famous and fascinating stamps. The contributors whose articles are included are well known experts in this field and the topics published show clearly that the study and research of these worldwide known stamps continues unabated.

By the kind permission of its editor, I shall send to all delegates of the Literature Commission an electronic copy of both numbers, upon the issue of the second one due early September.

A. Karamitsos of Thessaloniki, auctioneers and publishers of the well known catalogue of Greek stamps and postal history, have undertaken the task to publish the new book of John Coundouros under the title *Large Hermes heads - Position characteristics of the 150 stamps plate*. The publication is scheduled to be ready end of September

In addition, the Hellenic Philatelic Society is organising an international Symposium *New approaches to the study of the large Hermes heads stamps* to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the issue of the first Greek stamp. This will be held over 3 days – Friday 30.9.2011 – Sunday 2.10.2011 in Athens.

The programme includes a book presentation by John Coundouros, *Large Hermes heads - Position characteristics of the 150 stamps plate* and the European Philatelic Academy awards to *Philotelia* journal. For more details of the excellent program please contact Anthony Virvilis anvirvilis@yahoo.gr

ICELAND from Halfdan Helgason

The Icelandic Philatelic Federation has launched its website <http://www.is-lif.is>

JAPAN from Yukihiro SHODA

Competitive Philatelic Literature Events in JAPAN (2010 Season): There are two national exhibitions every year in JAPAN. Both shows hold Literature Competition. These are ①ALL Japan Stamp Exhibition, in April with patronage of Japan Post Co. Ltd. and ②Japan Philatelic Exhibition (JAPEX), in November with patronage of Japan Philatelic Society, Foundation.

At ‘All Japan Stamp Exhibition 2010’ there were 7 entries(6 Books and 1 Periodical) in total. This year highest award was Vermeil medal: *Japanese Occupation Stamps in China* by Yoshimasa Kojima.

At ‘Japex 2010’ there were 26 entries (7 Books, 15 Periodicals, 2 Catalogs and 2 CD). Receiving a highest award was Gold medal: *Japanese Tosa Local Stamps called “MURAOKURI KITTE”* .by Hideo Kousokabe. (The Gold medal in Literature Class in this show is the second time. The first example was in 2003.)

NEW ZEALAND

The 12th New Zealand National Philatelic Literature Exhibition was held on 19 March 2011. The procedure is for entries to be sent beforehand to judges to judge individually and then to have a 'judging day' to review and agree awards. A few days before this, Christchurch was struck by a disastrous earthquake on 22 February and 'judging day' had to be cancelled with discussion to finalise results done by email and telephone. By good fortune the books had been moved the night before the earthquake from premises which were closed off for over a month.

A list of the 45 entries and awards for the 2011 and previous exhibitions can be found on the FIP Philatelic Literature Commission website - fipliterature.org

The major awards were:

Large Gold with Felicitations and the Grand Award went to Robert Odenweller RDP for *The Postage Stamps of New Zealand 1855-1873: The Chalon Head Issues* and Large Gold and Runner-up went to Robin Gwynn for *Railway Disaster Mail*.

In the Monographs section five Gold medals were awarded to:

- *Sicilia 1859 – Comparative Plates of Stamps* by Paolo Vaccari
- *Catalogue of Zeppelin Mail of Italy, Italian Colonies, San Marino, Vatican City 1929-39* by Fiorenzo Longhi
- *Rates to reform – A Guide to High Postage Rates in Great Britain & Their Reform 1812-40* by Rex Clark
- *The Maritime Postmarks of the Danish Kingdom* by Stefan Danielski & Ernst Schilling
- *Egypt: The Rural Postal Service – An Introduction* by Mike Murphy & Ibrahim Shoukry.

Best Periodical with a Gold medal – *The Collectors Club Philatelist* edited by Robert Odenweller RDP.

ROMANIA from Mircea Patrascoiu

Between 6 - 12 May 2011 in Cluj-Napoca city, hosted an exciting national philatelic exhibition with international participation, with the theme "philatelic literature."

The exhibition had a total of 47 participants who were awarded a total of 39 medals: 2 gold, 7 large Vermeil, 5 vermeil, 9 silver large, 8 silver, 5 bronze silver and 3 bronze.

Participants in the exhibition were from: Romania, USA, Germany, Sweden, Brazil, China and Moldova.

To mention participation in the exhibition of many philatelic magazines, most notably the following:

- Transylvania-Banat, Bukovina (Romania)
- Store Stamps, Cartofil and Numismatics (Romania)
- Philatelist Railway (ROMANIA)
- A PHILATELIC Brasileira (Brazil)

- Philatelica.RO (Romania)
- Shi Bao Yhen Zou (China)
- Filacap (Brazil)
- Philatelic Journal (Romania)
- Philatelic Medica (Germany)
- Bank of Articles - Philatelica.RO (Romania - Mircea Patrascoiu)

Philatelic exhibition being held every two years is "Librafila 2011" with medical section "Litmedfila 2011".

We also report that Cristian Scaiceanu has published "*The history of the philatelic movement in Romania*" – 661 pages, "Oscar Print" Publishing House (www.oscarprint.ro) The book is in Romanian, with abstract in English, French and German, and represents a scientific approach of the philately, being a part of his PhD thesis, degree received in 2010.

Launched two months ago at the National Bank of Romania headquarters, the book comprises appreciative words of Acad. Mugur Isarescu, Governor of BNR, of Acad. Ionel Haiduc, President of the Romanian Academy and of PhD- professors Ioan Opris, Ion Bulei and Ion Calafeteanu.

SOUTH AFRICA

JOBURG 2010 in Johannesburg 27-31 October – with FIAP Patronage and FIP Recognition the highlight of South Africa's philatelic year. The Literature class included 21 books and 7 journals.

One Gold medal was awarded –

Vaccari Srl, Italy: *Letter Mail from and to the Old Italian States 1850-1870*

Over recent years a number of smaller books have been produced each dealing with a particular aspect of South African Postal History. In particular a number relating to the Anglo-Boer War:

The Wherewithal of Wolmaransstad, The Pseudo-Siege of Schweizer-Reneke, The Riddle of Rustenburg and The Legacy of Lydenburg – all by Harry Birkhead & Joh Groenewald;
Die Machadodorp-briefkarte van die Anglo-Boereoorlog by Gerrit Jonkers,
Die Pietersburg-seëls van die Anglo-Boereoorlog by Carel Breedt and Joh Groenewald,
Die Vryburg- seëls van die Anglo-Boereoorlog by Joh Groenewald – the last three in Afrikaans. Contact the Philatelic Federation of South Africa, PhilFed books, PO Box 12537. Queenswood 0121, South Africa. Email: johgroen@mweb.co.za

Recently published: *South African Air Force & Royal Air Force Mail Cachets Used in Southern Africa during World War II* by Jim Findlay. Published by Ben Jansen –

PO Box 835, Groenkloof 0027, South Africa. Email: thinkgraphics@telkomsa.net

SWEDEN from Erik Hamberg

Reductions in staff affect the Postal Museum and its library in Stockholm, due to budget cuts. Almost no books at all can be bought in the future. Sweden Post, now merged with the Danish Post, creating PostNord, has stopped editing the yearbook of the Postal Museum, *Postryttaren* ("The Postal Rider"), but The Friends of the Postal Museum is continuing the editing. Unfortunately it has been necessary to abandon the English summaries for the articles and the yearbook is now slightly thinner.

The periodical *Skillingtrycket* has recently changed name to *Skillingtrycket Svensk Filateli*.

A book about the Strandell Medal is under preparation and will be published in September in a limited edition. This medal is the highest philatelic reward in Sweden, created in 1961 and named after Nils Strandell (1874-1963). He was an international juror during four decades and created the basis for the philatelic library at the Postal Museum, which opened in 1944.

U.S.A. from Michael Dixon

The major 2010 literature results just missed the last Newsletter – they are recorded here for the record.

NAPEX 2010 national exhibition held in June 2010 in Washington – major literature awards were:

Literature Grand Award & Gold:

American Philatelic Society: *Understanding Transatlantic Mail Vol 2*

Reserve Grand Award & Gold:

George Migliavacca & Tarcisio: *Simon Taxis & the Posts of Milan During the Renaissance*

Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation: *Maritime Postmarks of the Danish Kingdom Gold+S.P.*

American Philatelic Congress: *Congress Book 2009 Gold*

Vaccari srl: *Sicilia 1859: Comparative Plates of Stamps Gold*

Charles J G Verge: *The 1959 St Lawrence Seaway Joint Issue and its Invert Gold*

APS STAMPSHOW, Richmond, Virginia, 12-15 June 2010

Literature Grand Award & Gold:

American Philatelic Society: *Understanding Transatlantic Mail Vol 2*

Reserve Grand Award & Gold:

Robert P Odenweller: *The Postage Stamps of New Zealand: 1855-1873, The Chalon Head Issues*

Spink Shreves Galleries: *The Floyd E. Risvold Collection/ American Expansion & The Journey West*

Gold medals – Handbooks:

David S Ball: *American Astrophilately*

Edmund A. Bayley: *The History of the Post Offices in Barbados*

Damir Novakovic: *Stamps and Postal History of Trieste, Pola, Fiume, Istria and Slovene Litoral under Yugoslav Military Administration 1945-1947*

Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation: *Maritime Postmarks of the Danish Kingdom*

Ken Trettin: *The Congress Book 2009*

American Philatelic Congress (APC): The main aim of the Congress is to produce the annual Congress Book and to promote philatelic literature in general.

Annual literature awards 2010:

Barbara R Mueller Award for the best article in the American Philatelist:

Howard W Geisler: *Saarland – A German State with French Philatelic History*

Eugene Klein Research Award for best book written by Member of Congress:

Dick Winter: *Understanding Transatlantic Mails Vo. 2*

Dorothy Colby Award for best published article (other than in the Congress book):

Dale Forster: *Postal Conventions with Pacific-Rim Countries 1867-1886* in *The Chronicle*, v. 61, no.3.

The APC also gives an award at each USA national exhibition for the best exhibit write-up.

The major 2011 literature award is:

Charles J. Peterson Philatelic Literature Life Achievement Award: Kevin Doyle

Kevin Doyle's primary contribution to philatelic literature has been as editor of *VORLÄUFER*, journal of the German Colonies Collectors Group for 27 years since 1985. He has written over 100 articles for 13 different journals and won national Gold for both literature and philatelic exhibits.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

This impressive award is cast in metal, about 18 inches/45cm high and sits on a black marble plinth. The names of recipients on metal plaquettes will be attached to the plinth.

See further details on: http://www.stamps.org/almanac/alm_PetersonAward.htm

NAPEX 2011 national exhibition held in June 2011 in Washington – 15 handbooks and 25 periodicals. See http://www.napex.org/docs/palmares/napex_palmares_2011_combined.pdf

The major literature awards were:

Handbooks awarded Gold medals:

Charles J Peterson Grand Award for Handbooks: Peter Ford: *Trinidad: A Philatelic History to 1913*

Reserve Grand Award for Handbooks: Robin Gwynn: *Railway Disaster Mail*

Gold Medal: American Philatelic Congress: *Congress Book 2011*

Periodicals awarded Gold medals:

Kenneth Trettin: *American Revenuer Volume 63*

James W Graue: *German Postal Specialist Volume 61*

Sandeep Jaiswal: *India Post Volume 44*

Larry Lyons: *Penny Post Volume 18*

John Kevin Doyle: *Vorläufer Nos 158-161*

APS STAMPSHOW national exhibition August 2011 in Columbus, Ohio – 22 books and 27 periodicals.

See <http://www.stamps.org/directories/Palmares/StampShow-2011-Lit.pdf>

Gold awards were:

Michael Laurence: *Ten-Cent 1869 Covers, A Postal Historical Survey* – Grand Award

Louis Fiset: *Detained, Interned, Incarcerated, U.S. Enemy Noncombatant Mail in World War II*

Larry Lyons: *Penny Post* (Periodical)

These two - Reserve Grand Awards

Lewis E Bussey: *United States Postal Card Catalog 2010*

Robert E Picirilli: *Postal & Airmail Rates in France & Colonies 1920-1945*

RMPL: *Mexico's Denver Printing of 1914*

Vaccari Srl: *Sicilia 1859 Comparative Plates of Stamps*

10. NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

This is **your** *Newsletter* but **we do need contributions from you**. The aim is to publish two issues each year – so please send us something about philatelic literature events and news in your country, preferably by email – to the Secretary, Norman Banfield:

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- postal address: 14 Rata Road, Raumati Beach, Kapiti 5032, New Zealand.

Thank you to those who have contributed to this issue.

11. EMAIL ADDRESSES

Contact by email is becoming normal today – if you receive this Newsletter by post it means we do not have an email address for you. If you have one, please advise the Secretary, Norman Banfield at: normanb@xtra.co.nz

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