

## **FIP Literature Commission Report 2019**

### **Changes in Commission Bureau**

Due to the untimely demise of the Commission Chairman Gary Brown in September 2019, the Commission had to change its officials. The secretary of the Commission, Mr. Javaid Muhammad, took the position of Chairman. This act was in accordance with the "FIP Guidelines for the duties and regulations for the philatelic commissions/sections of the FIP" Article 14.8.

The Commission elected Mr. Ari Muhonen as the Secretary. These acting positions were confirmed in the FIP Bureau meeting on November 24, 2019 and they are valid until the next Commission elections in Jakarta, August 2020.

### **Electronic literature**

The work for creating guidelines for judging electronic literature has continued based on the draft given in the previous Commission report in July 2018. This was tested in Stockholmia 2019 exhibition. Using the gained experience the Commission Chairman Gary Brown and Mr. Frank Walton wrote a proposal for the use in London 2020 exhibition-

### **New literature regulation draft**

The newly organized Commission Bureau started to work actively in order to revise the current literature regulations which date back in 1985. Revised draft proposal for Special Regulation for the Evaluation of Philatelic Literature Exhibit at FIP Exhibition was submitted to the FIP board for consultation and approval on 17 November 2019.

At the 129<sup>th</sup> Board meeting in Verona, the Board had discussed the revised SREVs as submitted by the Literature Commission and agreed that it should be first approved in the Commissions' Meeting during LONDON 2020, prior to FIP Board's approval.

SREV 2.2c shall be implemented on experimental basis with the approval of FIP Consultant Bernard Jimenez, for LONDON 2020.

The ground breaking idea there is to treat the exhibits equally in spite of the format (paper or electronic). The base for judging is content and usefulness of the exhibit. The draft will be processed further in 2020.

### **Website [fipliterature.org](http://fipliterature.org)**

The Commission website was long outdated, as the last updates were done in 2012. Therefore its renewal was necessary. Mr. Ari Muhonen started the work already in the beginning of 2019. However, the work was not finalized until December, 2019, when the new design was launched. The work continues in 2020, as some parts of the new site are still under construction.

### **Newsletter**

The Commission has published one newsletter during the reporting period, in January 2019.

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Commission Bureau