



Literature Commission

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REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN

Muhammad Javaid

Due to the untimely demise of the Commission Chairman Gary Brown in September 2019, the Commission changed its officials. In accordance with FIP regulations, I took the position of Chairman. The bureau recommended Mr. Ari Muhonen as secretary to the commission, which was approved by the FIP Board on 24 November 2019_

The newly organized commission bureau continued on revising current literature regulations and included guideline to judged electronic literature, the revised proposal submitted to the FIP board for their approval at the 129th Board meeting in Verona on 17 November 2019, where it was discussed and agreed that it should be first approved in the commission meeting during London 2020 exhibition, the commission meeting was scheduled for 7 May 2020.

As we all know that London 2020 and Indonesia 2020 both FIP events are postponed due to COVID-19. We would take this opportunity to further discuss our revised proposal for Special Regulation for the Evaluation of Philatelic Literature Exhibit at FIP Exhibition before the next commission meeting.

The newly designed website of the literature commission is live now, we are planning to host a Zoom meeting in the coming months.

I hope to see you in Japan during Philanippon 2021 exhibition, which will be held in Yokohama from 25 to 30 August 2021.



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COUNTRY REPORTS

compiled by Ari Muhonen

The delegates of the FIP Literature commission were asked to send their country reports by 31 January, 2021. I am glad to inform that 20 delegates replied.

Australia

by David Collyer

Exhibitions:

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic there was only one on site philatelic exhibition in Australia in 2020- Canberra Stampshow 2020- 21st National Philatelic Convention. There were two entries in the Literature class:

- Postcard Pillar, Journal of the NZ Postcard Society 85 Gold
- 1998 XVI Commonwealth Games, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 74 Large Silver

Canberra 2020 was the first of two scheduled Australian half nationals scheduled for 2020 the other in Newcastle has been rescheduled for October 2021. The previous national with all classes was Sydney 2019 where there were 9 entries; 4 monographs, 2 specialist catalogues and 3 journals.

National Support for Literature:

The Australian Philatelic Federation (APF) runs a number of support programs for Philatelic literature

- Publications assistance scheme – making loans available for the publication of books
- Journals support scheme – a three year support program to improve society journals which have reached 65 points at national level and produce 4 issues per year.
- Classic Exhibits – Select and produce copies of Australian entries that have reached national or international large gold level preserving the entry that that stage for long term reference and preservation.

Support to Authors:

- Supplied to R. Lee how to apply to apply to the APF for support from its assistance scheme for his multi-volume work on Australian Overseas Airmails
- Assisted B Peace with exemplars and postal history background for his forthcoming third volume on Australasian airmail crashes, disruptions & interruptions 1936-1939.
- Provided access to work sheet data in NSW post offices for a work on the Postal history of the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Scheme 1949-1974.



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Research Support:

The APF research support program whereby philatelists can ask state and the national research coordinator to try to find additional information. This can include library research, networking with area specialists, accessing archival records. Some of this work does result in journal articles or monographs.

2020 Australia Philatelic Literature Publications

- Ken Sparks. The Melbourne Mail Exchange 1917-1988 a history of its postal mechanisation. Brisbane, self published, 2020
- Ken Sparks. The Melbourne Mail Exchange 1917-1988 a history of its postal mechanisation-Snap shots-over 100 photographs. Brisbane, self published, 2020
- Ken Sparks Bass Strait Contract mails from Federation to World War II. self published, 2020

Australian Philatelic Websites:

Through the website of the APF one can access information on Australian philatelic societies and stamp clubs.

- The Postal Stationery Society of Australia has in 2020 conducted regular zoom meetings which are accessible from the society website

There is a separate link to the "Postal Stationery of New South Wales" which is arranged by type of postal stationery.

Reaccreditation of National Philatelic Judges:

In 2020 the APF brought national literature judges into line with other classes in that reaccreditation occurs every four years.

National literature judges are required to submit a resume of their activities in philatelic literature every four years.

Until 2020 there were five national literature judges in Australia. It is hoped that this will be increased so that there are at least two accredited literature judges in each state and territory.

Austria

by Gerald Jerolitsch

From Austria - as from all other countries, I presume - there is not much to report. Because of Covid many activities were stopped.

But all in all I can report 1 national exhibition with literature-class: ÖVEBRIA in St. Pölten (October 2nd-4th) with 4 exhibits that received Large Gold (1), Large Vermeil (2) and Vermeil

In 2020 two new books were published: Ernst Strauss: "Vorphilatelie Steiermark" and Wolfgang Schubert/Wilhelm Demuth (+): "Müller unbekannt II" Stefan Krammers "Postgeschichte von Ybbs" had a 2nd revised edition.



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Belgium

by Piet Van San

Corona times also in Belgium.

Every two years we have our National Exhibition (with participation of the new literature) - displaced until June 2021 (if possible).

There was one fantastic new book (here in Belgium) about the 'School colonies for Belgian children in France in the Great War (1914-18)'. But it is written only in Dutch.

Brazil

by Fernando S. Moreira dos Santos

BRAZILIAN PHILATELIC PUBLICATIONS MADE THROUGHOUT 2020.

(Publications prior to 2020, even registered for exhibitions, were not considered).

ELECTRONIC LITERATURE

Boletim da [FEBRAF](#)

Clube Filatélico Brusquense - Boletim Informativo [nº 29. fev.2020](#)

Clube Filatélico Brusquense - Boletim Informativo [nº 30. abr.2020](#)

Clube Filatélico Brusquense - Boletim Informativo [nº 31. jun.2020](#)

Clube Filatélico Brusquense - Boletim Informativo [nº 32. ago.2020](#)

Clube Filatélico Brusquense - Boletim Informativo [nº 33. Out.2020](#)

Clube Filatélico Brusquense - Boletim Informativo [nº 34. Dez.2020](#)

Boletim da Associação Filatélica e Numismática de Santa Catarina. [Nº 75. Ago.2020](#)

FILACAP ON LINE 203

FILACAP ON LINE [204 - fevereiro/2020](#)

FILACAP ON LINE [205](#)

FILACAP ON LINE - Edição de abril/2020 -nº [206](#)

FILACAP ON LINE 207

FILACAP ON LINE 208

FILACAP ON LINE [209](#)

FILACAP ON LINE [210](#)

FILACAP ON LINE 211

FILACAP ON LINE [212](#)

FILACAP ON LINE [213](#) - DEZEMBRO/2020

FILACAP ON LINE [214](#) - dezembro/2020



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Boletim FILABRAS [Nº 1 – Jan-Fev/2020](#)

Boletim FILABRAS [Nº 2 – Mar-Abr/2020](#)

Boletim FILABRAS [Nº 3 – Mai-Jun/2020](#)

Boletim FILABRAS [Nº 4 – Jul-Ago/2020](#)

Boletim FILABRAS [Nº 5 – Set-Out/2020](#)

Boletim FILABRAS [Nº 6 – Nov-Dez/2020](#)

Coletânea Filaturismo Poético – Percorrendo o Brasil Através das Letras e dos Selos Postais. Luiz Gonzaga Amaral Júnior. [Divinópolis/MG. 05 de junho de 2020.](#)

Coletânea Filaturismo Poético – Percorrendo a América do Sul Através das Letras e dos Selos Postais. Luiz Gonzaga Amaral Júnior. [Divinópolis/MG. 26 de setembro de 2020.](#)

Almanaque de Filatelia Espacial e Outras Curiosidades. Luiz Gonzaga Amaral Júnior. [Divinópolis/MG.](#)

- Introdução e Capítulo 1 – O Sol – lançado em 09 de setembro de 2020
- Capítulo 2 – A Lua – lançado em 16 de setembro de 2020
- Capítulo 3 – Estrelas – lançado em 23 de setembro de 2020
- Capítulo 4 – Cometas – lançado em 07 de outubro de 2020
- Capítulo 5 – Asteroides – lançado em 14 de outubro de 2020
- Capítulo 6 – Viagem à Lua – lançado em 21 de outubro de 2020
- Capítulo 7 – Mercúrio – lançado em 04 de novembro de 2020
- Capítulo 8 – Vênus – lançado em 11 de novembro de 2020
- Capítulo 9 – Terra – lançado em 18 de novembro de 2020
- Capítulo 10 – Marte – lançado em 02 de dezembro de 2020
- Capítulo 11 – Júpiter – lançado em 09 de dezembro de 2020
- Capítulo 12 – Saturno – lançado em 16 de dezembro de 2020
- Capítulo 13 – Urano – lançado em 06 de janeiro de 2021
- Capítulo 14 – Netuno – lançado em 13 de janeiro de 2021
- Capítulo 15 – Plutão – lançado em 20 de janeiro de 2021
- Coletânea Completa: a ser lançada em 24 de fevereiro de 2021

PAPER LITERATURE

Aginaldo Gabriel - Catálogo Ilustrado de Máximos Postais Emitidos pelos Correios do Brasil - 2ª edição – 2020.

Aginaldo Gabriel - 14 Anos de Maximafilia (2006-2020).

Sociedade Filatélica Paulista. Boletim Informativo. Abr.2020.

Sociedade Filatélica Paulista. Boletim Informativo. Ago. 2020.

Sociedade Filatélica Paulista. Boletim Informativo. Dez. 2020.

Clube Filatélico Brusquense - Boletim Informativo nº 29. fev.2020.

Clube Filatélico Brusquense - Boletim Informativo nº 30. abr.2020.

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Clube Filatélico Brusquense - Boletim Informativo nº 34. Dez.2020.

Boletim da Associação Filatélica e Numismática de Santa Catarina. Nº 75. Ago.2020.

José Evair - Catálogo de Carimbos Comemorativos do Brasil.

Chile

by Manuel Marino Reimann

1.- Because of the pandemic spread around the world, only one number of CHILE FILATELICO news magazine, the official review of the Sociedad Filatelica de Chile (Chilean Philatelic Society) was issued during the past year. It was CHILE FILATELICO Nº300, issued in April 2020.

2.- The news magazine CHILE FILATELICO was presented at the International Philatelic Exhibition Buenos Aires 2019, receiving a Large Vermeil Medal.

3.- The official website www.sociedadfilatelica.cl of Sociedad Filatelica de Chile has being very active all the time.

4.- Newsletters, with information of all kind, were sent through internet, by the Chilean Philatelic Society Administrative Office, to all members residents in Chile as well as abroad.

5.- Other activities like meetings, conferences, lectures, information exchange and the like were delivered online,

6.- During year 2020, a number of articles written by me were published on different papers, as well as, virtual philatelic magazines as follows.

Articles	News magazine	Edited by	Country
4	AMEXFIL Nº176 - 179	Asociación Mexicana de Filatelia	Mexico
3	ESCRIBAS Nº47, 52 and 53	Asociación de Cronistas Filatelicos	Argentina
4	NEWBERIANO Nº 54, 55, 56 & 59	Instituto Nacional Newberiano	Argentina
1	EL FILOTELICO Nº 229	Sociedad Filatelica Dominicana	Dominican Republic



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Czech Republic

by Jiří Sedlák

It looks excellent in our country. We have issued two representative books of postage stamp and there will be sent to an Europe exhibition of stamps LIBEREC 2022. Unfortunately there are in Czech language only. However one of them will be translated to German language and then in English.

Denmark

by Per Friis Mortensen

Unfortunately only one book were published in 2020: Dansk Filateli Højborg.

One of the most prominent institutions within Danish philately is Djursland Philatelic College. It was founded in 1987 and is thus in its 34th season. They have chosen to mark this with a book publication that contains the history of the philatelic college as well as a several short articles. Of the book's 180 pages, one third the first 1/3 is reserved for the college's history and culture and the remaining two third consist of small exciting and educational articles with topics written by the various speakers.

Finland

by Ari Muhonen

Two notable postal history books were published in 2020. The German publisher Phil*Creativ published "Postal History Finland - From the early beginnings to the entry of Russia into the UPU" by Wolf Hess. The same topic was handled in the sixth book in the series of the notable Finnish postal history exhibits by the Society of Postal history, which presented Risto Pitkänen's exhibit "Postal history of Finland prior to the UPU".

In addition, only two other philatelic books were published last year. The other celebrated 90th anniversary of the Oulu Philatelic Society and the other told the story of navy cruisers, rulers of the seas authored by Kai Varsio, a retired high rank navy officer.

Curiously enough, more books were published about postcards, namely five. The most notable of them is Seija-Riitta Laakso's book about American glamour postcards published in Finland.

The major Finnish philatelic journals were published the normal way. The Philatelic Federation of Finland published the usual 8 issues of its "Filatelisti", the Philatelic Society of Finland 6 issues of its "Suomen Postimerkkilehti" and the Philatelic Society of Turku 4 issues of its "Abophil". In addition, six other societies and clubs publish their own newsletters to their members. Two companies have their own magazines for their clients.

Sad news is that this was the last year for Abophil. It was first published in 1964 and had gained a good reputation with interesting stories and popular auction. However, the editor wanted to retire and there was nobody to continue the work. Now Abophil is the title of the blog of the Turku Philatelic Society and news will be published on their website.



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The national exhibition SFEx 2020 was held in August, 2020. It had two entries in the literature class. Suomen Postimerkkilehti magazine got a gold medal with 86 points and Carl Appelberg's book about model 1930 issue postal items with single stamps silver medal with 65 points.

Internet contains more and more information about Finnish philately. One of the most notable blogs has posts about model 1930 issue (www.malli1930.fi/blog/). Mikael Collan writes about the history of the issue as well as comments results of auctions and philatelic fairs. There are also several interesting philatelic groups in Facebook.

Germany

by Wolfgang Maassen

On the Situation of Philatelic Literature in Germany 2020

As a result of the pandemic that has lasted for more than a year, the majority of all larger philatelic events have been cancelled, at which new publications by authors and publishers are usually presented, but the creative enthusiasm of the creative minds is uninterrupted. As a result, some 100 or more individual booklets and monographs have also appeared in 2020.

Individual publications

Particularly noteworthy are, among others:

1. Dr Wolf Hess: Postal History Finland. From the early beginnings to the entry of Russia into the UPU (304 pages, numerous illustrations, DIN A4, hardcover, in English).

By the same author in collaboration with Paul Wijnants 2020: Prince Edward Island. From separate British colony to entry into the Canadian Confederation 1769-1873 (175 pages, DIN A4, hardcover, in German).

Both manuals are remarkable in that no comparable book on Finland's postal history has been published before. There is no publication worth mentioning on Prince Edward Island in the German-speaking world.

2. Hanspeter Frech: Postcards 1933-1945 from or to NS camps of all kinds in the context of the general postal supply at that time (467 pages, DIN A4, countless colour illustrations, hardcover, in German language)

This book is a unique encyclopaedia, published at the end of 2020. There has never been such a comprehensive work on this subject in the German language.

3. Wolfgang Maassen: Wer ist wer in der Philatelie? (Who is who in Philately? 3rd edition, volume 3, letters I-L, format DIN A5, numerous illustrations, 320 pages, in German language).

This compendium was continued with the third volume of this book series. Volume 4 will be published in 2021 and will contain the letters "M-R".



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Professional journals

The professional journals (DBZ/sammler-express; Deutsche Briefmarken-Revue; Briefmarken Spiegel; MICHEL-Rundschau as well as the association and philatelic journal of the BDPH, "philatelie", still exist, although they suffer from a decrease in advertisements due to the pandemic. On the other hand, there are far more specialist articles than ever before.

Just as lively are the approximately 100 or more study groups that publish two to four independent specialist journals for their members. The Deutscher Altbriefsammler-Verein has even published a digital directory of all its publications in 2020. To this end it states:

"DASV-Archiv Digital" offers on a fold-out USB stick in an attractive business card format the complete stock of the "Rundbriefe" from 1941 to 2015, furthermore all publications of the supplement "Postgeschichte und Altbriefkunde" until 2015 as well as the communications published by SAVO, the International Association of Collectors of Prephilatelic Letters and Postal Documents, from 1934 until the foundation of DASV. More than 24,000 pages have been scanned for this purpose and now offer all search possibilities. The files are available in the common PDF format. PDF tables of contents for the issues up to the current volume provide an overview of the topics, contributions and authors of the publications.

Last but not least, there are the purely digitally distributed journal publications, of which there are also several and some - such as PHILA HISTORICA - have an annual volume of around 1,000 or more pages in German.

ArGe Literature Competition and Rauhut Literature Prize

Due to the Corona pandemic, some literary prizes were not awarded in 2020, as there were no public presentation opportunities for them. However, the Rauhut Literature Prize 2020 was awarded within the framework of a digital literature competition of the philatelic working groups. The Bund Deutscher Philatelisten published the following press release, excerpts of which are reproduced here:

The book "Polish Post in the free City of Danzig" by Hans Vogels (ArGe Polen) is the overall winner of the Rauhut Literatur Förderpreis 2020, scoring 92 points and achieving Grand Gold. The prize will be awarded in conjunction with the literature competition of the working groups by the Bund Deutscher Philatelisten e.V. in October as a rank 1 exhibition. In the print literature Monographs and Handbooks category, the book by Hans Vogels came in first, followed by the ArGe Feldpost 1914-18 with the handbook and catalogue "Deutsche Feldpost im Ersten Weltkrieg" (German Field Post in the First World War) (91 points of major gold) and the ArGe DDR-Spezial with the book "70 Jahre DDR-Philatelie" (70 Years of GDR Philately) (89 points of major gold).

In the print literature journals, the Deutscher Altbriefsammler-Verein with its 2018 and 2019 circulars achieved 1st place with 91 points Großgold. The other places were taken by the ArGe Norddeutscher Postbezirk with its 2019 and 2019 circulars (88 points



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gold) and the circulars of the ArGe Krone/Adler, ArGe Preußen and the Poststempelgilde with 87 points gold each.

In the Electronic Literature (Websites) class, ArGe Norddeutscher Postbezirk scored 88 points gold, ArGe Polen 87 points gold and Deutscher Altbriefsammler-Verein 85 points gold. In the electronic literature category (e-catalogues and e-journals), the ArGe Portugal und ehemalige Kolonien came first with the Digital Library on Timor Leste (78 points Vermeil). The Ring der Liechtensteinsammler followed in second place with its "Ringarchiv" (76 points Vermeil).

The three first-place winners in each group are the winners of the Rauhut Literature Promotion Prize and receive a cash prize of 200 euros for 1st place, 150 euros for 2nd place and 100 euros for 3rd place respectively.

The overall winner of all classes will receive an additional cash prize of 500 euros. A total of 80 exhibits from 31 working groups had been entered. The competition was held without a venue due to the Corona pandemic. It was held in accordance with the BDPH Exhibition Regulations for Literature and the Special Regulations for the Evaluation of Philatelic Literature, as amended at the time of the closing date for entries.

The jury would like to thank the company Rauhut and Kruschel, which has made this exhibition particularly attractive by donating the Rauhut Literature Award. Last but not least, thanks are due to the exhibitors who contributed to the success of the 3rd ArGe Literature Exhibition. The jury report can be downloaded from the [BDPh homepage](#).

Resume

Although individual research and literature projects are currently suffering permanently from the loss of access to archives, libraries and museums, overall this is not yet really noticeable. Due to the situation, there has been an increase in the digital dissemination of lectures and papers, which ultimately also count as literature. It seems that philatelic literature is coming through the crisis comparatively unscathed.

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Greece

by Tony Virvilis

Talking about annual Literature Awards we have 3:

- 1- Best article of *Philotelia* published the previous year and voted by Hellenic Philatelic Society's members electronically or otherwise until 21 January
- 2- Federation's Award for the best book of previous year which is voted by a Committee normally in February. I shall try to convene the Committee much earlier depending to the lockdown,
- 3- There is also another Award for the best article of the last two years of the journal *The Stamp* published by the Philatelic Society of Athens. I do not know if this year is going to be given or the next one.



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Hong Kong

by P.C. Shaw

In 2020, Hong Kong Philatelic Society published the annual journal, which constitutes 174 pages with 27 articles. Topics include Society activities, Philatelic Diary of Hong Kong in 2019, members' reflections, youth philately, Research and Philatelic interest of Hong Kong, Mainland China and other countries. The Society also published an 8-page monthly newsletter distributed to members and FIAP officers. Covers of the newsletters can be found at: http://hkpsociety.com/?page_id=127.

Japan

by Yukihiro Shoda

Competitive Philatelic Literature Events in JAPAN (2020 Season): Usually there are two national exhibitions every year in JAPAN. Both shows hold Literature Competition.

- 'All Japan Stamp Exhibition 2020 was not held because of Covid-19.'

'Japn Philatelic Exhibition 2020' (Nov.6th-8th), there were 15 entries (6 Books, 9 Periodicals). Receiving a highest award was Large Vermail medal: "50 years Aniversary of JPS Sutudy Group on Plant Stamps Bulletin" .

No International exhibitions.

Italy

by Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi

Activities in Italy, 2020.

1. National Exhibitions. None.

2. National Awards. None.

3. Published Literature: magazines.

In Italy many philatelic magazines of great interest are published, in all fields of philately. The pandemic has not stopped publications. These are the main magazines, with their main specializations.

Qui Filatelia (4 per year). The magazine of the Italian Federation.

Archivio per la storia postale (Issp, 2 py). Scholar journal devoted to Postal History.

Bollettino prefilatelico e storico postale (Assp, 5 py). Postal History.

Cursori (Aisp, 2 py). Postal History.

Il Collezionista (Bolaffi, 4 py). General.

Il Monitore della Toscana (Aspot, 4 py). Postal History of the Tuscany region. L'Annullo

(Ancai, 4 py). Postal History, Marcophily.



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L'Arte del Francobollo (Unificato, 11 py). General.

L'Intero Postale (Usfi, 3 py). Postal Stationery.

Notiziario AIM (AIM, 6 py). Maximaphily. Notiziario Tematico (Cift, 6 py). Thematic Ph.

Posta militare e storia postale (Aicpm, 3 py). Postal History, Military Post. Sicil-post Magazine (Asps, 2 py). Postal History of the Sicily region.

Storie di posta (Aifsp, 2py). Traditional, Postal History, Thematic Ph. The Post Horn (Cifo, 2 py). Postal History.

Vaccari Magazine (Vaccari srl, 2 py). Traditional, Postal History.

4. Published Literature: books.

Enrico Bertazzoli – Beppe Ermentini, *La lettera. Forma, estetica, curiosità, aspetti sorprendenti (the letter and the envelope)*.

Giuseppe Buffagni, *Studio dei saggi, delle prove e dei francobolli del Ducato estense (Duchy of Modena)*.

Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi – Raffaella Gerola eds, *Storia postale sguardi multidisciplinari, sguardi diacronici (Proceedings of the scholar International Conference)*.

Francesco Dal Negro, *Le Alpi e le vie della posta*.

Franco Filanci, *Il Novellario vol. 6 (the Italian rates)*.

Lorenzo Gaeta, *I Leoni (an Italian issue, 1906)*.

Francesco Giuliani, *Dalle corone alle stelle (a philatelic journey through Italy)*.

Erika Kustascher, *Il sistema postale in Tirolo e nei Vorlande e la linea enipontana dei Thurn und Taxis (Scholar book about the postal system in the area)*.

Gianni Vitale, *Democratica. L'ordinaria del risveglio (an Italian issue, 1945)*.

5. Published Literature: catalogues.

Sassone Aerogrammi italiani (Italian aerogrammes). Sassone Antichi Stati (old Italian States, cancellations). Sassone Antichi Stati (old Italian States, stamps). Sassone Blu (Italy and area, simplified).

Sassone completo, 2 vols (Italy and Italian area, complete). Unificato Australia e Nuova Zelanda (Australia and New Zealand). Unificato Espresso (Italian Republic).

Unificato Israele (Israel).

Unificato Junior (Italian Republic, San Marino, Vatican City, Smom). Unificato Marche da bollo (Revenues).

Unificato Stati Uniti d'America (USA).

Unificato Super (Italy and Italian area, complete).

5. Published Literature: websites.

A new website: www.sfizidiposta.it.



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Malaysia

by Andrew Leong

Reporting for Philatelic Society Malaysia

We managed to get Volume 1 2020 The Malaysian Philatelist out - 48 pages. The attached files are for the front page and contents page.

We managed to send out some 400 copies to members in Malaysia and Singapore but not to the rest of the world as Pos Malaysia had suspended international delivery (except Singapore) since August 1 2020. Am working on Volume 2 2020 which is of course delayed, as was Volume 1 2020 because of Covid19 with people staying at home and attending to other things other than writing articles for The Malaysian Philatelist.

New Zealand

by Norman Banfield

'NZ 2020' to be held in Auckland 19-22 March 2020 was approved as an Asian International Exhibition with FIAP Patronage.

Everything was organised with 1200 frames of exhibits and 37 Literature entries. Just a week before, the NZ Government advised that everyone arriving in New Zealand after midnight on 16th March had to go into Government nominated hotels for 14 days quarantine. This meant that no Commissioners or Judges from overseas could attend. Only two overseas dealers who had arrived earlier were able to attend.

The options were to cancel the exhibition or convert into a NZ National exhibition with the NZ exhibits plus Literature. The latter course was chosen with appropriate personal spacing, tracing and a maximum of 100 people in each of the two halls. A further Government announcement resulted in the exhibition closing after only 2½ days instead of 4 days.

Literature

The Literature exhibits had arrived earlier and were judged except that with only New Zealand judges, 12 entries not in English could not be judged. New Zealand uses FIP judging criteria and points for National exhibitions - the only difference was that as a National exhibition the medal levels were one step higher, e.g. 85 points – Gold instead of Large Vermeil. There were 30 entries in Monographs, Journals and Catalogues and 7 entries of Electronic Media. The judges were: Robin Gwynn (FIP accredited Literature T/L) as Team Leader, Ross Marshall, Norman Banfield (both accredited National Literature judges) and Geoff Kellow (Australia) who helped with the Electronic Media.

Results: LG 2, G 2, LV 3, other medals 17, one entry not judged as insufficient change from first edition. The top award went to Tzu-Mu LIN, Chinese Taipei for "The Coiling Dragon 1897-1914" with 94 points. One entry "Kiwi Catalogue & Handbook of New Zealand Revenue & Railway Stamps" was awarded Felicitations.



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Looking ahead:

The "17th New Zealand National Philatelic Literature Exhibition 2021" will be held in November in Christchurch. The classes are: Books & Monographs, Journals/Periodicals, Catalogues, Websites and Digital Entries. The exhibition is open to worldwide entries. Entry is FREE and only ONE copy only required (journals/periodicals 1 year or 1 volume). FIP Literature Commission delegates will be advised.

Norway

by Kjell Åge Johansen

I have included only monographs. For 2021 there was also issued 2 price catalogues. One from the Stamp Dealer Federation and the other from Skanfil (the auction company).

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Gjelsvik, Tore	Palmares	Privat trykksak	No ISBN
Løhre, Arvid	Norske Postuniformer. Om postfolk og bekledning, utstyr og symboler	Kolofon Forlag	ISBN 978-82-300-2033-3
Aspaker, Jarl A. og Peter Midbøe	Svalbard på gamle postkort	J.A. Aspaker Norgesnett	ISBN 978-82-93628-03-3
Aspaker, Jarl A.	Særstempelboka Del I 1892-2000	J.A. Aspaker Norgesnett	ISBN 978-82-93628-05-7
Muggerud, Bjørn & Jarl Aspaker (Redaktører)	Filatelistisk Årbok 2020	Norsk Filatelistforbund	ISBN 978-82-999015-9-8
Kleppen, Halvor	"Dei kom i lufti" Ballongen 1870	Eldhuset AS	ISBN 978-82-691316-4-2
Karlsen, Øivind Rojahn	Norske Postoblater og Postoblatstempler	Krigs- og Feltpostforeningen	ISBN 978-82-93453-04-8
Aspaker, Jarl A. og Trond K. Eilertsen	Poststedene i Nordland	J.A. Aspaker Norgesnett	ISBN 978-82-93628-06-4
Ljødal, Vemund og Johnny Mæhle:	Oblater og etiketter, Nord Norge	Published by the author	ISBN 978-82-91774-18-3
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Portugal

by Pedro Vaz Pereira

The Portuguese Philatelic Federation in the year of 2020, continued its support for Portuguese Literature through subsidies to philatelic clubs for the publication of their magazines. They were published the following magazines:

- "Cábula Filatélica" 2 item- Secção Filatélica da Académica de Coimbra
- "O TIMBRE" 2 item – Confraria Timbrológica Meridional Álvaro Bóino de Azevedo.
- "SELOS & MOEDAS" 2 item – Secção Filatélica do Clube Galitos cde Aveiro.
- "VALE DO NEIVA FILATÉLICO" 2 item – Associação de Filatelia e Coleccionismo do Vale do Neiva.

The Portuguese Philatelic Federation published 2 numbers of the official magazine FILATELIA LUSITANA.

In this magazine we have a section of Literature, where we are promoting many Literature works and manly the Portuguese works.

The Portuguese Philatelic Federation is delivering more than 600 magazines of FILATELIA LUSITANA, to all parts of the World, where are including the National Federations.

We also support the FEPA NEWS in all matters, that are interesting to the Portuguese Philately.

As Delegate of Literature I wrote 2 articles to be published in the FEPA NEWS and send some information about the Portuguese Philately to be published in that European Magazine.

A several of articles I wrote in Filatelia Lusitana and other magazines.

Some others colleagues of the Portuguese Board of the Portuguese Federation were involved in the work of Literature, writing articles and having in charge the publication of the magazines above mentioned.

This was the possible work in Literature done in 2020 by the Portuguese Philatelic Federation.



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Russia

by Alexander Ilyushin

In Union of philatelists of Russia in 2020 year unfortunately we did not make big activities. Only one 11th seminar was done in St. Petersburg in October 9. Collection of report was published in book issued in 2020. 332 pp.

Other event was 15th anniversary of the club of "collectors of postal stationeries and postal history" (2005-2020). Was issued Almanakh #30 224 pp. as well as special postal card. Member of club Mikhail Dymshitz made handbook "Domestic and international postal rates of Russian post. 1665-1991". 48 pp.

United Arab Emirates

by Muhammad Javaid

The Emirates Philatelic Association hosted following exhibitions during year 2019. The exhibitors from GCC, Australia, Iraq, New Zealand and Pakistan were invited in different exhibitions.

Following literature exhibits were shown:

EPAEX 2019 Dubai Stamp Exhibition (5-9 March 2019)

Exhibitor	Country	Exhibit Name	Medal
Abdul Karim Sabri	Iraq	Iraq on Postage Stamps 1917-2015	Large Silver
Essa Yahya Dashti	Kuwait	Universal Postal Union 1949 Stamps	Silver
Hasan Ashkanani	Kuwait	Failaka Island in the Postcard	Large Silver
Kuwait Philatelic Society	Kuwait	Al Posta Journal	Vermeil
Hatim Al Attar	Oman	Sultanate of Oman Postal System 1966-2016	Large Silver

Ajman Philatelic & Numismatic Exhibition (3- 7 September 2019)

Exhibitor	Country	Exhibit Name	Medal
Kuwait Philatelic Society	Kuwait	Al Posta Journal	Vermeil

Sharjah 2019 Stamp Exhibition (19-23 November 2019)

Exhibitor	Country	Exhibit Name	Medal
Saif Ameal	Iraq	Municipalities Fees in Iraq	Large Silver
Essa Yahya Dashti	Kuwait	Universal Postal Union 1949 Stamps	Large Silver
Hasan Ashkanani	Kuwait	Failaka Island in the Postcard	Large Silver

The Emirates Philatelic Association published first issue of the Al- Zajel journal during Sharjah 2019 Stamp Exhibition, second issue in March 2020 and third issue in December 2020, Al -Zajel bilingual journal contains philatelic articles in Arabic and English leagues.



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United Kingdom

by Frank Walton

Although it is never easy to establish what exactly has been published in any one calendar year, there is one relatively straightforward way of assessing the level of activity. With help from Nicola, the Librarian at the Royal, I can tell you that the number of new books that were stated to have been published in the given year in the UK that were accessioned into the library were as follows: 2018 47 titles, 2019 59 titles and 2020 (so far) 23. If you only consider items that I would describe as handbooks, then the figures become 2018 = 21, 2019 = 34 and 2020 = 20. There is of course always a delay in a published book reaching the library, so this is not at all a reduction as I'm sure many more will arrive in the next few months.

The calendar year of 2020 saw some very important titles published in the UK, notably by the Royal: *International Postal Reforms* by James Grimwood-Taylor and *Ceylon The Pence Issues* by Kurt Kimmel and Patrick Pearson.

Although the competition has not yet taken place, the literature class at London 2020 would have been one of the largest FIP exhibitions ever.

UPDATING THE FIP LITERATURE CLASS REGULATIONS

Muhammad Javaid

The draft proposal for Special Regulations for the Evaluation of Philatelic Literature Exhibit at FIP Exhibition was shared with the FIP Board and delegates. We have received good feedback back from the delegates to discuss further and simplified with common wording, so the guidelines are easily understood by people who do not have English as their native tongue.