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Commission for Maximaphily

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REPORT OF THE FIP MAXIMAPHILY COMMISSION CONFERENCE HELD IN BUCHAREST, (PHOENICIA HOTEL), ROMANIA, 26 JUNE 2008 AT 08.30 HOURS



At the conference twenty nine (29) countries out of 58 member federations were present with their official delegates or represented by proxies:

Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China (PR), Chinese Taipei, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Portugal, Spain, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and USA. Eight observers from Romania, Korea, Dubai and other countries without voting rights attended the conference. All the delegates who were absent were excused.

WELCOME, REGISTRATION AND APPROVAL OF PROXIES

The chairman Nicos Rangos welcomed Mr. Joseph Wolff, FIP President and Bernard Jimenez FIP Board member responsible for Maximaphily Commission. He welcomed the participating delegates, expressed his thanks for their presence, asked for their signature, verified the validity of the proxies and asked all the participants to observe one minute's silence in memory of the United States very active delegate, the late Daniel Olsen who passed away on April 29, 2008.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, THE MINUTES AND NATIONAL ACTIVITIES REPORT 2007-2008

Following the Agenda, the delegates present approved unanimously:

- The Agenda.
- The minutes of the Malaga conference on October 13, 2006 with the updating of the SREV and Guidelines.
- The world national activities Report 2007-08, included in the Agenda of the 70th FIP Congress.

Referring to the content of the above report, the Chairman informed all the participants about the initiatives taken to ensure the development of and a better future for this attractive class of philately and which had led to the following positive results:

- Increase in the number of the delegates of the member federations in the FIP Maximaphily Commission (36 in 1998, 40 in 2000, 49 in 2002, 51 in 2004, 53 in 2006 and 58 in 2008)
- Spectacular increase in the number of activity reports prepared by the delegates of the member federations: (18 in 2003, 30 in 2004, 36 in 2005, 40 in 2006 and 43 in 2007).
- Spectacular increase in the number of countries taking part in the World Competition for the Best maximum card (18 in 2003, 27 in 2004, 31 in 2005, 35 in 2006 and 40 in 2007).
- Great interest was shown in the new rules of Maximaphily which appeared in written notes, lively discussions and proposals emanating from many delegates and collectors.
- High level awards (Gold and Large Vermeil) were obtained during the last two years at the various world and international exhibitions.
- Important improvement of communication between the delegates of the FIP Commission for Maximaphily.
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ELECTION OF TELLERS AND SCRUTINIZERS.

ELECTIONS:

The New Bureau of the Commission:

Chairman: Nicos Rangos - Cyprus

Secretary: Anny Boyard - France

Bureau Members:

George Constantourakis	- Canada
Tan Chee Hui	- Malaysia
Frans Hermse	- Netherlands
Vasile Doros	- Romania
Klerman Wanderley Lopes	- Brazil

THE WORLD BEST MAXIMUM CARD COMPETITION

The delegates present were invited to vote, according to the regulations of the World Best Maximum Card Competition, for the three best maximum cards created during the year 2007.

Forty (40) countries took part in the competition. The 1st prize went to the Maximaphily Association of Italy, Cesare Rialdi. The 2nd prize went to Romania and the 3rd prize to Mr. Gabriel Agnaldo (Brazil) together with the Maximaphily Association of FSPL (Luxembourg).

THE NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

Finally the new strategic plan for the two years to come was presented by the chairman:

- Further improvement of the means of communication between the delegates of the FIP Commission for Maximaphily
- To continue improving the World Maximaphily Competition of the three best maximum cards created during the past year
- To make clear that Maximaphily class has also its classic period
- To change the old mentality and stop discrimination against Maximaphily class through learning procedures
- To persuade all the postal administrations, already issuing some Maximum Cards, to create them correctly according to the Malaga regulations.
- 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 improve our network with all National Philatelic Federations
- Maximaphily jury training
- All the countries of FIP member federations to have their own active delegate in FIP Maximaphily Commission.
- Further improvement of the FIP Maximaphily Commission website:
www.maximaphily.info
- To organise a specialized World Maximaphily Exhibition

THE MAXIMAPHILY SEMINAR

A power point presentation followed where Mr. Rangos explained with coloured examples correct and non correct maximum cards according to the new Maximaphily regulations. Examples of fakes and forged MCs were shown and a lively and positive discussion took place on the future of Maximaphily in relation to the recent innovative expansion of personalised stamps. Suggestions were also presented for a wider and electronic vote through internet for the World Best Maximum Card Competition. No decisions were taken on these matters. As it was said, priority should be given for an effective assimilation of the new regulations approved in Malaga.



ADDRESS BY THE HOSTING COUNTRY DELEGATE

The President of the Romanian Maximaphily Association Vasile Doros addressed the delegates by offering them a warm welcome, followed by a brief history of the activities of the Romanian Maximaphily Association since its founding in 1957. He made a special reference to the 1st International Symposium of Maximaphily in 1974 in Bucharest during the 'EUROMAX' European Maximaphily Exhibition. He also referred to the recent publication of four Maximaphily books by Romanian authors.

THANKS FOR THE HOSPITALITY

Finally, the chairman asked the Rumanian participants, Vasile Doros, Ioan Daniliuc and Mihai Semenov to convey his cordial thanks to the Organising Committee of EFIRO 2008 and to the President of the National Company Posta Romana SA for hosting FIP Maximaphily Commission Conference. N. Rangos and A. Boyard congratulated also Vasile Doros and Ioan Daniliuc for the recently creation of "Dr. Valeriu Neaga" Maximaphily Commission in Romania and for their recently published remarkable Maximaphily books.

Next FIP Maximaphily Commission conference will be held in Lisbon on 2010.

The conference began at 08.30 and closed at 13.00 hours.

Nicos Rangos (*Chairman*) Anny Boyard (*Secretary*)