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World Maximaphily Activity Report for the year 2008
Continuous Increasing Trend of Worldwide Maximaphily
Considerable and permanent increase of the participating countries
From 18 in 2003, to 30 in 2004, to 36 in 2005, to 40 in 2006, to 43 in 2007 and 46 in 2008.
The World Best Maximum Card Competition was also considerably increased:
18 countries in 2004, 26 in 2005, 31 in 2006, 34 in 2007 and 37 in 2008
and the main points of our strategic plan for the future of Maximaphily

We very much appreciate the efforts of the FIP Maximaphily Commission delegates who had the kindness to respond to our invitation enriching by this way our world Maximaphily report and covering the most important activities of their own country during the year 2008.

Forty three countries (46), the highest recorded so far, participated in the present worldwide Maximaphily activity report: Albania, Armenia, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Italia, Israel, Korea (Rep.of), Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, U.S.A. and Venezuela.

We welcome the new delegates to the Commission: Ivan Libric (Croatia), Joseph Fronc (Czech Republic), Robert A. (Bob) Gibson (New Zealand), Vasil Doros (Romania), Boyan Bracic (Slovenia), Albert H.K.Lai (Hong Kong), Fiorenzo Grassi (Thailand), and Veslav Savin (Ukraine).

Our FIP Maximaphily Commission Bureau was very active all over the year 2007 and the first two months of 2007:

- After improving and making Maximaphily regulations clearer, popular and more easily understood by all the shareholders we worked for their embedding and their spreading all over the world.
- Approval of the new 2006 SREV and Guidelines of Maximaphily after the Malaga Meeting by the FIP Board.
- Diffusion of the official texts and reports to the delegates.
- Improvement of our communication with the delegates with modern means of communication.
- Publication of articles and reports in the FIP Flash, FEPA News and FIAP magazine.
- Publication of articles related to Maximaphily in other national and international philatelic press.
- Consisted efforts to convince the postal administrations to create maximum cards in conformity to the new regulations. Many Postal Services complied with FIP regulations
- Offering on request to the National Philatelic Federations an electronic documentation on our class of Philately.
- Continuing and further improving the international competition of the best maximum card of each year.
- Seminars during national and international exhibitions.
- Creation of our own FIP Maximaphily Commission website.

We are delighted by the growing number of participants to the 2007 World Best Maximum Card Competition with MCs created during 2006. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the delegates for their own interest towards this successful competition and to the Maximum card creators

After the hard work during all the year around of the FIP Maximaphily Commission Bureau on the regulations which govern Maximaphily in order to improve them, the Secretary and the Chairman of the Commission started a new campaign for making them easily understood by the various persons in charge in FIP, in the national federations, in postal administrations, by the members of the Commission and all Maximaphily collectors. The Commission offered gratis documentation at the disposal of the members who needed additional information.

Maximaphily seminars in different countries allowed embedding and explaining the new regulations, to enforce Maximaphily and to show the interest which it might have for youth and for world philately in general.

During the FIP Maximaphily Commission meeting in Macon, France, on November 20, 2007 we discussed the significant amendments, harmonized the various points of view by taking account of all the remarks of each one of the delegates and all together we examined closely the new more simple and popular regulations.

On the same meeting the use of the personalized stamps in Maximum cards was raised and widely discussed. The feeling was that the use of the personalized stamps in Maximum cards could make a great boom and a tremendous expansion of Maximaphily all over the world but for the moment we have to give priority to the assimilation of the new regulations which will take several years.

Actually in some of the countries Maximaphily is progressing, in some others is not regressing and the number of young people who show interest in Maximaphily is continuously increasing.

Even the countries which participated actively in the present world Maximaphily activity report are actually considerably increased from 18 in 2003, to 30 in 2004, 36 in 2005, to 40 in 2006 and to 43 in 2007.

During Maximaphily Seminars, very important questions were discussed mainly for:

- The exit polls during exhibitions proving that visitors find Maximaphily as the most attractive and popular of the FIP classes.
- The increasing worldwide public interest for Maximaphily.
- The high level (Gold and Large Vermeil) Maximaphily exhibits which were exhibited in World Exhibitions.
- The fact that only in Maximaphily class the collector has the right to create himself his own philatelic collectable items.
- The new regulation for the antiquity of the Maximum cards which goes back to 1876-1946.
- The amendment of the previous difficult and complicated regulations which have been changed to new, simple, clear and understandable.

Our innovative idea for organizing an international competition for the best Maximum Card of the year became a successful reality because it was the first step towards the recognition of those who have worked hard for Maximaphily and of those who need to be encouraged. This competition demonstrated our great interest in the world wide feeling of the maximum cards collectors. It is our belief that in the next few years this competition will create such dynamism, especially in most of the African and Asian countries, which Maximaphily has never had before.

The success of the "World Best Maximum Card Competition" for the best M.C. created during the year 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 in Singapore, in Corbeil-Essonnes France, in Malaga and in Macon France respectively, was much appreciated by the participants. The number of the participating countries to the World Competition was also considerably increased: 18 in 2004, 26 in 2005, 31 in 2006 and 34 in 2007. This is why we decided to repeat it this year.

The failure of our plan to organize the Competition in Saint Petersburg was very disappointing for us because a bigger number of delegates and much more visitors could be present. Finally we planed to welcome all of you in Bucharest for the 5rth World Best Maximum Card Competition.

Reading this world report we can note that on the international level the maximaphilists are always very active and that they wish a greater recognition in equal part of their class with the other FIP classes of philately by the International Philatelic Organisations and the National Philatelic Federations.

They wish also that their work is appreciated because it is a step in favour of the development of the word philately.

The support of the Philatelic Authorities towards all the classes of philately is of primary importance for the future of our hobby. Maximaphily, attractive and instructive discipline, contribute too much to the worldwide development of philately. It is very appreciated by the general public and it is also an asset in direction of the youth philately which should not be neglected. In some countries the possibility of organizing Maximaphily exhibitions appears as a major wish in order to promote this class and thus to increase the number of members of their clubs.

We can also note that many maximaphilists write and publish articles for Maximaphily in the philatelic press of their country and that they maintain, as far as possible, of very good relationship with the postal administrations in order to facilitate the creation of maximum cards. It is necessary to persevere in this way which is the good one.

The maximaphilists all over the world are very satisfied with the FIP Commission for Maximaphily which knew to create dynamism for this class of philately by improving the regulations, by organizing the World Best Maximum card Competition and by the creation of the FIP Maximaphily Commission website.

The European Challenge of Maximaphily, implemented by "Les Maximaphiles Francais", with the support of the FIP President is a good example that each one should realize in his country.

Efforts for the jury formation in Maximaphily must be more effective. The absence of specialized jury in the national exhibitions seems to be a barrier to the development of our hobby, as well as that the high value of the participation fees. It is certain that if the exhibitor meets too many difficulties, in our open societies where internet plays a great role, he will not stay any more in our organized philatelic associations and he will not join either the Philatelic Federations.

The recently exclusion of Maximaphily from "London 2010" Stamp Exhibition in spite of the excuses remains a unique and negative way of looking the future of philately. Any kind of exclusions are condemned by our civilised societies.

F.I.P Commission for Maximaphily is certain that the F.I.P Board. will take into consideration the existing negative evolution of the philatelic world, the positive evolution of Maximaphily and that it will be able to consider Maximaphily as a class with whole share, equal to the other classes, being able to contribute, more than all the other classes of philately, with its development particularly towards the youth and the new world of creative philately.

The main points of our strategic plan for the future of Maximaphily:

- To further improve the means of communications 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 old mentality and stop discrimination against Maximaphily class through learning procedures
- To persuade all the postal administrations to create correct Maximum Cards
- 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
- To organise a specialized World Maximaphily Exhibition
- All the countries to have their own active delegates in FIP Maximaphily Commission.

Maximaphily activity reports per country:

1. ALBANIA (Nikolla Xharo)

Four new maximum cards were created with Harry Potter.

We participated in EFIRO 2008 with a maximaphily collection and we have participated to the Commission meeting in Bucharest and to the world competition for the Best Maximum created during 2007.

I hope that in 2009 Albanian Maximaphily will be more active, because just now we have reorganised the Albanian Federation.

We continue improving our two five frames Maximaphily exhibits which were mounted according the FIP regulations and participated to international exhibitions and competitions gaining bronze, silver and large silver medals.

2. ARGENTINA (The Argentina Federation)

- Argentina was represented in the FIP Commission meeting in Bucharest and participated to the World Best MC Competition created during 2007.
- The “Best Maximum Card World Competition” is useful, because helps to promote this part of Philately.
- The problems of Maximaphily in Argentine are always the same. It is most difficult to obtain a postcard with a similar picture with the one of the stamp. In Argentina there are not correct Postal cards, most of the people do not know what Maximaphily is and there is not specific Maximaphily Jury.

3. ARMENIA (Sedrak Nersesyan)

- In 2007 the Maximaphily society has created more than 20 Maximum Cards. One of them is entered in competition of the Best Maximum Card of the World. In 9-3 of October was organised in Yerevan a national philatelic exhibition according to the international regulations. Five out of 30 collections belonged to the Maximaphily class. The participants gained medals of different ranks, and one young girl, ten years old, obtained the prize of the Armenian Academy of Philately and Numismatics.
- In 2007 among the Armenian philatelists in Los Angeles was created the Maximum card collectors society. At this time the society has more than 15 collectors. In Armenia the number of Maximum card collectors increased almost two times and started participating on international philatelic exhibitions.

4. AUSTRALIA (Barbara Bartsch)

- We are really struggling to raise the interest in Maximaphily here in Australia. But I noted how the FIP Commission for Maximaphily ‘s wonderful idea of “*The Best Maximum Card in the World*” competition had raised awareness and participation among all member countries.
 - So, with the help of NAPE (*The official journal of InterNATIONAL Association for Philatelic Exhibitors*), we are having a “Great Australian Maximum Card Competition” this year.
 - Participants have to be either an Australian citizen or a member of NAPE and produce a MC of any Australian or Australian Territory stamp in the 2007 – 2008 nominated periods.
 - All entries will be sent by email or scans to NAPE. The entries will be posted on the NAPE web site and all NAPE members may vote.
 - All details have been printed in NAPE and I hope this will encourage some new Maxi Card collectors.
- I have also visited and displayed my exhibits and distributed Maxi Guidelines at several local clubs.

5. AUSTRIA (Peter Riedl)

- In Austria we are only few collectors for Maximum Cards. In 2007 two from us have exhibited our five exhibits in Austria and abroad. I obtained a Large Vermeil Award in Saint Petersburg. The other exhibits were displayed in Austria.
- In the year 2007 we realized 4CM (private). We did not participate in the Best Maximum Card World Competition in the last year.
- In September 2008 we will have in Vienna the WIPA Vienna International Postage Stamp Exhibition with Maximaphily Class. I hope and wish that many Maximaphilistes come to Vienna.

6. BELGIQUE (Vandenhaute Pierre)

- L’année 2007 a été riche en activités car il y avait plusieurs expositions compétitives.
- Wetteren a vu la participation de 2 exposants qui ont obtenu le niveau suffisant pour participer à une compétition nationale.

- Nouvelle participation à l'exposition régionale du Brabant et passeport pour la nationale.
 - Au mois de septembre deux collectionneurs ont participé au Luxembourg à la journée des Maximaphiles Luxembourgeois. Récompenses honorables pour ces deux dévoués.
 - Toujours au mois de septembre, exposition compétitive Hainaut Namur: 1 collection et de nouveau le niveau pour accéder aux expositions nationales.
 - Novembre: nouvelle participation des Maximaphiles Belges au Challenge européen à Mâcon. Cinq participations: 1 en classe d'honneur, 3 en compétition avec comme récompense deux médailles de grand argent et une d'argent. Un participant désirait exposé en classe débutant et ce afin de recevoir les commentaires de jurés français. La collection se rapportant à Paris.
 - Dès à présent je fais appel aux maximaphiles afin de représenter notre discipline à l'exposition nationale au mois de septembre.
- Enfin participation à la compétition mondiale de la Meilleure CM créée pendant 2006 lors de « PHIL A MACON 2007 ».

7. BRAZIL (Klerman Wanderley Lopes)

- 1- The Brazilian Maximaphily Club gathered 8 new members in 2007 and counts with 41 associates on 12 Brazilian States;
The best Brazilian Maximum of 2006 was chosen and sent to Pres. Nicos Rangos (result of the competition yet not received) The Club members exchanged 373 e-mails in 2007.
- 2- 133 different Maximum Cards were created in 2007, using 38 out of 44 stamps issued in Brazil
- 3- Four articles about Maximaphily were written: three on Brazilian Philatelic journals and one on an electronic bulletin.
 - "Rumo a 2014" (looking forward the FIFA World Soccer Cup in Brazil, 2014)
 - "A Independência do Brasil: antes, durante e depois" (regarding the Brazilian Independence from Portugal)
 - "Oscar Niemeyer", um brasileiro eterno (regarding the Brazilian famous architect, creator of Brasilia)
 - "Como montar uma coleção de Natal com selos brasileiros" (how to mount a Christmas collection with Brazilian Stamps)
- 4- The Club had approved by the Brazilian Posts the suggestion for the issue of 4 stamps depicting Brazilian Soccer Stadiums
- 5- Participation in non-competitive Brazilian shows: Pracicaba Philatelic Exposition - March 2007. Mix Laser Philatelic Exposition - March 2007. Americana Philatelic Exposition - April 2007. Expofinnter 2007 - September 2007 and Excart 2007 - November 2007.
- 6- Participation on the St. Petersburg FIP show Brazilian Maximaphily Club is led by Mr. Agnaldo de Souza Gabriel, from São Paulo.

8. BULGARIA (Sergei Magdichev)

- There are 50 members in our Bulgarian Club of maximum cards collectors.
- We continue the regular issue of the quarterly special Maximaphily magazine.
- During 2007 were issued 20 maximum cards with the relative new stamps.
- Last December 2007 was issued the Catalog of the Bulgarian maximum cards by the author Sergei Magdichev.
- A national Maximaphily exhibition was held in Sofia on November 2007.
- Bulgaria participated to the last year Best Maximum Card World Competition.

9. CANADA (George Constantourakis)

Exhibitions: The major event of the year was the *ST. PETERSBURG 2007* World Stamp Exhibition. There were 12 Maximaphily Exhibits. Canada participated with 2 different Maximaphily Exhibits both by George Constantourakis. First, the Exhibit '*Greco-Roman Sculpture*' received a Large Vermeil with 85 points (This was a first time 8-Frame Exhibit.). Second, '*History of Maximaphily*' also received a Large Vermeil with 88 points plus a Special

Award. Unfortunately the 'Expert Team' penalized it taking away 5 points. for supposedly not following previous advise. This unfair decision is strongly contested with an official appeal supported by Canada's RPSC. By the end of the year 2007, we were informed that the Canadian Maximaphily Exhibit '*History of Maximaphily*' was accepted at 2 International Philatelic Exhibitions, that is *ISRAEL 2008* and *EFIRO 2008*.

Maximum card realizations: During the year 2007, there was a certain number of Maximum Card realizations, primarily on the Canadian Fauna and Flora. Canada also participated at the World Best Maximum Card Competition for the year 2006 with the Maximum Card of a *Beluga Whale*.

Journals : During the year 2007, Canada's George Constantourakis produced 4 Maximaphily Journals for MACSU.

Articles : During the year 2007, Canada's George Constantourakis authored the following Maximaphily Articles in MACSU's North American Maximaphily Journal:

- 1.- '*In The News*' reporting: 1st) On the election of the prominent Maximaphilist Joseph Wolff as the new President of FIP; 2nd) On the Maximaphily Exhibits at ESPANA '06; 3rd) On the ADELAIDE 2006 Five Nations Challenge, with Canada's '*History of Maximaphily*' receiving Gold; and 4th) On the 3rd World Best Maximum Card Competition.
- 2.- On the reliefs of '*Trajan's Column*' in Rome using a total of 2 pages of text and 6 images of Maximum Cards.
- 3.- On 'Charlie Chaplin', the Silent Movies Legend using 4 pages of text and a total of 16 images of Maximum Cards.
- 4.- On 'The Acropolis of Athens', focusing on its Temples and particularly on Parthenon's Reliefs. This article was presented on the account of the opening of the New Acropolis Museum. It uses 3 pages of text and 24 images of Maximum Cards.
- 5.- On 'The 400th Anniversary of Jamestown' settlement using 1 page of text and 3 images of Maximum Cards.
- 6.- On 'The Centenary of the Scout Movement', with focus on its Founder Baden-Powell, using 3 pages of text and 12 images of Maximum Cards.

General comments : Maximaphily in Canada is followed only by a limited number of philatelists, who realize on occasion their own Maximum Cards. On the positive side, Maximum Cards are becoming ever more acceptable to both exhibitors and judges and are shown ever more frequently in Topical Exhibits

10. CHINA (Li Hong)

-In 2007, individual Maximaphilists created over 80 Chinese Maximum Cards.

-I have written article on the China Maximaphilist, it is the Maximaphily Exhibits at European Challenge of Maximaphily in Macon; the other Article for Phil Macon 2007 on China Philately News.

-I have represented my country attended to FIP Maximaphily official Symposium. I have participated to the Best Maximum Card World Competition held in Macon in 2006.

-I have built the new Maximaphily collections, "Latin America 1897-1946", 5 frames, have participated to Macon 2006 in the Court of Honour.

-Our association has over 800 Maximaphily members in this year, members from Mainland of China, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and Singapore. Our association publishes 6 Maximaphily journals "China Maximaphilist". Maximaphily is popular in China, Unofficial Statistics say that over ten thousands stamp collectors have a hobby for collect and create maximum cards. And a lot of Maximaphily exhibits including Single frame exhibit in the local level exhibitions.

-I have prepared the MC for participation to the Best Maximum Card World Competition that will be held next June in Romania..

11. CROATIA (With the Cooperation of Ivan Libric)

In our country many individuals are creating maximum cards especially for their thematic collections. Recently there were mounted two one frame Maximaphily collections and one collection of three frames. The Croatian Postal Services created properly during 2008 a small

number of maximum cards. Furthermore Croatia participated to the 2006 Best Maximum Card World Competition held in Macon, France, in 2007.

12. CUBA (Fernando Garcia)

In my country there are about 25 collectors who are interested in Maximaphily. Three of their Maximaphily exhibits participated to the national philatelic exhibition organised during 2008.

Eleven maximum cards were created during 2008; some of them were created by the Postal Services of Cuba.

13. CYPRUS (Nicos Rangos)

- During 2007 twelve Maximum-Cards were created with the relevant stamps, issued by the Cyprus Postal Services.
- Maximaphily activity in Cyprus during the same year was very active. Eleven Maximaphily exhibits participated to the "CYPRUS'07" national level philatelic exhibition held in Larnaca at 25 October-2 November 2007.
- Cyprus Postal Services continues to create 3 Maximum-Cards per year using only the stamps of each year Christmas issues. Thanks to the excellent relations and the valuable co-operation between Cyprus Postal Services and the Cyprus Philatelic Society, all the last 5 years Christmas Maximum Cards were correctly created by the Philatelic Section of the Cyprus Postal Services according to the Maximaphily FIP regulations. Visual concordance and concordance of time and place with postmarks of the nearest post office or the specially illustrated first day of issue are fully respected.
- Thanks to our excellent relations with Cyprus Postal Services and the Ministry of Education and Culture, 17 exhibitions with Maximum Card exhibits were organised to primary and secondary schools during 2007 and more than 6.000 students have visited them following specially scheduled guided visits.
- Our Maximaphily collections that usually participate to international exhibitions are now 13 and while another one is being prepared. Two of them belong to the one frame class.
- Six Cyprus Maximaphily exhibits participated to the following International level exhibitions: "St. Petersburg 2007", "Samolux'07", "Hunfila 2007", "Philà Macon 2007" and "Cyprus'07" national level exhibition, winning vermeil, large silver, silver and bronze medals.
- At the end of the year 2007 were completed 21 years of intensive Maximaphily activity in Cyprus and 16 years of participation to national and international exhibitions in which Maximaphily collections of Cyprus were awarded bronze, silver-bronze, silver, large silver, vermeil, large vermeil, gold and large gold medals.
- Two seminars on Maximaphily were organized during 2007, one at the "Hunfila 2007" FEPA Exhibition and the other in Larnaca during "Cyprus 2007".
- Cyprus participated to the Best Maximum Card World Competition, for the year 2006, held in Macon and won the 4th place.
- Cyprus has filled the entry form for the next 2007 Best Maximum Card World Competition which will be held in Bucharest on June 2008.
- A PowerPoint presentation of Maximaphily in electronic form with the newly proposed regulations is preparing to be given, after the FIP Bureau approval, to many FIP Maximaphily Commission delegates.
- Cyprus Maximaphily Association contributed by all means to the construction of the newly established FIP Maximaphily Commission website and continues to take care about it.
- Expenses concerning the preparation and the prizes, of the 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2007 Best Maximum Card Competition and postal expenses for diplomas to the winners and all participants, as well as Maximaphily seminars organized in different countries and other expenses related to the every year activity of the FIP Commission chairman, as electronic material preparation, Maximaphily website construction and rent, postal expenses and printed material sent from Cyprus to the delegates, evaluated to €880 were covered by Cyprus Philatelic Society.

14. CZECH REPUBLIC (Lumir Brendl - SCF President)

- I received an urgent reminder to all FIP Maximaphily Commission delegates. I confirm the nomination of Czech delegate to the FIP Maximaphily Commission delegate: Mr. Josef FRONC, who is now, as a Member of SČF Presidium, responsible for forming Czech Maximaphily Commission or Society. His contact address is as follows: Mr. J. Fronc, Okrajová 1149, CZ-278 01 Kralupy nad Vltavou, Fax: +420 315 726 667, mobile phone: +420 603 216 807, Email address fronc@cbox.cz.

- Here are the few words about Maximaphily in Czech Republic in the year 2007:

Ad 1. A new Maximum cards, dedicated to the set of Czech postage stamps dedicated to "Nature Protection: White Carpathian Mountains Orchid Meadows UNESCO Biosphere Reservation", issued on September 5, 2007, were produced by Czech Post.

Ad 6. Cooperation with Slovak Maximaphily Commission and its active members (mainly Dr. Molnár) started in 2007.

Ad 8. The Czech Post, with support of the Union of Czech Philatelists, took part in the Best Maxi Card World Competition of the year 2007, held in France.

15. EGYPT (Dr. Sherif El Far)

Egypt continues to participate last four years to the world best Maximum card Competition. We also participated to the 2008 Best Maximum Card World Competition held in Bucharest on June 26, 2008 with a maximum card created during 2007. In Egypt there are individuals who are creating a small number of maximum cards.

The Philatelic Society of Egypt is launching an awareness campaign about Maximaphily. It is an interesting subject but not easy with collectors who have been in old traditions for years. But we will keep our spirit high.

Our main concentration is focused on school students. We hope to be able to achieve some success in the near future.

16. FRANCE (Anny Boyard)

Durant l'année 2007, la commission de maximophilie a été très active et a développé de nombreuses actions.

- En 2007, sur les 128 timbres-poste émis en France par Phil@poste, 83 cartes-maximum ont été réalisées par le Service Nouveautés-France des Maximaphiles Français.

- Les membres de la commission nationale de maximophilie se réunissent pour harmoniser le travail des jurés en regard des nouveaux textes de la FIP. Le CD Rom, en cours d'élaboration par Jean-Claude Bouquet, qui regroupera les spécificités de la maximophilie, est enrichi de divers tests qui illustrent les règles adoptées à Malaga.

- La commission travaille à la mise à jour du catalogue des cartes-maximum de France qui répertoriera les cartes-maximum de 1900 à 2007 qui sera édité lors du Salon d'Automne en novembre 2008 à Paris.

- Les collections maximaphiles sont présentes dans de nombreuses expositions allant du niveau départemental, régional, national et international. Ces participations exposées ont toujours un grand succès auprès du public ce qui augure d'un bel avenir pour la maximophilie et nous encourage à persévérer pour son développement.

- A notre grand regret, malgré tous les efforts que nous déployons notre club a vu le nombre d'adhésions en diminution de 19 personnes pour l'année 2007, malgré l'adhésion de nouveaux membres.

- Le site Internet www.Maximaphiles-Francais.org connaît une fréquentation importante. Il fait toujours le lien entre les différents sites maximaphiles du monde entier ainsi que les sites culturels nécessaires à la maximophilie.

- La revue trimestrielle de l'association « Les Maximaphiles Français », excellent support d'informations internationales sur la maximophilie est toujours diffusée à tous les adhérents, aux

responsables de la FFAP ainsi qu'aux délégués de la commission maximaphile F.I.P. et du comité directeur de la F.I.P.

- L'année 2007 a été incontestablement marquée en France par l'action menée en direction de la jeunesse avec les partenariats réalisés avec les associations de la FFAP (6 clubs et 17 jeunes). Des relations particulières se nouent avec des associations maximaphiles étrangères qui nous apportent de l'aide en offrant des CM afin de permettre à ces jeunes de commencer des collections de maximaphilie.

- Participation aux Journées Maximaphiles en septembre 2007 à Wormeldange dans le Grand-Duché de Luxembourg. Anny Boyard était membre du jury et deux collections françaises étaient exposées.

- La principale action fut l'organisation du Challenge européen de maximaphilie qui s'est tenu à Mâcon (71) lors de « PHIL A MÂCON 2007 » du 16 au 18 novembre 2007. 10 pays européens ont participé à la compétition. La Chine, invité d'honneur, présentait 2 collections en cour d'honneur, ainsi que J.P.Mangin, président de l'Académie mondiale de philatélie. M. Jos Wolff présidait le jury international de cette importante compétition. Il était assisté de Nicos Rangos, Gianfranco Poggi, Anny Boyard, Andrée Trommer, Dominique Durand et Bruno Bouveret. Le trophée du Challenge européen, offert par M. Jacques Thénard, président honoraire des Maximaphiles Français et de la commission FIP de maximaphilie, a été remporté par l'Espagne qui le remettra en compétition en 2009.

- Un colloque organisé à cette occasion a permis de mettre en évidence des domaines de réflexion sur le devenir et l'évolution de la maximaphilie dans les années à venir.

- La France a participé au concours mondial de la meilleure carte-maximum 2006.

- Tout au long de l'année des conférences ont été données à l'occasion de Congrès régionaux ainsi que dans plusieurs associations philatéliques en France et également au Luxembourg.

- Enfin la Maximaphilie a été très présente dans la presse philatélique française "La Philatélie Française", "L'Echo de la Timbrologie", "Atout-timbres", « Timbres-magazine », « Philinfo » et dans les magazines associatifs avec beaucoup de succès.

En conclusion : Malgré les difficultés rencontrées, Les Maximaphiles Français, sont convaincus que la maximaphilie a un rôle moteur à jouer dans le développement de la philatélie et le renouvellement des collectionneurs passionnés par l'histoire du Timbre-poste, vecteur indéniable de la culture internationale et des relations entre les peuples du monde entier.

FRANCE *Version anglaise*

Report of the FIP maximaphily commission for France (Anny Boyard – J.C. Bouquet)

During year 2007 the Maximaphily commission was very active developing many actions.

- As total 128 postage stamps were issued by Phil@poste during year 2007. Among them 83 were selected by "Les Maximaphiles Français" to make maximum cards.

- Members of the French national commission for maximaphily met together in order to have the judgment of the maximaphily exhibits in line with the new FIP rules. The creation of a CD Rom by Jean Claude Bouquet is in progress. It will illustrate the rules adopted by the FIP in Malaga and will include a series of tests.

- The commission is updating the catalogue of the maximum cards of France from 1900 to 2007. It will be issued at the time of the "Salon d'Automne" in November 2008 in Paris.

- Maximaphily exhibits were presented in a lot of exhibitions from local level to international level. The exhibits always have a great success with the public that announce a great future for Maximaphily and encourage us to persevere in developing it.

- To our great regret and in spite of all our efforts our club registered a roll reducing of 19 for year 2007, while inscription of news members.

- Internet site www.Maximaphiles-Francais.org knows an important frequentation. It includes links to maximaphily sites all over the world as well as to the cultural sites that are useful for the maximaphily.

- The quarterly magazine of the association "Les Maximaphiles Français" that is an excellent source of international information about Maximaphily is distributed to all its members, to the members of the board of FFAP (Fédération française des associations philatéliques) as well as to the members of the FIP Maximaphily commission and to members of the board of FIP.

- Unquestionably year 2007 was marked in France by the action in direction of young people with the partnership of some philatelic clubs affiliated to FFAP (6 clubs and 17 young people). Relationships are established with foreign Maximaphily associations which help us by offering maximum cards in order to allow these young people to start with a collection of maximum cards.
 - To be noticed the participation to the "Journées de la Maximaphilie" in September 2007 in Wormeldange (Grand Duchy of Luxembourg). Anny Boyard was member of the jury and two French presentations were on exhibit.
 - The principal action was the organization of the European Challenge of maximaphily that was held in Mâcon (Burgundy) at the time of "PHIL A MÂCON 2007", from the 16th to the 18th of November 2007. Ten European countries took part in the competition. PR China that was guest of honour had two presentations at exhibit in the main courtyard, the same for J.P. Mangin, President of the World Academy of Philately. Mr. Jos Wolf chaired the international jury of this important competition. Nicos Rangos, Gianfranco Poggi, Anny Boyard, Andr e Trommer, Dominique Durand and Bruno Bouveret assisted him. The trophy of the European Challenge, offered by Mr. Jacques Th nard, honorary president of "Les Maximaphiles Franais" and of the FIP maximaphily commission, was gained by Spain that will give it in competition in 2009.
 - A conference organized on this occasion made it possible to highlight fields where to go in depth about the becoming and the evolution of the maximaphily in the years to come.
 - France participated to the World Maximaphily Competition for the best maximum card created during the year 2006.
 - All the way through year 2007 conferences were given on the occasion of regional Congresses and locally in philatelic clubs in France and also in Luxembourg.
 - Lastly many articles about Maximaphily were published in the French philatelic press: "La Phil tie Franaise", "L'Echo de la Timbrologie", "Atouttimbres", "Timbres-magazine" and "Philinfo" and also in the bulletins of philatelist clubs. They are well appreciated.
- In conclusion: In spite of the encountered difficulties, "Les Maximaphiles Franais" are convinced that the maximaphily has a driving role to play in the development of philately and in the renewal of collectors impassioned by the history of the postage stamp that is an undeniable vector of the international culture and of the relationship between the people all over the world.

17. FINLAND (Kalevi Ant-Wuorinen)

- The maximum card Nr. 17 of our club was issued in last March and the topic was an Easter hare with an egg and daffodils.
- The Finnish Post made three MCs of butterflies and the Åland Post also three MCs of local handicrafts.
- Our Club members have made several MCs as usually. I myself made about 120 different MCs in Finland and about 30 MCs in Åland.
- There was no special MC exhibition last year, only some national exhibitions with Maximaphily participation receiving silver and bronze medals. Until now there has been no Maximaphily participation in international exhibitions from Finland. (Personally I have tried to get my own collection of older Finnish MCs to Brno in 2006 and to Malaga in 2007, but with no success up to now! Perhaps in Vienna?)
- We have one lecturer in Finland for Maximaphily (Mr Pertti J rvi) and he has given lectures to philatelic clubs interested in Maximaphily.
- In the official organ of the Union of Finnish Philatelists (SFFF) the "Filatelisti", which comes out 10 times a year, there is an official site of our club with two pages in every number. The pages consist mostly of meeting dates, maximaphily rules, articles on different kind of MCs, hints to find suitable postcards to the coming new stamps, and so on.
- I have written an article to "Filatelisti" as well as to our clubs own organ, the "MaxFil", which comes out about 2-4 times a year. Both these articles were about MCs from Åland.
- We will vote for the best MCs from Finland and Åland in the next club meeting on February 26; and I will send to you immediately the results, as well as the corresponding MCs.

-We are still waiting that in the near future we are allowed to make MCs in other forms (eg. round, irregular...) than square or rectangular!! What can You do to help us? Even the stamps are today very versatile; why can't the MCs be likewise?

18. GERMANY (Günter Formery)

-In der Arge befanden sich zum Jahresende 53 Mitglieder, womit eine leicht rückläufige Mitgliederzahl zu verzeichnen war.

- Recht zahlreich waren wieder unsere Realisationen von MK im Jahre 2007, da wir 25 Karten anbieten konnten. Am FIP-Wettbewerb für die beste MK 2006 haben wir ebenfalls teilgenommen und einen zweiten Platz erreicht.

- Unser Maximaphilie-Report ist im letzten Jahr dreimal erschienen, wobei sein Umfang wieder knapp 60 Seiten DIN A 4 betrug. In ihm wurden Artikel über die Maximaphilie und Philokartie veröffentlicht.

- Peter Riedl, Wien, namens des österreichischen Verbandes (VÖPh), und Günter Formery, Saarbrücken, für den deutschen Verband (BDPh), erarbeiteten den endgültigen Wortlaut der deutschen Übersetzung der Maximaphilie-Regelwerke, die in beiden Ländern gleichlautend in Kraft gesetzt wurden.

- Mehrere Aussteller haben im In- und Ausland an Ausstellungen teilgenommen. Herr Peter Riedl, Wien, nahm an der FIP- Ausstellung in St. Petersburg teil und erreichte im Wettbewerb eine gute Groß-Vermeil-Medaille, während Herr Robert Mayer, Luxemburg, dort ein Groß-Silber-Medaille errang. Bei der nationalen Ausstellung zum Tag der Maximaphilie 2007 in Wormeldange/Luxemburg waren wir mit fünf Exponaten vertreten. Drei Mitglieder beteiligten sich mit 6 Exponaten am Ein-Rahmen-Wettbewerb in Kamp-Lintfort/Nordrhein-Westfalen und in Püttlingen/Saar.

Folgende Medaillen konnten 2007 von unseren Mitgliedern in Wettbewerbs-Ausstellungen errungen werden: a) *International*: 1 Großvermeil, 1 Großsilber. b) *National* : 1 Gold , 1 Groß-Vermeil, 2 Vermeil, 1 Groß Silber. c) *Ein Rahmen-Wettbewerb, lokal*: 2 Diamant, 3 Rubin, 1 Smaragd.

- Der AMPH-Vorsitzende war als Delegierter des Bundes Deutscher Philatelisten e.V. sowie des Verbandes Österreichischer Philatelisten e.V. beim Kolloquium in Macon präsent. Dort vertrat auch der stellvertretende Vorsitzende unserer Arge, Dipl. Ing. Kurt Schubert, unsere Mitgliederinteressen.

- Ein Mitglied befand sich im Jahre 2007 bei einer Wettbewerbs-Ausstellung als Juror im Einsatz.

- Im Rahmen der SAMOLUX'07 in Schiffweiler/Saar, einer trilateralen Ausstellung der Länder Saarland/D, Moselle/F und Luxemburg, überreichte Präsident der FIP-Maximaphilie-Kommission, Herr Nicos Rangos, während des Festabends unter großem Beifall an unser Mitglied Jürgen Noll den Preis für die weltbeste Maximumkarte des FIP-Wettbewerbs 2005.

- Mit der AMPH-Verdienstmedaille konnten 2007 die Herren Jürgen Noll und Kurt Schubert ausgezeichnet werden. Unser Vorstandsmitglied Herr André Hommel/Luxemburg erhielt die bronzene Verdienstnadel des Landesverbandes der Briefmarkensammler des Saarlandes e.V.

- Veröffentlichungen in der Presse über die AMPH hatten wir in „Flash“, in der „Deutschen Briefmarken-Revue“, zweimal auf der Homepage des BDPh, in den „FEPA News“ zweimal, der „Deutschen Briefmarken Zeitung“, der Tageszeitung „Sulz“, im Bundesorgan „Eisenbahnerphilatelist“, im Gersweiler Anzeiger“(Saarbrücken), im „WestMagazin“ (Saarbrücken) und in den Blättern des Heimatkundlichen Vereins Gersweiler-Ottenhausen (GeO) zu lesen.

- Mitglieder der Arge nahmen am Sommerfest der Vereinigung der Motivsammler an der Saar in Saarbrücken-Ottenhausen teil.

Ferner möchte ich erneut zum Ausdruck bringen, dass es eine große Erleichterung wäre, wenn die Kommission endlich ihre Veröffentlichungen und Mitteilungen in allen FIP-Sprachen anbieten würde.

ALLEMAGNE – *Version française*

- L'Arge compte à la fin de l'année 53 membres, ce qui constitue un léger recul des effectifs.
 - Nous avons encore réalisé de nombreuses cartes-maximum [*Maximum-Karte*] en 2007, puisque nous avons pu en proposer 25. Nous avons également participé à la compétition FIP de la meilleure carte-maximum 2006 et obtenu une deuxième place.
 - Notre rapport maximaphilie est paru trois fois dans sa quatrième année, avec une fois encore presque 60 pages DIN A4. On y trouve publiés des articles sur la Maximaphilie et la Philokartie.
 - Peter Riedl, de Vienne, au nom de l'association autrichienne (VÖPh), et Günter Formery, de Sarrebruck, pour l'association allemande (BDPH), ont réalisé la version finale de la traduction allemande des règles de la Maximaphilie, qui est entrée en vigueur dans les mêmes termes dans les deux pays.
 - Plusieurs exposants ont participé à des expositions nationales et internationales. M. Peter Riedl, de Vienne, a pris part à la compétition de l'exposition FIP de St. Petersburg et obtenu une belle médaille de grand Vermeil, tandis que M. Robert Mayer, de Luxembourg, y récoltait le grand Argent. Lors de l'exposition nationale pour la journée de la Maximaphilie 2007 à Wormeldange/Luxembourg nous étions représentés par cinq collections. Trois membres ont participé avec 6 collections à la compétition un cadre à Kamp-Lintfort/Rhénanie du Nord-Westphalie et à Püttlingen/Sarre.
 - En 2007, nos membres ont obtenu lors des diverses compétitions-expositions les récompenses suivantes :
 - a) *International* : 1 grand Vermeil, 1 grand Argent. b) *National* : 1 Or, 1 grand Vermeil, 2 Vermeil, 1 grand Argent. c) *un cadre, local* : 2 Diamant, 3 Rubis, 1 Émeraude.
 - Le président de l'AMPh était présent au colloque de Mâcon (France) comme délégué de l'Association des Philatélistes Allemands ainsi que de l'Association des Philatélistes Autrichiens. Le vice-président de l'Arge, Dipl. Ing. Kurt Schubert, y représentait également les intérêts de nos membres.
 - Un de nos membres a été juré d'une exposition compétitive en 2007.
 - Dans le cadre de SAMOLUX'07 à Schiffweiler/Sarre, une exposition trilatérale de la Sarre/D, de la Moselle/F et du Luxembourg, le Président de la Commission Maximaphilie de la FIP, M. Nicos Rangos, a remis à notre membre Jürgen Noll, pendant la soirée de gala, sous des applaudissements nourris, le Prix pour la meilleure carte-maximum du monde de la Compétition FIP 2005.
 - En 2007 messieurs Jürgen Noll et Kurt Schubert ont été honorés de la médaille d'honneur de l'AMPh. M. André Hommel/Luxembourg, membre de notre conseil d'administration, a reçu l'Épingle de Bronze du Mérite de l'Association des Collectionneurs de Timbres de la Sarre.
 - Nous avons eu des publications dans la Presse sur l'AMPh dans « Flash », dans la « Deutschen Briefmarken-Revue », deux fois sur la Homepage de BDPH, deux fois dans les « FEPA News », dans le « Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung », le Tageszeitung « Sulz », dans l'organe fédéral « Eisenbahnerphilatelist », dans le « Gersweiler Anzeiger » (Sarrebruck), dans « West-Magazin » (Saarbrücken) et dans les feuilles du Heimatkundlicher Verein Gersweiler-Ottenhausen (GeO).
 - Des membres de l'Arge ont participé à la Fête d'Été de l'Union des Collectionneurs de Motifs de la Sarre à Sarrebruck-Ottenhausen.
- Enfin je souhaiterais insister encore une fois sur le fait que ce serait pour nous une très grande amélioration si la Commission pouvait enfin proposer ses publications et communications dans toutes les langues de la FIP.

19. GREECE (Pantelis Leousis)

- During 2007 the "Union of Greek Collectors of M.C" created 20 new MAXIMUM CARDS, using stamps issued by the Hellenic Post at the same period; thus bringing the total number of Maximum Cards created by the Union since its founding (1980) to 896.
- Within 2007 multiple meetings of the Union's members were held at its privately-owned offices, followed by lectures, cards exchanges and auctions.
- The annual issue (No. 62) of the "Maximafilia" magazine was published early in June. The Magazine included many articles around the MAXIMUM CARDS as well as an analysis of the

“new regulations for Maximaphily Exhibits at the F.I.P. Exhibition”, that were voted in Malaga, Spain.

- Finally, our Union participated, once more, to the Best Maximum Card Word Competition.

20. HONG KONG (Albert H.K. Lai)

Individuals are creating maximum cards in Hong Kong but they are not organized. One of the created during 2006 Maximum cards participated for a first time to the world best maximum card competition held in Macon, France, during “Phil a Macon” exhibition on November 20, 2007

21. HUNGARY (Judit Szekeli)

- We have a separate column in Bélyegvilág the philatelic journal which is published monthly. In addition, the Magyar Federation Section has a publication on 4 occasions annually.

- Twice a year we are able to meet the members of the Sections because they live in the countryside.

- Maximaphily collections participated in first class exhibitions and won large silver medals.

- We participated on 2 occasions with 28 collections with demonstrative nature connected to events.

- We participate every year to the Best Maximum Card World Competition. I consider the organization of the Best Maximum Card World Competition very important and as such it must be enhanced and continued.

22. ICELAND (Gunnar Rafn EINARSSON)

There are two maximum card collectors dealing with maximum cards in the field of parks and animals. Efforts are taking over for increasing the interest of Maximaphily in our country. An article will be published in our philatelic magazine about the results of the 2007 world best Maximum Cards Competition.

23. ISRAEL (In cooperation with Tibi Yaniv)

In our country we know three collectors who are creating maximum cards, but they are not publishing their work. Surely there are also other persons who create or collect maximum cards. Some collectors are using maximum cards in their thematic collection. We try to increase Maximaphily activity in Israel.

24. ITALIA (Gianfranco Podgy)

- Durant l'année 2007 l'Association Italienne de Maximaphilie a réalisé 60 CM de l'Italie, 19 CM de Saint-Marin, 19 CM du Vatican. Nous avons souvent une grande difficulté à trouver des cartes postales du commerce et c'est le problème le plus grand que nous rencontrons pour la réalisation de C.M. Même dans les musées la disponibilité de bonnes cartes postales avec les sujets d'art est en diminution.

- Nombre des adhérents: 170. On constate encore une petite diminution, toutefois l'activité de A.I.M. continue et nous espérons que l'intérêt des jeunes, maintenant très faible, augmentera.

- La maximaphilie a été présente dans plusieurs expositions non compétitives et nos collections sont très appréciées. Pour qui concerne les expositions compétitives, la liste est la suivante: en Italie, à Caorle “Alpe Adria”, 5 exposants italiens; à Vasto, exposition nationale, 8 exposants, 1 Or. A Wormeldange (Luxembourg), 8 exposants, 2 Or.

- A Mâcon (France), 3 exposants, 1GV. Participation de G.Podgi comme membre du jury du Challenge européen de maximaphilie.

- Nous avons eu de nouveaux exposants; dix sont des élèves jurés.

- La revue (Notiziario AIM) a été édité deux fois.

- Nous avons participé à Mâcon au concours mondial pour meilleure CM de 2006.

25. KOREA (REP.OF) (Jin Hur)

There are individuals who are creating and collecting Maximum Cards. There are also two maximum card collections which were mounted according to the regulations and exhibited in different national and international exhibitions.

26. LUXEMBOURG (Jos Wolff, RDP, president, Andrée Trommer, secretary)

- 9 meetings of the Commission, where the FIP regulations and the national and international news of this class of philately were discussed.
- President Jos Wolff held conferences about the elements of a maximum card and the evaluation of exhibits in different associations.
- Jos Wolff published articles on the new maximum cards of the Commission in all newspapers, before every issue.
- The 18th Day of Maximaphily had been organized by the local association of Wormeldingen, with 16 maximaphily exhibits in competition, 2 from Luxembourg, 8 from Italy, 1 from France, 3 from Germany and 2 from Belgium.
- On September 2, Mrs Boyard and Wolff held a seminar on maximaphily for exhibitors from Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.
- The members of the Commission participated in numerous local, regional and international exhibitions.
- On November 17/18, 2007, Mr Wolff and Mrs Trommer attended conferences about maximaphily in Mâcon (France) on occasion of the exhibition Phil-à-Mâcon.
- 2007 the Commission issued 18 maximum cards.

27. MALAYSIA (Tan Chee Hui)

- The use of maximum cards in philatelic illustrations was increasingly popular. All the exhibitions in 2007 have maximum card exhibit on display. It is important to mention that maxicard heads the display of Malaysia first stamp museum located in Melaka and be the frontispiece of a very important philatelic publication to commemorate Malaysia's Golden Jubilee. The awareness of maximum card collecting has improved tremendously in the year of 2007.

- There are maximum cards creators of the past who are becoming active again. There are more youth started collecting maximum cards; some are to form a collection; some use them for thematic exhibits.

2007 can be considered a good year for Maximaphily in Malaysia.

28. MEXICO (Ana Luisa Guerrero Cuellar)

In Mexico there are individuals creating correct maximum cards and we are just trying to organise them. For this reason our Federation has nominated a delegate for the FIP Maximaphily Commission. We are working for the spreading of Maximaphily in our country

29. NETHERLANDS - PAYS-BAS (Frans Hermse)

In 2007 the Dutch Club "Pro Juventute and Maximaphily" produced four issues of their magazine called

- Tree meetings of the club were held in Utrecht.
- In 2007 there were 64 maximumcards created by the Dutch club, none by the postal authorities.
- There were no maximaphily exhibitions organised but several members took part in local exhibitions.
- There was one participation at an exhibition in category 1 and one at the national exhibition for maximaphily at Wormeldange (L). Two Dutch members were active as a juror at that exhibition.

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- Furthermore there was a Dutch exhibit at Mâcon (France).
- Three lectures on Maximaphily were given for local philatelic clubs.
- In the Dutch philatelic magazine called "Filatelie" there were published 11 articles on Maximaphily.
- There was a participation in the annual competition "Best maximumcard of the year" at Mâcon.
- Near future; this year the Dutch club "pro Juventute and Maximaphily" will celebrate its 25 th anniversary. A special issue of its magazine will be issued.

30. NEW ZEALAND (Robert A.-Bob-Gibson)

- New Zealand has very few dedicated maximum card collectors it did, however, contribute a maximum card to the Fourth World's Best Maximum Card competition.
- There are many New Zealanders who are happy to use maximum cards in their thematic or open class collections. As a result these people and other collectors are being encouraged to take part in 'New Zealand's maximum challenge'. Maximum cards, created using New Zealand stamps over an 11 month period from November 2007, will take part in a competition to be held in conjunction with the Tarapex Stamp Exhibition in November 2008. It is hoped this will introduce more people to the challenge and enjoyment of maximum cards.

31. PAKISTAN (Syed Imtiaz Hussain)

In Pakistan we have some Maximum cards but some of them do not come in Maximaphily because those cards are the printed enlarged copies of the issued stamps. We are trying to change this practice.

Maximaphily is totally a new philatelic activity in Pakistan for which I'm struggling. I'm trying hard to promote this branch of Philately in my country. I gave few lectures in Lahore city and Peshawar (my city) with the help of CD's which FIP Commission chairman has given to me on different occasions and with my knowledge which I acquired in different Maximaphily seminars during numerous Exhibitions. I'm the President of a Local Philatelic Society (Khyber Philatelic Association, Peshawar) which is also a chapter of our Federation. So, in every monthly meeting of my local philatelic Society I discuss and ask about the progress in the collection of different philatelist.

Maximaphily activity was always very limited in Pakistan because of the lack of tradition. I'm trying my best to hold some seminars about the awareness of this branch of philately. Now I'm trying to give lectures to this branch of Philately in Peshavar, Lahore and Karachi where there is a bigger bunch of philatelists.

I succeeded to convince some of the collectors to start some specific Maximaphily collections. In the beginning they have started to collect maximum cards on different themes but I asked them to concentrate on some specific theme in order to participate from Pakistan in international and world Exhibitions. Insha Allah, you will see very soon some of the Exhibits from Pakistan on Maximaphily.

32. PORTUGAL (Eurico C. E. Lage Cardoso)

1- L'Association Portugaise de Maximaphilie, unique association fédéré a réalisé 52 Cartes Maximum différentes.

2- Portugal a réalisé trois expositions :

A) Aveiro 2007 – Exposition Inter-regional. Notre classe a été représenté avec 8 participations: Les médailles reçues ont été : quatre vermeil ; trois argent et un bronze argenté.

B) « Estremoz 2007 » - II Exposition Nationale d'Un cadre. Notre spécialité a été représentée avec deux participations. Les médailles reçues ont été : Un Or + prix spécial et un Bronze.

C) « Juvex 2007 » - VIII Exposition Nationale de Philatélie Juvénile, à Barroselas – Viana do Castelo. Trois jeunes maximaphiles ont participé Médailles reçues: Un Grand Vermeil, un Vermeil et un Grand Argent.

3- Dans l'Exposition Mondiale à Saint-Pétersbourg, Portugal a présenté deux participations de notre classe. Médailles reçues : Une Grand Vermeil et une Grand Argent (jeunesse).

4- EXFILNA 2007 - Exposition Nationale Espagnole – Palma de Maiorca – Portugal a présenté deux participations de notre classe qui ont reçu respectivement deux médailles Grand Vermeil.

5- Juvenia 2007 - Exposition Nationale Juvénile Espagnole – Calahorra. Deux jeunes portugaises maximaphiles ont participé. Médailles reçues : Un Grand Vermeil + prix spécial et une Grand Argent.

6- La Maximaphilie a été présentée 18 participations dans quatre manifestation en Portugal.

7- J'envoie, aujourd'hui par lettre, la Carte-Maximum, réalisée par l'Association Portugaise de Maximaphilie, pour le concours mondial, de la meilleure CM de l'année 2007.

* Plusieurs articles de Maximaphilie ont été publiés dans la Revue du Club Filatélico de Portugal n° 415, 416, 417 et 418 par João Pinheiro da Silva, juré national de notre classe et Vice-président de l'A.P.M. :

a) CPLP – Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa (CPLP – Communauté des Pays de Langue

Portugaise), b) Drogas nocivas... não obrigado (Drogues nocives... non obligé), c) Primeiro Centenário do Escutismo (Premier Centenaire du Scoutisme), d) Pablo Picasso também na Filatelia Portuguesa (Pablo Picasso aussi dans la Philatélie Portugaise).

Nous pensons que les Règlements Spéciaux et les Directives pour la maximaphilie sont bien élaborés mais que il ne faut pas faire des changements fréquents pour altérer ces règles chose qui va être mauvais pour le futur de notre classe.

33. ROMANIA (Vasile DOROS)

- La Société Commerciale "Romfilatelia" a réalisé un nombre de 44 C.M. officielles après 14 séries de timbres;

- En Roumanie les collectionneurs maximaphiles ont participé à 6 expositions départementales ou interrégionales (1 jeunesse) et à l'exposition EFIRO 2007 Bucarest avec 5 collections;

- Participations à 5 expositions internationales: l'exposition mondiale SAINT-PETERSBOURG, la bilatérale ROMANIA-LUXEMBOURG (Sibiu), Phil-à-MÂCON (France), BALKANFILA XIV Istanbul et UNESCO-Paris, totalisant 12 collections / 5 cadres. Médailles de la A à G.V.

- Organisation d'un Symposium (colloque) de maximaphilie à Sibiu – Roumanie.

- 4 grands articles, consacrés exclusivement à la maximaphilie, ont été publiés dans la revue "FILATELIA" de F.F.R. et 3 autres dans la revue "ROMFILATELIA"

- Le commencement ou la continuation de toutes les démarches par l'intermédiaire de FEPA, FIP, UPU, etc. pour convaincre l'Administration Postale de la Grande-Bretagne et des certains pays d'expression anglophones de poursuivre les règles de FIP dans la réalisation des C.M.; ce serait un enrichissement du patrimoine mondial de la maximaphilie (les États-Unis, l'Australie et le Canada suivent déjà ces règles.)

- On considère la constitution de la "Société Roumaine de Maximaphilie – dr. Valeriu Neaga", largement explicitée en annexe en français, la réalisation la plus importante de la maximaphilie roumaine de l'année 2007 (et non seulement).

- La Société se propose d'avoir une étroite liaison avec la Commission de Maximaphilie de FIP par l'intermédiaire de la Commission de FFR dans le but du développement et de l'affirmation de cette branche de la philatélie.

34. RUSSIE (Valery Petrov)

- A peu près 40 cartesmaximum (réalisations personnelles) ont été créées en 2006 par les maximaphiles russes sur les cartes de commerce en conformité avec les règlements de la F.I.P. En même temps 3 maximaphiles de Moscou ont rassemblé leurs efforts pour faire imprimer des cartes et réaliser cartes-maximum avec les oblitérations concordantes. Certaines de leurs CM sont assez bonnes, mais la plupart ne correspondent pas encore aux règles et traditions de maximaphilie. Les Services de Poste de Russie n'émettent pas de cartes-maximum depuis longtemps.

- Deux articles sur notre discipline ont été publiés dans la revue nationale PHILATELIA.
- Une collection de maximaphilie a participé à l'exposition mondiale «Saint-Pétersbourg 2007» (Grand Argent). 2 autres participations maximaphiles ont été présentées aux expositions nationales (2 Argent).
- Nous avons participé au Concours mondial pour la meilleure carte-maximum 2006 à Mâcon (France).

35. SLOVENIA (Bojan Bracic)

- In Philatelic Association of Slovenia (FZS) we have a few collectors which collect mostly maximum cards but a lot are collecting maximum cards as a piece of their thematic collections. We had two exhibitors which exhibited Maximaphily exhibits but mostly on national exhibitions. Once even they exhibited to an exhibition with international participation. In last five years Maximaphily activity was limited rather to the thematic collections.
- In the field of philatelic education organized by FZS for teaching Slovene collectors how to make competitive exhibits, I participated already to the lesson about Maximaphily ten years ago. I studied then some old documents about Maximaphily written by Karl Dostal. I also participated to the Maximaphily seminar in Malaga 2006 and last year in Budapest, both conducted by the FIP Maximaphily Commission Chairman N. Rangos. After the last mentioned seminar I prepared an article which will be published in next edition of the "Nova filatelija" (New Philately), FZS magazine of our Federation, which will be issued at the end of February 2008 – I am also the editor of this magazine.
- We opened a new circle of education for our collectors who decided to start exhibiting. I already had given two lectures: the first about competitive exhibiting in general and the second about exhibit from thematic philately. I will repeat this lecture this month in another part of our country (Nova Gorica).
- Except the above mentioned article, I wish to prepare also, before summer, the lecture about Maximaphily for our philatelists. In the above mentioned article I explain the general principles how to respect the new rules, which were explained in Budapest and at the end I invite all philatelists interested from Slovenia to take part to the competition for the best maximum card created with Slovene stamp issued in 2007. The best one which will be chosen by a special ad hoc commission will be sent to the world competition that FIP Commission organizes next June in Bucharest. That is why I want to prepare, except the article in "Nova filatelija", a lesson about Maximaphily as soon as possible. For this reason the shipping to us of a copy of the CD used in the seminar of Budapest will be very much appreciated.

36. SPAIN (Juan Antonio Casas Pajares)

- Varios miembros de esta comisión estamos difundiendo la Maximofilia en las páginas web de las federaciones valenciana www.fevafil.org y la andaluza www.fefian.iespana.es/intro donde se pueden contemplar tarjetas máximas e interesantes artículos como el de Francisco Velázquez Barroso sobre las tarjetas máximas variantes. Los interesados en conocer más aspectos de nuestro coleccionismo pueden visitar la página web de la Asociación Española de Maximofilia www.asemamaximofilia.com donde pueden ver todas las tarjetas máximas realizadas por ASEMA, leer los Reglamentos de la Maximofilia e interesantes artículos de prestigiosos maximofilistas. Invitamos a visitar estas páginas web.
- Dentro del ciclo de las tertulias filatélicas del Ateneo de Cádiz, organizadas por el presidente de la Sociedad Filatélica Gaditana y ateneísta don José Ossorio Zájara, José Palma Azúa y Francisco Velázquez Barroso impartieron el 17 de diciembre un interesante Taller de Maximofilia, donde trataron diversos aspectos de nuestro coleccionismo. Con la colaboración de ASEMA se ofrecieron a los asistentes sellos y tarjetas postales para que realizaran una tarjeta máxima que deberán presentar mataselladas en la próxima tertulia.
- La revista de ASEMA "APUNTES DE MAXIMOFILIA" sigue siendo muy solicitada por coleccionistas y sociedades filatélicas. Muchos de artículos y comentarios tienen eco en otras revistas filatélicas.

- Distintos miembros de esta comisión hemos publicado interesantes artículos y noticias sobre distintos aspectos de la Maximofilia en revistas y publicaciones como: El Eco, Madrid Filatélico, Apuntes de Maximofilia, Gades Filatélico, publicaciones de la Fundación Alcalde Ruiz-Mateos y en las páginas web anteriormente mencionadas.

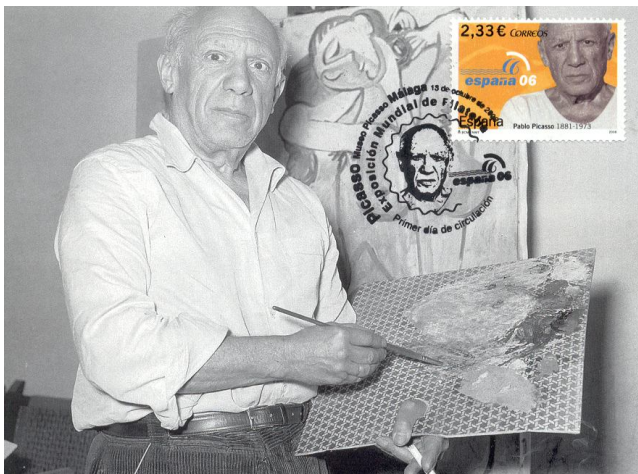
- ASEMA ha realizado este año 40 tarjetas máximas que han tenido muy buena acogida entre sus asociados y coleccionistas filatélicos. En las páginas de la revista APUNTES DE MAXIMOFILIA se pueden ver muchas realizaciones personales de tarjetas máximas españolas.

- La Maximofilia ha estado presente en las siguientes exposiciones:

“XXII EXPOFIL CARNAVAL 2007” en Cádiz. “CALPE 2007- EXFILNA 2007” en Palma de Mallorca. “JUVENIA 2007” en Cádiz. “III EXPOSICIÓN FILATÉLICA BINACIONAL MÉXICO-ESPAÑA 2007” en Guadalajara, México. “EXPOSICIÓN FILATÉLICA SLANIA Y OTROS GRABADORES” en Moncofa. “EXPOFIL ROTA 2007- EXPOSICIÓN AUTONÓMICA COMPETITIVA DE LA FEDERACIÓN VALENCIANA DE FILATELIA” en Valencia. “XI EXPOFIL” en Pineda de Mar. “XXI FINUGRADUS” en Greus. “XIV EXFILNUCUL” en Onda. “JUVEX 2007” en Barrosales, Portugal. “XVII CICLO CULTURAL DE EXPOSICIONES” en Chiclana. “PHIL Á MÂCON 2007” y SALÓN EUROPEO DE MAXIMOFILIA en Mâcon, Francia. “EXFILANDALUS 2007” en Córdoba.

- Tengo que destacar la presencia de las colecciones de los juveniles Juan Alberto Laynez Ruiz-Henestrosa y Roberto F. Palomino Fernández que difunden la Maximofilia, en muchas exposiciones, entre los jóvenes.

- Este año hemos obtenido un gran triunfo en el SALON EUROPEO DE MAXIMOFILIA en Mâcon, el jurado compuesto por reconocidos maximofiliastas como Jos Wolff, Presidente de la FIP; Nicos Rangos, Presidente de la Comisión FIP de Maximofilia; Amy Boyard, Presidenta de Los Maximofiliastas Franceses; Andrée Trommer, Vice-presidente de FSPL, Gianfranco Poggi Vice-presidente de La Asociación Italiana de Maximofilia; Bruno Bouveret como secretario y Dominique Durand como jurado otorgaron el primer premio de la exposición a ASEMA para España, la mejor calificación la obtuvo la colección “La influencia paisajística y monumental en los escritores europeos” de Francisco Velázquez Barroso. Colaboraron en este éxito las colecciones “El arte arquitectónico en Europa busca la divinidad” de José Palma Azúa y “Vida religión y cultura” de Eugenio Espinosa Martínez. Durante la reunión de la Comisión FIP de Maximofilia la TM que ASEMA realizó de Picasso obtuvo, por votación de los delegados asistentes, el primer premio del concurso “La mejor tarjeta máxima del mundo del 2006”, por lo que esta comisión se congratula de los éxitos conseguidos para España. ASEMA colaboró con un bonito trofeo.



La idea de este SALÓN EUROPEO DE MAXIMOFILIA, organizado por Los Maximofiliastas Franceses, es que se celebre cada dos años y que lo organice la asociación y el país ganador. El Reglamento de esta exposición ya lo he enviado a FESOFI y esperamos que en el 2009 las mejores colecciones europeas de maximofilia representen a sus respectivas asociaciones y países en España.

Estamos muy ilusionados con la celebración en el próximo año 2008 de una exposición nacional de Maximofilia que coincidirá con la nacional de Un Cuadro.

Los señores Velázquez, Casas, Luna y Palma, están adaptando el trabajo “EL APASIONANTE MUNDO DE LA MAXIMOFILIA” a los actuales Reglamentos.

Hemos tenido muchas consultas sobre la realización de tarjetas máximas con sellos personalizados. Hasta la presente no hay ninguna notificación oficial de la dirección de la FIP. Este tema se trató en la reunión de la Comisión HP de Maximofilia celebrada en Mâcon. Se comentó que es un

asunto a estudiar. En la actualidad está proporcionando un gran interés entre los coleccionistas y los maximofilistas. Se están realizando muchas tarjetas máximas con estos sellos. Continúan preguntando muchos maximofilistas si tendremos un jurado especializado en Maximofilia la próxima EXFILNA.

ESPAGNE (Juan Antonio Casas Pajares-)

Version française

- Quelques membres de cette commission sont en train de divulguer la Maximaphilie dans le site web de la fédération de Valence www.fevafil.org et la fédération de l'Andalousie www.fefian.iespana.es/intro. Il y en a des articles intéressants comme celle de Francisco Velázquez Barroso sur les cartes-maximums variantes. En plus, on peut connaître d'autres aspects de notre collection dans le site web de l'Asociación Española de Maximofilia www.asemamaximofilia.com, où on peut voir toutes les C.M. réalisées par ASEMA, les règlements de la Maximaphilie et des articles intéressants écrits par de prestigieux maximaphiles.
- Le président de la Sociedad Filatélica Gaditana, Mr. José Ossorio Zájara, organise, chaque mois, des réunions philatéliques dans l'Ateneo de Cádiz. C'est le 17 décembre que la réunion a été dédiée à la Maximaphilie (atelier), réalisé par nos membres José Palma Azúa et Francisco Velázquez Barroso. L'ASEMA a collaboré en donnant en cadeau des timbres-poste et des cartes vierges pour réaliser des C.M., que l'on doit montrer lors de la prochaine réunion.
- Notre revue APUNTES DE MAXIMOFILIA (dans laquelle de prestigieux maximaphiles ont écrit) a été très demandée pour les collectionneurs et les sociétés philatéliques.
- Quelques membres de cette commission ont publié des articles et notices intéressantes sur la Maximaphilie dans des revues et publications : El Eco, Madrid Filatélico, Apuntes de Maximofilia, Gades Filatélico, Fundación Alcalde Ruiz-Mateos.
- L'ASEMA a réalisé, pendant cette année, 40 C.M., qui ont été très appréciées par les collectionneurs. Et on peut voir la plupart d'entre elles dans la revue Apuntes de Maximaphilie, ainsi que les réalisations personnelles des membres de notre association.
- Participations dans les expositions suivantes: «XXII EXPOFIL CARNAVAL 2007» à Cádiz. «CALPE 2007 - EXFILNA 2007» à Palma de Majorca. «JUVENIA 2007» à Calahorra. «III EXPOSICIÓN FILATÉLICA BINACIONAL MÉXICO-ESPAÑA 2007» à Guadalajara, México. «EXPOSICIÓN FILATÉLICA SLANIA Y OTROS GRABADORES» à Moncofa. «EXPOFIL ROTA 2007- EXPOSICIÓN AUTONÓMICA COMPETITIVA DE LA FEDERACIÓN VALENCIANA DE FILATELIA» à Valencia. «XI EXPOFIL» à Pineda de Mar. «XXI FINUGRADUS» à Greus. «XIV EXFILNUCUL» à Onda. «JUVEX 2007» à Barrosales, Portugal. «XVII CICLO CULTURAL DE EXPOSICIONES» à Chiclana. «PHIL Á MÂCON 2007» y «SALÓN EUROPEO DE MAXIMOFILIA» à Mâcon, Francia. «EXFILANDALUS 2007» à Córdoba.

Il faut remarquer la participation des collections de jeunes maximaphiles dans les expositions : Juan Alberto Laynez Ruiz-Henestrosa et Roberto F. Palomino Fernández.

- Lors du Salon européen de maximaphilie, qui s'est tenu à Mâcon du 16 au 18 novembre 2007, notre pays a remporté le 1^{er} prix de l'exposition avec la collection «La influencia paisajística y monumental en el escritor europeo», de Francisco Velázquez Barroso. De plus, l'Espagne a remporté la première place du Challenge européen de maximaphilie, compétition par pays, ainsi que le 1^{er} prix dans le concours «La meilleure C.M. du monde de 2006» avec la C.M. sur Picasso.
- En 2009, l'Espagne doit organiser ce Salon Européen de Maximaphilie.
- Nous avons beaucoup d'espoir pour l'organisation d'une exposition nationale de Maximaphilie en Espagne pour 2008.
- Mrs. Velázquez, Casas, Luna y Palma sont en train d'adapter aux nouveaux règlements le travail «El apasionante mundo de la Maximofilia».

37. SLOVAQUIE (Jules Molnár)

L'année 2007 n'a pas connu de grande évolution. Sur 20 membres seuls 5 sont actifs. Nous n'avons pas édité de bulletins pour nos membres, mais nous avons réalisée quatre C.M. Un membre

(Molnár) a pris part à trois expositions. Sa collection sur la Slovaquie a été remaniée en langue française. Le désir de participer à l'exposition du Challenge européen était très grand et pour des raisons de sécurité de transport des collections et de douane nous avons dû renoncer à cette initiative.

38. SUISSE (Jean-Pierre Ramillon - W. Monnet, président)

- Le nombre de réalisations proposées aux membres en 2007 s'est élevé à 44 cartes - maximum au total, dont 12 avec la série des timbres-poste de l'Administration postale des Nations Unies consacrée aux espèces menacées (des singes). Sur les 50 timbres émis par la Poste suisse nous avons donc pu réaliser 32 cartes-maximum, comprenant 4 CM présentant des sujets secondaires et 2 variantes, dont l'une avec deux timbres attachés faisant panorama.

- Ainsi que les années précédentes, le rapport annuel sur l'exercice 2006 a été diffusé, non seulement aux membres de l'AMS, mais aussi aux associations philatéliques de Romandie et à des particuliers qui s'intéressent à la maximophilie. Dans chaque Bulletin annuel toutes les cartes-maximum réalisées durant l'exercice concerné sont reproduites, accompagnées de commentaires sur celles-ci et sur l'activité de l'Association. En outre, en 2007 nous avons continué de faire paraître une ou deux pages sur la maximophilie et plus spécialement sur les réalisations de l'AMS, dans le Bulletin mensuel du Club philatélique et aéropostal de Genève (CPAG), tiré à 200 exemplaires environ et à raison de 10 numéros par an. Enfin, un article a été publié dans la Revue « Rhône Philatélie » de l'Entente philatélique Valais/ Haut-Léman, sur la Garde pontificale suisse, article tiré du Bulletin annuel 2005 de l'AMS.

Participations aux expositions :

- « Exposition de l'Entente philatélique VALAIS/HAUT-LEMAN » à Sion les 28-29.4.2007. Gérard MORAND a présenté sa collection de cartes-maximum de Suisse, 1927 – 1960.

- « BALABRA VII » Rang 3, Lausen (BL), du 13 au 15-4-2007 : W. MONNET « Patrimoine suisse », Argent et en 12/24, E. BOUCHER « Les jeux olympiques d'hiver en 6 épreuves », Rubis.

- « ZUBRA 07 », Rang 2, Bad-Zurzach, du 4 au 7-10-2007 : J.-J. BACHER, « Histoire de France », Or

Anne BOUCHER-MONNET, « Châteaux de Suisse et de France », Vermeil. W. MONNET, « Patrimoine suisse », Argent. J-P RAMILLON, « Navigation au fil de l'eau », Vermeil. En catégorie 12/24 : E. BOUCHER « Le TGV, une aventure humaine et technologique », Rubis.

- « PHIL A MACON 2007 », du 16 au 18-11-2007 : J.-J. BACHER, « Histoire de France », Bronze Argenté, W. MONNET, « Patrimoine suisse », Argent et J-P RAMILLON, « Navigation au fil de l'eau », Argent.

- JOURNEE DU TIMBRE, Rang 3, Einsiedeln, 9-12-2007. En catégorie 1 cadre : E. BOUCHER, « Le TGV, une aventure humaine et technologique » Émeraude et W. MONNET, « La peinture suisse ».

- L'Association maintient de bonnes relations avec la Poste suisse et plus particulièrement avec le Service Timbres-poste et Philatélie, Marketing et Vente à Berne, et le Bureau Philatélique à Lausanne, ainsi que le Service de vente de timbres-poste et articles philatéliques de l'Administration postale des Nations Unies à Genève. Ces bons contacts facilitent notre tâche dans la recherche des différents sujets susceptibles de permettre la réalisation de cartes-maximum, ainsi que pour l'apposition des oblitérations. En ce qui concerne les réalisations elles-mêmes, nous sommes toujours confrontés aux mêmes problèmes, à savoir: 1° le nombre grandissant d'émissions de timbres-poste présentant des sujets abstraits ou symboliques, 2° la difficulté de trouver des cartes postales du commerce, 3° et d'obtenir du Service philatélique une oblitération concordante ou, à défaut, d'obtenir d'un Bureau postal du lieu offrant la concordance voulue, une oblitération lisible et propre.

- Comme beaucoup de sociétés philatéliques, l'AMS a enregistré l'an dernier quelques démissions pour des raisons d'âge ou de santé déficiente, ce qui fait que le nombre de personnes actives s'avère de plus en plus restreint. De ce fait le temps consacré à l'Association consiste avant tout à procéder aux réalisations et à assurer le secrétariat courant. Toutefois, M. Jean-Jacques BACHER, membre fondateur de l'AMS, a entrepris de réunir toute une documentation sur les cartes-

maximum suisses réalisées entre 1925 et 1950, en vue de publier dès que possible un catalogue sur cette première période.

- Enfin, l'A.M.S. a également présenté une réalisation effectuée en 2006 pour participer au concours de la meilleure carte-maximum, malheureusement sans grand succès, de même qu'en ce qui concerne le Palmarès du 1^{er} Challenge Européen de maximaphilie, mais l'essentiel étant de participer, l'honneur est sauf...

39. TAIWAN (Zi-Kaan Ding)

There are many collectors who are interested in Maximaphily and are creating correct Maximum Cards. Some of them have mounted their collections following the FIP regulations. Meetings and seminars were organized. We participate regularly to all FIP Maximaphily World Best Maximum Card Competition. Last year my country participated to the Best Maximum Card Competition created during 2006 held in "Phil a Macon'07", in France, on November 20, 2007

40. UNITED KINGDOM (Christine Earle)

Maximaphily in UK is very short in that the main interest (albeit very limited) in Maxi cards in the UK is their inclusion in the Thematic Philately Class. I am aware that some collectors are spasmodically creating their own maximum cards usually for their own collections on a very limited basis. We do not have the Maximaphily Class included in our Regional or National competitions, and so there is very little chance for the UK collectors that do not travel abroad to visit the international exhibitions, to see or experience Maximaphily. Unless the APBS adopts Maximaphily as a class in the National Competitions (very unlikely) I cannot see this situation changing. Nevertheless, a small but positive step is reported: Last two years UK maximum cards from different creators participated to World Best Maximum Card Competition organised by the FIP Maximaphily Commission.

41. UKRAINE (Veslav Savin)

Eight beautiful and correct Maximum cards were issued during 2007 by the Postal Services of Ukraine with my advices. We have three Maximaphily collections which are participating to national and international level philatelic exhibitions. One of them with the subject "Fench Paintings", the second with the subject "Ukraine through the Eyes of Maximum Cards" and the third one with the subject "Russian Art". We published articles for Maximaphily in our Journal of the Ukraine Philatelic Federation. Last year my country participated to the World Best Maximum Card Competition created during 2006 held in "Phil a Macon'07", in France, on November 20, 2007 and we are ready to participate to the next World Best Maximum Card Competition created during 2007, which will be held in Bucharest on June 26, 2008.

42. U.S.A (Daniel Olsen)

- The activities of our Maximaphilists Center around our quarterly journal "North American Maximaphily" with a focus on topics and events of North American interest.

This journal is published by the MACSU Maximaphily Association of about 80 members, now in its 24th year. MACSU is chaired by Daniel Olsen, who is also the U.S. Representative for Maximaphily to the F.I.P. and its Editor is George Constantourakis, who is also the Canadian Representative for Maximaphily to the F.I.P.

- Our MACSU Association does not produce M.C. for the new U.S. or Canadian stamp issues.

The realizations of Maximum Cards are the product of our individual members. Thus these realizations do not cover every new stamp issue. On the other hand, they follow the true spirit of Maximaphily rules, using strictly commercial cards. Many of our members exchange Maximum Cards with our overseas members and other MC collectors.

Since the beginning of the year 2002, Maximaphily Exhibits in North America have to be judged according to specific Maximaphily rules, adapted from the F.I.P. International rules. The latest 5th

edition of the APS (American Philatelic Society) Manual of Philatelic Judging of 2002, introduced many significant changes and among them it includes, for the first time, Maximaphily as a Sub-Division of the "Illustrated Mail Division" (the term 'Division' in North America equates to that of Class internationally). Since then most Regional and National Exhibitions in the U.S. and Canada have adopted these changes.

- Since the adoption in 2002 of the new Judging Rules covering our own Maximaphily, a small number of our members started exhibiting in Regional and National Shows receiving Silver medals. Only our President and our Editor are International Exhibitors. During the 2002-2007 period, our President participated in many National Exhibitions and received Vermeil medals. Our Editor participated also in many National and international Exhibitions and received Vermeil and Gold medals. This achievement is significant as it proves that Maximaphily - the great unknown - is now starting to get the respect it deserves. It is worth noting that Show organizers want Maximaphily Exhibits because the general public loves them and that many topical collectors feel now freer to include Maximum Cards in their Exhibits.

- In closing, our President has been active in giving Seminars on the rules governing Maximaphily at many U.S. National Stamp Exhibitions"

Last year USA participated to the World Best Maximum Card Competition created during 2006 held in "Phil a Macon'07", in France, on November 20, 2007. USA participation gained the fourth place with a Maximum card of excellent concordance created during "Washington'06" world philatelic exhibition.

43. VENEZUELA (Ignacio Martinello)

- We should create interesting MCs, if we could find postcards of the market. The only available cards for the philatelic issues in my country are the ones printed by the Postal Administration. The pictures of the cards practically are identical to the stamps but fortunately they are not a complete reproduction of the stamp.

- Our Postal Administration promised for organizing in our country a philatelic Exhibition, but we are still waiting for the frames.

- We continue our participation to the World Best Maximum card Competition.

- We had informal meetings dealing with Maximaphily during 2007.

- We are doing our best to increase Maximaphily activity during 2008.

- Our sincere congratulations to the FIP Maximaphily Commission members for their excellent work they are doing.

We extend many thanks especially to Joseph Wolff, the FIP president, who has successfully exercised for many years his responsibility as a member of the FIP Board for Maximaphily class and to whom we trust for his deep knowledge and belief on Maximaphily future and values, to the FIP Board Vice-Presidents and Directors, and to FIP Secretary General Marie-Louise Heiri for her special support and perfect cooperation with us.

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