



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE PHILATELIE



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FIP COMMISSION FOR TRADITIONAL PHILATELY

ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE FIP COMMISSION FOR TRADITIONAL PHILATELY JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

The Bureau and Commission Meetings

Bureau members continued to work on-line regarding Bureau business and future plans for the Commission.

A Commission meeting was held in IBRA, Essen on 28 May 2023, amongst those present, there were 6 delegates and jurors.

FIAP invited Commission Chairman and Secretary to conduct the first Continental (FIAP) Jury Academy during Thailand 2023 World Stamp Championship in Bangkok on 24 and 25 November 2023. The academy was well attended by jurors from Asia and another class has already been planned in 2024.

Website

The Bureau Secretary acting as webmaster continued to manage the FIP Traditional Philately Commission sub-website of www.f-i-p.ch with regular updates as they are required.

Aside from news of exhibitions and seminars, one can find exhibition results of the traditional philately class of recent FIP exhibitions. We also plan to invite some good traditional philately exhibits to be uploaded on website.

The Commission's website (<https://traditionalphilately.f-i-p.ch>) recorded 335 visitors during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 according to Matomo Analytics. Beside Hong Kong where the webmaster is based, the next highest number of visits came from P.R. China, U.S.A., Romania and Singapore.

Seminars:

The Commission Secretary delivered a qualifying seminar for Traditional Philately jurors at IBRA World Stamp Exhibition, Essen on 28 May 2023. The seminar is available on the Commission website. Chinese translation of the seminar has been uploaded. Another qualifying seminar was originally planned for Philakorea 2024 but the exhibition was postponed until 2025. We expect to hold a meeting and seminar in 2025.

The Commission Statistics:

We have recorded and published on the FIP website 87 member federations represented in our Commission. There were four delegate changes: Portugal (Rui Matos Alves), Romania (Emanoil Alexandru Savoiu), Switzerland (Fritz Aebi) and Greece (Emmanouil Koutsounakis)

The following 17 FIP member Federations do not have delegates appointed and they have been asked to appoint a delegate for the Commission as soon as possible:-

Brunei, Byelorussia, Cuba, Ecuador, Georgia, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, DPR Korea, Macau, Malta, Mongolia, Montenegro, Slovakia and Ukraine.

Delegates' Reports:

The Commission Secretary sent a standard reply form to all delegates on 27 December 2023 and the deadline of reply was 27 February 2024. The delegates were asked to report to their regional representative or the Secretary.

15 out of 87 delegates (FIAF 2, FEPA 7 and FIAP 6) sent activity report before the deadline, other delegates did not reply to the Bureau members and Secretary. We are grateful to those delegates who complied with our request.

The following countries sent activity report to regional representative and/or secretary: -

Argentina, Chile, Cyprus, Finland, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Monaco, Romania, Singapore, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei and Vietnam.

Argentina

Seminars: None held.

International Exhibitions:

1. May, IBRA 2023; Pablo Reim: Brazil Classics Stamps, 1843-1861 - 96points, Large Gold; Miguel Casielles: San Martin 1917-1923 - 93 points, Gold SP.
2. November, Thailand 2023; Jorge Moscatelli: Argentine Definitive Issue 1923-1935 - 95 Points, Gold; Domingo Del Fabro: Argentine, Air Mail Issue 1928-1936' - 93 Points, Gold.

FIAF Exhibitions:

1. September, Uruguay 2023, Montevideo; Victor Gugliano: El 15 centavos Escuditos de la República Argentina, One Frame - 90 Points.
2. July, JESUS MARIA 2023 (FIAF), Jesús María, Córdoba
 - Domingo Del Fabro: Argentine, Air Mail Issue 1928 1936 - 95 Points Large Gold GP National
 - Javier Morillas: Serie Próceres y Riquezas III, el Correo Ordinario emitido en pesos ley - 90 Points, Gold.
 - Alejandro Redondo: República con Escudo (1899 - 1923) - 90 Points, Gold.
 - Eduardo Scardino: Argentina: La última serie ordinaria de Correo Aéreo - 80 Points, Vermeil.
 - Rodrigo Vecchi: Serie "San Martín 1917" con sobrecargas ministeriales - 82 Points, Vermeil.
 - Edgardo Dapino: Carnet Fauna Argentina y Serie Ord. Aves (1995-1999) - One Frame 68 Points.
 - Jorge Adalberto Nieves: Serie ordinaria "Eva Perón" 1952 - One Frame 74 Points.
 - Martín D'Agostino: Arg. 1892 - IV Cent. del descubrimiento de América - One Frame 92 Points.
 - Darío Di Pierro: Serie Ordinaria Paul Von Hindenburg (1932 -1936) - One Frame 68 Points.
 - Martín Alejandro Jalón: Centenario de la Fundación de la Administración de Correos y Telégrafos - One Frame 82 Points.
 - Oscar Pasquinelli: Kidd-Emisión Litográfica, 1888-1890 - One Frame 74 Points.
 - Adolfo Prunotto: Emisión Aérea Art decó - One Frame 83 Points.

Publications: None

Chile

Seminars: None held.

International Exhibition:

May, IBRA 2023

- Cristián Mouat: Chile "Peso Bronce" and "Islas de Juan Fernandez" Series, 1904-1910 - 93 Gold and Special Prize.
- Heinz Junge: Chile, The Consular Service of Chile - 91 points, Gold.
- Jörg Maier : Germany La Guerra del Pacífico 1979-84. El Correo en los Territorios ocupados de Bolivia y Perú - 95 points, Large Gold.
- Jörg Maier: Germany The first datestamps of Chile 1853/54 (Laval type 1) - 84 points, Vermeil
- Jörg Maier: Germany Die chilenischen Postkarten von 1909 für den Weltpostverein mit Aufdruck "6" - eine Ausgabe mit vielen Rätseln - 84 points, Vermeil.

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Publications:

Chile Filatélico, issue number 303, period May 2022 to April 2023:-

- Chile - "CANCELLED" by Perkins and Bacon. Walter Kaltwasser FRPSL.
- Chile - Postal surtaxes for the modernization in the post service during 1965 to 1974, part IV. Milenko Obilinovic.
- Inverted Centers of Chile, part III. Cristian Mouat.
- Chaco War and its Reflection in the Philately and Postal History of Paraguay. Guillermo Schmeda.
- Other Numeral Handstamps of the PSNC (Pacific Steam Navigation Company) 1849-1853. Jörg Maier.
- Panamerican Diplomatic Franchise. José Antonio Herráiz.

Chile Filatélico, issue number 304, period May 2023 to October 2023:-

- 20c "Cabezones" New Varieties and their positions in the sheet. Rodrigo Bravo.
- A Scarcely Known 90c Fiscal Stamp of 1921. Heinz Junge.
- This is a 2 Reales Stamp! The Spanish 2 reales blue of 1851. José Antonio Herráiz.
- A Chilean Charity Stamp: "Chile Ayuda a Chile". Jorge Rojas.

Other activities or events concerning Traditional Philately:

The Expert Committee of Sociedad Filatélica de Chile examined 28 philatelic items and issued the corresponding Opinion Certificates.

Cyprus

Seminars:

We had a seminar in Cyprus between the Cyprus and Lebanese Philatelic Societies in October 2023. Four speakers from each country presented subjects from their own philatelic world.

A large number of the lectures were traditional class subjects. The meeting was also attended by the president of FEPA Mr Bill Hedley FRPSL.

Finland

Seminars and juror training:

The Finnish Philatelic Association holds a judges' day once a year. This year, 16 judges took part, including 3 traditional class judges and two apprentices.

Another apprentice was appointed as a new national level judge in the traditional class after the Finnish national show in the spring of 2023.

In autumn 2023, a separate training program for exhibitors was started. This was attended by three traditional class collections.

National Exhibition:

The Finnish national exhibition RiiHex2023 included 30 traditional philately exhibits, two of which were One-frame collections.

6 traditional class collections participated in the NORDIA 2023 (Iceland) exhibition.

International Exhibitions:

- IBRA 2023: one juror in traditional class was appointed. Two Traditional Philately Class exhibits participated with Large Vermeil, Large Gold + Special prize + GPIC.
- Thailand 2023: One Traditional Class exhibit garnered Large Gold.

Publications:

Several articles in Finnish stamp magazines.

France

We had regional competitions in all categories with the emergence of very beautiful traditional philately collections. This was confirmed at the level during the French championship.

A meeting was to be held at the end of the year with the national jurors on the latest regulations but this meeting could not take place. It was intended for the national jurors to transmit to their respective regions the "new developments" relating to very specific points.

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Greece

Seminars:

Around thirty participants in each

- Konstantinos Choudalakis “Errors and variations of the small HELLAS issue of Cretan State”.
- Dimitrios Papitsis “Scanner usage and calibration for color accuracy in philately”.
- Manolis Mylonakis “The so-called stamps of Therison”.

Local and National Exhibitions:

- Ikaria Island 16-17 July 2023, “The Stamps of the free state of Ikaria”.
- Kalavryta Achaia 9 December 2023, “Holocaust through stamps”.

International Exhibitions:

May, IBRA 2023: Four exhibitors in Traditional Philately Class (Panagiotis Kangelaris, Antonis Manoloudis, Panos Rassias and Konstantinos Choudalakis).

Traditional Philately Class juror at FIP exhibitions: George Thomareis.

Publications:

Books: “Large Hermes Heads Printings and shades” by Stavros Andreadis.

Articles: “On the occasion of the 1926 Vienna issue” by Antonis Manoloudis (Philotelia No738, Nominated for the “Stefanos Makrymihalos Award 2023”).

Hong Kong

Seminars:

Meetings by zoom were hosted every month except August in 2023. Some of the zoom meetings were related to Traditional Philately of Hong Kong. These meetings can be viewed on youtube channel “andrew cheung frpsl”. In addition, club meetings were held every month except May and August 2024 at the City Hall meeting room.

National Stamp Exhibition:

Hong Kong Stampex was held in 24-26 February 2023.

Three new 5-frame traditional class exhibits awarded one Large Vermeil and two Gold.

International Stamp Exhibitions:

- New Zealand 2023 FIAP - 1 traditional philately class exhibit awarded Large Vermeil and one One-frame TRD exhibit scored 90 points.
- Taipei 2023 FIAP - 1 traditional philately class exhibit took part won Gold medal.
- Thailand 2023 WSC - Five exhibits took part but none in traditional philately class.

Publications:

The Hong Kong Philatelic Society published an annual Journal (No. 27) in February 2023; there are six articles on traditional philately related to China and Hong Kong. The monthly newsletter has articles on traditional philately related to China and Hong Kong.

Both the Journal and Newsletters have been uploaded on website www.hkpsociety.com. Temporary access for researcher can be granted by contacting the editor.

Japan

Seminars and Jurors:

Regular ZOOM meetings for traditional exhibitors are held in Specialized Japanese Stamps (6 times), Foreign Stamps (3 times), Showa Stamps (3 times) and Occupation Issues by Japanese Military / Naval during WWII (3 times). Participants are between 15 ~ 20 each.

One new FIAP Apprentice Jury participated in TAIPEI 2023.

Local and National Exhibitions:

New Non-Competitive One-frame Exhibition started to promote exhibition displays. 40 exhibits from 37 exhibitors participated.

There were 3 National Exhibitions held in 2023.

- All Japan Stamp Exhibition : 8 traditional philately class exhibits + 4 One-frame exhibits.
- STAMPEX JAPAN: 9 traditional philately class exhibits.
- JAPEX: 19 TRD + 6 One-frame exhibits

International Stamp Exhibition:-

- Thailand 2023: First Japanese Female Exhibitor awarded FIP Large Gold Medal.

Publications:

Some books and articles were published during the year. Philatelic Journal and Philatelist Magazine published by Stampedia Inc. have many articles on traditional philately.

South Korea

Seminars and Jurors:

Two seminars were held during KORPEX 2023 and some jurors attended.

New juror: Han Cheol Kyu (Taipei 2023 FIAP).

Regional and National Exhibitions:

8 Regional Stamp Exhibitions were held before KORPEX 2023. Some had traditional exhibits.

KORPEX 2023 was held in September 21 - 28, there were 11 traditional philately exhibits.

International Exhibition:

- Thailand 2023 WSC - Han Cheol Kyu: Korea - The Daehan Empire Stamps 1884-1905, Large Gold; Kim Heon Sik: The Second Regular Stamps in Korea 1951-1953, Large Vermeil.

Publications:

Philatelic Monthly Woopyo, published two series of articles on TRD by Mr. Nam Sang Uk (The First Regular Stamps of The Republic of Korea. Sept. 2021- Apr. 2023) and Kim Heon Sik (The Second Regular Stamps in Republic of Korea 1951-1953. May 2023 - Dec. 2023).

Monaco

Monacophil: This non-competitive stamp exhibition is to be held once every two years. 2023 is a non-activity year.

Romania

National Exhibition:

- Timphilex 2023 (FEPA recognition): Timisoara marks a century of the first Congress of Romanian Philatelists in 1923. Exhibits in the traditional philately class won 2 Large Gold, 2 Gold and 1 Large Vermeil.

International Exhibition:

- May, IBRA 2023: Ion Chirescu - Romania 1871-1872 The Prince Carol Lithographed Issues - 90 pts, Gold.

Publications:

40 articles in "Romanian Philatelic Studies" by local collectors.

Other activities:

The Museum of Romanian Records of Mr. Ion Chirescu displays over 800 frames of stamps, postal history, postal stationery, airmails, revenues, and other philatelic material of Romania.

Other collections on display including corkscrews, irons, cameras, musical instruments, tea and coffee pots, antique telephones etc. etc.

The museum is in Bucharest near the National Library and opens by appointment to the public.



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Switzerland

Seminars: None held

Local and National Exhibitions:

- LUNABA 2023 in Eschenbach, Lucerne had 10 exhibits in traditional philately class. 5 exhibits received Gold, 4 Large Vermeil and 1 Silver medal.
- Koper, Slovenia with its multilateral show had 2 Swiss exhibits in traditional philately class. One received Vermeil, the other Large Silver medal.

International Exhibition:

May, IBRA 2023: 7 traditional philately exhibitors took part. 3 received Gold and 4 Large Vermeil.

Publications:

- The “Schweizer Briefmarkenzeitung” regularly publishes articles related to traditional philately
- Swiss Cantonal Stamps / authentic - fake - falsified by Richard Schaefer.

Singapore

Seminars: None held

Regional Exhibitions:

FOURNATION STAMP EXHIBITION 2023 was held in Thailand. There were 10 exhibits from Singapore including 2 One-frame traditional exhibits.

International Exhibitions:

- New Zealand 2023 FIAP - 6 exhibits took part including 1 One-frame traditional exhibit.
- IBRA 2023 FIP - 9 exhibits participated but no exhibit in traditional philately class.
- Taipei 2023 FIAP - 13 exhibits from Singapore including 2 in traditional philately class exhibit.
- Thailand 2023 WSC - 9 exhibits took part including 3 traditional class exhibit and 1 One-frame traditional class. The traditional class exhibit of Mr Tay Peng Hian RDP, our Honorary President, was awarded the World Stamp Championship Trophy.

Publications:

ASPIRATION Issue 12 was published in November 2023 with several articles including one concerning Traditional Philately.

Chinese Taipei

Seminars:

Seminars were held by local philatelic clubs regularly.

International Exhibitions:

- New Zealand 2023 FIAP - 1 traditional philately class exhibit scored Gold.
- IBRA 2023 FIP - 1 traditional philately class exhibit scored Gold and 1 Youth traditional philately class exhibit scored Large Vermeil + Special Prize.
- Taipei 2023 FIAP - 8 exhibits in traditional philately class scored 2 Large Gold, 4 Large Vermeil, 2 Vermeil. 5 exhibits in Youth Class scored 1 Large Vermeil and 4 Vermeil.
- Thailand 2023 WSC - 1 Large Gold and 2 Vermeil for Youth in Traditional philately.

Publications:

Book:

Non-denominated flying geese stamp and its surcharges, by Jen-Chow Duh, Taipei, 2024.

Articles:

- Similar surcharge varieties among the three high-value stamps of the Dowager's second surcharge issues, by Jack Yao, Collectors' Philatelic Annual Report, 23: 27-31, 2023.
- A study on PERFINs of Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, by Swift, Collectors' Philatelic Annual Report, 23: 51-67, 2023.

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- Explore in Details the 16-cent Chung-Hsin Print Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Stamp, by Tsun-Chu Tang, 2023 Seminars and Activities Proceedings, 32: 146-155, 2023.

Other activities:

2023 FIAP Jury Academy graduate: Wen-Shiang Chen.

Taipei 2023: FIAP Jury Apprenticeship (Traditional Philately Class), Wen-Shiang Chen.

Vietnam

Seminars:

March 10-12, 2023: Conference of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP) was held in Hanoi. On this occasion, Mr. Roger Tan of Singapore organised training programmes to improve the level and skills of forming and upgrading stamp collections to make them qualified for international stamp exhibitions.

National Exhibition:

10-16 October 2023, National Stamp Exhibitions (VIETSTAMPEX 2020). Local Stamp Exhibition was held at Hanoi Central Post Office to celebrate 69th Anniversary of Hanoi Liberation, total of 84 frames of exhibits participated with one 5-frame traditional philately class exhibit.

International Exhibition:

THAILAND 2023 World Stamp Championship Exhibition from 27 Nov. – 2 Dec. 2023: Mr. Van Luong Luu's 5-frame exhibit "Use of Saigon Woman stamps issued in the period 1907-1922 of Indochina" in the traditional philately class scored Large Silver medal (78 points).

Publications: None

We would like to hear from you!

Dear delegates, please keep in touch with your continental representative (FIAF, FEPA, FIAP) or the Commission Secretary regarding philatelic activities in your own country.

Please visit our website <https://traditionalphilately.f-i-p.ch> regularly for the latest information, delegate information, meetings, seminars and other news.

We look forward to meeting you at stamp exhibitions in near future.




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