



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE PHILATELIE



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FIP COMMISSION FOR TRADITIONAL PHILATELY

ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE FIP COMMISSION TRADITIONAL PHILATELY JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

The Bureau and Commission Meetings

A Bureau meeting by zoom was held on 19 May 2025. Bureau members in attendance were:- Chairman Koichi Sato, Secretary Andrew Cheung, Bureau member (FIAP) Prakrit Foongvanich, FIP Co-ordinator for Traditional Philately Richard Tan and President of FIP Dr. Prakob Chirakiti as observer. Apologies received from Bureau member Jean-Francois Gibot and Spas Panchev.

The agenda of the meeting included the followings:-

1. 2024 Activity report for approval
2. Website updating
3. Traditional Philately Commission meeting at Philakorea 2025
4. Qualifying seminar for Traditional Philately jurors at Philakorea 2025

FEPA Bureau member Jean-Francois Gibot of France retired and the Commission is grateful for his service during his tenure.

Website:

The Bureau Secretary managed the FIP Traditional Philately Commission sub-website of www.f-i-p.ch with regular updates as they are required. We find the website user friendly and a convenient way of disseminating information. We wish to thank the FIP Board for providing this platform.

Contents added in 2025: News of exhibitions and seminars, results of the Traditional Philately class of recent FIP exhibitions, Minutes of the Bureau meeting on 19 May 2025 and commission meeting at Philakorea on 20 September and delegate changes.

A revised Traditional Philately Judging Criteria seminar presented at Philakorea 2025 by Chairman and Secretary on 20 September was uploaded on the website.

The Commission also welcome articles and presentations on Traditional Philately from delegates. Two articles were submitted by New Zealand delegate David Loe and added to website.

Seminars:

The commission held a meeting and qualifying seminar at FIP World Stamp Exhibition Philakorea 2025, Seoul in September.

The Commission Statistics:

We have recorded and published on the FIP website 87 active member federations represented in our Commission. There have been delegate changes in the following countries in 2025:-

- Serbia - Valdimir Milic, July 2025
- Netherlands - Hans Wilderbee, September 2025
- France – Olivier Saintot, November 2025
- Chinese Taipei – Chen Wen-shiang December 2025

The following 18 FIP member Federations still do not have delegates appointed:-

Belarus, Brunei, Ecuador, Estonia, Georgia, Guatemala, Honduras, Iraq, Ireland, Macau, Rep. of North Macedonia, Malta, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Slovakia, Sri Lanka and Ukraine.

Delegates' Reports:

The Commission Secretary sent a standard reply form to all delegates on 7 November 2025 and because of Macao 2026 FIP Congress in June, the deadline of reply was brought forward to 30 December. An announcement was placed on the website as well. The delegates were asked to report to their regional representative or the Secretary.

11 out of 87 delegates (FIAF 2, FEPA 3 and FIAP 6) sent activity report before the deadline. We are grateful to those delegates that replied to us.

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

Argentina, Chile, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway and Singapore.

Argentina (by Roberto Cravero)

Seminars: None held.

National Exhibitions:

1. **February 2025, Punta del Este (Uy)**, Redondo, Alejandro: República con Escudo (1899-1923)-91 Points, Gold, Reim, Pablo Alejandro: Emisiones Pos clásicas de Argentina 1867-1887- 97 Points and SP
2. **July 2025, CEFINI 2025 (National), Ituzaingó (Argentine)**,
 - Alejandro Redondo: República con Escudo (1899 - 1923) - 92 Points, Large Gold and SP,
 - Javier Morillas: Serie Próceres y Riquezas III- 91 Points Large Gold and SP
 - Rodrigo Vecchi: Serie "San Martín 1917" con sobrecargas ministeriales- 83 Points Large Vermeil and SP,
 - Rodrigo Vecchi: Sellos postales de alta seguridad del Correo Argentino- 80 Points Large Vermeil
 - Andres Ferrando: Centenario de la Independencia – 80 Points Large Vermeil
 - Julio Martel: Avión estilizado – 75 Points Vermeil
 - Martín D'Agostino: Arg. 1892 - IV Cent. del descubrimiento de América - One Frame 92 Points
 - Olivier Villard: Centenario Puerto de Rosario – One Frame 90 Points and SP
 - Javier Morillas: Serie ordinaria “Hongos” – One Frame 87 Points
 - Daniel Grau: Los sellos postales de Hawaii (1853-1894) – One Frame 87 Points
 - Diego Surraco: Los sellos del primer carnet de Alemania – One Frame 84 Points
 - Martín Alejandro Jalón: Centenario de la Fundación de la Administración de Correos y Telégrafos - One Frame 83 Points

International Exhibitions:

September 2025, PhilaKorea 2025

- Domingo del Fabro: Argentina - Emisiones Correo Aéreo 1928 1936 – 92 Points Gold+SP
- Pablo Reim: Argentina First Provincial Issues of Buenos Aires, Cordoba and Corrientes – 93 Points and SP

Publications:

None.

Chile (by Walter Kaltwasser)

Seminars: Talk on Chile First Issue by Walter Kaltwasser

National Exhibitions:

AMIFIL 2025, 14-19 October, Lima, Peru

- Rodrigo Montagna: Chile Primeras Emisiones 1853-1867, Gold+SP
- Alfredo Schnutzer: One-frame TR exhibit, Errores notables en los sellos de Chile.

International Exhibitions:

February 2025 URUGUAY 2025 – Punta del Este

- Rodrigo Bravo: Chile 1900-1901 Waterlow Cabezones, Gold

Publications:

Chile Filatélico N° 305 Vol XXX November 2023-April 2024 3 articles:

- Los Centros Invertidos de Chile (V parte) - Cristián Mouat
- Placido Ramon de Torres y los falsos clasicos de Chile – Gerhard Lang-Valchs
- Series Cabenzones sello de 50c, color chocholate, variedades no catalogadas – Rodrigo Bravo

Other activities or events concerning Traditional Philately:

Expert Committee (Walter Kaltwasser, Cristian Mouat, Heinz Junge, Óscar Schublin, Francisco Salinas, Rodrigo Bravo, Raúl Poblete): 9 expertisation certificates issued

Hong Kong (by Andrew Cheung)

Seminars:

The Hong Kong Philatelic Society organised monthly meeting throughout the year except August in 2025 at the City Hall meeting room, around 15-20 members attended at each meeting. At some show and tell meetings members' display included items related to Traditional Philately.

In all monthly zoom meetings organised by myself on behalf of the Hong Kong Philatelic Society and Hong Kong Study Circle, various aspects of Traditional Philately of Hong Kong were discussed.

National Stamp Exhibitions:

We held a competitive stamp exhibition Hong Kong Stampex 2025 from 2 – 5 May in Sheungwan Civic Centre 6 floor exhibition hall. Totalling 73 exhibits in all competitive classes from Hong Kong, Mainland China, Macao and Mongolia. There were four TR multi-frame exhibits and one one-frame.

International Stamp Exhibitions:

URUGUAY FIP WSE 17-22 February, 2 TR exhibits

- Stephen T.Y. Chan: Portuguese Timor: 1886-1939, LV
- Li Hong (PR China): Classic Ecuador 1865-1872, Gold

THAILAND 2025 FIAP 8-12 August, 6 exhibits but no TR exhibit

PHILAKOREA 2025 FIP WSE 17-21 September, 8 exhibits but none in TR class

Publications:

HKPS Journal 29 published in May 2025 has one article on Traditional Philately

Monthly newsletters have some articles on Traditional Philately and also philatelic forgeries.

Both publications are available on our website www.hkpsociety.com

Japan (by Koichi Sato)

Seminars and Jurors:

Regular ZOOM meetings for Traditional Exhibitors are held in Specialized Japanese Stamps (12 times), Foreign Stamps (12 times), Showa Stamps (12 times) and Occupation Issues by Japanese Military / Naval during WWII (12 times). Participants are between 15-20 each.

National Stamp Exhibitions:

There were 2 National Exhibitions held in 2025. All Japan Stamp Exhibition, which used to have been organized by the Philatelic Federation of Japan was stopped holding annual exhibition due to budget reason. Traditional Exhibits of the 2 National Exhibitions were as follows:-

- STAMPEX JAPAN : 8 TRD Exhibits, total 46 Frames (FIP Accredited Jury was invited from Hong Kong as a Jury President)
- JAPEX : 18 TRD Exhibits, total 95 Frames plus 5 One Frame exhibits

International Stamp Exhibitions:

Japan participated in 3 international exhibitions and Japanese Traditional exhibits were as follows:-

- Uruguay 2025, 17-22 February (FIP WSE): 2 TRD Exhibits, total 13 Frames
- EuroPhilEx 2025, 7-11 May 2025 (FEPA): 3 TRD Exhibits, total 21 Frames
- Thailand 2025, 8-12 August (FIAP): 5 TRD Exhibits, total 45 Frames
- Philakorea 2025, (FIP WSE): 7 TRD Exhibits, total 46 Frames

Publications:

Numbers of books, articles and website were published and it was impossible to trace the number.

South Korea (by Lee Bok Kyu)

Seminars:

One FIP TR Commission seminar was held during the PHILAKOREA 2025 World Stamp Exhibition and was attended by judges and many other philatelists.

New FIP Juror: Han cheol kyu in TR class (PHILAKOREA 2025 World Stamp Exhibition)

Local Stamp Exhibitions:

Monthly Stamp Magazine 60th Anniversary Exhibition was held from May 21st to 24th.

Three entries related to Traditional Philately.

International Exhibitions:

PHILAKOREA 2025 World Stamp Exhibition was held from September 17th to 21st.

There were eight exhibits from Korea in TR class.

Publications:

Monthly Magazine Woopyo, had one series of articles on TR by Mr. Kim Heon Sik (Korean Charity Fund Stamps 1953-1977. Aug. 2024-Dec. 2025).

Liechtenstein (by Jan Huys)

No activities in 2025.

Monaco (by Olivier Stocker)

2025 is a non-activity year for the Club de Monte-Carlo. MonacoPhil 2026 will be taking place on 3-5 December, 2026. <https://www.monacophil.com>

Malaysia (by Gong Ngie Hee)

Society activities:

The PSM organised auctions and stamp fairs at meetings.

Regional Exhibition:

FIVE NATIONS Stamp Exhibition 2025 was held in Bandung on 26-30 November. Organised by Indonesia this year.

International Stamp Exhibitions:

THAILAND 2025 FIAP 8-12 August and PHILAKOREA 2025 FIP WSE 17-21 September
Chandrajit Gosh Bicentennial of USA Independence 1976 in TR class

Publications:

Penang Philatelic Society publication Strait Settlements 2c Orange PSPC in WWII journal.

Other activities:

The Two World War Remembered 6-7 December 2025 stamp exhibition, stamp fair, talk and auction in Georgetown Berjaya Hotel, Penang.

New Zealand (by David Loe)

National Stamp Exhibitions:

1. Royalpex 2025 Palmerston North

18 TR multi-frame exhibits, a total of 117 frames.

1 modern TR exhibit 5 frames.

11 one-frame TR entries.

2. Sydney 2025 National exhibition.

Accord with Australia. 2 traditional multi-frame exhibits from NZ exhibitors. Total of 10 frames.

International Stamp Exhibitions:

Philakorea FIP, one 8-frame TR exhibit.

Thailand FIAP one 5-frame TR exhibit.

Virtual Exhibitions:

Ausvipex 2025

1 TR entry from NZ.

Publications:

Two "Traditional Philately" newsletters have been published in 2025 for New Zealand exhibitors in the TR class. It is sent to 52 exhibitors.

Other activities or events involving Traditional Philately:

At the Royalpex exhibition in March 2025 there were 4 new judges serving their first apprenticeship. Of these two are TR exhibitors.

Norway (by Hallvard Slettebø)

Seminars:

"The Stamp School", a series of one-day presentations / lectures with topics from various exhibition classes. Jurors and exhibitors are invited.

One-day training seminar for jurors, potential and experienced alike. Exhibitors are also invited. All classes are covered.

Local and National Stamp Exhibition:

One local stamp exhibition but no TR exhibit.

One national (12 PH exhibits including 2 in Championship Class)

Publications:

Various club magazines containing relevant articles.

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Singapore (by K.W. Yau)

National Stamp Exhibitions:

Indonesia 2025 Five Nations Stamp Exhibition 26-30 November, 1 TR exhibit from Singapore.

International Stamp Exhibitions:

THAILAND 2025 FIAP 8-12 August, 2 TR exhibits. Our member Patrick Choy was awarded Grand Prix d'Honneur.

PHILAKOREA 2025 FIP WSE 17-21 September, 2 TR exhibits, both received Gold.

Publications:

ASP published the following in 2025:-

- ASPiration Issue 15.
- ASPiration SG60 Supplements.

Other activities:

Our two Honorary Presidents, Mr Koh Seow Chuan and Mr Tay Peng Hian, were among the first five philatelists to sign on the ROLL OF FIAP DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS during the Thailand 2025 Palmares on 11 August 2025.

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. We would like to hear more news particularly from FIAF and FEPA delegates.

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

2026 will be election year for the Commission. We thank you for your support during our term and we look forward to serving you in near future. See you in Macao from 26 June to 1 July next year.



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