FIP COMMISSION FOR TRADITIONAL PHILATELY

NEWSLETTER

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FIP Congress and Commission Election at Macau World Stamp Exhibition

Venetian Hotel, Room 3, Monday, 29 June 9:00 -11:00

Commission Secretary Andrew Cheung opened the meeting at 9:00hr and welcomed the 33 delegates and observers at the meeting. FIP Coordinator for Traditional Philately Commission Richard Tan made introductory remark thanking everyone for coming to the meeting.
The following Bureau members were present at the meeting namely, Andrew Cheung and Prakit Foongvanich with apologies from the Chairman Koichi Sato.

The Secretary had compiled a list of delegates, alternate delegates and proxies. The commission recorded 72 delegates from 88 FIP members, 15 delegates attended in person, 6 proxies and 9 alternate delegates. Total 30 votes, the 25% quorum was achieved.

The candidate for FIAP Bureau member, Sdiann NG was present at the Commission meeting with Lars Jorgensen and Roberto Cravero being unable to attend with apologies.

The election was conducted by FIP Coordinator Richard Tan according to the regulations with voting carried out in the sequence of Chairman, Secretary and 3 Bureau members including the announcement of the votes. Only 27 voting slips were distributed because some delegates had left before the election.
The following members of the FIP Traditional Philately Committee have been successfully elected:-

Chairman	Andrew CHEUNG (Hong Kong)	27/27 votes
Secretary	Pravit FOONGVANICH (Thailand)	27/27 votes
Bureau member Europe	Lars JORGENSEN (Belgium)	26/27 votes
Bureau member Americas	Roberto CRAVERO (Argentina)	25/27 votes
Bureau member Asia	Sdiann NG (Singapore)	25/27 votes

FIP Coordinator Richard Tan congratulated the newly elected members of the Bureau. The newly elected Chairman Andrew Cheung, Secretary Prakit Foongvanich and Bureau member Sdiann Ng were invited to make a short introduction of themselves. The Commission and the Bureau would also like to thank Past Chairman Koichi Sato for his leadership during his tenure.



FIP Co-ordinator Richard Tan congratulated the three newly elected members of the Commission



(From left to right) Sdiann Ng (BM for Asia), Andrew Cheung (Chairman), Prakit Foongvanich (Secretary)

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Bureau Meeting

The Bureau members met by zoom on 8 July 2026, The following bureau members were in attendance:-

Chairman Andrew Cheung, Secretary Prakit Foongvanich, Bureau member (FIAP) Sdiann Ng, Bureau member (FIAF) Roberto Cravero, Bureau member (FEPA) Lars Jorgensen and FIP Co-ordinator for Traditional Philately Richard Tan.

The purpose of this meeting is to plan ahead what the commission wants to do.

- Qualifying Seminar – this is for those qualified jurors wishing to accredited for the Traditional Philately Class. The seminar given at IBRA 2023 and Philakorea 2025 was originally developed in 2022, therefore, it is time for updating. The Bureau will review and revise the current seminar. The commission is planning to deliver a qualifying seminar during Slovphilex 2027 in Bratislavia in July.
- Exhibiting Seminar – Shorter exhibiting seminar dealing with specific judging criteria could be given at meeting rather than a comprehensive all-encompassing presentation which lasts 1.5hr. These will be presented at General Commission Meeting.
- The Modern Philately Class **-** The commission discussed about this exhibiting class. The original intent of modern philately was to promote post office sales of stamps and new collecting materials, the cut-off date varies at each exhibition. It has been confirmed that collections starting from 2000 onwards would be classified as modern philately, with some flexibility for pre-2000 material. The Bureau raised concerns about potential judge bias against modern material.
- Commission newsletter – It has been decided that newsletter would be published from time to time advertising the activities of the commission. Previously, news of the commission were published on https://traditionalphilately.f-i-p.ch/archive

Co-opting Bureau member

According to FIP Statute 42.4:-

Commission Chairmen may add up to two additional members to the Commission Bureau on an appointment basis from within the ranks of the delegates of those Commissions. This will be under the supervision of the FIP Board members responsible for those Commissions.

We have invited Mr. Takashi Yoshida, the delegate from Japan to be a Bureau member and a welcoming note appeared on our website on 11 September 2026. The appointment has been approved by the FIP Board.

General Meeting of the Commission in PhilaTaipei 2026

The commission has been invited to meet at this World Stamp Exhibition in Taipei on 24 November 2026. The venue will be the Jury room and the meeting will be from 10:00 to 12:00. Delegates, jurors, commissioners and exhibitors are welcome to this meeting at which the commission will present a short seminar on *Difference between Traditional Philately and Postal History exhibiting.*

The Agenda

1. Introduction of Bureau members present at the meeting

2. Teaching seminar vs. Qualifying seminar

3. Reminder: TR COM Annual Report 2026 – deadline 31 January 2027

4. A.O.B.

5. Teaching seminar – "The Differences between Traditional Philately and Postal History exhibiting" by the Chairman, Dr. Andrew Cheung

There will be a register for the participants for signing. See you in Taipei.

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Commission Delegates

There have been some changes during the past year, official changes have been noted on website:- https://traditionalphilately.f-i-p.ch/archive

An updated list of delegates is as follows. Delegates please check whether you are the designated delegate officially approved by FIP. If you have any comments, please revert to the commission secretary or myself.

Member Federation	Name of delegate
Argentina	Cravero, Roberto Nestor
Australia	Moore, John
Austria	Weigel, Wolfgang
Bahrain	Al-Hawaj, Abdulghani
Bangladesh	Morshed Hasan
Belarus	
Belgium	Jorgensen, Lars
Bolivia	Villaroel de Peredo, Martha
Brazil	Jacques Benchimol
Brunei	
Bulgaria	Panchev, Spas
Canada	McLaughlin, David
Chile	Kaltwasser, Walter
China	Li, Huixiang
Chinese Taipei	Chen Wen-shiang
Colombia	Caruso, Gianmarco
Costa Rica	O'Neill, Fred
Croatia	Gubijan, Željko
Cyprus	Akis, Christou
Czech Republic	Chudoba, Josef
Denmark	Eldrup, Ebbe
Ecuador	
Egypt	Ramadan, Mahmoud
Estonia	
Finland	Murtosaari, Jussi
France	Olivier Saintot
Georgia	
Germany	Leupold, Wolfgang
Greece	Emmanouil Koutsounakis
Guatemala	
Honduras	
Hong Kong	Cheung, Andrew
Hungary	Lippai, Pal
Iceland	Petursson, Sigurdur
India	Madhukar Deogawanka
Iraq	Nader Abdulwahab
Ireland	Callan, Brian
Israel	Kremener, Moti
Italy	Veneri, Aniello
Japan	Takashi, Yoshida
Korea, Republic of	Lee, Bok Kyu
Kuwait	Al-Saif, Waleed N
Latvia	Jonitis, Raimonds
Liechtenstein	Huys, Jan
Lithuania	Bubnys, Vygintas
Luxembourg	Wolff, Jos
Macau	Chio, David
Rep. of North Macedonia	
Malaysia	Gong, Ngie Hee
Malta	

Member Federation	Name of delegate
Mexico	Pacheco, Dorantes Gerardo
Moldovia	
Monaco	Olivier Stocker
Mongolia	
Montenegro	
Morocco	
Nepal	Tulsyan, Rishi Kumar
Netherlands	Hans Wilderbeek
New Zealand	Loe, David
Norway	Lund, Eivind
Oman	Hatim Al Attar
Pakistan	Ahmed, Jamil
Paraguay	Avalos de Koczik, Herminia
Peru	Samamé y Samamé, Aldo
Poland	Wysocki, Marcin
Portugal	Rui Matos Alves
Qatar	Al-Ismail, Hussain
Romania	Savoiu, Emanoil Alexandru
Russia	Evtushenko, Sergey
Saudi Arabia	Dehlavi, Yaqub I.
Serbia	Vladimir Milic
Singapore	Ng, Sdiann
Slovakia	
Slovenia	Suhadolc, Peter
South Africa	Buhrmann, Emil
Spain	Alberto de Leon, Augstin
Sri Lanka	
Sweden	Berg, Jan
Switzerland	Fritz Aebi
Thailand	Foongvanich, Prakit
Turkey	Arikan, Arman
Ukraine	
United Arab Emirates	Omar Mohammad Ahmad
United Kingdom of GB and Northern Ireland	Simon Richards
United States of America	Kelley, Andrew
Uruguay	Britz, Walter
Venezuela	Morotti, Alberto
Vietnam	Luu, Van Luong

Annual activity report

One of the roles of a delegate is to compile acitivity report at year end. Please submit your report to the commission secretary and the respective regional bureau member before 31 January 2027. You can find the form for submiting report in appendix 1 of the newsletter.

Commission Website

The website's URL is https://traditionalphilately.f-i-p.ch

The website is updated as often as possible in order to announce latest news regarding the commission's activities. Please check our website from time to time.



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Chairman, FIP Traditional Philately Commission

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Appendix 1

Activity report for the year 2026

From the delegate of_____

Seminars, Lectures, Conferences for Traditional Philately jurors and/or exhibitors
Exhibitions with Traditional Philately Class
Publications concerning Traditional Philately
Other activities or events concerning Traditional Philately

Date: Signature:

Please use another sheet of paper if you have more information to report

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