

2009 FEPA CONGRESS - Essen, 9th May



The new FEPA Board: Giancarlo Morolli, Director; Gerhard Kraner, Treasurer; Jorgen Jorgensen, President; José Ramón Moreno, Vice-president; Bojan Bracic, Secretary General and Vit Vanicek, Director

The 2009 FEPA Congress was held in Essen on the 9th of May under the invitation of the Bund Deutscher Philatelisten e.V. , which provided excellent arrangements for the Congress. Mr. Dieter Hartig, as President, welcomed all the attendants and gave his best wishes to the Congress.

FEPA President Pedro Vaz Pereira thanked Mr. Hartig for his hospitality, and the National Delegates for attending the meeting in such a big number, what evidence the interest of the National Federations for FEPA matters. Were also present the FIP President Mr. Joss Wolff and the Honorary FIP President Mr. Knud Mohr.



Jos Wolff, Claude Montandon, Leonard Pascanu, Knud Mohr, Julius Cacka, Anton Tettinek, Vitor Jacinto, Michael Adler, Nicos Rangos, and Dieter Hartig amongst others.

Jose Ramón Moreno carried out the Roll Call, being present 37 National Federations as follows:

FEDERATION DELEGATE

Albania	Proxy to Greece
Armenia	Proxy to Austria
Austria	Anton Tettinek
Belarus	Walery Andreyuk
Belgium	Filip Van der Haegen
Bulgaria	Dimiter Monev
Croatia	Julije Maras
Cyprus	Nicos Rangos
Czech Rep.	Lumir Brendl
Denmark	Jan Drejer
Egypt	Samir Fikry
Estonia	Jurri Laanesaar
Finland	Ari Muhonen
France	Yves Tardy
Germany	Dieter Hartig
Great Britain	Francis Kiddle
Greece	Anthony Virvilis
Hungary	Denes Czirok
Iceland	Sigurdur Petursson
Israel	Mordecai Kramener
Italy	Giancarlo Morolli
Liechtenstein	Proxy to Germany
Luxembourg	Joseph Wolff
Macedonia	Proxy to Slovenia
Norway	Petter B. Pedersen
Poland	Ludwik Malendowicz
Portugal	Vitor Jacinto
Romania	Alexandru Bartoc
Russia	Proxy to Spain
Serbia	Aleksandar Krstic
Slovakia	Lubomir Floch
Slovenia	Mihael I. Fock
Spain	Fernando Aranaz
Sweden	Jonas Hallstrom
Switzerland	Claude Montandon
Turkey	Proxy to Portugal
Ukraine	Vsevolod Furman

From these 37 Federations, 36 had the right of voting at the time of the elections.

Asked for volunteers to act as tellers, Nicos Rangos, Costas Chazapis and Denes Czirok, were appointed by the Congress

Were approved without objections the Minutes of the 2008 FEPA Congress in Wien

The Activity Reports of the FEPA Board members were also approved. In his Report, FEPA President Vaz Pereira highlighted the importance of FEPA News for the maintained the links amongst the European National Federations. He pointed out that it was not him who founded FEPA News, but his predecessor as FEPA President Ingolf Kapelrud. even if in a more

modest format. Giancarlo Morolli briefly explained the work he is doing together with Franz Lindner. They are organising an international database of philatelic literature.



Vit Vanicek, Aleksandar Krstic, Claude Montandon, Michele Caso, Lumir Brendl, Horst Horin, Leonard Pascanu, Alfred Kunz, amongst others.

Treasurer Gerhard Kraner presented the Financial Status of FEPA 2008, with a profit of 7.241,07 €, whereas a deficit of 500,00 € had been budgeted. The main facts that made it possible were the strict maintenance of the expenses and an unexpected income for patronage contribution and additional advertising at the FEPA News magazine. Also the Budget for 2010 was approved by the Congress by unanimity.

The change of FEPA Statutes was postponed after some comments, as agreed by Pedro Vaz Pereira and Jorgen Jorgensen.

Future Exhibitions. Dimiter Monev informed about the last news of Bulgaria 2009. Jos Wolff talked about next year Postal History and Traditional FIP/FEPA exhibition in Luxembourg with 1250 frames. Anthony Virvilis spoke of the possibility of an International Exhibition in June 2011 to be held in Athens or Thessalonica. Giancarlo Morolli gave details of next October "Italia 2009" at the Palazzo dei Congressi in Rome. Alexandru Bartoc presented the exhibition to be celebrated in November 2010 in Romania to celebrate the Centenary of the Romanian Aviation. Francis Kiddle up-to-date the facts of London 2010. The 24 jurors and 5 apprentice jurors has been just

approved. Finally Pedro Vaz Pereira said that Portugal 2010 will host 77 countries. Have extended the dates for the reception of entries until July, to not coincide with the dates of the entry forms of Antverpia 2010 in Belgium.



Mario Mentaschi (?), Jonas Hallstrom, Julije Maras, Yves Tardy, Jan Drejer, Eliahu Weber, Sigurdur Petursson, Francis Kiddle, Bernard Jimenez, Fernando Aranaz, Moti Kremener, Vsevolod Furman, Bojan Bracic, Claude Montandon, Michele Caso, Aleksandar Krstic, Costas Chazapis, Alexandru Bartoc, Ari Muhonen, Anton Tettinek, Wolfgang Weigel.

Awards. FEPA Medal for exceptional service to organized philately: Michael Adler (Germany).

FEPA Medal for exceptional philatelic study and research: Mario Mentaschi and Thomas Matha (Italy).

FEPA Certificate of Appreciation : Österreichischer Philatelistenklub Vindobona, Vienna (Austria); Kjøbenhavns Philatelist Klub, Copenhagen (Denmark); Trollhättan Philatelic Society Youth, Trollhättan (Sweden).



Michael Adler left and Mario Mentaschi right receives their Award from Pedro Vaz Pereira



Wolfgang Weigel, Anton Tettinek and Jonas Hällstrom gets the Certificates of Appreciation in the name of the Österreichischer Philatelistenklub Vindobona, Vienna (Austria) and the Trollhättan Philatelic Society Youth, Trollhättan (Sweden), from Pedro Vaz Pereira.



Lars Peter Svendsen, President of the Kjøbenhavns Philatelist Klub, Copenhagen (Denmark) receiving the FEPA Certificate of Appreciation from Jorgen Jorgensen and Pedro Vaz Pereira

Was presented a working document with the draft of the rules to a future Discipline Council. Francis Kiddle was against saying that this is a democratic hobby and any Disciplinary Council would be against the European Human Rights. Nicos Rangos was also against, while in Pedro Vaz Pereira's opinion it is something necessary in cases when someone do not respect the Statutes as it happened in last year FIP elections.

José Ramón Moreno pointed out that it was only a document to think about, asking the National Federations to send their views to the Board and then to be decided at the next year Congress in Antwerp.

Elections. The whole FEPA Board had to be elected. The results were as follows:

President : Only candidate Jorgen Jorgensen. 25 votes, 11 abstentions.

Vice-president: Two candidates. Alfred Kunz 6 votes. José Ramón Moreno 30 votes.

Secretary General : Only candidate Bojan Bracic. 32 votes , 4 abstentions.

Treasurer : Only candidate Gerhard Kraner. 35 votes , 1 abstention.

Directors (2 positions): Seven candidates . Giancarlo Morolli 24 votes, Vit Vanicek, 13 votes, Wolf Hess 11 votes, Alexandru Bartoc 8 votes, Mordecai Kremener 6 votes, Wolfgang Weigel 5 votes, Roland Babut 1 vote.

So, the elected new FEPA Board is formed as follows :

President: Jorgen Jorgensen

Vice-president: José Ramón Moreno

Secretary General: Bojan Bracic

Treasurer: Gerhard Kraner

Directors: Giancarlo Morolli and Vit Vanicek

There were two motions presented by the Federations of Greece and Croatia asking the Congress to nominate Pedro Vaz Pereira as FEPA Honorary President. Also was read a message from Ingolf Kapelrud, FEPA Honorary President, in the same way. The Congress approved by unanimity the nomination.



The just nominated FEPA Honorary President, Pedro Vaz Pereira, receiving a present from Anthony Virvilis in the name of the past FEPA Board.

The new Honorary President received a present from the past FEPA Board. Another present was given to the Portuguese Federation for its generosity towards FEPA during all these years.

Next FEPA Congress. The 2010 Congress will be held in Antwerp ,Belgium, during the European Championship of Philately "Antverpia 2010" (9 to 12 April 2010).



The new FEPA President ,Jorgen Jorgensen, Mrs Vaz Pereira, the new FEPA Honorary President Pedro Vaz Pereira and the new FEPA Vice-president, José Ramón Moreno.

To close the Congress, the new President Jorgen Jorgensen asked Mrs Vaz Pereira to go the presidency and made a speech thanking Pedro for his work for FEPA during the last 8 years.

After the Congress, the new FEPA Board hold its first meeting, in which were distributed the main duties of each of its members. Was decided to organize a full day meeting before the end of the year.