



FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATIONS

2009 REPORT

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Vice-president

In the Essen FEPA Congress I was elected FEPA Vice-president. At the first Board meeting was decided the distribution of the tasks within the Board. In addition to the Vice-president job, I received, being in close relationship with the FEPA President Jorgen Jorgensen, the specific responsibilities for the magazine "FEPA News", the relations to the FIP Thematic Commission, the Open Class matters and the FEPA Exhibitions.

General Secretary Activities

I was FEPA Secretary General from the beginning of the year until May. In this period I was in touch with most of the National Federations trying to assist them in all possible requests. I collaborated in the preparations of the FEPA Board Meeting in Lisbon, the FEPA Congress in Essen, and the FEPA meetings, including the elaboration of the minutes which were published in FEPA News, and also sent to all European Federations.

"FEPA News"

As Co-Editor of "FEPA News", I actively participated in two new issues of our magazine. The number 15 printed in April and the number 16 in December. In the two cases under the very efficient guidance of both FEPA Presidents. Pedro Vaz Pereira in the first one and Jorgen Jorgensen in the second. I very much appreciate the kind and competent work of many Federations who has been involved sending their news. I would like to encourage to those Federations that usually do not participate, to send their news. FEPA News is our Magazine, the Magazine of all European Federations. The idea is that "FEPA News" keeps in paper in its every 6 months issues, the main events of the year.

At the Board meeting held in Madrid last November was approved the initiative presented by Jorgen Jorgensen of use a type of paper much light, and so reducing substantially the costs of the distribution of the magazine, which is one of the main expenses in the FEPA budget.

Relations to the FIP Thematic Commission

As Secretary of the FIP Thematic Commission I was in touch to the President of the Commission, Damian Läge. With the intention of spreading the thematic collecting, making it as easy and comprehensible, were celebrated three main Thematic Seminars.

The first was held in Mexico. It was a two days Seminar, the 25 and 26th of March, being the speakers Damian Läge and myself.

The other two Seminars were held in Europe. In Essen, Damian Läge rule every year an extremely successful seminar in the frame of the ECTP , European Championship of Thematic Philately, mainly devoted to jurors and advanced collectors.

The Joint Seminar Postal History and Thematic Philately celebrated in Malmö (Sweden) from the 21st to the 23rd August 2009 with the participation in the thematic field of Damian Läge, Jonas Hällström who was the soul of the event, Magier Joshua, Hallvard Slettebø and Wolf Hess, was a real milestone in Philately.

Open Class

Regulations for Open Class, now experimental, are close to a final decision in connection to the FIP board. I was in touch particularly with FIP Vice-president Ray Todd. It is essential to keep the rules extremely simple. The idea is that before this class would have its own commission, will be covered by the Commission for Thematic Philately.

The improvement of this way of collecting is evident in many European countries, where in every single exhibition the Open Class is having more and more space to display its exhibits.

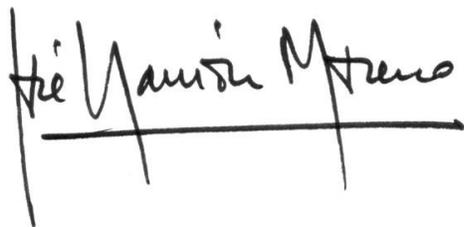
FEPA Exhibitions

2009 has been a very fruitful year for the European Philately. Ibra 2009, Bulgaria 2009, Alpeadria, Nordia'09, Exfimo, Hunfila 2009, PHILA MUSICA 09 (Premio Massari), Eurothema 2009 and Italia 2009 ,amongst others, had the opportunity to succesfully support the development of the European Philately.

We wish the same succes to this year exhibitions Antverpia 2010, Nordia 2010, Salon du Timbre-Planete Timbres, Philalux ,London Festival of Stamps and Portugal 2010 .

At the FEPA Board we welcome all requests for helping in all kinds of philatelic events, at international, national or regional levels trying to positively contribute to the growth of our hobby.

Seville, 31st January 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "José Ramón Moreno". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

José Ramón Moreno