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REPORT

FIP Commission for Postal History

At 70th FIP Congress during the Exhibition EFIRO 2008 in Bucarest a new board of FIP Commission for Postal History was elected. Kurt Kimmel was elected as a President and replaced Leo De Clercq.

I have been cooperating as a Board member with Leo for the last 8 years. The main question and our task was how to create, improve and to attract PH exhibits in future. Finally, we made a compromise and we introduced a new experimental sub-class called "Historic, Social and Special Studies". Nowadays, we have besides „old“ postal history exhibits (rates, routes and regulations) and the Marcophily (postmarks) a new areas like the Historical exhibits, Valentines or Pictorial envelopes. In this subclass the non-philatelic material has to be related to the shown philatelic items and should not overwhelm the philatelic material. There is no percentage amount of non-philatelic material given.

Furthermore, all PH exhibits are classified and judged in three time periods : Up to 1875 (pre UPU),

From 1875 – 1945 and After 1945.

FIP Commission Board created a new website www.fippostalhistory.com which contains also :

**The New SREV's and Guidelines of the Postal History Class and
How to Win a Gold Medal in Postal History.**

The main activity of the Commission in 2009 was **Joint Seminar Postal History and Thematic Philately** which was held in Malmö, Sweden, 21 – 23 August, 2009.

From the PH agenda :

Where does international competitive Postal History stand today (K.Kimmel)

Exhibiting Postal History (Per Friis Mortensen)

Examples of exhibits presented by the exhibitors (K.Kimmel, Mrs.P.Stilwell-Walker, H.Mouritsen)

Judging PH and TH (W.Hess)

Seminar Report and all presentations are at CD by Jonas Hällström.

Best regards,
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