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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **JOSEPH WOLFF, FRANÇOISE ESLINGER AND WOLFGANG MAASSEN ARE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE FEPA MEDALS 2011**

The FEPA Board analyzed the proposals received from the member Federations for the FEPA Medals 2011 in its meeting in Prague on 9 December 2011.

The recipients of the FEPA awards are:

#### **FEPA Medal 2011 for exceptional service to organized philately:**

- Joseph Wolff (Luxembourg)

#### **FEPA Medal 2011 for exceptional support to organized philately:**

- Françoise Eslinger (France)

#### **FEPA Medal for exceptional philatelic study and research:**

- Wolfgang Maassen (Germany),  
author of "*From the First Albums and Catalogues to Publishing Houses of Global Standing*"

The FEPA Board took also in consideration the following works:

- *Large Hermes Head*, by John G. Coundouros (Greece):  
published by A. Karamitsos, Thessaloniki-
- *La Repubblica Sociale Italiana*, by Luigi Sirotti (Italy),  
published by Associazione Italiana Collezionisti Posta Militare, Rimini.

#### **FEPA Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding activities for the promotion of philately:**

- Vejle Frimærkeklub (Vejle Stamp Club),  
Vejle (Denmark)
- Filatelistično društvo Maribor (Philatelic Society Maribor),  
Maribor (Slovenia)
- Sociedad Filatélica y Numismática Granadina (S.F.N.G.),  
Granada (Spain).

## A SHORT PROFILE OF THE AWARD RECIPIENTS

**JOSEPH WOLFF, RDP**, President of the Federation of Philatelic Societies of Luxemburg and Honorary President of the International Federation of Philately (FIP).

Joseph Wolff started his engagement within FIP in 1980 as Chairman of the Maximaphily Commission. He continued as Chairman of the Youth Commission, Director, Vice President, and President from 2006 to 2010. Furthermore he served as FIP consultant at a number of international exhibitions and led the organization of three international exhibitions for youth in Luxembourg. As Commission Chairman he was very keen in developing information and education initiatives.

**FRANÇOISE ESLINGER**, director of Phil@poste since 2003 and President of Aephile, the French association for the development of philately.

Mme Eslinger has strongly supported the philatelic activities in France through a continuous cooperation to the program for the development of youth philately together with the Federation, the support to many philatelic publications, the sponsoring of national and international exhibitions and in particular the Salon du Timbre, held in Paris every two years since 2004 with FEPA support.

**WOLFGANG MAASSEN**, editor in chief of two philatelic magazines and President of the International Association of Philatelic Journalists (AIJP).

Maassen's *From the First Albums and Catalogues to Publishing Houses of Global Standing* presents a wide and deep research on the history of our hobby seen through the development of that kind of literature the origins of which are inseparably linked with names such as the "Senf Brothers" and Hugo Schwaneberger in Leipzig, Paul Kohl in Chemnitz and Hugo Michel in Apolda. The nearly 800 pages of this study are mainly based on absolutely new sources, and combine both scientific meticulousness and ease of comprehension for the reader.

## THE PREVIOUS FEPA AWARDS WENT TO:

### 1. FEPA Medal for exceptional service to organized philately

2006: GIANCARLO MOROLLI (Italy)  
2007: SANDOR KURDICS (Hungary)  
2008: MICHAEL ADLER (Germany)  
2009: ALAN HUGGINS (Great Britain)  
2010: LUDWICK MALENDOWICZ (Poland)

### 2. FEPA Medal for exceptional support to organized philately

2005: ADRIAN NASTASE (Romania)  
2009: MARISA GIANNINI (Italy)

### 3. FEPA Medal for exceptional philatelic study and research

2005: PATRICK MASELIS (Belgium)  
2006: BRUNO CREVATO-SELVAGGI (Italy)  
2007: MICHELLE CHAUVET - JEAN FRANÇOIS BRUN (France)  
2008: MARIO MENTASCHI – THOMAS MATHA (Italy)  
2009: NINO AQUILA – FRANCESCO ORLANDO (Italy)  
2010: PATRICK MASELIS (Belgium).

## **A SHORT PROFILE OF THE SOCIETIES**

### **Vejle Frimærkeklub (Vejle Stamp Club)**

Vejle Stamp Club has a very strong and appealing program for its members who are constantly kept updated about the initiatives. The stamp exhibitions organized by the club in the recent years attracted many visitors from all over Denmark because of their quality.

### **Filatelistično društvo Maribor (Philatelic Society Maribor)**

This society is the oldest and the largest society in Slovenia. In addition to the regular activities it has organized a great number of philatelic events also with international participation. It has a strong connection with both the local community and the philatelic societies of the neighbour countries.

### **Sociedad Filatélica y Numismática Granadina (S.F.N.G.)**

S.F.N.G. has consolidated an international appreciation through the support given to three FIP events in the last two decades, namely Granada '92, Lorca '98 and Mophila '98. It has developed many other national and international initiatives, and issues a very important quarterly magazine.

## **THE FEPA CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION,**

*started in 1999, was previously assigned to 24 philatelic societies from 13 countries.*

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