

Maribofila 2012 – The story of Success



Poster in front of exhibition hall

In previous numbers of FEPA News everything about preparing the exhibition where nearly half of Europe took place were published. Such exhibition held in Slovenia for the first time. In spite of this, Maribofila 2012 was the story of success. Following statements received by e-mail soon after closing of the exhibition testify for this affirmation:

- Since yesterday, undoubtedly, the double international Philatelic Exhibition "Maribofila 2012" is now a successful event that has written a brilliant page in the history of European Philately.
- MARIBOFILA was a success - from the Opening Ceremony to the Palmares everything seems to be planned into details and all the activities were well received by the visitors.

- I thank to the excellent exhibition that you have produced in Maribor. It was something that will remain in our memory as a very good moment to Slovenia and Europe.

There are three of many such sentences I received after the exhibition. They are expressed by philatelists with a lot of experiences which give special value to the whole event. Now somebody can ask who is "guilty" for such success. There are few facts for this:

Planning all details about the exhibition in due time which allowed good arrange with Post of Slovenia which was the main sponsor and also found support from many other sponsors and donators.

But the most important thing was very good team which worked on preparing the exhibition. Some members of organizing committee worked more some less but never happened that any detail of the event stayed uncovered. Beside organizing committee there were also a huge number of volunteers which helped that everything during the exhibition went smoothly. Thanks for all of them once more.

But much more than huge number of words can be expressed by photos. From them everyone can imagine the atmosphere of Maribofila 2012, so here they are.



Working team for mounting frames has international participants. Francis Ambrus (Romania) stands the second from left side, Nicos Rangos (Cyprus) kneels on the right site. In front row is Staša Bračič, chef of exhibition and Igor Pirc, president of Slovenian Philatelic Association (FZS).



Auditorium before the opening ceremony

FEPA president Jørgen Jørgensen handed over the FEPA Certificate of Appreciation to Bojan Bračič, president of the Philatelic Society Maribor.



Exhibition was opened by: from left Bojan Bračič, president of the Organizing Committee, Tomaž Kancler, vice mayor of Maribor, Sabina Podkrižnik, director of the Market Department of Post of Slovenia, Jørgen Jørgensen, FEPA president and Igor Pirc, FZS president.



Igor Pirc, FZS president and Staša Bračič who conducted all entertainments on Maribofila 2012, at presentation of stamps which issued in the time of exhibition.



Dealers and postal administrations had also place in exhibition hall



Dari Filjar (Croatia) had lesson about postmen's remarks on mail made with pencil.

Helmut Kobelbauer (Austria) sitting in first row presented new book Postal Censorship in SHS Kingdom



Group of pupils from primary school Hajdina watched the competition on stage.



Group of our guests in front of the oldest wine in the world (old over 400 years)



The group of young philatelists from primary school from Celje which won the philatelic competition, with their mentor Tone Petek.





Attendants of Maribofila 2012 (commissioner, jurors, guests, organizers etc.) in front monastery Žiče.



At the end of the Palmares ceremony Igor Pirc delivered Balkanfila flag to Spas Panchev, former president of Balkanfila, because the organizer of next Balkanfila exhibition is still not confirmed.



President of Marbofila 2012 organizing committee delivered Alps Adriatic Philately (AJP) flag to Jvo Bader, AJP president, because the anizer of next AJP exhibition is still not confirmed.

P. s.

Along to the discussion of unacceptable frame fee on some exhibitions which will take place in Asia in 2013; in Maribor frame fees were 10 euro for frames containing 12 pages (Alps Adriatic Philately part), 15 euro for literature and 20 euro for frames containing 16 pages (Balkanfila part). We had guests from 19 European countries. Slovenia is one of countries in deep crises so find sponsors and donators was not easy work. But with hard work of organizers many things are possible.

Bojan Bračić

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