

Minutes of the 2010 FEPA Congress

Antwerp, 11th April 2010

1. Welcome. FEPA President Jørgen Jørgensen opened the Congress and welcomed all participants. Special greetings were expressed by Eddy van Vaeck, President of the Organizing Committee of Antverpia 2010.



Murtosaari, Wolff, Xharo, Jensen, Tuori, Ms Kristensen, Leoussis, Weigel, Bengtsson, Ivars, Virvilis, Mohr, Kremener, Aranaz, Kiddle, Özalp

Jose Ramon Moreno, in the name of the FEPA Board, presented a gift to Eddy van Vaeck as homage for his extraordinary work devoted to the European Philately during his 8 years of FEPA Vice-president.



Eddy Van Vaeck receiving the present from José Ramón Moreno

Mr. Jørgensen proposed to advance point 11 of the Agenda, "Ceremony of FEPA Awards" to the beginning of the Congress. The change was unanimously accepted. So, the remaining points of the Agenda were:

2. Ceremony of FEPA Awards
3. Roll Call and choice of Tellers
4. Minutes of the 2009 Congress in Essen
5. Reports of the Board members
6. Annual Report 2009
7. Budget 2010
8. Changes of the FIP Statutes
9. FEPA Candidates to the FIP Board
10. Exhibitions
11. Next FEPA Congress
12. Any other matters



Özalp, King, Floch, Librich, Montandon, Drzewiecki, Krstic, Horin, Katiric, Savin, Rangos, Coenen, Dubar, Uspuras, Macrelli, Bondarik

2. FEPA Awards. Giancarlo Morolli explained that to give more visibility to the Awards and to the awardees, the FEPA Medal for exceptional service to organized philately granted to Alan Huggins would be presented at the Palmares of the London 2010 exhibition, and the FEPA Medal for exceptional philatelic study and research granted to Nino Aquila and Francesco Orlando for "Sicilia - I timbri del Nuovo Re", were presented at the Italian National Exhibition in Milan the 20th of March by Jørgen Jørgensen and Giancarlo Morolli.



Giancarlo Morolli, Jean-Francois Duranceau, president of the Association Française de Philatélie Thématique and Jorgen Jorgensen

Then the FEPA President Jørgen Jørgensen and Giancarlo Morolli gave the FEPA Certificates of Appreciation to Jean-Francois Duranceau, president of the Association Française de Philatélie Thématique (France), and to Fernando Aranaz in the name of the Sociedad Filatélica de Madrid (Spain).



Jorgen Jorgensen, Fernando Aranaz, representing the Sociedad Filatelica de Madrid, and Giancarlo Morolli

Giancarlo Morolli informed the Congress that the FEPA Certificate of Appreciation to Verein Soester Briefmarkenfreunde e.V. (Germany) was presented in the morning at the exhibition to the the president of the Association. The president could not be present at the Congress.

3. Roll Call and choice of Tellers. Secretary General, Bojan Bracic made the Roll Call as follows:

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| ALBANIA | Nikola Xharo | LIECHTENSTEIN | proxy to Germany |
| AUSTRIA | Anton Tettinek | LITHUANIA | Eugenijus Uspuras |
| BELARUS | Valery Bondarik | LUXEMBOURG | Jos Wolf |

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| BELGIUM | Joseph Ghys | MONTENEGRO | Tomo Katuric |
| BULGARIA | Boncho Bonev | NETHERLANDS | Victor T.J. Coenen |
| CROATIA | Ivan Libric | NORWAY | Hallvard Slettebø |
| CYPRUS | Nicos Rangos | POLAND | Przemyslaw Drzewiecki |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | Vit Vanicek | PORTUGAL | Pedro Vaz Pereira |
| DENMARK | Søren Chr. Jensen | ROMANIA | Alexandru Bartoc |
| EGYPT | Hany Salam | RUSSIA | Alexandar Ilyshin |
| FINLAND | Ari Muhonen | SERBIA | Aleksandar Krstic |
| FRANCE | Daniel Dubar | SLOVAKIA | Lubomir Floch |
| GERMANY | Dieter Hartig | SLOVENIA | Bojan Bracic |
| UNITED KINGDOM | Francis Kiddle | SPAIN | Fernando Aranaz |
| GREECE | Tony Virvilis | SWEDEN | Bengt Bengtsson |
| HUNGARY | Istvan Glatz | SWITZERLAND | Claude Montandon |
| ICELAND | Arni Gustafsson | TURKEY | Koraly Ozap |
| ISRAEL | Mordecai Kremener | UKRAINE | Veslav Savin |
| ITALY | Piero Macrelli | | |

Present were 36 delegates out of 42, which means 86 % of presence. Consequently all decisions adopted by the Congress were valid.

For tellers were appointed Horst Horin and Ivan Libric.



Drzewiecki, Rangos, Savin, Katuric, Dubar, Ilyushin, Vaz Pereira, Uspuras, Macrelli, Bartoc, Matos, Pascanu, Slettebø and Mrs Elind

4. Minutes of the 2009 Congress in Essen. As the minutes of the 2009 FEPA Congress in Essen were sent to all National Federations, President Jørgensen asked the delegates for comments or questions. The minutes were confirmed unanimously.

5. Reports of the Board members. All reports had been sent to the National Federations previously, so they were not repeated. Mr. Jørgensen explain that the number 17 of FEPA News magazine will be issued before summer, to be able of including the information of London 2010. Everybody was requested to send the news from his Federation as soon as possible to him or to Jose Ramon Moreno. Jose Ramon clarified that while all information is welcomed for the FEPA Website, we keep the magazine FEPA News for the information that is important in opinion of the National Federations. So that FEPA News had a register in paper for the future of all relevant philatelic events hold in all European Federations.

Bojan Bracic asked all delegates to acknowledge receipt of his e-mail messages to confirm that the information he send is reached by the National Federations.

Giancarlo Morolli announced a project involving also the FEPA website at building a database of new philatelic publications. He also informed about the improvement of procedures of the expert team and the plans to have this subject well organized thanks to the efforts of James van der Linden and his fellow experts

The FIP Congress in Bucharest accepted experimental regulations for One Frame Class, but some National Federations ignore them. Jussi Tuori, responsible for the One Frame Class within the FIP Board explained, that the One Frame Class will disappear if the Congress in Lisbon accepts the FIP Board proposal that the exhibits with only one frame will belong to their respective class. Francis Kiddle proposed that such proposals should be sent to all Federations. Also that the list of eight frames exhibits which is done by the FIP Secretary should be available to all member Federations.



FEPA Board: Kraner, Moreno, Jorgensen, Vanicek, Bracic, Morolli

6. and 7. Gerhard Kraner presented the Annual Report 2009 and the Budget 2010, explaining some of the major figures. Both documents were approved by unanimity of the Delegates, giving thanks to the FEPA Treasurer.

8. Changes of the FIP Statutes. FEPA President Jørgen Jørgensen explained that since the FIP Congress in Bucharest we have been waiting for the FIP Board to take initiatives to present a motion to change the FIP Statues. In his view there was an urgent need for change of articles 30.2 and 30.4 in the FIP Statutes which deals with the number of seats in the board and the representation of the three Continental Federations.

Philately in general would benefit if it is possible to reach a lasting agreement between all National Federations in FIP on the size of the FIP Board and the number of seats allocated to the 3 Continents. Too many resources are actually allocated towards a discussion of size, strength and "fair representation". Resources - that are much better spend in discussions with focus on development of our hobby.

Mr. Jørgensen told that shortly after his arrival to Antwerp, he was informed by Jussi Tuori and Bernard Jimenez, members of the FIP Board, that they together with Peter McCann, also member of the FIP Board, had discussed the future size and allocation of seats of the FIP Board. Ideas that likely could attract the needed 2/3 of all votes at the FIP Congress – which is the required minimum support for a motion to pass. Motions presented by the Member Federations are to be submitted to the FIP Secretariat at least five month before the Congress – which means before 10th of May

The FIP Board can submit motions up to two month before the Congress.

The main components of the proposal were:

1. Increase the number of board members from 7 to 9
2. Allocate the seats between the continents in this way:
One President by election amongst all Continental Federations. 1 Vice-President for each FEPA, FIAF, FIAP. 5 Directors: 1 for FIAF, 2 for FIAP and 2 for FEPA.

3. Delete article 24.2 in the FIP Statutes.

Pedro Vaz Pereira asked why those proposed changes of the FIP Statutes had not been sent in advance to the FEPA member Federations, and why was discussed a matter which was not included in the Agenda of the Congress. Jussi Tuori answered that the proposal, which may be acceptable by all Continentals was by now only a draft.

Francis Kiddle and Victor Coenen, amongst others, expressed their view that we had to be realistic taking in mind the need of two third of the FIP members Federations votes. So, even if the proposal is not the best, is better than the present situation.

Mr. Vaz Pereira did not wanted to delete the article 24.2 of the FIP Statutes, according which it was necessary that the FEPA candidates were those supported by the FEPA Congress. Also he thought that the increase should be of only one member to reach 8, and that this member should be for FEPA as it was the "Gentlemen's agreement" in effect until the 2008 FIP Congress in Bucharest.

After a discussion where many of the delegates expressed their views, 22 Federations supported the proposed idea, while 11 were against.

President Jørgen Jørgensen asked that the ideas were converted into a formal motion by two or three European Federations. Then they would be distributed to all European Federations for comments, also the Motion would be discussed with member federations of FIAP and FIAF and with FIP Board, after what the final Motion would be submitted to FIP Secretariat before the deadline of the 10th of May.



Gustaffson, Tuori, Glatz, Mohr, Xharo, Wolf, Ivars, Hartig, Leoussis, Ms Kristensen, Libric, Aranaz, Tettinek, Virvilis, Bengtsson,

9. FEPA Candidates to the FIP Board. Only one candidature for new FIP President and one for FIP Director came in due time. The candidates were:

Pedro Vaz Pereira for FIP President,

Nicos Rangos for FIP Director.

Even if there were only one candidate for each position, according to FEPA custom was held a voting by secret ballot. Mr. Vaz Pereira received 24 votes supporting his candidacy to FIP President. Mr. Rangos received 34 votes supporting his candidacy to FIP Director.

10. Exhibitions. Francis Kiddle reported about the preparations of London 2010. Pedro Vaz Pereira had a talk about the good progress of Portugal 2010 in Lisbon next October despite the budget problems which recently arise.

Boncho Bonev informed about Balkanfla exhibition which will be held also in October 2010 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. After his request, the FEPA Congress granted support to this exhibition.

Jos Wolf confirmed that Philalux 2010 has been postponed to 2011.

Piero Macrelli was pleased to tell the Congress about the outstanding financial results of Italia 2009. Vit Vanicek informed about the intention of the Czech Federation of organize an exhibition in Brno, Czech Republic in 2013. If this project goes ahead they will ask for holding the FEPA Congress.

11. Next FEPA Congress. Ivan Librich in the name of the Croatian Philatelic Association invited FEPA to hold its next Congress in Opatija, touristic centre along the Adriatic coast, during the Alps-Adriatic Philately exhibition which will take place there from 14th to 17th April 2011. Mr. Librich show a beautiful presentation of the region, the city and the official hotel. It was accepted unanimously that the 2011 FEPA Congress will be in Opatija.



Ivan Librich, presented the city of Opatija which will host the 2011 FEPA Congress

12. Other matters. Giancarlo Morolli invited all Delegates to the Philatelic Seminar to be held next day, Monday the 12th at 10 with the title: From monuments to collectibles.

Knud Mohr informed about a new book from the series "Fakes and Forgeries" and Mordecai Kremener told of a new project about postal history on internet.

The new President of the Dutch Federation, Victor Coenen informed about the intention of his association – in collaboration with the Nordic Federations - to find good new exhibition frames for 16 pages.

Bojan Bracic in the name of the Slovenian Philatelic Association gave the medal and diploma to Pedro Vaz Pereira who was awarded as Honorary member of the Slovenian Philatelic Association.
