

The Lebanese Association of Philately organizes its first competitive Exhibition

Following our debut philatelic exhibition in November 2025, the Lebanese Association of Philately (LAP) is launching its very first competitive event. Thanks to the vital leadership of our President, Bill Karam, and the operational support of Vice President Bernardo Longo together General Commissioner Badi Barcha, this exhibition is timed to celebrate Lebanon's Independence Day anniversary. To make the most of the venue, the event will focus exclusively on the One-Frame class, hosted at the Hotel Sofitel Le Gabriel in Beirut.

Around 30 philatelic dealers are expected to attend the event, which is primarily open to collectors from the Eastern Mediterranean region, specifically Egypt, Cyprus, Jordan, Greece, and Turkey. Italy and France have also received special invitations, though entries from other European and Middle East nations (Arabian Gulf Area) are highly welcome as well.

The schedule kicks off on 21 November, with collection mounting starting at 9:00 AM, followed by the official opening ceremony by local authorities at 11:00 AM, before doors close at 7:00 PM. The jury will begin their evaluation sessions during the first day and may continue into the morning of November 22nd. The official results will be posted by noon on the second day, with the exhibition closing at 7:00 PM, immediately followed by the Palmarès awards ceremony.

The exhibition categories are restricted to Traditional Philately, Postal History, and Thematic Philately, with entries limited to a single 16-page frame. Application forms must be submitted by October 15th. Additionally, exhibitors are required to provide a PDF copy of their collection by October 20th; this will be used for archiving purposes and to allow eventually remote judges to participate via videoconference.

We are incredibly proud of this second major milestone for our young federation. It truly reflects our deep passion and determination to grow within the international philatelic community. Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to Costas Chazapis, who attended our inaugural event last year as a FEPA representative, and give a special thanks to Bill Headly for his steadfast support in helping us launch this exciting new venture.

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