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Message from the President.

Since the last issue of the Newsletter we have had CAPEX 96 and Istanbul 96, and it has been a pleasure to meet many old friends at both exhibitions. The 64th FIP Congress was held at the end of ISTANBUL 96 and a copy of my presentation on behalf of the Commission is circulated with this Newsletter.

We are now looking forward to PACIFIC 97 where Ray Todd and I will be presenting a Seminar on Saturday 7th June commencing at 1:00pm. All will be welcome and I would appreciate receiving advance notice of any member of the Commission and/or exhibitors/collectors who are likely to attend so that sufficient copies of the accompanying documentation may be prepared.

As you will see from the results of the election to the Commission Bureau Steve Schumann joins us and we look forward to his active participation in Commission affairs. At the same time we are losing Boudewijn Hellebrekers and I should like to express my warm appreciation on behalf of all commission members for the work he has carried out during his time as Bureau member.

Finally although somewhat late in the day I should like to wish everyone a healthy and happy 1997.

Alan Huggins

The Secretary's page.

Dear Commission members !

First of all warm greetings to all of You. It was a pleasure to meet so many of You during the Istanbul 96 exhibition, and at the Commission meeting.

Once again a Newsletter is "on the street". Last year it was my intention to publish two numbers, but as mentioned at the Commission meeting in Istanbul, has it been very difficult to get enough information for two numbers.

For 1997 also two numbers are planned. To realize this I once again have to ask for your cooperation, - that You will contribute to the next issue. Please make it a habit to send me information of exhibition results from National- and Regional exhibitions, litterature reviews, information of unusual auction results, and of the national activities to promote the collecting of postal stationery i.e..

All contributions in English, French, German, Spanish and the Scandinavian languages are welcome. Other languages will not be practical, as the Bureau has no translators. Send YOUR contribution to the next Newsletter allready to-day to:

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Postal Stationery seminars, and buffet breakfast, by Stephen D Schumann.

With the permission of Dr Huggins, PACIFIC 97 has arranged for a Postal Stationery exhibiting and judging seminar to be held during PACIFIC 97. They both will be held on Saturday, June 7, with the exhibiting seminar to be held at 1:30 pm and the judging seminar scheduled for 3:30 pm. Dr. Huggins and Raymond Todd, who are both on the PACIFIC 97 jury, will conduct the seminars.

In addition there will be a no-host buffet breakfast for postal stationery collectors and exhibitors (as well as triditional) on that same day, June 7 at 8 am. This will be held at the ANA hotel, 50-3rd Street, only one block from Moscone Center, the site of PACIFIC 97. The cost is \$ 23.00 US and reservation and remittance should be sent to Vesma Grinfelds, Secretary CCSF, 2856 Diamond St. San Francisco, CA 94131 USA.

Attendence at the seminars will be somewhat limited and interested parties are encouraged to write or fax me directly if the would like to attend.

Stephen D Schumann
2417 Cabrillo Drive
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Raymond Todd from Australia writes:

I have often wondered how a one country postal stationery exhibit comprised entirely of used items to rare and exotic destinations would fare in an International exhibition. This query was raised again in the FIP Postal Stationery Commission meeting in Istanbul not as a means of questioning our laid down rules but as a means of bridging the gap between Postal History and Postal Stationery.

Under our present judging rules such an exhibit would suffer because of the treatment deficiency. This is appropriate however there must be room for a collector to show his initiative and acquisition skills.

Of course the choice to exhibit such a collection rests with the exhibitor but how can we reward him when he turns to this style of exhibiting ?

CUBA, National Exhibition 1996.

Reported by Mr. Rigoberto del Toro Marrero.

Rigoberto del Toro Marrero	Enteros Postales de Cuba 1897-1958	Jury
Ricardo Novoa	Enteros Fiscales coloniales Ysla de Cuba	G
Roberto Arango Sales	Tarjetas Postales de Cuba 1904 - 1991	G
Roberto Arango Sales	Cuba: Enteros Postales Siglo XIX	G
Roberto Arango Sales	Colon en los Enteros Postales de Cuba	G
Roberto Arango Sales	Aerogrammes de Cuba 1957 - 1991	LS
Roberto Arango Sales	Sobres Franqueados de Cuba 1965 - 1991	S
Rigoberto del Toro Marrero	Enteros Postales de Cuba 1981-1995 (Mophila)	MMo
Jorge Luis Cuesta	Enteros Postales de Espana	B

THE POSTAL STATIONERY SOCIETY.

The Postal Stationery Society was formed in 1992 to cater for the growing number of postal stationery collectors throughout the world, and to further the study of all areas of postal stationery and to encourage new collectors. It also aims to develop the collecting of postal stationery into a more regularly accepted branch of philately.

The Society Journal "P.S." has two issues every year with a mixture of articles, discussions, information and queries. Once a year between the the two issues a newsletter is issued, with the Society's news, activities and coming events.

The Societys has an annual auction, a library, and meeting are held twice a year in central London.

Annual membership fee is £6.00 Sterling or US\$10 running from January to December.

Further information can be obtained from D. Taylor Smith, 23 Britannia Road, Norwich, Norfolk NR1 4HP, United Kingdom.

1996 POSTAL STATIONERY COMMISSION MEETING

MARMARA HOTEL ISTANBUL 5 OCTOBER 1996

MINUTES

The President of the Commission, Dr Alan Huggins welcomed Delegates and Observers to the meeting.

1. ROLL CALL

The following Delegates and Observers were present:-

DELEGATES

ALBANIA	R.Nossi	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	J.S.Kim
ARGENTINA	E.A.Otero	NETHERLANDS	B.Hellebrekers
AUSTRALIA	R.Todd	NORWAY	P.Jensen
BOLIVIA	C.Goldschmidt	PHILIPINES	D.Chiong
CHINA TAIPEI	M.Ho	PORTUGAL	M.Portocarrero
COLOMBIA	H.Goggel	RUSSIA	A.Ilyushin
COSTA RICA	E.Bialikamien	SWEDEN	L.Daun
DENMARK	E.Hvidberg Hansen	THAILAND	Y.Nirandara
FRANCE	J.Foort	TURKEY	S.M.Küyas
GERMANY	H.G.Meissner	UNITED KINGDOM	A.K.Huggins
INDIA	D.Shah	UNITED STATES OF AMERICAS	Schumann
INDONESIA	R.H.H.Nelwan	URUGUAY	C.Jones

OBSERVER

LATVIA

FIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Vice-President P.C.Pearson

PROXY VOTES DULY NOTIFIED

Federation	Proxy	Federation	Proxy
CHILE	UNITED KINGDOM	MALAYSIA	AUSTRALIA
CHINA PEOPLES REPUBLIC	INDIA	SOUTH AFRICA	TURKEY
JAPAN	PHILIPINES	SPAIN	PORTUGAL
LUXEMBURG	NETHERLANDS	VIET NAM	THAILAND

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the 1995 Postal Stationery Commission meeting held on 13 May 1995 in Helsinki were approved

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the last meeting which were not covered elsewhere.

4. COMMISSION REPORT TO 1996 FIP CONGRESS

Previously circulated.

5. FIP CONGRESS AGENDA

FIP Long Term Programme(p27) - proposal to reduce number of Commissions. Commission did not agree with this proposal and the President undertook to convey this view to the FIP Congress. See attached Report.

Revenue Commission(p60) - request that the Revenue Section be changed to a Revenue Commission. Commission supported this change and did not see any major difficulty in relation to postal stationery matters.

6. CURRENT PROJECTS

Introductory Booklet:- work still proceeding hoped to complete draft text by mid 1997. (A.K. Huggins)

Newsletter:- Editor still required contributions - new publications; exhibition results; national activities etc.

Compilation of Information on Philatelic Organisations, Magazines, and Catalogues Concerned with Postal Stationery:- having problems to find suitable computer software. (B. Hellebrekers)

Seminars:- Seminars given in Helsinki and Singapore - see reports in previous Newsletter, for future Seminars see Minute 9.

Teaching Material:- Specially prepared exhibits to provide better guidance for exhibitors and clarify certain specific and difficult areas are in use in Germany. Similar projects in other countries (Finland,Norway).

7. REPORTS ON NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

AUSTRALIA - concern that too many new issues being produced.

COLOMBIA - no new issues due to inflation.

COSTA RICA - has now begun to issue postal stationery.

GERMANY - group of members of the Berlin and Munich Postal Stationery Societies engaged in making improvements to the Michel Postal Stationery Catalogue for Europe East and Europe West. Two meetings held at regional level for judges.

NETHERLANDS - large size items very inconvenient for collectors. Handbook in preparation.

NORWAY - demand for postal stationery cards decreasing because the post card rate the same as the letter rate. Catalogue has produced and sub-group within the Postal History Society for postal stationery collectors has been formed.

RUSSIA - new issues regularly listed in Herald of Philately.

UNITED KINGDOM - Postal Stationery Society still expanding, now has over 150 members.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - mainly commemorative postcards issued but publicity lacking.

8. ELECTIONS

These were supervised by P.C. Pearson with H. Gogel and P. Jensen as scrutineers.

The following were elected:-

President A.K. Huggins by acclamation

Bureau By secret ballot

e. Hvidberg Hansen; C. Jones; S.M. Kuyas: H.G. Meissner:
S. Schumann: R. Todd.

At a subsequent meeting of the Bureau S.M. Kuyas was re-elected as Vice-President of the Commission.

9. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

To complete Introductory Booklet

To prepare further teaching material.

To further improve Newsletter

To arrange for Seminars at PACIFIC 97; ILSAPEX 98; IBRA 99 and AUSTRALIA 99.

To consider Seminars at INDIA 97 and PORTUGAL 98.

10. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

ITALIA 98 or PORTUGAL 98 - depends on Congress location

AUSTRALIA 99

11. POSTAL STATIONERY CLASS AT ISTANBUL 96

Noted that postal stationery Class at Istanbul 96 was strong and that a number of exhibits showed improvement. Considered that the usage of postal stationery to unusual destinations should not be overestimated in relation to items bearing rare cancellations, but both can add interest to otherwise relatively straightforward exhibits.

12. USPS MEETING AT PACIFIC 97

The USPS will be holding a buffet breakfast at 8-00am on Saturday 7 June - see separate announcement in the Newsletter.

Alan Huggins 5.3.97.

POSTAL STATIONERY COMMISSION

REPORT TO SIXTY-FOURTH FIP CONGRESS ISTANBUL, 6TH OCTOBER 1996

Since the presentation of the previous report to the Congress in Seoul the Commission has been involved in the following activities.

1. The Newsletter has continued to be published under the Editorship of Erik-Hvidberg Hansen
2. A meeting of the Commission was held on 13th May 1995 during the FINLANDIA 95 exhibition.
3. Three seminars were held in Helsinki on 13th May 1996 and attracted an attendance of over 20 participants from 14 different countries.

The first seminar on 'Collecting Postal Stationery' was presented by Eric Hvindberg-Hansen, the second on 'Exhibiting Postal Stationery' was given by Hans Meissuer and third on 'Judging Postal Stationery Exhibits at International level' by Alan Huggins. All these seminars were well received and were followed by a trial judging session using authentic exhibits.

4. Two further seminars were held on 9th September 1995 during SINGAPORE 95 were given to an audience of 35 people from 23 countries. The first presentation entitled 'Approaches to Exhibiting Postal Stationery' was given by Ray Todd and the second on 'How Postal Stationery Exhibits are Judged' by Alan Huggins. Again these were well received and generated a lively discussion.
5. A booklet, sponsored by the British Philatelic Trust, containing the GREV, SREV and Guidelines for the evaluation of exhibits of postal stationery at F.I.P exhibitions was produced and distributed to member Federations and attendees at the Commission Seminars.
6. Other projects involving the production of teaching Material, an introductory Booklet and a compilation of information sources continue.

Finally I should like to convey my warm appreciation to all the members of the Bureau and the Commission for their continuing support.

Alan K. Huggins
Commission President

30th May 1996

REPORT TO CONGRESS (ISTANBUL 96).

Mr President Members of the Board of FIP, Congress Delegates.

It is a great pleasure and privilege to address you once again at the 64th FIP Congress on behalf of the postal stationery Commission. I should like to add a few points to the report printed in the Agenda paper.

The activities of the Commission are now primarily concerned with promoting even greater interest in the collecting and exhibiting of postal stationery. This branch of philately has come a long way in the past decade and the strength of this development was clearly demonstrated at FINLANDIA 95 where the largest ever assembly of postal stationery exhibits were on view.

At the Commission meeting here in Istanbul on the 5th October we have a further programme of seminars and presentations beginning with Pacific 97 and continuing up to Australia 99.

The ballot for Bureau membership was supervised by vice President Patrick Pearson and the following were

Erik Hvidberg Hansen	Denmark
Cesar Jones	Uruguay
Salih Kuyas	Turkey
Hans-Georg Meissner	Germany
Stephen Schumann	USA
Raymond Todd	Australia

At the subsequent meeting of the new Bureau Salih Kuyas was re-elected Vice-President of the Commission.

Besides matters connected specifically with postal stationery the Commission discussed two other areas of more general concern. These were item 7B of the FIP Long Term Programme and the motion of the Finnish Philatelic Federation regarding the creation of a separate Commission for Revenues.

The relation to the first point I have been asked by the Commission to endorse the views presented to the FIP Board at the meeting of Commission Presidents and urge the Board to approach this matter with great care to ensure the positive link between the Commissioners and collectors via the federation membership of Commissioners is preserved.

With respect to the Finnish motion. The Commission accepts that the areas of interest to collectors are continually evolving and that this is clearly shown by the increasing level of activity in the Revenue field. The Commission sees no particular problem in recognising this development.

Finally I would like to thank the Bureau and the members of the Commission for their continued support and the Congress and FIP every success in its work. - Thank you for your kind attention.

Alan Huggins/Commission President