



## Traditional Philately Commission Report 2012-16



### **The Commission Bureau**

After the election of the new Commission at the FIP Congress in Jakarta in June 2012 the Commission Bureau consisted of:

Chairman: Brian Trotter (UK)

Secretary: Lars Peter Svendsen, (Denmark)

FEPA: Pal Lippai (Hungary)

FIAF: Patricia Stilwell Walker (USA)

FIAP: Prakob Chirakiti (Thailand)

Additional: Jan Berg (Sweden)

Additional: Emil Buhrmann (South Africa)

Assisted by: Alfredo Frohlich (Colombia)

Brian Trotter decided to resign from the Chairman position 29 April 2014 and Prakob Chirakiti was elected to the FIP Board of Directors at the 73rd F.I.P. Congress in August 2014. These changes led to the following rotations in the bureau:

Lars Peter Svendsen replaced Brian Trotter as Chairman

Patricia Stilwell Walker replaced Lars Peter Svendsen as Secretary

Yau Khai Weng replaced Prakob Chirakiti as FIAP representative

Alfredo Frohlich changed from assisting to additional member.

Great efforts have been made to update the list of various country delegates to enable the Bureau to communicate with the delegates via confirmed email addresses and this task is now nearly completed.

The bureau has made a formalized task list of action points to be completed over the next years.

### **Website**

The Commission has set up a new website. This was done by Lars Peter Svendsen, who also acts as the webmaster, keeping it up to date. Reports of activities and seminars as well as other Commission news are reported on the website and many meeting minutes and seminar presentations can be downloaded from the site. The major update of the list of delegates, that has been made, is now visible at the website. SREV and Guidelines are documented on the website together with introduction to exhibiting Traditional Philately as well a guideline for advanced exhibitors with samples of exhibits. A new translation of the SREV and Guidelines in all four FIP languages are now available for download.

The website has been visited by 4.913 unique visitors and 32% of these are returning visitors.

### **Electronic Newsletters**

As a new activity for the commission informative Newsletters have been distributed to the delegates around the world, as well as the key people in the other Commissions. Six newsletters have been sent out in the last three years. The newsletters are positively acknowledged by the delegates.



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### **Seminars**

These have been run in various locations. Those that were qualifying seminars for people who are potential or aspiring FIP jurors were held at the FIP Exhibitions in Jakarta in 2012 and also at the one in Rio de Janeiro in 2013. In addition a similar judging seminar was given at a FEPA judging training in Budapest in 2013.

### **Judges Workshop**

A full day judging workshop for FIP and National level judges was held jointly with the Postal Stationery Commission at the FIP Exhibition in Rio de Janeiro.

### **Commission Meetings**

In addition to the seminars held in Jakarta and Rio de Janeiro, the Commission also held a meeting.

At the FIP Exhibition in Melbourne in 2013 commission meeting presentations on Exhibiting Time Periods, Flexibility of Judging Criteria and a special presentation of the Victoria Stamps of Tasmania were given.

At the FIP Exhibition at Philakorea 2014 a commission meeting was held with a status update of the commission work and a presentation on what kind of material can be used and how it can support the treatment in Traditional Philately exhibits.

In connection with the FIP exhibition Singapore 2015 there was an open commission meeting with many delegates and guests and on the agenda was a mini workshop on the judging criteria Importance followed by a discussion about Importance versus Rarity.

Finally at New York 2016 a commission meeting will be held with an open discussion about change of the Guidelines for judging Traditional Philately Exhibits followed by a presentation of the evolution of The Brigham Collection since its inception in 1996 with focus on Treatment, Importance, Knowledge and Research, Rarity and Quality over those twenty years.

**16 May 2016**

**Lars Peter Svendsen  
Chairman  
Traditional Philately Commission**