

## **The Future of the FIP**

In response to the debates concerning the role of the FIP and the GREX and Statutes in recent years, and in accordance with Article 22 of the Statutes, the motion submitted below is intended to create a common sense of direction which will unify our international organisation.

The motion's purpose is to:

- Instruct the Board to consider and report back on how to recreate the link between the Continental Federations and the FIP Board, but to do so in accordance with the legal framework governing our federal body. i.e. to return to the pre-Lisbon election principles but constructed in compliance with Swiss national law.
- Incorporate formally and to value the national and continental federations and the specialist commissions.
- Create a clear sense of direction for the FIP over time, with the democratic consent of the constituent bodies and those also associated in the promotion of philately internationally.
- Improve communication and the availability of information to all involved in supporting the FIP.
- To support affordable exhibiting throughout the world.
- To set the above in a clearly understood and legally coherent framework.

To these ends the following motion is proposed.

### **Motion**

This 74th Congress of the FIP reaffirms that its objectives are as follows:

- A. To promote philately and stamp collecting, in all its aspects, on the international level.
- B. To create friendly relations and to maintain close co-operation among philatelists and stamp collectors throughout the world, with the aim of promoting peace and friendship among all people.
- C. To promulgate regulations governing its various activities.
- D. To establish and maintain close contacts with partners in the philatelic field and with national and international organisations.
- E. To support philatelic events of all kinds organised by its Members.

In reaffirming these, and with the intention of achieving them, it instructs its Board to further develop its Statutes and procedures as follows:

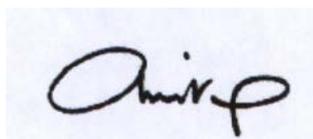
1. To review its constitution and statutes, working together with the Commissions, the Continental and National Federations, and bring proposals to a Congress.
2. Such a review will include feasibility of the establishment of a clear representative link between the Continental Federations and the Board, so that Congress may elect, following a primary election process, or similar mechanism, representatives acceptable to each Continental Federation, consistent with the laws governing the FIP as a whole. These representatives will both represent their nominating federation while acting in accordance with their responsibilities to the Board as a whole.
3. To develop a three year rolling priority programme of work, to be approved by Congress, systematically involving the Commissions, the Continental Federations, and National Federations, and which will be reviewed, developed, and approved, by every Congress thereafter.

4. To improve communication through the use of the Internet, notably by modernising the FIP website, improving the distribution of information, with the intention of widening knowledge of the FIP and its objectives, and directly communicating with exhibitors at all levels.
5. To Sponsor Exhibitions in each Continental Federation in turn, on a three year cycle, in, and with, support of that Continental Federation with the objective of promoting philately at all levels.
6. In furtherance of the above objectives, to establish an FIP Exhibitors Club, free of charge to all who exhibit through FIP exhibitions of any kind. All exhibitors will be enrolled automatically, and will receive a digital copy of FLASH or any successor publication, updated documents, discussion papers, PowerPoints or whatever else is produced by the Board or its Commissions.

The Board is required to consult its constituent Federations, the Continental Federations, the Commissions and any others who may assist in developing a contemporary international structure. Such a consultation will include the circulation of draft proposals to all constituent bodies, to the Commissions, and to the Continental Federations, and will report all such responses publically.

Any final proposals must be defensible in accordance with the laws of Switzerland, and subject to legal advice which must be circulated to all federal affiliates together with the proposals, including any legal briefing documentation.

The Board is required to report no later than December 2018.

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