



Election for FIP President 2018

Bulletin One

Taipei Congress Anniversary

Dear Philatelic Friends

It's one year since the Congress at PHILATAIPEI 2016 World Stamp Championship Exhibition which took place on 26 October 2016.

Since then the Board has been almost silent.

The present leadership is not doing what is needed, so I intend to stand for President at the Congress in 2018.

I have the support of the British Federation, and I would welcome support from you, and from your federation.

Please help to secure the future of international philately.

Here are twelve questions that need to be answered – one for each month since the 74th Congress ...

1. Why hasn't the Board answered the Congress resolution from Taipei? See <http://www.fotfip.online/the-74th-congress-at-taipei/>
2. Why is there no development plan for the future?
3. Why doesn't the President respond to letters and emails?
4. Is FLASH the right way to reach the digital world? Why is there no Facebook or Twitter account?
5. The website homepage has been updated only twice in 2017. What is the news? What has the Board been doing?
6. Why doesn't the website work properly?

7. Do we have a media plan? Is there an FIP media contact list?
8. There's a lot of money in the bank. What is it for?
9. How are we going to promote stamp collecting and philately?
10. How are exhibitions to be paid for in future? It gets harder every year to attract the trade and to fill frames.
11. How can the Commissions, the National and Continental Federations, work better with the Board?
12. The 2018 exhibition in Kuala Lumpur has been cancelled. It is replaced by another in Bangkok. The 75th Congress has not yet been announced. Four of the last five Congresses will have been hosted in FIAP nations. Can the next Congress be at Praga 2018?

I'm certain that I don't have all of the answers. But, I am certain that the Board alone hasn't got all of the answers. And, I do know that if we don't change the way that the FIP works, we will have more problems in the future.

So, Philately needs to work together internationally to secure its future.

What can you do to help?

You could help to write the programme for the next four years ... Go to www.fotfip.online and download the whole plan, and say what you agree with, and what you do not. The FIP belongs to its members, not to the Board.

Forward this email to your philatelic friends, to exhibitors, club members, magazines, and journals.

Support me for President and ask your Federation to nominate me.

With best wishes,

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