



Election for FIP President 2018 Bulletin Eight

Organisation and Oversight

Dear Philatelic Friends

It's good to see the FIP *trying* to change. The website is still difficult to use, but more has been added in the past three months than in the whole of the previous year! We can see that:

- An FIP Jury Academy has been set up and a juror-training program approved with training events in Jerusalem (15 places), Bangkok (Two sessions with a total of 30 places). Those attending the first meeting in Malmö were Dr Peter McCann RDP FRPSL (USA), Mr Lars Peter Svendsen FRPSL (Denmark); Mr Peter Suhadolc FRPSL (Slovenia); Mr Lars Engelbrecht RDP FRPSL (Denmark); FIP Vice-President Mr Bernard Beston FRPSL (Australia); Mr Charles Verge FRPSL (Canada).
- There were FIP meetings in Sophia with federations from Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, Serbia, Russia, Montenegro, and Turkey attending, and another in Brisbane, Australia.
- News Bulletins are being added. Number 1, from February 2018 and Number 2, presumably from April.

It looks like the Board is *trying* to be more open.

But, as ever, some questions:

1. Did you know that an FIP Jury Academy had been agreed by the Board?
2. Was your national or continental federation consulted or advised?
3. Do we know what are the aims and objectives of the Academy?
4. The first course has already taken place as I write. How do you get a place on the training course? Were you, or your federation asked?
5. Does the Board have a programme for consulting all national philatelic federations, or is it completely accidental?

I am in favour of an independent Jury Commission or Academy. *It's a good idea*. But surely a radical, and welcome change like this should have been advised to the member federations. After all, it's good news ...

Unfortunately, in Israel this week, the FIP President gave the Board credit for the whole project and left out the Commissions that were involved. That's no way to build a united organisation.

It's also good news that there were meetings in Sophia and Australia, but it's not a systematic programme of consultation, involving the whole federal membership.

This all goes back to the basic problem, which is that our Board doesn't run an open and progressive organisation. Good intentions are not good enough.

Until we have an open organisation, and an agreed programme which involves all of the federal membership, we are not going to have unity in world philately.

To achieve this, we need to have an effective organisation, with a clear plan, good communication and oversight by a board in which we all have confidence. And it needs a programme to be agreed by Congress.

I'm sorry, but we still have a very long way to go ...

The FIP is important to world philately, and it has to do its job better than it has in the past. I can offer change, and I believe that I am experienced enough to help that change be successful. You can see my Philatelic CV and my nomination form for President at <http://www.fotfip.online/fip-has-an-election-for-a-president-in-2018>

I would be grateful and honoured if you were to vote for me in December.

With best wishes

Chris King

How can you help?

Make sure that your Federation votes for me.

- Share my mailers with your philatelic friends and contacts worldwide.
- Come to my meeting in Prague - details to follow.
- Volunteer to help me with translations.
- See more at the Friends of the FIP website www.fotfip.online
- Link the Friends of the FIP website to others.

75th Congress, Bangkok, 2nd December 2018.

Election of a President: Thailand 2018 - 28th November - 3rd December 2018.

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