



Election for FIP President 2018 Bulletin Ten

The FIP can change!

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My CV <http://www.fotfip.online/fip-has-an-election-for-a-president-in-2018>

Dear Philatelic Friends and Colleagues

The FIP can Change!

Don't you just love it when a plan comes together?

There have been an unusual number of changes reported by the FIP recently.

I don't believe that they have been announced very loudly! There was an email from the General Secretary to the Federation members earlier in July, but we haven't yet seen a new copy of FLASH, so it may be on its way, and not everything is on the website. There's still more progress needed here, unfortunately!

This is what you need to know ...

Sponsorship for Regional Exhibitions

First there is sponsorship available for regional exhibitions. This was agreed at the Board meeting in June at the Jerusalem exhibition.

The good news is that these are for exhibitions of 300-500 competitive frames. The exhibition must be a regional exhibition with at least five FIP member federations participating, and up to US\$5,000 is available.

The bad news is that there are only two sponsorships available each year and the deadline for 2018 exhibitions must be with the FIP Board via the FP Secretariat for consideration by August 1, 2018. Perhaps that's why they haven't told anybody yet ...

Check it out here on the website <http://www.f-i-p.ch/wp-content/uploads/FIP-Sponsorship-for-Regional-Exhibitions.pdf>

Changes in Open Philately

Then we have the new Guidelines for Judging Open Philately – See <http://www.f-i-p.ch/wp-content/uploads/OPEN-PHILATELY-Guidelines-April-2018-1.pdf> which bring Open Philately into closer alignment with the other classes. The Open Philately new judging criteria will take effect from PRAGA 2018.

Regulations for Picture Postcards

Thirdly, there are approved regulations for picture postcards. I couldn't find these on the FIP website, but Picture Postcards will be shown at the CHINA 2019 General World Stamp Exhibition on an experimental basis. Comments are requested on the postcard guidelines. If you haven't seen a copy, please ask the General Secretary at ats@f-i-p.ch

All This and Much, Much, More ...

Add this to the Jury Academy, which has further planned training sessions, to the publication of Palmares – and Flash - on the website, to the improvements on the website, and a regional meeting of the Board with Federation representatives in Sophia (I look forward to many more of these being held around the world).

Elections Concentrate the Mind

It's good to know that the Board can move quickly when there's an election coming. I might be cynical, but we are all familiar with the impact of forthcoming elections on the ruling party. In local government the streets get cleaned, with national government, taxes come down, and with the FIP Board, we have seen more change in the past year than I remember for quite a long time.

The election hasn't taken place yet ... you can look forward to further changes if I am elected. Just remember what most governments do after the election is over ... and then vote for change to continue after Bangkok.

Prague

Come to the Clarion Hotel in Prague on August 16, 2018 from 16:00 to 17:00 to talk to me, to hear what I have to say, and to express your opinions. I will be in the Commissioners' Room on the Third floor with some snacks and drinks.

You will be very welcome.

With best wishes

Chris King