



Election for FIP President 2018

Bulletin Eleven

Seven Promises for 2019

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

Dear Philatelic Friends and Colleagues

It was an interesting week at the international exhibition in Prague where I was fortunate to be honoured with the European Parliament philatelic medal for 2018. There was also a lot of talk about the election for the President in December, and it is very clear that almost everybody wants to see a coming together of the Federation after the election is over. But it is equally clear that a very large number of us want to see change.

We may not have won the election yet, but there was a very strong sense that we are winning the argument, and that a lot of people are willing to help.

So, this email makes seven promises for the future.

If I am elected as President ... in the first year ...

1. We will build on the success of the Jury Academy.

One of the reasons that the Board can't do everything that is needed to develop and support philately, is that it spends too much time on jury and exhibition matters. We will ask Federations how best to manage this in the future. Can more responsibility be given to the Jury Academy.

2. We will build on the sponsorship of regional exhibitions agreed by the Board in Sofia in April.

It's a great idea to support Exhibitions with cash grants, but it doesn't help to develop philately. We will ask groups of countries to propose five to seven year development plans, which can include exhibitions. We will support agreed plans with annual cash grants through the life of these projects.

3. We will create the 'FIP Exhibitors Club'.

Every applicant to any exhibition where the FIP is involved will automatically join the club. The Board, Commissions, and National Federations will use a quarterly e-newsletter to keep all members informed of FIP news including training opportunities and seminars. This group of involved exhibitors will be basis for developing exhibiting internationally.

4. We will stop printing Flash

We will abolish the printed Flash magazine and replace it with a download from the website.

5. We will redevelop the website so that all FIP business and activities are in one place.

All commissions will be part of a common website, with access to each separate area by each commission secretariat for keeping its pages up to date. We will look for corporate support to partly fund the project.

6. With the help of our Commissions, and our National and Continental Federations we will build a marketing database of philatelic magazines and journals, historic, cultural, museum and other relevant publications, enterprises and websites.

We will publish regular press releases to this list, including FIP activities, and reviews of philatelic books, and other material published by societies and clubs affiliated to our national federations.

7. We will introduce a written annual report by the FIP to all affiliated Federations.

One cause of our present difficulties is that there is a Congress only every two years. We cannot afford an annual Congress, but we can invite affiliated Federations regularly to comment on our strategic plan - which should be agreed by Congress every two years.

We have to spread the load if we are to succeed in changing direction and delivering a bright future for philately.

The Congress and the Board should be directly responsible for finance, policy, development, oversight and resolution of differences. The Jury Academy, Philatelic Development Grants, the Exhibitors' Club, the Website, and the Marketing project, will each be the responsibility of one Member of the Board, working with committees and working groups as necessary. We have to bring in more people if we are to make progress.

My job as President will be to represent all of our Federations, and their members, equally, and the task of the Board is to deliver our Federation's strategic objectives, as agreed by Congress.

There will be a lot to do please help us to do it.

Chris King

How can you help?

Make sure that your Federation votes for me.

- Share my mailers with your philatelic friends and contacts worldwide.
- 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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