

NOTES FROM ILO JIM TAYLOR

The entry forms and IREX for the FIP Brasilia 2017 World Specialized Philatelic Exhibition are attached to the covering email. Charles Verge is the Canadian Commissioner. See details on the right. See the website for photos and detailed descriptions. Entries should be with the Commissioner by **February 10, 2017**.

THE UPU PHILATELIC CODE OF ETHICS

The Philatelic Code of Ethics for the use of member countries comprises the following recommendations:

1 Issuing postal authorities creating philatelic products shall ensure that the use of the postage stamps and other means of denoting payment of postage does not lead to the creation of such postal products as would not result from the exercise of proper postal procedures.

1.1 Philatelic products within the scope of this code include, but are not limited to:

- postage stamps, as defined in article 8 of the Universal Postal Convention (Bucharest 2004);
- cards and first day covers;
- presentation packs and albums;
- stamp yearbooks;
- envelopes with embossed or pre-cancelled/pre-printed stamps;
- cachets for special occasions and events and related products;
- stamps with surcharges, in conformity with article RE 306 of the Regulations of the Beijing Convention.

1.2 Other means of indicating payment (e.g. franking marks, postage paid indicia and other labels) are permitted in accordance with article 8 of the Bucharest Convention, but are not considered to be postage stamps.

2 Issuing postal authorities shall not authorize such use of cancellation dies, hand stamps or other official informative or operational markings as would not result from the exercise of proper postal procedures.

2.1 Issuing postal authorities shall not permit the use of such cancelling or marking devices by persons other than their own employees.

2.2 In certain exceptional cases, and provided that direct supervision is exercised by their employees, issuing postal authorities may authorize the use of these cancelling or marking devices by persons other than their own employees.

2.3 Where issuing postal authorities contract out part of their operational activity and in particular cancellation, the contract shall specify that the cancelling and marking devices shall be used for operational purposes only and in strict accord with the proper postal procedures of the issuing postal authority concerned, which shall ensure that this rule is strictly observed.

3 In the sale of products for philatelic purposes incorporating postage stamps, issuing postal authorities shall ensure that the handling of the postage stamp itself and the use of cancellation dies, hand stamps, cachets and other marking devices is in conformity with their respective postal procedures.

4 For each issue of postage stamps, issuing postal authorities shall

FIP PATRONAGE EXHIBITS

OPEN FOR ENTRIES

BRASILIA 2017 BRAZIL

24-29 October, 2017

Guimaraes Convention Center, Brasilia City

Website : www.stampbrasilia2017.net.br

Waiting in IREX regulations and Entry Forms

“Specialized” FIP Entries are restricted to:

Traditional Philately, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Thematic, Literature and Brasilia Championship Classes
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Deadline for entries to Commissioner: February 10, 2017

FIP PATRONAGE EXHIBITS

CLOSED FOR ENTRIES

BANDUNG 2017—INDONESIA

3-7 August, 2017

Trans Studio Convention Center

Website : www.bandung2017.org

IREX regulations and Entry Forms now available

“Specialized” FIP Entries are restricted to:

Traditional Philately, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Thematic, Youth Philately, Modern Philately, One Frame Exhibits and Literature classes.

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FIAF SPONSORED EXHIBITS

OPEN FOR ENTRIES

EXPO-SPM 2017— ST. PIERRE, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON

June 1-4, 2017

Entry Forms and Regulations Pending

Webpage: <<http://www.clubphilatelique.com/>>

[under construction]

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BACK ISSUES OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITOR

<http://www.philatelicspecialistsociety.com/internationalex.shtml>

WEBSITES

FIAF: Federación Interamericana de Filatelia <http://www.f-i-p.ch>

FIP: Fédération Internationale de Philatélie

www.fiaf-filatelia.com/index_english.html

RPSC: Royal Philatelic Society of Canada www.rpsc.org

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ensure that these are printed in sufficient quantity to meet potential operational requirements and foreseeable philatelic needs. In employing cancellation dies, hand stamps and cachets for special occasions or events, issuing postal authorities shall ensure that a sufficient quantity of philatelic products is available to meet requirements. Although issuing postal authorities may not be able to make every stamp issue available from every outlet, they must nonetheless make sure that their customers and philatelists are well-informed at all times where each postage stamp issue is available for postal and philatelic purposes.

4.1 Issues of postage stamps depicting particular regions of a country or territory may be produced, so long as they comply with the requirements of this Code of Ethics and that customers and philatelists are well-informed at all times of their availability for postal purposes.

4.2 Issuing postal authorities shall take care to ensure that they issue stamps which help meet market demands. They shall ensure that the number of stamps issued each year is limited to that which their market will accept. If policies are still to be decided, issuing postal authorities should respond cautiously to market demand to avoid oversupply. They shall not saturate the market and thus drive philatelists and collectors away from the hobby.

5 In choosing themes, logos, emblems and other design elements for their issues of postage stamps, issuing postal authorities shall, at all times, respect intellectual property rights.

6 If issuing postal authorities offer their customers personalized stamps, they shall establish a legal framework to protect the latter's status, in accordance with their national law.

7 Whilst issuing postal authorities have no control over the use of postage stamps or articles entrusted to the postal service for postal purposes once they have been sold, they shall nevertheless:

7.1 Not support or acquiesce in any artifice intended to enhance sales of their postage stamps or products incorporating postage stamps by suggesting a potential scarcity of these products.

7.2 Avoid any action which might be taken as declaring approval of or conferring official status on products of unofficial origin incorporating postage stamps.

7.3 In the event that they appoint agents to market their philatelic products, instruct such agents to observe the same procedures and practices as those of the issuing postal authorities themselves, to respect the provisions of the Philatelic Code of Ethics and of the issuing postal authority's national postal legislation. Issuing postal authorities shall not permit agents to operate or alter their proper postal procedures nor to control philatelic procedures

7.4 Specifically prohibit the sale or disposal by their agents of their postage stamps or products incorporating postage stamps below face value. In remunerating their agents, issuing postal authorities shall obviate as far as possible any need for agents to sell postage stamps or philatelic products incorporating postage stamps above face value. Due allowance may be made for national or local variations in sales and other taxes which may be pertinent, including at international philatelic exhibitions.

7.5 Issuing postal authorities shall retain full responsibility for the printing and delivery of postage stamps and related philatelic products, either directly, or by making sure that all contractual obligations are fully respected and fulfilled by the agent, in order to avoid any misunderstanding between partners.

7.6 Establish separate contractual provisions for the printers entrusted with producing the stamps and the agents responsible for marketing them.

7.7 Printing of postage stamps should only be awarded to security printers that have signed up to the Code of Ethics for postage stamp security printers and that have achieved or undertaken to achieve certification as a security printer.

8 Issuing postal authorities shall not produce postage stamps or philatelic products that are intended to exploit customers.

9 Issuing postal authorities shall acknowledge in all their philatelic activities that, while their stamps represent symbols of national identity and culture, such stamps retain a secondary value beyond face value only because philatelists and collectors choose to purchase them. Issuing postal authorities pledge to abide by this code of conduct in order to ensure the long-term survival of the philatelic market in each country.

Reference <http://www.upu.int/uploads/tx_sbdownloader/recommendationPhilately2008C26En.pdf>

FIP EXHIBITS IN THE PLANNING STAGES

TEL AVIV 2018—Tel Aviv, ISRAEL

April 14-20, 2018

FIP Patronage

PRAGUE 2018—CZECH REPUBLIC

August 15-18 2018, Clarion Congress Hotel, Prague, TR & PH

Specialized: Traditional, Postal History FIP Patronage

Website: PRAGA2018.org [under construction]

AUCKLAND 2018—NEW ZEALAND

November 8-13, 2018, New Auckland Convention Centre

Website: <<http://www.aps.gen.nz.html>>

[Jeff Long advises that this will not be a FIP International]

MALAYSIA 2018 Kuala Lumpur

November

“Specialized” FIP Patronage

CHINA 2019

October-November 2018, Beijing

FIP Patronage

LONDON 2020—London, United Kingdom

Business Design Centre in Islington, London

Saturday, 2 May 2020 until Saturday, 9 May 2020.

<Website: <http://www.london2020.co/>>

To ensure that as many exhibitors as possible can be accepted, the frames will be used twice during the week with exhibits

being swapped on Tuesday 5 May.

BOSTON 2026 United States

May 23-30 Boston Convention Center Westin

Website: <http://www.boston2026.org/>

FIP Exhibitions listed are in the planning stage and are tentative.

Countries, venues and dates are subject to change.

“Specialized” FIP Exhibitions may not offer all Classes.

“Continental” or other International Exhibitions with “FIP Recognition”

MELBOURNE 2017 Melbourne / Australia 30.03.-02.04

2017melbourne2017.com.au

FINLANDIA 2017 Tampere / Finland 24.-28.05 2017

www.finlandia2017.fi

The RPSC—Canada may not have invited National Commissioners or Jury Members at Continental Exhibitions outside of the Americas (FIAP)