



F.I.P. FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE PHILATELIE

Special Regulations for the Evaluation of Astrophilately Exhibit at F.I.P. Exhibitions Section for Astrophilately

Article 1 Competitive Exhibitions

In accordance with Article 1.4 of the General Regulations of F.I.P. for the Evaluation of Competitive Exhibits at F.I.P. Exhibitions (GREV), these Special Regulations (SREV) have been developed to supplement those principles with regard to Astrophilately. Also refer to Guidelines to Astrophilately Regulations.

Article 2 Competitive Exhibits

(ref. GREV, Article 2)

An astrophilately exhibit is built up on historical, technical and scientific aspects related to space research and space programmes.

Article 3 Principles of Exhibit Composition

(ref. GREV, Article 3)

Appropriate philatelic material of an astrophilately exhibit includes the following :

1. Documents handed over by a postal administration for despatch by stratosphere balloons, rockets, spaceships, rocket planes, recovery ships, rescue helicopters and other supporting aircraft or vice versa.
2. Stamps, leaflets and vignettes related to rocket mail, postal stationery, Mailgrams and special envelopes and cards of relevance to the different parts of the space programme including: the related precursors; the launch, the flight and landing of space travelling objects; and the participating tracking stations, ships and supporting aircraft.
3. Among the special characteristics of Astrophilately are envelopes and cards cancelled by the post office at the place and on the exact date of the special events.
4. An astrophilately exhibit may encompass all aspects or relate to a self contained section only to the following : (for subdivisions ref. Guidelines 3.4)
 - a) From the period of pioneers to conquest of space
 - b) Rocket Mail
 - c)
 - Space programmes of :
 - USSR/CIS (Russia)
 - USA
 - Europe
 - CHINA
 - Other Countries
 - d) Unmanned space programmes
 - e) Manned space programmes
5. The text should cover all aspects of the exact technical data, the dates, the place and the purpose or mission of the space objects, including the special activities of the astronauts and cosmonauts involved.
6. The plan or the concept of the exhibit shall be clearly laid out in an introductory statement (ref. GREV. Article 3.3)

Article 4 Criteria for Evaluating Exhibits

(ref. GREV. Article 4)

Treatment of the exhibit (ref. GREV. Article 4.3)

Special value is attached to the exact technical evolution of the events.

Philatelic and related Knowledge and personal Study and Research (ref. GREV. Article 4.5)

A high degree of knowledge is also required on precursors related to space exploration and spaceflight.

Article 5 Judging of Exhibits

(ref. GREV, Article 5)

1. Astrophilatelic exhibits will be judged by approved specialists in their respective field and in accordance with Section V (Article 31-47) of GREX (ref. GREV. Article 5.1)
2. For astrophilatelic exhibits, the following relative terms are presented to lead the Jury to a balanced evaluation (ref. GREV. Article 5.2)

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| Treatment and Philatelic Importance | 20/10 | 30 |
| Philatelic and related Knowledge and Personal Study and Research | | 35 |
| Condition and Rarity | 10/20 | 30 |
| Presentation | | 5 |
| Total | | 100 |

Article 6 Concluding Provision

(ref. GREV, Article 6)

- 6.1 In the event of any discrepancies in the text arising from translation, the English text shall prevail.
- 6.2 The Special Regulations for the Evaluation of Astrophilatelic Exhibits at F.I.P. Exhibitions (SREV) have been approved by the 54th F.I.P. Congress on 5th November 1985 in Rome. These revised SREV were ratified by the 61st F.I.P. Congress on 4th May 1992 in Granada and come into force on 1st January 1995.

The updated Art.3.4 with addition of China was approved by the FIP Board and valid as from January 1st 2007