



49th Congress & General Meeting

Russisches Haus, Berlin, Germany

April 27th 2019

Attending : Jean-Daniel Ayache, Peter Beer, Stefan Bruylants, Julius Cacka, Jürgen Esders, Harald Geiger, Bedrich Helm, Frank Hindenburg, Alexander Kastleiner, Ernst Leu, György Lövei, Volkmar Mehlitz, Johannes Palmer, Dominique Petit, Wolfgang Porges, Karl Schepers, Chris Schmied, Reiner Stimm, Filip Van der Haegen.

Excused : Chris Hargreaves, Hans Mierl, Richard Saundry, Romano Savini, Martin Walker, Patrick Walters

At 10h30 President Wolfgang Porges opened the 49th Congress & General Meeting of the Fédération Internationale des Sociétés Aéro- et Astrophilatéliques. He thanked the attending board and delegates to be here for this hobby that makes such a great part in our life. He also thanked the Directorate of the Russisches Haus in Berlin for their hospitality after the planned exhibition hall at Schöneberg was not open for the public yet.

1. ***Acceptance of the Agenda***
Add point 3a : President Report 2019 (2017-2018)
Add point 6a : Changes in the Board
2. ***Election of Tellers***
Mr. Volkmar Mehlitz and Mr. Johannes Palmer were asked for Tellers
3. ***Report and Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous General Assembly***
No remarks received, the report of Hirtenberg 2017 was accepted unanimously.
- 3a. ***Report and Acceptance of the Annual Reports 2017 & 2018***
President W. Porges read his report on both years : see attachment.
4. ***Report and Acceptance of Annual Financial Report 2017 & 2018***
F.I.S.A. Treasurer Peter Beer explained the Financial Report for both years :
2017 was more expensive due to the costs of the Bi-annual Congress
2018 was a normal year without extensive expenses
5. ***Report and Acceptance of internal audited Treasurer's Reports 2017 & 2018***
Reiner Stimm – auditor for F.I.S.A. – read the report and confirmed the good evaluation of the treasurer's report.
6. ***Discharge of Directorium and Auditors***
The Congress discharged the Directorium and the Auditors.

6a. ***Changes in the Board of F.I.S.A.***

The Congress re-elected the Board of F.I.S.A. with the following changes:

- **Italy:** resignation of Romano Savini, who will be succeeded by Fiorengho Longhi.
- **Australia:** after the passing away of Ross Wood, the new President of the Australian Air Mail Society, Martin Walker, will succeed Ross Wood.
- **Colombia:** Hugo Goggel last attended the FISA Board in 2003 (Tucson) : is he still interested ? If not, we need a successor.
- **South Africa:** seems same story as Colombia : is Neville Polakow still interested ?

President Porges will inform H. Goggel and N. Polakow and ask for their interests in F.I.S.A. or if they propose a successor.

The changed Board was accepted unanimously by the General Meeting.

7. ***Admission and/or Exclusion of Members***

F.I.S.A. is proud to announce the admission of one new society :

- **Associazione Italiana Astrofilatelia (AS.IT.AF)** is the Italian astrophilatelic society, with a very active President, Mr. Umberto Cavallaro.

8. ***Determination of Annual Fees***

The Congress decided to make no changes in the Annual Fee to F.I.S.A.

9. ***Handling of Proposals and Appeals***

None

10. ***Granting of Awards***

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| * | Gold FISA Medal to | Jacques Renaud /F
<i>National judge, expert on postal tariffs and routes</i> |
| * | Gold FISA Medal to | Vital Ferry /F
<i>for his outstanding contribution to aviation history</i> |
| * | Silver FISA Medal to | 't Schroots /NL
<i>"Aviation and Airmail Encyclopedia" parts 1 and 2</i> |
| * | Silver FISA Medal to | Schweizerische Aerophilatelisten Verein SAV
<i>"Handbuch Schweizerische Luftpost"</i> |
| * | Silver FISA Medal to | H.-U. Schulz /D – Organizer of "AeroBerlin 2019"
<i>"Berliner Luftfahrt / Luftbrücke"</i> |
| * | Silver FISA Medal to | R. Stimm and H. Teichmann
<i>"Katalog Deutsche Luftpost 2000-2019"</i> |
| * | F.I.S.A. Diploma to | Frank Hindenburg /D
<i>For his lifetime support of philately</i> |

11. ***Granting of Patronage or Auspices to Exhibitions***
“Aeropex 2019” from 6th to 8th December 2019 in Adelaide, Australia. The exhibition is open to Aerophilately and Astrophilately to celebrate the centenary of the first aeroplane flight from England to Australia.
FISA grants its patronage and a 500 Euro subsidy, provided that “Aeropex 2019” shows the F.I.S.A. emblem and a special postmark.
12. ***Determination of Date and Place of the next General Assembly***
Dr. Lövei (MABEOSZ) proposed the 50th F.I.S.A. Congress could take place in Budapest, Hungary, at the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the first Hungarian stamp printed in Hungary. After 45 years, F.I.S.A. can have a new Congress in Hungary, in the Postal Museum. A date is not yet available.
13. ***Miscellaneous***
- Ernst Leu (GWP) wondered why F.I.S.A. has not honored Mrs. Beatrice Bachmann for her life-time achievement in Astrophilately, like this was the case in F.I.P.
Wolfgang Porges recognized the problem and status of Aerophilately within F.I.P., and F.I.S.A. will do whatever we can to support Aero- and Astrophilately in Europe (at least) but has no big money to spend and so constrained in possibilities.
- Jürgen Esders (WP) proposed that Aerophilatelists review their Special Regulations and Guidelines and make them more modern and adapted to new facts. This is what Astrophilately did and proved to F.I.P. we exist and we know what we are talking about.
Jürgen Esders also thanked F.I.S.A. to have Astrophilately aboard and proposed to do something around the 50th Anniversary of the First Moon Landing.
- Johannes Palmer (Zeppelin) asks if an ARGE (Arbeits Gemeinschaft) can become a member of F.I.S.A. This has to be determinate according to the Statutes.
14. ***Closing of the Congress***
At 11:50 the Congress was closed, and all Delegates and Board Members were invited to the F.I.S.A. lunch.

Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Waver, June 7th 2019

Stefan Bruylants
Secretary General
Belgium

Wolfgang Porges
President
Germany