

REPORT on XLIIst FISA CONGRESS and GENERAL ASSEMBLY

held on Saturday, June 4th 2005 at HCC/Hannover Congress Center

on occasion of 'NAPOSTA 05'

Mr. Rainer Lütgens, Leader of the O.C. of 'Naposta 05', expressed a cordial welcome to the delegates, guests and F.I.S.A. Board. Wished them a successful Congress and General Assembly and a pleasant visit to the exhibition.

Kuno Sollors (D), President of F.I.S.A. welcomed the delegates and guests present. He read out the greetings and good wishes received from : Richard Malott/Can-President Canadian Aerophilatelic Society, Jürgen Dierauer/CH-President GWP/Gesellschaft Weltall Philatelisten, Dr. Peter Moëller/D - President EAPC/Eur. Aero Philatelisten Club, Günther Lachmann/D-DAPC/Deutsche Aeroph. Club, John Bodnar/Aus-President Australian Air Mail Soc., Roland F. Kohl/CH - Hon. President FISA, Fernando Aranaz/E-FIP Director, Götz Schneider/D-Secretary FIP AirCom.

He excused the Board Members Tom Frommer/Aus, Hugo Goeggel/Col, Alex S. Newall/UK, Patron of F.I.S.A., who extended their best wishes and greetings to the delegates and guests attending the Congress.

The President informed the audience of the illness of Alex S. Newall/UK and Kurt Dahmann/D, Honorary Member of F.I.S.A. On behalf of the Board he expressed his thanks to Tony A. Roth/CH, for his 24 years of service to F.I.S.A. and aero-/astrophilately.

Board Members present : Vice-Presidents Stephen Reinhard/USA and Dr. Stefan Bruylants/B, Treasurer Hans Mierl/A, Secretary General Jackie Lauwers-Bekaert/B, Directors Gérard Collot/F, MUDr Bedrich Helm/Cz.R and Dr. Romano Savini/I.

Kuno Sollors informed the audience of the election in the F.I.P. AirCom at Singapore 04 of Stephen Reinhard/USA as President of FIP AirCom, MUDr. Bedrich Helm/CzR. as Bureau Members. Götz Schneider/D was re-elected as Secretary.

GRANTING OF AWARDS

The **GOLDEN F.I.S.A. MEDAL 2005** was awarded to **Günther LACHMANN/D** for his lifetime service and devotion to Aerophilately.

LITERATURE :

A **SILVER MEDAL 2005** was awarded to **Richard SAUNDRY/UK** for his journal 'Airmail News' and to **David Y LU/China** for his book 'Chinese Airmails and their Forgeries'.

The **BRONZE MEDAL 2005** was awarded to **Horst TEICHMANN/D** for his book 'Die Sehnsucht zu Fliegen'.

A **GOLDEN FISA PIN** was given to Board Member **Gérard COLLOT/F**.

All received applause from the audience.

A donation of € 300 was granted to W.Heere, President of 'De Vliegende Hollander' in supporting the publication of the book 'Bridging the Continents in Wartime' by **Hans A. AITINK** and **Egbert HOVENKAMP/NL**.

Furthermore € 300 were granted as patronage to the O.C. of 'Aerospace 04', a national exhibition with international participation, held at Vysoké Myto, Czech Rep.

Derrick Pillage/UK, President of the AAMS/American Air Mail Society informed the audience of the honour by election to the **Aerophilatelic Hall of Fame** of **Kuno SOLLORS/D**, President of F.I.S.A. and **Donald B. HOLMES/F**, for years of dedicated service and contribution to aerophilately. Their names are inscribed on the AHF plaque at the headquarters of the American Philatelic Society in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, USA.

The Honouring Ceremony was followed by the **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- 1/ The proposed AGENDA was accepted.
- 2/ MM Peter BEER/CH and Reiner STIMM/D volunteered as Tellers, as well as internal auditors, and were confirmed as such.
- 3/ The Minutes of the previous General Assembly (Tucson/Az-2003) was accepted as published in FISA Bulletin n° 123.
- 4/ The Secretary General's Annual Reports of 2002 and 2003, published resp. in FISA Bulletins n° 123 & 125, were approved and accepted.
- 5/ Election of Members of the Directorate (for a two-year term).
Vice-Presidents Stephen REINHARD/USA and Treasurer Hans MIERL/A, who both served ad interim, agreed to serve another term, as well as all other Board Members. All were re-elected.
- 6/ Treasurer Hans MIERL thanked the Delegates for their confidence in his election. He assured he will look after the FISA finances in the same way as former Treasurer Tony Roth, from which he received the accountancy in good order.
He informed the audience on the balance of 2004 showing a loss of € 389.42 mainly due to the high expenses of the FISA Bulletin.
He requested the Delegates to transfer the yearly FISA due in Euro or to send a cheque in Euro; other currencies result in heavy bankcosts.
The internal auditor, Mr. Reiner Stimm/D, agreed to the balance provided by Treasurer Hans Mierl and no discrepancies having been found, he proposed to discharge Treasurer and FISA Board.
Unanimously accepted by the Delegates.
- 7/ Admittance of New Members - No applications were received.
- 8/ Yearly subscription dues - Unchanged (see Report 41st Congress, Tucson/Az).
- 9/ Discussion of motions and appeals - None received
- 10/ Granting of Patronage or Auspices to exhibitions - None received up till now.
- 11/ Fixing of time and place of next General Assembly - Most probably in Pennsylvania/USA, to be confirmed. (see below under Communications)
- 12/ Communications :
 - Website FISA was updated by Vice-President, Dr. Stefan Bruylants/B. Copies for perusal were distributed and explained to the audience.
 - Mr. Wybo Heere, President of 'De Vliegende Hollander' informed on the '44th Day of Aerophilately' to be held beginning November 2005 (probably 5th Nov) at Utrecht/NL. An exhibition will be organised by 'De Vliegende Hollander' in 2006.
 - Delegate Reiner Stimm/D informed on a special cover issued for a Tsunami flight from Bangkok to Phuket. Cover available at € 5.
 - FISA Vice-President, Stephen Reinhard/USA, informed on a national exhibition for all classes to be organised at CHICAGO, 18-20 November 2005. At the same time the Annual Meeting of AAMS will take place.
 - In 2006 the Annual Meeting of AAMS will be held on occasion of the F.I.P. Int. Exhibition 'WASHINGTON 06' (exhibition dates 27th May – 3rd June 2006).
 - He informed the audience of the creation of a holding 'World Airmail Research Center' which will be opened in PENNSYLVANIA in the fall of 2007. On this occasion a national Airmail exhibition

with international participation will be organised in the exhibition hall and F.I.S.A. is invited for their Congress and General Assembly.

No further communications having been received, the Congress and General Assembly were adjourned at 11 AM.

The President thanked all participants.

The General Assembly was followed by a F.I.S.A. luncheon at 'Parkrestaurant' in the HCC.

KS / JB, July 2005