



48th Congress & General Meeting

Gasthaus Goldener Hirsch, Hirtenberg, Austria

October 7th 2017

Attending : Peter Beer, Stefan Bruylants, Julius Cacka, Jürgen Esders, Bedrich Helm, Frank Hindenburg, Walter Hopferwieser, Ernst Leu, György Lövei, Miri Matejka, Dominique Petit, Wolfgang Porges, Reiner Stimm, Patrick Walters.

Excused : Hans Mierl, Richard Saundry, Romano Savini

At 10h30 President Wolfgang Porges opened the 48th Congress & General Meeting of the Fédération Internationale des Sociétés Aéro- et Astrophilatéliques. He thanked the attending board and delegates to be here for this silly hobby that makes such a great part in our life. He also thanked the Organizing Committee of ÖVEBRIA 2017 and especially Mr. Richard Winkler for their hospitality at this Rang I National Exhibition in Austria.

1. ***Acceptance of the Agenda***

Add in 6. : Resignation of the Board of Directors and re-election of the new Board.

2. ***Election of Tellers***

Dr. György Lövei and Miri Matejka were asked for Tellers

3. ***Report and Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous General Assembly***

No remarks received, the report of London 2015 was accepted unanimously.

4. ***Report and Acceptance of the Annual Reports 2015 & 2016***

- President Wolfgang Porges read his report on both years:

2015 London: FISA had one big mission : new website and forum
- in spring 2017 the website was online
- the forum is available, but used poorly

2016 Lucerne: Board meeting with six board members and for the first time also four representatives of other organisations, with great input.

2016: Aerophilatelic seminars by Ross Wood in Singapore, New York and Taipei. Besides these activities, Ross Wood represented FISA in FIP Aerophilately and Charles Bromser in FIP Astrophilately.

- In London 2015 it was decided to accept the invitation by David Lu to have Congress in Qingdao, but due to a lack of interests, we wouldn't reach the quorum to have a legal congress.

So new locations for the congress were 'S Hertogenbosch /NL or Hirtenberg /A.

Since we didn't get a proper answer from Holland and we had an invitation from ÖVEBRIA we decided to go to Hirtenberg.

5. **Report and Acceptance of internal audited Treasurer's Reports 2015 & 2016**
 F.I.S.A. Treasurer Peter Beer brings the financial results of 2015 and 2016 (see attachment). Since a lot of our members pay for two years at once, 2015 has more income than 2016.
 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 .
 The Congress re-elected the Board of F.I.S.A. with the following changes:
- Resignation of Hans Mierl /A , Derrick Pillage /USA and Richard Saundry /GB.
 - New elected Board members (see the full new board on the website):
 - **Patrick Walters /USA** with long-time experience in aerophilately and the first and very good choice from Jim Graue.
 - **Dr. György Lövei /H** with long-time experience in aerophilately, national jury and FEPA apprentice.
- The Congress re-elected Reiner Stimm and Johannes Palmer as Auditor.
7. **Admission and/or Exclusion of Members**
 F.I.S.A. is proud to announce the admission of two new societies :
- **Weltraum Philatelie e.V.** is the astrophilatellic society in Germany lead by his President Mr. Jürgen-Peter Esders. The society publishes 4 "Mitteilungsblatt" per year with a lot of information, such as space news, Astrophilately and new space stamps.
 - **Aerofil** is the aerophilatellic society in Belgium with President Alexander Goeminne and a very active Secretary and international exhibitor and jury member Mr. Filip Van der Haegen. The society publishes a bimonthly magazine "Aërofil".
8. **Determination of Annual Fees**
 The Congress decided to make no changes in the Annual Fee to F.I.S.A.
 The Annual Fee remains unchanged.
9. **Handling of Proposals and Appeals**
 None
10. **Granting of Awards**
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| * | Bronze FISA Medal to | Manfred Köckritz /D
<i>"Die Flugpost Österreichs ab 1945"</i> |
| * | Silver FISA Medal to | Julius Cacka /CZ
<i>for his career in astrophilately</i> |
| * | Silver FISA Medal to | Hans-Joachim Düsterwald /D
<i>"Luftpost Danzig"</i> |
| * | Golden FISA Medal to | Alain Cornu /F
<i>for his multiple books on French Aerophilately</i> |
| * | Golden FISA Medal to | Walter Hopferwieser /A
<i>"Pionieraketenpost und Kosmische Post"</i> |

