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EDITORIAL

In your hands a new edition of FLASH - the first of 2026, a year marking the centenary of FIP's founding.

In this issue, you will find reports on the three FIP exhibitions held so far during this special year: Dubai 2026, Boston 2026, and Macau 2026. We have celebrated the FIP Centenary in various ways at each of these events, and we will conclude the centenary year this coming November with PhilaTaipei 2026.

Among the FIP Centenary celebrations, a special mention must be made regarding the invitation to the FIP Board from the Fédération Française des Associations Philatéliques (FFAP) to visit Paris last June—coinciding with the time, 100 years ago, when the FIP was founded. Board members remembered the event by standing in front of the building where the Federation's founding act was signed. This issue features an extensive report on this event, including images highlighting the hospitality shown by FFAP representatives. We extend our gratitude to their president, Mr. Philippe Lesage, and to Bernard Jimenez, a former member of the FIP Board of Directors.

The 78th FIP Congress, held in Macau on July 1st, is covered in a separate report, highlighting also the centenary celebration that took place at the conclusion of the Congress.

As always, in addition to exhibition reports, you will find summaries of key points from FIP Board of Directors meetings, as well as recognitions awarded to our jurors for their distinguished service.

We hope you enjoy this new edition. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Aldo Samamé y Samamé / Peter Suhadolc
FLASH Co-Editors

EDITORIAL

Una nueva edición de Flash en sus manos, la primera de este año 2026 que celebra el Centenario de la fundación de la FIP.

En este número encontrarán las crónicas de las tres exposiciones FIP realizadas hasta ahora en este año tan especial; Dubai 2026, Boston 2026 y Macao 2026. En todas ellas hemos celebrado de alguna manera el Centenario FIP y cerraremos el año del Centenario en noviembre próximo con PhilaTaipei 2026.

Dentro de las celebraciones por el Centenario FIP una mención especial debe hacerse a la invitación al Consejo Directivo FIP por parte de la Fédération Française de Associations Philatéliques -FFAP-, para visitar París en junio pasado en el mismo período donde, hace 100 años, se fundó la FIP. Los miembros del Consejo Directivo conmemoraron el acontecimiento situándose frente al edificio donde se firmó el acta fundacional de la Federación. En este número encontrarán un extenso reporte sobre esta actividad con imágenes que resaltan las atenciones hechas por los representantes de la FFAP. Nuestro agradecimiento a su presidente, Mr. Philippe Lesage, y a Bernard Jimenez, exmiembro del Consejo Directivo FIP.

El 78º Congreso FIP, celebrado en Macao el 01 de Julio pasado, tiene una crónica aparte, donde también destacamos la celebración del Centenario hecha al final del Congreso.

Como siempre, además de las crónicas de las exposiciones, encontrarán el resumen de los puntos destacados todas las reuniones del Consejo Directivo FIP, así como los reconocimientos otorgados a nuestros Jurados por su trayectoria.

Esperamos que esta nueva edición sea de su agrado; como siempre sus abiertos a sus comentarios y sugerencias.

Aldo Samamé y Samamé / Peter Suhadolc
Co-editores FLASH

The President's Page

2026 is an Auspicious year to celebrate the FIP 100th Anniversary. There are four FIP Patronage Exhibitions - DUBAI 2026, during February 4-8; BOSTON 2026 during May 23-30; MACAO 2026 during June 26 - July 1 and PHILATAIPEI 2026 to be held from November 20-25.

DUBAI 2026 was the first FIP Exhibition with more than 70 Members participating and was also the first FIP Exhibition to celebrate the FIP Centennial. The Exhibition was successfully held at Dubai World Trade Centre at the heart of Dubai's Business district. The visitors enjoyed the city and high standards of exhibits shown.

Congratulations to the Winners of the Grand Awards in DUBAI 2026:
Tarik Alizera (Turkey) for winning Grand Prix International;
Abdulla M T Khoory (U.A.E.) for winning Grand Prix National

BOSTON 2026 was also held successfully at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center with more than 3,700 frames including the First Day Cover Experimental Class as an FIP experimental class.

Congratulations to the Winners of the Grand Awards in BOSTON 2026:
Dr Alfred Schmidt (Germany) for winning World Stamp Championship;
David L. Hobden (Canada) for winning Grand Prix International;
Vernon R. Morris Jr (U.S.A.) for winning Grand Prix National

MACAO 2026 Exhibition was successfully held at the Venetian Macao, Cotai Expo Hall A. The 78th FIP Congress will be held in conjunction with MACAO 2026 and the launching of the FIP Centennial book.

Congratulations to the Winners of the Grand Awards in MACAO 2026:
Dr Yau Khai Weng (Singapore) for winning Grand Prix International;
Ding Jing Song (China) for winning Grand Prix National

In the 78th Congress in Macao, the Board had submitted a motion on the GREV updates to encompass philatelic exhibit that include non-philatelic materials. In consideration of the various feedback on the proposed GREV changes, the Board had decided to withdraw the motion and will revise to make it simpler.

The last FIP Exhibition to celebrate the FIP Centennial will be PHILATAIPEI 2026 this November, held at the Taipei WTC Hall 1. I believe that all the visitors will enjoy the warm hospitality and numerous cultural attractions.

We look forward to seeing all philatelists and visitors at PHILATAIPEI 2026 and FIP Sponsorship Exhibitions which we believe that they will be remembered fondly for many years to come.

We appreciate your comments, suggestions and feedback on how to promote our beloved hobby.

With Best Wishes,

Prakob Chirakiti
on behalf of the FIP Board of Directors

En el año 2026 estamos celebrando el centenario de la FIP. Tenemos cuatro exposiciones con Patrocinio FIP, DUBAI 2026, del 4 al 8 de febrero; BOSTON 2026, del 23 al 30 de mayo; MACAO 2026, del 26 de junio al 1 de julio, y PHILATAIPEI 2026 que se celebrará del 20 al 25 de noviembre.

DUBAI 2026 fue la primera Exposición FIP con la participación de más de 70 miembros y también la primera en celebrar el centenario de la FIP. La exposición se llevó a cabo con éxito en el Dubai World Trade Centre, en el corazón del distrito financiero de Dubái. Los visitantes disfrutaron de la ciudad y del alto nivel de las participaciones presentadas.

Felicitaciones a los ganadores de los Grandes Premios en Dubái 2026:
Tarik Alizera (Turquía) por ganar el Gran Premio Internacional;
Abdulla MT Khoory (EAU) por ganar el Gran Premio Nacional

BOSTON 2026 también se celebró con éxito en el Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones de Boston, con más de 3.700 marcos, incluida la Clase Experimental de Sobres de Primer Día como clase experimental FIP.
Felicitaciones a los ganadores de los Grandes Premios en BOSTON 2026:

Dr. Alfred Schmidt (Alemania) por ganar el Campeonato Mundial de Filatelia;
David L. Hobden (Canadá) por ganar el Gran Premio Internacional;
Vernon R. Morris Jr. (EE. UU.) por ganar el Gran Premio Nacional

La Exposición MACAO 2026 se celebró exitosamente en el Venetian Macao, Cotai Expo Hall A. El 78º Congreso FIP se realizó conjuntamente con MACAO 2026, además de la presentación del libro del Centenario FIP para conmemorar esta celebración.

Felicitaciones a los ganadores de los Grandes Premios en MACAO 2026:
Dr. Yau Khai Weng (Singapur) por ganar el Gran Premio Internacional;
Ding Jing Song (China) por ganar el Gran Premio Nacional

En el 78º Congreso FIP celebrado en Macao, la Consejo Directivo presentó una moción con las actualizaciones del GREV para incluir participaciones filatélicas que también incluyeran materiales no filatélicos. Considerando los diversos comentarios a los cambios propuestos al GREV, el Consejo Directivo decidió retirar esa moción, y será revisada para hacerla más simple.

La última Exposición FIP que celebrará el Centenario FIP será PHILATAIPEI 2026 este noviembre, se llevará a cabo en el Pabellón 1 del WTC de Taipéi. Creo que todos los visitantes disfrutarán de la cálida hospitalidad y numerosas atracciones culturales.

Esperamos ver a todos los filatelistas y visitantes en PHILATAIPEI 2026 y en las futuras Exposición con Patrocinio FIP, que creemos que serán recordadas con cariño durante muchos años.

Agradecemos sus comentarios, sugerencias y opiniones sobre cómo promover nuestra querida afición.

Con mis mejores deseos,

Prakob Chirakiti
en nombre del Consejo de Administración de la FIP

Highlights of the 192nd FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 14 January 2026

EXHIBITIONS

DUBAI 2026

President Chirakiti who was also Consultant for the exhibition updated that the exhibition was in final stage of the preparation. The Organising Committee would provide the zoom facilities for the FDC seminar. He also went through the agenda of the FIP Board meeting with the Commissions on 7 February to be held in Dubai at 10am.

BOSTON 2026

Director Macedo presented a proposed updated list of International Jury team selected based on the rules and frames submission by the Member Federations for discussion with the Board members.

MACAO 2026

Director Khoory updated that the FIP was now checking the exhibits submission and there were a total of 81 jurors nominated by the Member Federations.

PHILATAIPEI 2026

President Chirakiti reported that official website was now live.

78th FIP CONGRESS

The Secretary General updated that the nominations to the Board received were:

PRESIDENT – 1 CANDIDATE
- DR PRAKOB CHIRAKITI, THAILAND

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR ASIA – 1 CANDIDATE
- MR RICHARD TAN, SINGAPORE

DIRECTOR FOR ASIA - 1 CANDIDATE
- MR ABDULLA KHOORY, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

FIP CENTENARY

The Secretary General presented the letter from Fédération Française des Associations Philatéliques on their proposal to celebrate the Centenary of FIP. The Board members approved a maximum grant support of 8,000 USD for their efforts.

FIP SPONSORSHIP

The following official requests from the FIP members had been received the Board approved the 5,000 USD FIP Sponsorship for each of the exhibitions:

201 Years BOLIVIA 2026 Exhibition August 17 to 22, 2026 – by the Federación Filatelica Boliviana
5 NATIONS 2026, 24 to 27 September 2026 – by the Philatelic Society of Malaysia

As the FIP sponsorship for Europe was already given to Serbia for **SRBIJAFILA XVI** which would be held in Belgrade from 7 to 11 October 2026.

The Board still approved a 50% support of 2,500 USD for Europe's second request from Bulgaria for **BALKANFILA XXI-PERNIK 2026, Apr 29 – May 2, 2026.**

Highlights of the 193rd FIP Board of Directors on 8 and 9 February 2026 in Dubai, UAE

EXHIBITIONS

DUBAI 2026

FIP Consultant thanked the Board members for the support and the exhibition was successfully held. Despite the unforeseen damage of 100 frames during transportation to the exhibition site, the Organising Committee managed to solve the issue and all exhibits were mounted on display by the second day of the exhibition.

The Board approved the following jury apprentices, cross-accreditation jurors and apprentice team leaders after the review of their respective evaluation forms and discussion with the FIP Board members who interviewed them:

Approved Apprentices:

Name	Country	Class
Omar Mohammad	UAE	Traditional Philately
Nader Saad Abdulwahab	Iraq	Postal History
Vladimir Milić	Serbia	Traditional Philately
Mohammad Monirul Islam	Bangladesh	Postal Stationery

Approved Cross-Accreditation Jurors:

Name	Country	Class
Valentin Levandovsky	Russia	Literature
Roger Tan	Singapore	Picture Postcards

Approved Apprentice Team Leaders:

Name	Country	Class
Ed Kroft,	Canada	Postal History
Phairot Jiraprasertkun	Thailand	Thematic

BOSTON 2026

Director Macedo reported that the OC had sent out all the invitations to all the jurors in the International Jury team. Unfortunately, four had declined and the proposed replacement jurors were discussed and proposed by the Board.

MACAO 2026

Director Khoory had a zoom meeting with the Organising Committee and President Chirakiti to finalise the accepted exhibits and to work out the International Jury team, which had been circulated to the Board.

PHILATAIPEI 2026

President Chirakiti updated that as at the date of meeting there will be more than 60 countries participating in the exhibition.

SLOVPHILEX 2027

Vice-President Nathaniel updated that nomination of Jurors and appointments of National Commissioners were currently being received and the FEPA Congress shall also be hosted during the exhibition.

PRAGA 2028

Vice-President Nathaniel had signed the agreement for the exhibition in Dubai with the Organising Committee and the official approval shall be requested for during the 78th FIP Congress.

Signing of agreement for PRAGA 2028 in Dubai on 7 February 2026 by Jiří Kraus and FIP Vice-President Yigal Nathaniel.

Highlights of the 194th Conference Meeting of the FIP Board of Directors on 10 March 2026

EXHIBITIONS

BOSTON 2026

Director Macedo finalised with the Board on the apprentices for the international jury team, as well as the exhibition timetable.

MACAO 2026

President Chirakiti shall make a final site visit on behalf of Director Khoory to finalise the exhibition details and FIP Congress arrangements with the Organising Committee.

SLOVPHILEX 2027

Vice-President Nathaniel updated that the exhibits submission deadline had been extended to April 2026.

IBRA 2028

Director Suhadolc had prepared the final draft agreement and the exhibition would have to be a 6-day event if the 79th FIP Congress was to be held there.

EFIRO 2029

The Board members approved the provisional Patronage for the exhibition and Vice-President Nathaniel would be the FIP Consultant for the exhibition.

GREAT BRITAIN 2030

The Board members approved the provisional Patronage for the exhibition and Director Suhadolc would be the FIP Consultant for the exhibition, should the exhibition wish to host the 80th FIP Congress, it would have to be a 6-day exhibition.

MEDAL FOR EXCEPTIONAL JURY SERVICE

The Board approved the following jurors nominated by his Federation to be awarded the FIP Medal for exceptional Jury service:

- Peter Suhadolc (Slovenia)

Highlights of the 195th Conference Meeting of the FIP Board of Directors on 14 April 2026

EXHIBITIONS

BOSTON 2026

The following FIP Qualifying Seminars were submitted by the Commissions and approved by the FIP Board to be held at the exhibition:

Postal Stationery Qualifying Seminar
Speakers: Ian McMahon, Sam Chiu & Ross Towle

Open Philately Qualifying Seminar
Speakers: Birthe King and Liz Hisey

Revenue Qualifying Seminar
Speakers: Ralph Ebner, Heinz Junge, Ron Lesher and Darryl Fuller

PHILATAIPEI 2026

FIP Consultant Chirakiti reported that 68 countries had nominated Commissioners however not all had sent in the exhibit applications. He hopes the Board members could encourage the continental members to support this last exhibition for 2026.

SLOVPHILEX 2027

Vice-President Nathaniel updated that the Organising Committee was finalizing the contract with the official hotel. The only issue was only 49 countries participating as of now and the submission deadline was supposed to be 16 April 2026. He had asked the OC to extend the deadline.

PRAGA 2028

Vice-President Nathaniel reported that he Organising Committee was preparing the application forms and had already signed the contract with the official hotel to book 150 rooms for the National Commissioner and Jurors.

IBRA 2028

Director Suhadolc had signed the final contract with the German Federation in person during Alpe Adria 2028 in Poreč, Croatia on 11 April 2026.

Signing of agreement for IBRA 2028 by Alfred Schmidt, President of Bund Deutscher Philatelisten E.V; FIP Director Peter Suhadolc and Frank Blechschmidt, Commissioner General for the exhibition.

Highlights of the 196th FIP Board of Directors Conference Meeting on 5 May 2026

EXHIBITIONS

BOSTON 2026

Director Macedo reported that the exhibition was in the final stages of preparations.

IBRA 2028

Director Suhadolc updated that the website www.ibra2028.com was ready.

FIP COMMISSIONS

CONFERENCE MEETINGS

The Secretary General reported that as the conference meetings for Fight Against Forgeries and Picture Postcards were not called for by the Commissions, the meetings would not be able to be held officially in Macao.

President Chirakiti commented that the Fight Against Forgeries Commission was very important and the expert group in every exhibition were involved in difficult but crucial work for identifying questionable items in the FIP records.

COMMISSIONS' GUIDELINES UPDATES

In view of a few queries by the Commissions and new delegates being nominated by Member Federations, the following additional clarifications to the Commissions Guidelines Article 13.3 in blue was discussed and approved by the FIP Board:

13.3 A F.I.P.-Member, not having nominated a regular delegate to a Commission / Section before the request for nominations for Chairman, Secretary and members of Bureau has been issued, may not appoint a delegate solely for the purpose of voting in the election.	*13.3 A FIP-Member, not having nominated a regular delegate to a Commission/Section before the request for nominations for Chairman, Secretary and members of Bureau has been issued, may not appoint a delegate solely for the purpose of voting in the election.* *If the FIP Member has only replaced with a new person the existing regular delegate, the new delegate can vote in the election, but he cannot stand for election if he was replaced after the request for nominations has been issued.*

FIP CENTENARY BOOK

The Secretary General circulated the final draft of the book for the Board's perusal and final comments.

Highlights of the 197th FIP Board of Directors Meeting on 29 May 2026 at MCEC, Boston USA

EXHIBITIONS

BOSTON 2026

The Board approved the following jury apprentices, apprentice team leaders and apprentice Jury Secretary after the review of their respective evaluation forms and discussion with the FIP Board members who interviewed them:

Approved Apprentices:

Name	Country	Class
Behruz Nassre-Esfahani	USA	Postal Stationery
Jan Hofmyer	Canada	Traditional Philately
Ion Chirescu	Romania	Traditional Philately
Paul Wijnant	Luxembourg	Postal History

Approved Apprentice Team Leaders:

Name	Country	Class
Reinaldo Macedo	Brazil	Postal Stationery
Mark Banchik	USA	Postal History
Darrell Ertzberger	USA	Thematic
Akthem Al Manaseer	USA	Traditional Philately

Approved Apprentice Jury Secretary:

Name	Country
Ross Towle	USA

REGULATIONS

PROPOSED GREV UPDATES

The Board called for a meeting with the Revenues Commission Bureau attended by Ralph Ebner, Darryl Fuller, Heinz Junge, Károly Szűcs and Jiří Černý (upcoming new Bureau Member) to discuss on the GREV updates.

The Commission wanted to understand motivation of amending the GREV and they expressed that Revenue should be considered as "philatelic".

Director Suhadolc addressed on behalf of the Board that the rationale was just to make clear postal philatelic and all other classes that have both postal and non-postal use, which, from the Board's perspective, fiscal was considered non-postal.

The FIP Board proposed another solution which were separate articles 4.3 and 5.3 of the GREV for "Revenues" for their consideration. The Bureau accepted the proposal.

Highlights of the 198th FIP Board of Directors Meeting on 12 June 2026 at Mercure Paris Porte de Versailles Hotel, France

EXHIBITIONS

MACAU 2026

President Chirakiti presented on behalf of FIP Consultant Director Khoory that the exhibition was in its final preparations and he reminded that the OC had circulated the instructions on the free internal transfer for any delegates arriving via Hong Kong airport. The hospitality team will welcome the delegates at the Macao Immigrations at HZMB port and at the Macao airport.

FIP CONGRESS

The Board discussed on the details of the flow of the Congress agenda, procedures of the Commissions' Elections, as well as the FIP Centenary Reception. Certificates of Appreciation shall be printed specially for the following immediate past Chairmen who had completed two terms in their respective Commissions and to be presented to them during the Congress:

- Geoffrey Kellow, Australia (Fight Against Forgeries)
- Charles Bromser, Australia (Astrophilately)
- Ralph Ebner, Germany (Revenues)

FIP SPONSORSHIP

Vice-President Samamé presented the request for FIP Sponsorship of USD 5,000 by Federación de Entitades Filatelicas de Costa Rica to the Board on an upcoming regional exhibition FILATICA 2027 Exhibition to be held in San José, Costa Rica, from 21-25 September 2027. The Federation had requested for Vice-President Samamé to be the appointed FIP representative. The Board members approved the request unanimously.

Highlights of the 199th FIP Board of Directors Meeting on 28 June 2026 at Venetian Convention Centre, Macao

EXHIBITIONS

MACAU 2026

The Board members commented on the feedback they received from jurors, Commissioners and stakeholders and the hospitality, facilities and arrangements were all very well done considering it was a first FIP exhibition held in Macao.

COMMISSIONS' CONFERENCE MEETINGS

The Secretary General updated on the delegates attending the respective Conference Meetings the following day. Regarding the absence of the nominated Secretary Boštjan Petauer of Maximaphily Commission, in view of his health condition which did not permit him to travel, the Board members agreed that the Commission can proceed with his election, as an exceptional case.

FIP CONGRESS

In view of the last minute feedback received from Members on the proposed Motion by the FIP Board to update the GREV and new proposals within the Board on how to simplify the GREV updates, it was agreed that the Motion shall be withdrawn during the Congress and the Board to work on it again subsequently.

JURY MATTERS

Director Suhadolc reminded that in September, he shall arrange with Lars Engelbrecht a trial zoom training with the Board, which was meant to replace FIP Qualifying Seminars as one of the key criteria for future Jury apprenticeship.

Highlights of the 200th FIP Board of Directors Meeting on 29 June 2026 at Venetian Convention Centre, Macao

COMMISSIONS' CONFERENCE MEETINGS

The respective Board members reported on the results of the respective Commissions' Elections. All the Commissions met the required quorum and the new Chairman of each Commission shall be announced during the 78th FIP Congress 1 July 2026 for official confirmation.

Highlights of the 201st FIP Board of Directors Meeting on 1 July 2026 at Venetian Convention Centre, Macao

EXHIBITIONS

MACAU 2026

The Board members approved the following jury apprentices, cross-accreditation jurors, apprentice team leaders and apprentice Jury Secretary:

Approved Apprentices:

Name	Country	Class
Igor Ryss	Russia	Postal History
Hui Xiao, Huo	Macau	Postal Stationery

Approved Cross-Accreditation Juror:

Name	Country	Class
Neil Cronje	South Africa	Postal Stationery

COMMISSIONS

As no Conference Meetings were held for Fight against Forgeries and Picture Postcards Commissions it was approved by the Board that the current respective Board member in charge of each Commission shall be the co-chair of the Working Group and to propose the other co-chairman, secretary and working group members, taking into consideration the original nominations to the election of the Bureau, for the Board's approval as soon as possible.

FIP CENTENARY BOOK

The Secretary General shall arrange for the balance books meant for Members who were not present in Macao to hand to them in PHILATAIPEI 2026. The Board members had received enquiries from some Members and philatelists if the FIP Centenary book could be purchased. The Secretary General shall put up the announcement on the FIP website on the sale of the limited number of balance books for interested parties to get in touch with her.

FIP Medals for Exceptional Jury Service

During DUBAI 2026, FIP awarded the FIP Medal of Appreciation for Exceptional Jury Service to three outstanding FIP jurors.

The first recipient was FIP Past President Mr Bernie Beston from Australia.

Bernie had served in FIP exhibitions as FIP juror for more than 20 times from 1984 to 2022 as accredited FIP juror in the Postal Stationery, Thematic, Maximaphily and Revenue classes. He had also served as Team leader multiple times in FIP exhibitions.

Bernie was in charge of the FIP Jury Academy project since 2018 and this very important initiative has trained most FIP jurors until today to become Jury Fellows. Bernie was also the FIP Consultant for the INDONESIA 2012, New York 2016 and Cape Town 2022 FIP World Stamp Exhibitions.

The second recipient was Javaid Muhammad from UAE, who had served in FIP exhibitions as FIP juror for more than 14 times since 2015 to 2026 as accredited FIP juror in the Postal Stationery, Traditional, Youth and Literature classes. He had also served as Team leader multiple times in FIP exhibitions. He was also the Jury Secretary of the DUBAI 2026 and BOSTON 2026 International Jury team; as well as Chairman of the Literature Commission.

The third recipient was Turgut Turhan from Turkey. Mr Turhan had served in FIP exhibitions as FIP juror for more than 12 times since 2008 to 2024 as accredited FIP juror in the Postal History class. He had also served as Team leader multiple times in FIP exhibitions. Unfortunately, as he was not present in Dubai, Prof. Atadan Tunaci, the National Commissioner from Turkey, receive the medal on his behalf.

f.l. FIP Vice-President Tan; Javaid Muhammad (UAE); FIP Past President Bernie Beston (Australia); Prof Tunaci collecting on behalf of Turgut Turhan (Turkey); FIP President Chirakiti; FIP Director Khoory.

The fourth recipient was FIP Director Peter Suhadolc from Slovenia who received his medal during BOSTON 2026.

Peter had served in FIP exhibitions as FIP juror for 14 times since 2009 until Boston 2026 as accredited FIP juror in the Thematic and Postal Stationery classes. He served as Team Leader many times in FIP exhibitions for Thematic Class.

Peter Suhadolc (middle) receiving his medal from FIP President Chirakiti (left) & FIP Consultant for BOSTON 2026 Director Macedo (right) Photo courtesy of Carlos Vergara.

Peter was one of the first trainers for the FIP Jury Academy project since 2018 and he has since conducted at least five Jury Academy Classes and also helped the FIP to train new trainers. He is also the FIP Consultant for the upcoming BELGRADE 2027 and IBRA 2028 FIP World Stamp Exhibitions.

At the 78th FIP Congress, the FIP presented the fifth FIP Medal of Appreciation for Exceptional Jury Service for year 2026 to Mr Tan Chee Hui from Malaysia.

Tan Chee Hui (third from left) receiving his medal from Director Khoory, FIP Consultant for MACAO 2026 (second from left).

Chee Hui had served in FIP exhibitions as FIP juror for 15 times since 2007 to 2026 in the Traditional, Youth and Postal History classes. He had also served as Team leader in a many FIP exhibitions. Congratulations to all the medal recipients!

Highlights of the 78th FIP Congress & FIP Centenary Celebration held at Venetian Hotel in Macau on 1 July 2026

The 78th FIP Congress was held on the morning of 1 July 2026, at the Venetian Convention Centre, in conjunction with the MACAO 2026 Specialised World Stamp Exhibition.

FIP President Chirakiti invited Vice-Chairman Ms Louisa Ip of MACAO 2026 Organising Committee to say a few words, before welcoming all delegates for attending the Congress. On behalf of the Congress and the FIP Board, he thanked the MACAO 2026 Organising Committee for all their kind arrangements for the Congress.

Welcome speech by Ms Louisa Ip Vice-Chairman of MACAO 2026 (foreground, right).

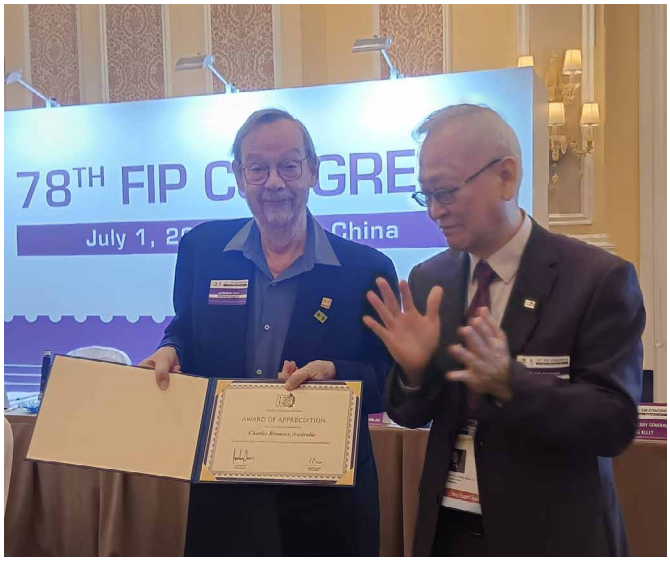
The roll call was conducted by the Secretary General and there was a total of 48 voting delegates present in person with another 15 votes by proxy. Hence the total number of valid votes was 63.

The Congress approved by show of green cards the minutes of the 77th FIP Congress; the report on the activities of the FIP Board of Directors; the Financial reports and auditor's reports for 2024 and 2025; the appointment of BDO as the external auditor for FIP from 2027-2028, as well as the activities of the 13 FIP Philatelic Commissions.

The newly elected Chairmen for the Commissions on 29 June 2026, were introduced to and confirmed by the Congress. The FIP Certificates of Appreciation were specially presented to Charles Bromser, immediate past Chairman for the Astrophilately Commission and Ralph Ebner, immediate past Chairman for Revenues Commission, for their service for two consecutive terms for their position. As Geoffrey Kellow (Australia), immediate past Chairman for Fight Against Forgeries Commission was not present in Macao, his Certificate of Appreciation was handed over to the Australian Federation.

The positions for FIP President, Vice-President and Director for Asia for years 2026 – 2030 had only one candidate each. All the candidates were elected with the majority of votes:

President	Prakob Chirakiti, Thailand
Vice-President for Asia	Tan Eng Chuan Richard, Singapore
Director for Asia	Abdulla Khoory, UAE



The FIP Certificates of Appreciation being presented to Ralph Ebner by Director Khoory and Charles Bromser by Vice-President Tan.

The FIP Board approved the following proposed GREX change on Article 30.4 during the Conference Board meeting on December 9, 2025 and introduced a Bylaw on the changes made to allow the Exhibition Managements more flexibility in selecting jurors. The 78th Congress ratified and approved the change.

BYLAW: UPDATES TO THE GENERAL REGULATIONS OF FIP FOR FIP EXHIBITIONS (GREX)

Existing	Updates	Reasons
30.4 The Exhibition Management nominates up to 25% of the jury members from the accredited Jurors of its own National Federation, in accordance with Article 30.1.	*30.4 The Exhibition Management nominates up to 25% of the jury members from the accredited Jurors of its own National Federation, in accordance with Article 30.1. In the situation whereby the Exhibition Management is unable to utilise this 25%, the Exhibition Management can nominate the balance from the list of accredited jurors from its Continent, preferably from the list of accredited jurors submitted by Members to the Exhibition Management.*	*To give more flexibility to the Exhibition Management to be able to nominate from the list of accredited jurors from their respective Continents, as some FIP Members that would be hosting respective upcoming FIP World Stamp Exhibitions do not have sufficient FIP accredited national jurors.*

The FIP flag handover from MACAO 2026 to PHILATAIPEI 2026 was also held during the Congress.

The provisional FIP Patronage given to the following upcoming FIP Exhibitions were confirmed by the Congress:

PRAGA 2028	22 – 26 March 2028
IBRA 2028	26 to 29 October 2028
EFIRO 2029	May 2029
GREAT BRITAIN 2030	1-5 May 2030

Mr Vladimir Milić announced that due to unforeseen circumstances, the BELGRADE 2027 FIP Specialised World Stamp Exhibition had to be postponed until further request by the Union of Philatelists of Serbia to FIP.

Lars Boettger, President of the Féd. des Sociétés Phil.du G-D de Luxembourg, FSPL expressed that he would like to know about how FIP could support Members more, for example on Youth Philately. Comments were made from Vice-President Nathaniel, Director Suhadolc and the Chairman of the Youth Commission. President Chirakiti added that an article on the success of outreach to the youths in China as a case-study would be published in the upcoming FIP FLASH. He thanked President Boettger for his comments and for kick-starting the discussion on how FIP can work more closely with Members for the future of Philately.

FIP flag handover from MACAO 2026 representatives (right) to representatives of PHILATAIPEI 2026 (left).

Thereafter, President Chirakiti declared the closing of the Congress and expressed his appreciation on behalf of the FIP Board to all the delegates who had specially taken time and efforts to be present in person.

The end of the 78th FIP Congress was followed by lunch reception for all registered delegates, after which they congregated back to the Congress venue for the FIP Centenary Cake-cutting Reception. The Vice-Chairman of MACAO 2026 Mr Gregory Sun was invited to say a few words on behalf of the Organising Committee, which had also attended to the preparations for the FIP Centenary Reception.

FIP 100th Birthday Cake-cutting Ceremony.

Ms Chang Yue and Mr Chen Yu-an helping to distribute FIP Centenary book to delegates.

The FIP Board members and FIP President gave their short speeches respectively and thanked all delegates for joining the celebration of the Centenary of FIP. A special Centenary video prepared and shared by the Fédération Française des Associations Philatéliques was shown, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony. The cake was served with light refreshments to all delegates present and the FIP Vice-President Tan also distributed the FIP Centenary book for each Member Federation as a keepsake and future reference, with the kind help of Ms Chang Yue and Mr Chen Yu-an. Cheers to another 100 years of worldwide philately!

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DUBAI 2026 Specialised World Stamp Exhibition 4 – 8 February 2026

The DUBAI 2026 Specialized World Stamp Exhibition was successfully held by the Emirates Philatelic Association from 4 – 8 February 2026 at Dubai World Trade Centre, UAE. It was the first time that a FIP Patronage World Stamp Exhibition was held in Dubai and this was the first World Stamp Exhibition celebrating the Centenary of FIP in 2026.

In conjunction with the exhibition, Class #10 of the FIP Jury Academy was also conducted from 31 January - 2 February 2026 before the start of the show, conducted by Trainers Ed Kroft (Canada) and Andrew Cheung (Hong Kong), together with apprentice Trainers Koichi Sato (Japan) and Aldo Samamé y Samamé (Peru). The Academy was supervised by FIP observers Director Peter Suhadolc and President Chirakiti. The FIP thank Postiljonen for the continued support and co-sponsoring of the Graduation dinner.

FIP Jury Academy Class #10 in Dubai.

Congratulations to the new Jury Fellows!

The official hotel and the exhibition site were just next to each other, making it very convenient for daily access to the exhibition hall. More than 2,000 frames of exhibits were exhibited and judged by the International Jury Team.

During the exhibition, the Literature and Open Philately Commission also held their respective FIP Qualifying Seminars, as well as the first public lecture on First Day Covers by Colin Fraser and John Hotchner, on the 7 February 2026.

Literature FIP Qualifying Seminar.

The Literature FIP Qualifying Seminar was conducted in two sessions by:

- Dr. Akthem Al-Manaseer (USA):
Judging a Philatelic Literature Exhibit

- Mr. Wolfgang Maassen, RDP FRSPL (Germany):
Philatelic Literature – The Example of Magazines: Challenges and Problems of Evaluation

The seminar aimed to promote philatelic literature and provide valuable insights into the judging process and examples of Philatelic Magazines.

Mrs Birthe King conducted the Open Philately FIP Qualifying Seminar (photo above) which was also very well attended – the seminar particularly aimed at Open Philately exhibitors, who would like to become Open Philately jurors, but all Open Philately exhibitors or those who might be interested in learning more about Open Philately also participated.

The first FDC experimental class public lecture at the exhibition hall by Colin Fraser.

The FIP also held a meeting with all the Commissions on 7 February 2026 on the procedures for the Commissions' Elections before the 78th FIP Congress; to propose a new online zoom training for future jury apprentices to attend as an alternative to FIP Qualifying Seminars which was one of the key criteria for Jury Apprenticeship qualification; as well as seeking feedback from the Commissions.

FIP Board meeting with the representatives from the FIP Commissions' Bureau who were present in Dubai.

The Palmares was held on Saturday 7 February evening attended by hundreds of guests and award winners at the Al Multaqua Ballroom. A total of 101 Gold and 44 Large gold medals were awarded by the international jury team.

GPN winner Mr Abdulla Khoory (right).

GPI winner Tarık Alireza, Turkey (third from left) Photo courtesy of Emirates Philatelic Association.

As the only candidate for the **Grand Prix National** prize, Mr Abdulla Khoory (right) received the GPN award from FIP Honorary President Mr Tay Peng Hian for his exhibit "Abu Dhabi: From Trucial States to U.A.E."

There were three Grand Prix International candidates and the winner was Tarık Alireza (Turkey) for his exhibit *"Forerunners of Saudi Arabia (1916-1925): Postage stamps of the Kingdom of Hijaz, the Sultanate of Najd and the Kingdom of Hijaz & Najd"*.

FIP Flag handover from DUBAI 2026 to BOSTON 2026 (photo courtesy of Yang Gui Song).

The FIP would like to thank the DUBAI 2026 Organising Committee for the kind hospitality and dedication to making the world show a memorable one for all stakeholders. Heartiest congratulations to their success.

BOSTON 2026 World Expo 23 - 31 May 2026

The BOSTON 2026 World Expo was an FIP General World Stamp Exhibition that took place from May 23 to 31, 2026, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. The FIP Consultant for this exhibition was FIP Director Reinaldo Macedo.

Queues to enter BOSTON 2026.

After the many years of preparation, the show finally welcomed philatelists from all over the world. Based on the statistics released by the Organising Committee on the BOSTON 2026 Facebook page, more than 20,000 visitors visited the show that showcased more than 3,700 frames of exhibits and 190 literature exhibits.

The exhibition gathered 31 international postal administrations, with a total of more than 360 events, meetings and presentations being held – including the popular Post-crossing Meetup and FIP Qualifying Seminars. Some 477 volunteers contributed their time and efforts to make everything possible.

Behind the scenes - volunteers helping with the mounting of the frames.

Visitors at the exhibition frames.

The 'Literature Room'.

The USPS® booth.

One of the dealer booths.

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS®) booth had long queues daily with great response to the six new stamps issued in conjunction with the exhibition, and the other booth holders were happy too!

The Big Stamp Giveaway which was very popular.

Philatelic Passport!

The following Commissions held their respective FIP Qualifying Seminars on 29 May 2026:

Revenues - Speakers: Ralph Ebner, Heinz Junge, Ron Lesher and Darryl Fuller
Open Philately - Speakers: Birthe King and Liz Hisey
Postal Stationery – Speakers: Ian McMahon, Sam Chiu & Ross Towle

The international jury team judged a total of 755 exhibits and 59 large gold medals and 167 gold medals were awarded in total. During the Palmares dinner on 29 May 2026, the Grand Prix awards were presented to the winners - the Grand Prix National winner of the exhibition was Vernon R. Morris Jr (USA), for his exhibit *"Transition of American Mail from British Colonial to USPO: 1685 – 1799"*.

David L. Hobden (Canada) was the Grand Prix International winner for his exhibit *"In Defence of the Border - Canadian Military Mails 1667-1885"*.

Finally, the Grand Prix d'Honneur prize went to Alfred Schmidt (Germany) for his exhibit *"Prussia: The First Three Issues 1850-59"*.

The National Commissioners.

The International Jury team.

FIP Flag handover from BOSTON 2026 to MACAO 2026.

The FIP congratulates the BOSTON 2026 Organising Committee on the success of their exhibition and thank Carlos Vergara for his kind contribution of all the photos in this report.

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Macao 2026 Specialized World Stamp Exhibition

The Macao 2026 Specialized World Stamp Exhibition (referred to as "MACAO 2026"), co-organized by the Macao Post and Telecommunications Bureau (CTT) and the Macau Philatelic Association, officially opened on 26 June 2026 at Cotai Expo Hall A, The Venetian Macao. This six-day event marked a historic milestone as the first large-scale world-level philatelic exhibition ever held in Macao under the FIP Patronage.

MACAO 2026 brought together participants from over 40 countries and regions, showcasing nearly 1,500 exhibit frames of stamp collections, along with approximately 70 philatelic literature displays. The exhibition featured a diverse range of thematic, traditional, postal history, and modern philatelic exhibits, highlighting the artistic, historical, and cultural significance of stamps.

In addition to the competitive and thematic displays, the event hosted a series of engaging activities, including seminars and workshops, fostering greater interaction among collectors and the general public.

By successfully hosting this prestigious global event, Macao has reinforced its role as a vibrant centre for cultural tourism and international exchange, while promoting the enduring heritage and educational value of philately within the community.

Opening Ceremony.

The opening ceremony was officiated by principal guests including Representative of the Chief Executive of the Macao Special Administrative Region, Mr. Tam Vai Man, Secretary for Transport and Public Works; Mr. Zhao Chongjiu, Director Genera of the State Post Bureau of the People's Republic of China; Mr. Liu Aili, Chairman of China Post Group Co., Ltd.; Mr. Liu Decheng, Director-General of the Economic Affairs Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR and Mr. Fu Aimin, Director of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Macao SAR.

Specially designed postmarks for each event day.

The six-day event was also divided into six themed days: Stamp Day, Postcard Day, Art Day, Youth Day, Collection Day and FIP Centenary Day; and featured exclusive activities such as special postmark services. The exhibition attracted more than 10,000 visitors, a remarkable turnout for Macao's first world stamp exhibition.

Daily queues of visitors.

In addition, MACAO 2026 featured over 40 domestic and international sales booths, creating a vibrant global philatelic marketplace that catered to collectors of all. Most of the booth holders offered a curated selection of stamps, first-day covers, postcards, philatelic literature, and limited-edition souvenirs, with many vendors launching exclusive products for the exhibition.

Guided Tours for school groups.

A core mission of MACAO 2026 was to cultivate youth interest in philately, and the exhibition prioritized student and group visits through targeted programming and outreach. The organizing committee collaborated with local primary and secondary schools and youth organizations to arrange guided tours.

Macao Philatelic Original Designs Exhibition Area.

Guided tours introduced students to the history of stamps, postal culture, and the art of stamp design. Furthermore, students visited the Macao Philatelic Original Designs Exhibition, which showcased the local stamp design manuscripts and creation processes, offering a behind-the-scenes look at philatelic artistry.

Judging at the frames.

As a FIP Specialized World Stamp Exhibition, MACAO 2026 featured a rigorous judging process overseen by an international panel of accredited FIP judges. The competition included 297 exhibits nearly 1,500 frames competitive exhibits and 70 literature exhibits across 10 categories: Traditional Philately, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Thematic Philately, Revenue, Modern Philately, Picture Postcards, Youth Philately, Philatelic Literature, and Promotional Class.

The presentation of awards took place during the Palmarès Night of MACAO 2026 which was held on the evening of 30 June 2026. The prestigious grand prizes were awarded to Dr. Yau Khai Weng of Singapore, who won the Grand Prix International for "Queensland Classics", and Mr. Ding Jinsong of China, who won the Grand Prix National for "Postal History of Mongolia (1854-1921)".

Singapore National Commissioner Patrick Choy (left) receiving the GPI award on behalf of Yau Khai Weng.

GPN Winner Ding Jinsong, China (left).

This exhibition yielded a total of 22 Large Gold medals, 77 Gold medals, 87 Large Vermeil medals, 60 Vermeil medals, 27 Large Silver medals, 20 Silver medals, 24 Silver Bronze medals, 1 Bronze medal and 38 certificates for Promotional Class.

Exhibition medal for MACAO 2026.

Young children being fascinated by Philately.

The MACAO 2026 stands as a historic milestone for Macao. From its grand opening to the celebratory Palmarès Night, the exhibition exceeded expectations in every aspect: record visitation, vibrant commercial activity, meaningful youth engagement, and exceptional competitive exhibits. It showcased Macao's unique role as a cultural bridge between East and West, while celebrating the FIP's centennial mission of promoting and uniting philatelists worldwide.

The excellent results from the competitive exhibits marked a high standard of philatelic achievement. The sales booths' success and positive feedback confirm Macao's potential as a premier host for international philatelic events. Most importantly, the exhibition inspired a new generation of young collectors, ensuring the hobby's vitality for years to come.

In conclusion, MACAO 2026 has put Macao on the global philatelic map, strengthened international cultural exchange, and re-affirmed the enduring appeal of stamps as a window to history, art, and culture.

Report by MACAO 2026 Organising Committee

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The Praga 2008 World Expo, which was also held at the Industrial Palace, was visited by over 40,000 people.

We look forward to seeing you in magical Prague at the Praga 2028 World Expo!

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Suzhou 2026, 3rd All-China Shengxiao Philatelic Exhibition

ACPF organized Suzhou 2026, 3rd All-China Shengxiao Philatelic Exhibition at the Wu Culture Museum in Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, on 5–7 January, showcasing the rapid development and achievements of Shengxiao (Chinese Zodiac) philately in China in recent years. On the opening day, a set of Year-of-the-Horse special stamps and a commemorative postcard were issued, and the Wu Culture Museum themed post office was unveiled.

Opening Ceremony (From left to right: Mr. Zhang Hongwei, Director of Jiangsu Provincial Postal Administrative Bureau; Ms. Gao Hongtao, ACPF Vice President and Secretary-General; Dr. Prakob Chirakiti, FIP President; Mr. Shi Jiahong, Deputy Mayor of Suzhou Municipal Government; Mr. Yu Zexin, Deputy Manager of China Post Jiangsu Branch; Mr. Zheng Wei, ACPF Vice President)

Judging was conducted based on FIP GREV, SREVs & Guidelines and Suzhou 2026 IREX. During the exhibition, the compilation of the book World Shengxiao Stamps was launched and the editorial team held its first meeting. The project aims to compile a definitive reference work documenting Shengxiao (Chinese Zodiac) stamps issued by over 140 countries, regions and international organizations, with entries arranged by continent.

The launch of compilation of the book World Shengxiao Stamps.

Dr. Prakob Chirakiti attended the exhibition, the launch of the book compilation, and various other activities, expressing his full support for the editorial work and for the other programs.

Report by All-China Philatelic Federation

Youth Philately in China: From Classrooms to Exhibitions

Faced with the gradual fading of stamps from daily life, we all share the same question: when children no longer see stamps, how would philately continue? The All-China Philatelic Federation has developed practical, sustainable ways to engage younger generations—transforming this traditional hobby into an accessible pathway for young people to acquire knowledge and explore the world.

1. System-Led Programs

Lasting programs need both structure-based systems and support from people with genuine interest. All 31 provincial associations of the ACPF have youth philately committees whose members work directly with local schools. In Zhejiang, for example, younger members have explored ways to attract students through social media and other platforms. Provincial youth philately committees operate in two main modes.

First, local committees collaborate with schools to establish regular programs. From 2003 to 2018, 387 schools nationwide became role models through sustained programs in cooperation with those committees. In Shanghai, 78 schools feature stamp collecting, and 32 of them have youth post offices on campus. Students simulate real post office operations, gaining an overall understanding of postal services and stamps while building real-world competence. In many schools, one-page philatelic exhibitions are held on a regular basis, with part of the philatelic materials provided by the schools.

Second, taking philately outside the classroom, as in the "Travel with Stamps" program in Hunan Province, which sends students to actual places depicted on stamps. The stamp becomes a starting point for exploring geography, history, and the world beyond school.

2. Instructor Development & Learning Materials Innovation

The key to sustainable youth philately also lies in qualified instructors and engaging learning materials.

Today, more than 500 philatelic instructors work in schools nationwide, most of whom are classroom teachers from various subjects. ACPF has organized three national training sessions for these instructors to share best practices, exchange experience and explore new teaching approaches. Philately is integrated across learning areas: stamps featuring role models help students develop positive values, while stamps of different topics teach history, culture, science and other knowledge. Instructors also coach students hands-on in stamp collecting and exhibit making, organize campus philately activities, and share their own personal collections to inspire students.

In 2014, ACPF organized an online competition for youth philatelic learning materials. A total of 24 provincial philatelic associations submitted 115 materials, greatly improving the quality and innovation of youth philately education.

Our learning materials consist of three series tailored for young learners:

Foundation series: introduces basic stamp knowledge and collecting practice.

Thematic series: links stamps to history, science, culture, nature, and knowledge on other areas.

Practical series: guides students in hands-on exhibit making.

To attract the younger generation growing up in the digital era, we have integrated digital and interactive tools including short videos, animations, interactive games and AR technology, making stamp collecting fun, interactive and immersive. Our goal is to transform philately from a traditional hobby into an engaging cultural exploration for young people by combining physical stamps with digital resources.

3. Through Exhibitions

ACPF has organized national youth philatelic exhibitions in 1987, 2001 and 2023, all judged in accordance with FIP regulations. Through participation, young collectors have refined their exhibits, and many have continued their collecting pursuits into adulthood. Going forward, we plan to hold a national youth philatelic exhibition every three years to establish a stable and progressive platform for young collectors.

We also ensure the number of youth class exhibits in full-class national philatelic exhibitions. We started a pilot program providing on-site guidance and hands-on training for young collectors at the 3rd Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Philatelic Exhibition in 2025, around 60 students received comprehensive support to develop their own philatelic exhibits.

Under the step-by-step guidance of FIP and ACPF accredited jurors, they gained practical experience in theme selection, page design and story telling. Stamps and other philatelic materials were donated by collectors, while necessary tools and supplies were provided by ACPF.

4. Cross-Sector Cooperation

External resource integration operates mainly through two channels: the professional background of philatelists and partnerships with governments and other departments, transforming youth stamp collecting from an isolated classroom activity into a community-supported undertaking.

In Jiangyin, traffic police officer Zhang Ye from Police Philatelic Association, accredited ACPF juror, runs a studio combining road safety education with philately, conducting 60+ summer camps annually. Students use driving simulators to build traffic awareness while discovering stamp collecting through police and safety-themed philatelic materials.

In Gaoyou Experimental Primary School, Jiangsu Province, programs have earned local government backing by showing how philately supports mainstream education priorities: virtue-themed stamps for character-building, and stamp design activities for creativity cultivation. These are delivered through cooperation with China Philatelists Museum.

During his visit to youth philately programs at Changshu Liantang Central Primary School in Jiangsu Province, Dr. Prakob Chirakiti, President of FIP, joined a Chinese Shengxiao (zodiac)-themed class and participated in a Q&A session with students and teachers. He expressed particular appreciation for the integration of stamps into regular lessons and the one-page exhibits made by students, noting that these approaches worth sharing with other FIP members.

5. Growing Competence Through Philately

We've seen some achievements from youth philately efforts, but our goal is helping students develop, not just collecting stamps. In a 2021 stamp design competition co-hosted by ACPF, China Post and China Soong Ching Ling Foundation, 18,000 students submitted entries and three winning designs were officially issued as postage stamps.

The one-page exhibit program, running since 2017 by ACPF, gives students a platform to study and present diverse themes. These activities build more than collecting interest. Letter-writing builds communication and cross-cultural understanding. Design competitions develop artistic sense and creativity. Exhibit preparation teaches careful handling of items, research, storytelling. This focus on real skills keeps programs sustainable.

Tiny Stamps, Boundless World - One-Page Youth Exhibit Workshop held at the 3rd Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Philatelic Exhibition in 2025.

Students operating postal services at a Youth Post Office in Shanghai.

We look forward to cooperating with other FIP members to share effective practices and develop joint programs for a better future of youth philately.

Report by All-China Philatelic Federation

FIP Centenary Celebration at PARIS PHILEX 2026

The Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) is celebrating its centenary!

It was in France, in 1865, that Gustave Herpin, the man who coined the term 'philately', founded the Société Philatélique, the world's first philatelic society. Other societies, founded subsequently in Europe and the United States, began organising exhibitions in major cities such as Vienna (1881), Munich (1884), Amsterdam (1889) and London (1890), showcasing collectors' research and attracting an ever-growing audience. These exhibitions were conceived with an international scope in mind, but their organisation remained national: each host country defined its own entry rules, judging criteria and awards, which led to inconsistencies and, at times, discontent. Soon, exhibitors and judges began to call for a degree of standardisation with rules recognised by all.

As international cooperation already existed between nations for the transport of mail, collectors could certainly do the same, and the idea of an international federation began to circulate. The First World War temporarily put this idea on hold, but once peace returned, collectors saw their hobby as a symbol of reconciliation and a means of rebuilding cultural and personal ties across borders.

By the early 1920s, most major nations had a national philatelic federation or a union of societies, but broader coordination was needed to harmonise exhibition rules, represent philatelic interests within the UPU, and combat the growing problem of counterfeits and speculative stamp issues. The time had come to create an international federation.

Between 1922 and 1925, three preparatory conferences quietly laid the foundations for this federation: in 1922 in Luxembourg, in 1924 in The Hague, and in 1925 in Paris, during the international philatelic exhibition held from 2 to 12 May at the Pavillon de Marsan. The delegates agreed to hold a constituent congress the following year, and by the end of 1925, eleven national federations had deliberated and given their support: Germany, Belgium, Spain, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia and the United States (as observers).

Finally, on 18 June 1926, at 19 Rue Blanche in Paris, in the premises of the Hôtel des Ingénieurs Civils, representatives from seven countries (Germany, Czech Republic, Austria, Belgium, France represented by Maurice Langlois, the Netherlands and Switzerland) founded the FIP. The objectives set in 1926 remain the same today:

- To promote stamp collecting and philately
- To foster friendly relations and friendship among all peoples
- To establish and maintain close relations with the philatelic sector and postal administrations
- To promote philatelic exhibitions

One of the FIP's irreplaceable roles in promoting philately worldwide is to grant its patronage to World Stamp Exhibitions. Over time, these exhibitions have grown considerably and can now feature up to 4,000 frames of 16 pages. Initially, these exhibitions were organised and funded by local stamp collectors' clubs for their immediate audience; they have since evolved into global events in the form of joint ventures between the host country's postal administration and the national philatelic federation. They are the equivalent of the 'Olympic Games' of philately, and only the awards won at these exhibitions are recognised internationally.

The FIP also sponsor regional exhibitions from Europe, Americas and Asia respectively to support its Members that take the initiative to organise these exhibitions.

Today, the FIP comprises 90 national federations which work together to continue shaping the hobby of philately.

In conjunction with the celebration of the Centenary of FIP, the Federation Française des Associations Philatéliques, one of the founding Member Federations of FIP, held its National exhibition Paris-Philex 2026 from June 11 to 13, 2026, at the Porte de Versailles exhibition hall in Paris. Mr Philippe Lesage, President the Federation invited the FIP Board to join in the celebration.

Welcome dinner kindly hosted by the FFAP for the FIP Board members on 10 June 2026.

It was therefore with great pleasure that the FIP Board accepted the invitation to travel to Paris to celebrate this centenary and to recognise the efforts of FFAP for continuing the work of its predecessors and affirming the enduring importance of philately.

Huge crowds at the dealer booths of the exhibition.

Bernard Jimenez (middle) showing President Chirakiti (left) and Vice-President Nathaniel (right) the exhibits.

Bernard Jimenez (left) translating the speech of FIP President Chirakiti (middle) during the Opening Ceremony, together with FFAP President Philippe Lesage (right).

Paris-Philex 2026 stamp featuring the FIP centenary logo.

The exhibition at Porte de Versailles had many dealer booths with more than 700 exhibition frames. The La Poste, France's national postal service provider, also released the Paris-Philex 2026 stamp issue featuring the FIP centenary logo with several other unique stamp issues which were officially launched at the Opening Ceremony of the Exhibition on 11 June 2026.

Board members in front of the building where FIP was founded in 1926.

Director Suhadolc making a speech on behalf of FIP in French at the La Poste Stamp of the Year Awards Ceremony.

After the Opening Ceremony and lunch, the FFAP specially brought the FIP Board to the building where the FIP was founded (left photo), before a tour at Montmartre, and then a visit to La Poste headquarters to participate in their Stamp of the Year awards ceremony.

The FIP Board also held its 198th Board meeting on the 12 June to discuss about the final preparations for the MACAO 2026 FIP Patronage exhibition and the 78th FIP Congress.

The French Federation also took weeks to prepare an impressive commemorative video on the history of FIP and it was shown during the FFAP Congress as well as at the Palmares dinner on the 13 June, whereby the 100th Birthday cake of FIP was cut and served to all guests.

The FIP Board would like to express its sincere appreciation to the FFAP, President Lesage and Past FIP Board member Bernard Jimenez for all the efforts to promote Philately, for celebrating the Centenary of FIP and the kind hospitality shown to the Board members.

The 198th FIP Board meeting on 12 June 2026.

Official welcome dinner at the Café de la Paix restaurant on 12 June 2026 hosted by the FFAP (Photo courtesy of Mdm Martine Divay).

FIP Centenary Cake-cutting Ceremony at the Palmares dinner of Paris-Philex 2026 (Photo courtesy of Mdm Martine Divay).

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