



**August 2012**

- **The FIP Thematic Commission's delegates**

**Dear thematic philatelists,**

The first and most important factor for success for the Thematic Commission will be the internal and external communication. A NEWSLETTER like this on a regular basis will be one of the tools we will use for our communication.

### **PROGRESS**

One of the focuses we have had since the previous NEWSLETTER a month ago has been to update the website together with our webmaster Charles Bromser. Thank you Charles for being so quick in your actions taken in this regard.

A second focus the last month's time, and still in progress, has been the secretary's intensive work on updating the national delegate list on the website. To be able to succeed with our most important factor for success, communication, the delegate list must be complete and updated regularly. - Still our commission don't have a national delegate appointed from all FIP members. One aim for the commission the next term must be to have a national delegate appointed from all FIP members.

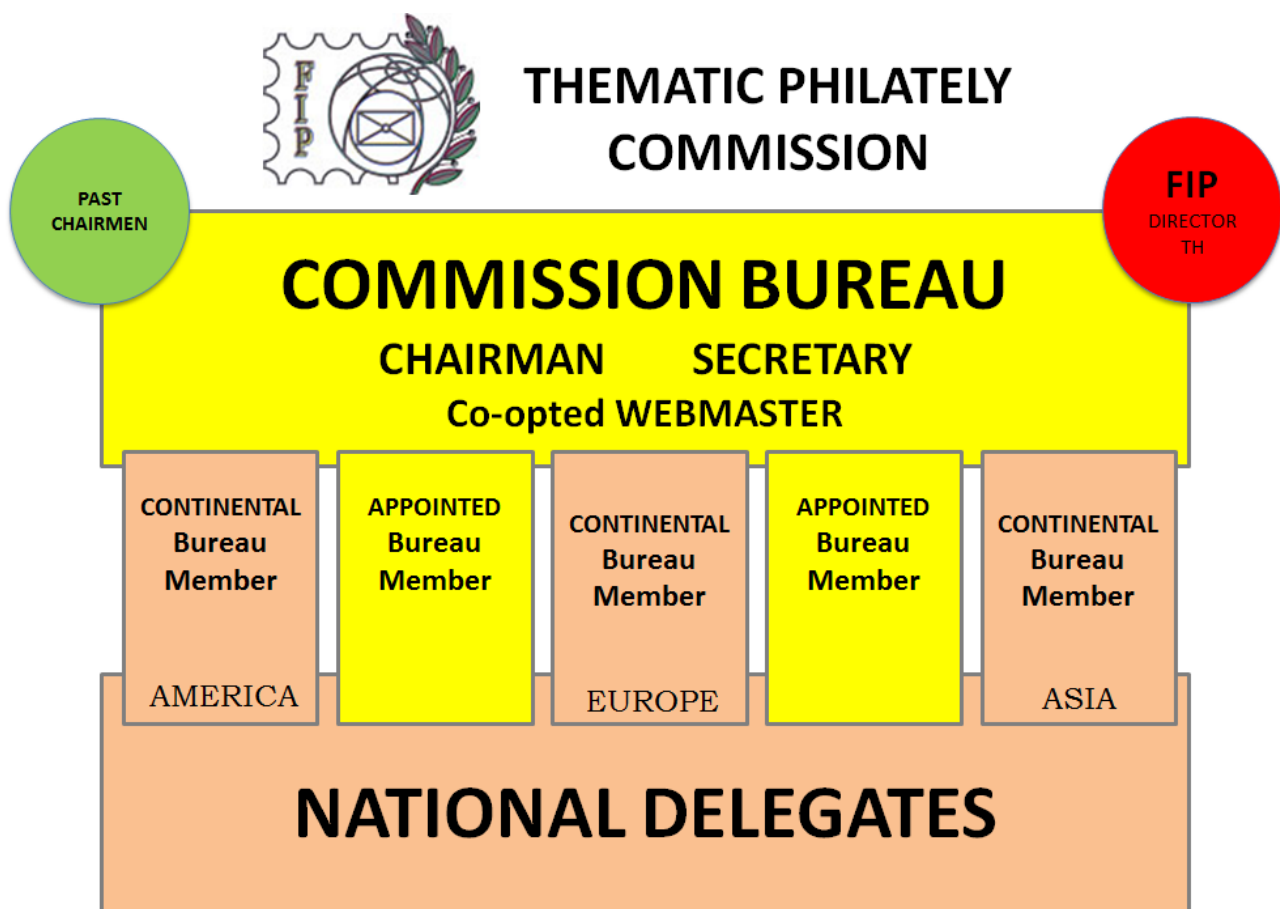
In the meantime, waiting for a personal delegate contact from FIP members still not having an appointed delegate, we will communicate the Thematic Commission's matters through the official address to the national federation.

- We have now a contact address to all FIP members on the website. That is important because it means that no FIP

member is excluded from the communication with the Thematic commission.

- The commission secretary is responsible for the delegate list, please send all corrections and changes directly to him: Koenraad Bracke [kobra22@telenet.be](mailto:kobra22@telenet.be)

## HOW WE WILL WORK WITHIN THE COMMISSION



## THE NATIONAL DELEGATES

The Commission is an international network for thematic philately, which must be reflected in how the commission work. The main responsibility for the national delegates must be to establish and uphold networks with thematic collectors. It will be through such networks we can act proactively with the achievements we decide about.

## **WE NEED HELP WITH TWO TASKS FROM THE NATIONAL DELEGATES**

**1.** Establishing the domestic networks is a first task hereby distributed to all national delegates. Of course, in many cases networks already are up and running, but in many cases they probably only are informal. We would like to establish networks on a more formal basis, which hereby would be achieved through the national delegate. When we have networks worldwide, we will be able to distribute information and to communicate from the both perspectives – "bottom up" and "top down".

**2.** A second task hereby distributed to all national delegates is to assist the Bureau in making an inventory of qualified thematic judges in respective national federation. We would like to uphold a list with national and international qualified thematic judges worldwide. Having a network with the TH judges will be a second way to communicate judging/jury matters more effectively.

- Please, all national delegates start the work to connect thematic collectors in your country with each other by creating a national network.
- Please, all national delegates report to the commission secretary, Koenraad Bracke [kobra22@telenet.be](mailto:kobra22@telenet.be), the name, qualification level and e-mail address to all thematic judges in your country.

## **APPOINTED BUREAU MEMBERS**

The next action to take for me as Chairman will be to appoint the two extra Bureau members. I will take that action as soon as possible by inviting two very good thematic philatelists. The intention is to have a complete Bureau until the next NEWSLETTER.

## **BUREAU MEETING IN MELBOURNE/AUSTRALIA 2013**

The commission has been invited by the organizers of AUSTRALIA 2013 to hold a Bureau meeting in conjunction with the exhibition next year. We have expressed a positive answer on that and in due time we will set an agenda for that meeting.

## **TCNEWS BULLETIN**

I started by talking about communication, and will end by talking about communication. TCNEWS has for almost 20 years been our most important tool for communication in the Thematic

Commission. We plan for the next TCNEWS Bulletin to be published in October. We hereby call for contributions.

- All national delegates are called to publish information or other businesses as well. This NEWSLETTER is forwarded to judges, thematic collectors and exhibitors too. You are all invited to send your texts, illustrations and material to me as Chairman as soon as possible but not later than 15 September.

Best wishes,  
Jonas

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