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

Dear thematic philatelists,

WELCOME TO THE BUREAU TEAM

As you know, the F.I.P. Statutes' article 42.4 gives me the right as Chairman of the commission to appoint two additional members to be assigned to the Bureau. I have invited two Commission delegates to join the Bureau team on that appointment basis, and they have positively accepted the nomination.

I am very happy to welcome **Darrell Ertzberger** (Commission delegate of the United States of America) and **Jin Hur** (Commission delegate from the Republic of Korea) as Bureau members. (My appointment has been supervised by the FIP Director Bernhard Jimenez, as stated in article 42.4).

With the two new Bureau members, the Bureau has now no vacancies, we are "complete" and ready to act and communicate.

TH COMMISSION BUREAU 2012-2016

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| • Chairman | <i>Jonas Hällström</i> | Sweden |
| • Secretary | <i>Koenraad Bracke</i> | Belgium |
| • Webmaster (Co-opted) | <i>Charles Bromser</i> | Australia |
| • FIAP | <i>Tan Ngiap Chuan</i> | Singapore |
| • FIAF | <i>Luiz Paulo Rodrigues Cunha</i> | Brazil |
| • FEPA | <i>Peter Suhadolc</i> | Slovenia |
| • Asia | <i>Jin Hur</i> | Republic of Korea |
| • Americas | <i>Darrell Ertzberger</i> | United States of America |

Charles Bromser as our webmaster is co-opted to the Bureau, which speeds up the communication a lot. Having Charles in this role has proven to be very successful so far. Please, on our website, the Bureau members are presented and respectively philatelic CV (Curriculum Vitae) is available.

As Chairman of the Commission, I realize that we now have a very good mix of competences, know-how and geographical balance within the Bureau. With Charles as co-opted, we have three representative from Asia/FIAP, two from Americas/FIAF and three from Europe/FEPA.

PROGRESS

In the previous NEWSLETTER, I asked for help with two things from you national delegates. Since the response have been very low on that, I repeat it again.

1. Establishing 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 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, the name, qualification level and e-mail address to all thematic judges in your country.

TCNEWS BULLETIN

The next **TCNEWS Bulletin** is now in progress and will be distributed with the next NEWSLETTER to come in October.

Best wishes,
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