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22nd BIENNIAL REPORT:

The President and the committee have great pleasure in placing before you the **Report** of the Association for the Biennial period ended 31st March, 1998.

MEMBERSHIP:

We have as on date 442 **Life Members** and 146 Ordinary Members. The Membership growth has been steady due to the efforts of the members.

MEETINGS:

The Second Sunday Meetings of the Members of our Association were held regularly at the Philatelic Bureau, Anna Road Head Post Office without a break whether it rained or shined. The attendance was good sometimes touching more than 50 members. At every meeting new members introduced themselves and many of our members came up with their display and gave short talks on them.

DISPLAY AT PHILATELIC BUREAU:

Our Members took special efforts to put Display in about 5/10 Frames of their collections. Special mention must be made of the efforts of our Secretary Mr. J. Rolands Nelson who has put in about 8/4 Stamp Frames on **Cathedrals** and **Churches** alongwith Mrs. P. Thomas during the Stamp Release Function of St. Andrews church at Egmore, inaugurated by Shri M.K. Stalin, Worshipful Mayor of Chennai. It was greatly appreciated by one and all present.

During the 50 years of India's **Independence** our Members Shri. G. Amarchand; Shri G. Balakrishnadas; Shri. G. Madan Mohan Das put on display "**Freedom Fighters**" in the spacious Hall of Anna Road Head Post Office in nearly 30 frames for public viewing. The same was inaugurated by the veteran Congress Freedom fighter Shri R.R. Dalvai and all efforts of our Chief Postmaster General Shri S.T. Bhaskaran is really praiseworthy. Mr. Rolands Nelson egged on by the Chief Postmaster General and also at the initiative a three frame exhibit on British Personalities was put up at British Council Library for nearly a fortnight. It was inaugurated by the British High Commissioner in Chennai. Wide coverage was given in media and T.V. for all the functions.

Again during the **Children Day** 14.11.1997, our ever active vigilant Secretary Sri. C.S. Sankaranarayanan put in five frames **Children Day Display** in three frames and in two frames **CHACHA NEHRU FAMILY** in the Anna Road HPO for viewing by the public for nearly 10 days. Due credit must be given to Mrs. P. Thomas for the untiring efforts to put in on Display in five/seven Frames **Christmas & Easter** and also in motivating Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School to bringing in **Special Catchet** for the Centenary of the St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School at Vepery and a Special Cover was also brought out on the occasion.

Ever vigilant active Member Shri J. Rolands Nelson took great pains and efforts to put on display **Christmas** during December, 1997. It was a grand display and was appreciated by one and all during their visit to Anna Road HPO Hall.

During the Republic Day - 26.01.1998 again our Secretaries Shri J. Rolands Nelson and Shri. C.S. Sankaranarayanan put on display in about ten frames **Mahatma Gandhi** Apostle of **Non Violence**.

Second Sunday of every month regular meeting at the Philatelic Bureau, Anna Road, Head Post Office, Chennai 600 002. (10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.) First and third Sunday of every month - Auction meetings at our Library at 6 Nanian Street, Chennai 3 (10.45 a.m. - 1 p.m.) SIPA Library open - Tuesday & Sunday 6 Nanian Street, Chennai 3 (7 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

All these displays were due to the persistent efforts of Miss. Radhika Doraiswami, Postmaster General (Metro) under the able guidance of Mr. S.T. Bhaskaran Chief Post Master General, Tamilnadu Circle of Posts. Shri. S.T. Bhaskaran who was all out for the promotion of philately, took great pains in allocating sufficient funds for the renovations of the Heritage Building and saw to it that the Philatelic Bureau was shifted there. Our special thanks are due to him due to our Association's persistent efforts in having a **Special Philatelic Bureau Cancellation** for the past many years culminated in Mr. S.T. Bhasakran, Chief Post Master General going all out in bringing out a **Permanent Pictorial Cancellation of the Heritage Building** of the Philatelic Bureau on 31.03.1998, before an august gathering at the Philatelic Bureau. But we are sad to say that the permanent Cancellation has not yet been put in vogue until this report. Hope the authorities will see that this lapse is rectified before long.

Our Association members must and has to take up seriously and see that the **Tenth Circle Level Philatelic Exhibition** due in 1998 is held before the first quarter of 1999. We are glad to inform that **Circle Level Philatelic Advisory Committee** was reconstituted with Shri. G. Balakrishnadas, our President and Shri. Ajit Chordia, Vice President, with four officials of the Department of Posts. A Meeting was called and it was decided to have Bimonthly Bulletin by the department on the lines of the Kerala Circle who have been doing for the past six years, to popularise and boost the philatelic activities of our Circle. The Service rendered by the Philatelic Bureau to the Account holders is really commendable and the courteous service at the counter is honoured by India praiseworthy. At this juncture we must say that due to the good offices of Miss. Radhika Doraiswami Post Master General 10 frames are allotted to our Association for display for our members for nearly a fortnight throughout the year. We are really grateful to the Department for this gesture of goodwill.

RAPPORT WITH THE DEPARTMENT:

Right from the inception of our Association, we have been maintaining very cordial and happy relationship with successive Chief Postmaster Generals, Shri. S. Brahmanandaham (Retd), Sri. S.T. Bhaskaran (Retd) and Shri. S. Jayaraman the present Chief Post Master General Shri. K. Rambhad, Postmaster General, Miss. Radhika Doraiswami, Postmaster General (Metro) now transferred to New Delhi, Shri N. Ramachandran, Director of Posts and Sri. S. Balasundaram, Asst. Director and his departmental personnel. The Chief Post Master, Anna Road, H.P.O., the supervisor, Philatelic Bureau and his dedicated staff and with the concerted efforts of all our members we hope and trust that the good traditions will continue for ever in the years to come.

Our Association is proud of Shri P. Chandrasekaran our Life Member for his original art work on the preparation of Special Cancellations and in designing of Jerome D'Souza S.J. Stamp and also Connemara Library special cancellation and stamp and also other special covers. We are also thankful to the Postal Department for having given him an opportunity and encouragement for the above.

SIPA BULLETIN:

Our Bulletin is widely sought after for the articles and the news, views and the information of new issues by the members who are spread throughout the country. This keeps our members well knit and informed and is very much appreciated by one and all. Our thanks are due to the good efforts of our Honorary. Editor, Shri. G. Madan Mohan Das.

We also thank the Philatelic dealers, magazines, advertisers who have patronised the Bulletin and the Philatelists Association in sending their Bulletin to our Association.

We thank the '**Hallo Madras**'. Chennai Monthly Magazine in publishing the name of our Association under the caption "Society Activities" so that international tourists are aware of the existence of our Association at Chennai.

FINANCE:

Our Association which completes 42 years of useful service is mainly due to the careful and vigilant handling of our finances by Shri G. Amarchand who keeps a close vigil on the finances and takes interest in investing the funds in various public limited companies and banks. We also thank him in providing us space in his home to house our Library and for holding our Committee Meetings besides the usual third Sunday meetings at 6, Nannian Street, Chennai - 3 and also thank the silent unassuming dedicated President Shri. G. Balakrishnadas who is giving his heart and soul in the activities of the Association.

LIBRARY:

Shri. C.S. Sankaranarayanan, our Librarian is taking great pains in arranging the Books; Magazines and in binding them and is ever ready to oblige our members who wanted to borrow and /or peruse them. We also have added a few books. We would be failing in our duty if we fail to mention the donations of Shri Noren Singh Nahar; Shri D.H. Rao, Late Sri. V.N.S. Rau Mr. & Mrs. Ramanujam. Our thanks are also due to Shri N. Narayanan for distributing philatelic pamphlets at our monthly meetings.

During the period of Report the following eminent Philatelists breathed their last. Mr. Mathew Verghese, Col. L.G. Sheno, Brig. D.S.Virg, world Renowned Robson Lowe, Shri. M.V. Ramamurthi, Shri G. Mangal Das, Shri. Mansingh Nahar; Shri B. Sudhakara Rao, our Auditor, V. Balaguru Retd. CPMG, Shri. B. Srinivasan (A minute silence was observed to Pray Lord to rest their souls in peace).

NOTABLE EVENTS:

Our roving ambassador and doyen of philately Shri. G. Madan Mohan Das has been appointed as National Commissioner of Seoul - 2000. He has been appointed as the **Philatelic Advisory Committee Member** of Department of Posts, New Delhi. He has been going round the local Schools and has enrolled nearly 250 Children as members of the **Chapter for the Promotion of Youth Philately** and have started schools of Philately. Miss. Vimala Oliver and Shri. G. Balakrishna Das, our President have enrolled nearly 50 students with the encouragement given by the schools. Mrs. P. Thomas too has been doing her part for the spreading of philately and in promoting the same by Display to school children. Many of our upcountry senior philatelists have brought laurels at various International Exhibitions, have acted as National Commissioners and have acquitted themselves as International Juries. Our Association is proud and hope that many more members take seriously to this Hobby a pleasurable, educative and relaxing hobby.

We are thankful to all our Members; the Media: T.V., and last but not the least the personnel of the Department of Posts of the Tamilnadu Circle and New Delhi for sending their **News Letter** now regularly to our Association.

I have something in reserve for the final. We are really thankful and look forward for the ever smiling guidance of Shri Ajit Chordia, our Vice-President who has been a tower of strength in all our efforts in the Promotion of Philately, Sri. U. Mohan Rao for his timely tips and advice for the growth of our Association and look forward for having a habitation of our own in the near future by his unstinted efforts. We congratulate our Life Member Mr. M.A. Sayeed, a business magnate of Dubai who has won Large Gold Medals and special prizes for his collection of **Early India Classics** and Early Classics of Great Britain at **SINGPEX'98** and also at **Portugal - 98** and look forward for his generous support in the promotional efforts of our Association. We also congratulate our President, Shri. G. Balakrishnadas for his winning Large Vermeil at **TAIPAI - 98**, for his collection of **FRENCH INDIA**.

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STAMPS ISSUED

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CHILDREN'S DAY

14.11.1998



300 P.

The Department of Posts issues special-commemorative stamps on Children's Day every year to underline the nation's commitment to the well-being of children. The Government has developed an integrated core program to raise the overall status of the girl child by ensuring her equal access to health, education and security.

INS DELHI

15.11.1998



300 P.

INS Delhi, the largest ever indigenously built. Christened after an earlier ship of the same name which served the Indian Navy in an illustrious manner for three decades. The New INS Delhi is a modern Warship possessing a powerful punch having the capability to sustain maritime operations over the high seas for prolonged periods. This ship was in operation in Indian Navy from 15.11.1997.

PRESIDENT'S BODY GUARD

16.11.1998



300 P.

The President's Body Guard (PBG) was raised in 1773, by the then Governor General of India, Warren Hastings. The role of the PBG is two fold, ceremonial & operational. The PBG on their resplendent mounts, have created an aura of splendor & dignity, casting a bewitching spell on all who behold them.

DAVID SASSON LIBRARY & READING ROOM, MUMBAI

30.11.1998

300 P.



The David Sasson Library & Reading Room in the historic Fort area of Mumbai has since its completion in 1870, been a landmark in the city. The Library owes its beautiful building to the generosity of Sir David Sasson, the great Merchant Prince of Bombay of those days, who gave a donation of Rs. 60,000/- in 1863 to the Mechanics Institute to provide it with a suitable building.

2nd Bn OF THE RAJPUT REGIMENT (KALICHINDI)

30.11.1998

300 P.



The 200 years of history of the Battalion commences with its raising at Badgaon on 30th November 1798 as 1/16 Bengal Native Infantry which was renamed as 2nd Bn. The Rajput Regiment in 1950. Regiment has won 9 battle honors "Leswaree", "Bharatpur", "Kabul 1842", "Feroze Shah", "Sobraon", "Afghanistan 1870-80", "Burma 1885-87", "Point 551", "Belonia".

G.J. OF ARMY POSTAL SERVICE CENTER

02.12.1998

300 P.



Army Postal Service (APS) center is the Regimental Training centre of the Corps of APS. The raising of APS center on 1.12.1948. APS is a unique Corps as it forms an integral part of the Indian Army for administrative purpose but is functionally a part of the Dept. of Post. APS center is located at Kamptee near Nagpur. It imparts basic as well as technical training to the recruit as well as trainee officers.

CONNEMARA PUBLIC LIBRARY, CHENNAI

05.12.1998

300 P.



The Connemara public library, Chennai, one of the five National Libraries of the country was opened in 1896, named after the Lord Connemara, the Governor of Madras. The Library building is in the Anglo Italian style of architecture, oblong in shape with semi-circular end. The building is one of the finest library building in the sub-continent. On an average 2500 readers visits the library daily.

G.J. OF INDIAN PHARMACEUTICAL CONGRESS ASSOCIATION

10.12.1998

300 P.



The Indian Pharmaceutical Congress Association (IPCA), is an apex body for pharmaceutical activities in the country. The pharmaceutical community of India has made its distinguished mark, overseas also the IPCa, over the decades has given able leadership to the fast development of the pharmaceutical industry and trade in India. The stamp design shows the "Neem" tree, common to most part of India.

BABA RAGHAV DAS

10.12.1998

200 P.



Raghavendra S. Pachapurkar alia Baba Raghav Das was an ascetic, reformer and freedom fighter who made significant contributions to social causes like National Unity, Harijan Welfare, Khadi & Village Industries and the Bhoodan Movement. Baba's life and achievements can be assessed best from the following words of Mahatma Gandhi : "If I can find a few saints like Raghav Das, I could easily win India's Independence."

Lt. INDRA LAL ROY DFC

19.12.1998

300 P.



Lt. Indra Lal Roy (1898-1918) was the one Indian Pilot who distinguished himself most in the First World War. At the age of 18 years he joined the Royal Flying Corps & obtained the King's Commission on July 5, 1917. A very gallant and determined officer, who in 14 days accounted for 10 enemy machines. He was posthumously awarded the coveted "DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS" (DFC).

SANT GADGE BABA

20.12.1998

300 P.



Maharashtra has a great tradition of religious philosophers and social reformers for the last many centuries. Gadge Baba (1876-1956) truly carried forward the great tradition of Sant Tukaram, & Ekanath. The way Gadge Baba, himself at illiterate, held the masses spellbound with his oratory was amazing.

INDIAN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

200, 600, 800, 1000 P.



The evolution of the musical tradition of India can be traced through ancient manuscripts and visual depictions of musical instruments in sculptures and objects from archeological excavations. On the basis of sound produced by the instruments, they are classified into four main categories. (1) "Tata Vadya" or Chordophones — the sound

is produced by the Vibrations & plucked by the fingers or a plectram by means of friction. *Veena, Sarod, Santoor, Sitar, Tanpura* are the examples of this category. (2) *Sushira* or Aerophones — the sound is produced by vibration of air. *Sankha, Bansuri, Flute* are the examples of this kind. (3) *Avanaddha Vadya* of Membranophones — the sound is produced by the vibrations of stretched skin. *Pakhwaj, Tabla, Dholak, Mridang* etc. are of this category. (4) *The Ghana Vadya* or Idiophones — the sound is produced by solids struck against each other. *Gongs, Ghanta, Ghungroo* etc. are of this category. Set of four stamps depicts *Rudra Veena, Sarod, Pakhwaj* and *Bansuri*, with a backdrop of panels from ancient stone carvings.

SEA SHELLS OF ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS (INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE OCEAN)

30.12.1998



300, 300, 300, 1000 P

Sea Shells, perhaps the most beautiful and enchanting of all forms of marine life, are actually the protective external calcareous covering of a group of soft-bodied aquatic organisms called molluscs. In India the shells have traditionally been considered to have ritualistic significance in religious ceremonies. Set of four stamps has been issued on the occasion of International Year of the Ocean showing four different species found in Indo Pacific. (1) *Cypraea staphylaea*, which measures up to 25 mm in sizes. (2) *Cassis cornuta linnaeus*, also known as Horned Helmet Shell. The size can be up to 350 mm. (3) *Chicoreus brunneus linnaeus*, commonly known as Rock Shell or Murex Shell. They live among rocks and coral in shallow water and grow up to a size of 70 to 80 mm. (4) *Lambis lambis linnaeus*, also known as Spider shell, found in tropical Indo Pacific. Its size can be up to 200 mm.

LIST OF STAMPS ISSUED IN THE YEAR - 1998

No.	Issue Date	Event/Particular	Denomination	Themes
1.	02.01.1998	11th Gorkha Rifles	400 P.	Defence, Ammunitions
2.	09.01.1998	Nahar Singh	200 P.	Ruler, Revolutionist
3.	10.01.1998	Nanak Singh	200 P.	Writer, Sikhism
4.	12.01.1998	Rotary International	800 P.	Rotary, Logo
5.	19.01.1998	Maharana Pratap	200 P.	Ruler, Warrior
6.	19.01.1998	Vishnu Sakharam Khandekar	200 P.	Writer, Literature
7.	25.01.1998	Bharat Paryatan Diwas	1000 P.	Tourism, Dance
8.	28.01.1998	Dr. Jagdishchandra Jain	200 P.	Educationist
9.	30.01.1998	Mahatma Gandhi - 50th Death Gandhiji, Head Gear, Anniversary	200, 600, 1000, 1100 P.	Archeology
10.	25.02.1998	Sardar F. Veqaratnam	200 P.	Freedom Fighter
11.	08.03.1998	50th Anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights	600 P.	Human Rights, Logo
12.	10.03.1998	Savitribai Phule	200 P.	Education, Social Reformer
13.	27.03.1998	Sir Syed Ahmed Khan	200 P.	Education, Social Reformer
14.	01.04.1998	Global Environment	1100 P.	Environment
15.	14.04.1998	Ramana Mahrashi	200 P.	Religion
16.	16.04.1998	Defence Services Staff College	600 P.	Defence, Crest, Logo
17.	01.05.1998	Narayan Ganesh Goray	200 P.	Social Reformer, Writer
18.	01.05.1998	Konkan Railway	800 P.	Railways, Bridges
19.	03.05.1998	Dr. Zakir Hussain	200 P.	Presidents, Education
20.	15.05.1998	Muhammed Abdulrahiman Shahib	200 P.	Revolutionists
21.	21.05.1998	Loknayak Omeo Kumar Das	200 P.	Writer, Freedom Fighter, Journalist
22.	25.05.1998	Vakkam Abdul Khader	200 P.	Freedom Fighter
23.	05.06.1993	Jnapith Award Winners-Bangla	200 P.	Literature, Award Winner
24.	08.06.1998	G.J. of Air India International	500, 600 P.	Aerophilately, Archeology

No.	Issue Date	Event/Particular	Denomination	Themes
25.	18.06.1998	Dr. C. Vijjaraghavachariar	200 P.	Freedom Fighter
26.	30.06.1998	G.J. of National Savings Organisation	500, 600 P.	Institute, Savings, Logo
27.	03.07.1998	Bhagwan Gopinathji	300 P.	Saints
28.	11.07.1998	Godrej Centenary	300 P.	Industrialists
29.	16.07.1998	Aruna Asaf Ali	300 P.	Freedom Fighter
30.	29.07.1998	125 Years of Vidyasagar College	200 P.	Education, Institution
31.	09.08.1998	Shiv Pujan Sahai	200 P.	Literature
32.	15.08.1998	Homage to Martyrs	300, 800 P.	Flag, Freedom movement, Science
33.	20.08.1998	Gostha Paul	800 P.	Football, Sports
34.	23.08.1998	G.J. of Youth Hostel Association of India.	500 P.	Tourism, Logo, Nature
35.	15.09.1998	4th Battalion Brigade of the Guards	600 P.	Defence
36.	18.09.1998	20th Int. Congress on Radiology	800 P.	Medicine
37.	18.09.1998	Bhai Kanhaiyaji	200 P.	Sikhism, Social Reformer
38.	20.09.1998	26th Int. Board on Books for Young People Congress	1100 P.	Literature, Books
39.	21.09.1998	Pulse Polio Immunization (Definitive Issue)	300 P.	Child, Vaccination, Polio, Medicine
40.	26.09.1998	Dr. Tristao Braganza Cunha	300 P.	Freedom Fighter
41.	30.09.1998	Jananeta Hijam Irawat Singh	300 P.	Social Reformer
42.	05.10.1998	Indian Women in Aviation	800 P.	Aerophilately, Women
43.	20.10.1998	Acharya Tulsi	300 P.	Jainism, Saint
44.	14.11.1998	Children's Day	300 P.	Youth, Children's Day
45.	15.11.1998	INS Delhi	300 P.	Defence, Ship
46.	16.11.1998	President's Body Guard	300 P.	Defence, Presidents
47.	30.11.1998	David Sasson Library & Reading Room	300 P.	Education, Library, Book, Building
48.	30.11.1998	2nd Bn. The Rajput Regiment (Kalichindi)	300 P.	Defence, Logo
49.	02.12.1998	G.J. of Army Postal Service (APS)	800 P.	Defence, Postal Service
50.	05.12.1998	Connemara Public Library, Chennai	300 P.	Education, Library, Book
51.	10.12.1998	G.J. of Indian Pharmaceutical Congress Association	300 P.	Medicine, Plants, Pharmaceutical
52.	12.12.1998	Baba Raghav Das	200 P.	Freedom Fighter
53.	19.12.1998	Lt. Indra Lal Roy DFC	300 P.	Defence
54.	20.12.1998	Sant Gadge Baba	300 P.	Social Reformer
55.	29.12.1998	Indian Musical Instruments	200, 600, 800, 1000 P.	Musical Instruments, Archeology
56.	30.12.1998	Sea Shells of Andaman and Nicobar Island	300, 300, 300, 1000 P.	Sea Shells, Marine Life

THE FAREWELL MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT, FIP

Shri. D.N. JATIA

Times has come to say bid Adieu. This will be my last column under the Presidential page as my term ends at the close of 65th Congress to be held at Milan on 31st October/1st November 1998. I would have served 18 fruitful years in the FIP Board. First as a Director, then Vice-President and finally the last 8 years i.e. from 1990 from London Congress as your President.

The past 18 years have been consuming as well as rewarding and full of responsibility. It is a long innings and new faces and ideas are a welcome sign. Let me highlight some of the outstanding achievements worth recollecting during my period. The introduction of judging regulations for competitive exhibitors saw a revolution in the judging system making it more transparent. It helped both judges and exhibitors to see the situation correctly. It is heartening to see smooth adoption by all judges after initial hic-cup. I know quite a few judges harping strong resistance in introducing scoring sheet. Gradually they realised the usefulness of the same and adopted it.

The decision of Congress to check 1% of exhibits at FIP exhibitions for forgeries and fakes etc. at the London Congress and which necessitated to introduce the Expert

Teams presented many problems and several false starts. However, the system now introduced and maintained by the President of the Commission for forgeries seems to work well.

Other striking achievement that I take pride is the development of our relations with other International Philatelic and non-philatelic organisations. Never before have FIP come in such close contact as they do now with Universal Postal Union. Philately had no place in the realm of UPU but today all postal administrations look upon the philately into a totally different concept. A first major act was the establishment of the UPU Contact Committee for Philately now WADP (World Association for the Development of Philately) and FIP is working in close collaboration with the other members in compiling a Guide for the development of philately world-wide.

The healthier financial results has been encouraging. From a near empty coffer we now have seen a good turn around and by the year end would be closing near to one Million Swiss Franc mark. Similarly, the FIP foundation resources are also reassuring. Thanks goes to our members for better activity and generous donations. However, my

dream of FIP having its own headquarters still dither. At least we started with a "roof above our head" in 1985 and God willing one day the dream should be fulfilled.

Through this column I have been able to reach you, dear readers on numerous subjects and have been able to place before you the insight of thinking of FIP. That the column was effective can be gauged from frequent references drawn many a time. I am positive that my successor will follow the trend I have established to communicate with you.

It is but unfortunate that there would be a tie for the post of Presidentship which has not happened before. It is not a healthy sign. I feel I have played my roll very intelligently keeping in mind, at all times, the good of FIP and their members and above all the collectors.

During my tenure I have received very cordial support from fellow Directors and Commission Presidents at all times and the working has been very smooth. I do not know if our members realise that in Secretary General they have a living institution having performed her duties most delicately and sincerely. Really she is an asset for FIP.

Now, my dear members and readers, let me say Au revoir, as a President, I wish all of you the very best of health and spirit and god speed in your respective endeavours. I have tried my best along with my Board members and where we could not meet your expectation, it was certainly not due to lack of any efforts or lack of will on our part.

With best wishes

HOW TO GIVE THE EXHIBITORS A FAIR DEAL

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An exhibitor faces a test. Like any academic test he has to satisfy the examiner, in this case the Jury. It is a practice now to mount the exhibits and expect the Jury to judge them during the Exhibition. Again like any other test it is the constraint of time, Judges spend a few minutes at each frame, that decides the exhibitor's fate. Mr. G.J. Elliot in one of articles says, this is not fair to either the Judge or the Exhibitor.

We have come to a stage when more and more time is being spent on the exhibit by the exhibitor and less and less time being spent by the jury members on judging it. Many exhibitors spend days and days of study and work in preparation of an exhibit, which follows years (only in case of purchasers, a few weeks) of effort in actually obtaining and selecting the material for display. Some jury members admit that there is too much information included on the album pages, and Jury members, in spite of the best will in the world, are forced to skip over the write up. Some traditionalists like only the philatelic items that too rare items, on display. More often the rare items come from the traditional collection and that means classics which are again the millionaire's purchases and not collections.

It is high time that we adopt a new approach to judging exhibits, in order to give the exhibitor a fair deal. Mr. Elliot cites the example of the Literature judging. Two or three copies of the Publication is required much prior to the Exhibition. The publications are supposed to be circulated to the selected members of the Jury, and a consensus is reached. The Chairman puts his seal of approval before the awards are made. That example is now also questioned in view of a large number of literature exhibits being received and less time available to the jury members to go through all the articles. They are often carried over by the get-up which again is a rich editor's fare and do not necessarily reflect good or research articles.

In the last few years there has been a change and an Exhibitor is required to present prior to the Exhibition a photo copy of the Introductory page. That however gives an inkling of what he shows but is more subjective as the exhibitors likely to praise his exhibits. Some suggest that a synopsis

should also be provided together with copies of ten of the best items, that is an improvement upon the skeleton approach we are now having.

If it is accepted that Judges have adequate time both for research of their own and for a better understanding of the Exhibit, I would agree with Mr. Elliot that photo copies of the complete Exhibit be provided to the organisers who would circulate these photo copies to the Specialist Judges for judging. Everything could be finalised before the Exhibition, except for Judging the Condition of the Material on Display. If there are any problems in judging any of the items like Presentation, Treatment, Importance, Knowledge, Research, Rarity from the photo-copies, necessary question marks may be indicated by the Judge that he or she verifies the points in the Exhibition hall. The doubts may be cleared with a reference to the description of the reason for selecting the subject and also the aims of the Exhibitor. The exhibitor could also list in some detail, significant items, recent purchases and additions since his last exhibition and copies of Expert Certificates could also be included.

Some exhibitor will complain, (indeed I have sometimes felt like complaining) that he/she couldn't get the exhibits ready in time. For any test at all. The Literature exhibitors have the same problem, but they have accepted the fact they have to submit entries much earlier. It just means that the organisers will have to start preparations earlier, after all, it will be the closing date for submitting entries, which will be the important date, as opposed to the Exhibition Date, Mr. Elliot argues.

In this respect we come across an opinion of Paul H. Jensen, R.D.P., President of the FIP Postal Commission, regarding the Postal History Judging at Finlandia '95 which echoes ours. He wrote an article in the Postal History Journal No. 102 October 1995, which inter alia says "One rather remarkable exhibit of early Peru Mail... was awarded only a Vermeil medal, but if the Jury had more time to review, a better medal level might have been reached".

Paul Jensen concludes... "I must say that in future specialised exhibitions one must either have more time or more Jury members."