



# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE PHILATÉLIE

## COMMISSION POUR LA LUTTE CONTRE LES FAUX COMMISSION FOR FIGHT AGAINST FORGERIES

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### **Minutes of the Fight Against Forgeries Commission**

#### **Seoul, August 10, 2014**

Chairman Klaus Schöpfer opened the meeting at 8:30 AM.

He welcomed all the delegates and the observers as well as Mrs. Dila Eaton, F.I.P. Vice-President. Dila is the Member of the F.I.P. Board who is responsible for our Commission.

The roll-call was made by having a list signed by every meeting attendee.

#### **There were 19 participants at the meeting representing 14 countries:**

AUSTRALIA	GEOFF KELLOW
AUSTRIA	KLAUS SCHÖPFER
COSTA RICA	ENRIQUE BIALIKAMIEN
DENMARK	LARS ENGELBRECHT
HONG KONG	ANDREW CHEUNG
JAPAN	KAZUYUKY INOUE
MEXICO	VICTOR SIENRA
MALAYSIA	TAN CHEE HUI
PAKISTAN	AFZEH NANJEE
PARAGUAY	DILA EATON
SINGAPORE	LIM SA BEE
SPAIN	ESTANISLAO PAN DE ALFARO
SWITZERLAND	KURT KIMMEL
URUGUAY	ENRIQUE LEWOWICZ



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No proxies were presented to the Board for this meeting.

The FIAF was represented by Bureau member LIM SA BEE.

Observers came from Japan (one), Singapore (two), Cyprus (one) and Paraguay (one).

Apologies were received from Richard Gratton (Canadian) & the Italian delegate for their absence.

The Commission's Secretary, Richard Gratton, has also sent the report of the Commission's activities from January to July 2014: the main focus is to continue developing the internet site of the Commission and to contact as many Federations as possible.

The report on the "Salon Planète Timbres" held in Paris in June 2014 and on the future developments are the main points. (The whole Report is included as an Addendum to these Minutes.)

When asked for their feedback, the delegates went into a vivid discussion about "*stamps*" that give the layman the impression of being regular stamps when they actually are fantasy products.

Irritated by these "*stamps*", many exhibitors wish there would be a listing of these products.

Mrs. Eaton reported that some of these "*products*" were also used as awful political propaganda.

The chairman proposed to exhibit such postage stamps only if they are listed in the worldwide catalogues like Scott, Yvert & Tellier, Gibbons and Michel for the moment. (1)

A delegate suggested to use the database of the UPU which lists the recent issues of postage stamps from most of the UPU member states. (2)



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Some delegates proposed the institution of a data base regarding faked and forged stamps and covers. There are some problems to solve, for example who pays the costs?

There was also a wish from some delegates to have a better contact with their philatelic societies

At the end of the meeting, the chairman had the sad duty of informing the delegates that Mr. Dieter Bortfeld, the delegate from Columbia, died earlier this year.

All the delegates stood up for a minute of silence in remembrance of Dieter Bortfeld.

The Meeting closed at 9:50 AM.

Klaus Schöpfer

Chairman

Notes from the Secretary:

(1) While the catalogs mentioned do not list illegal and Cinderella (fantasy stamps) issues, they do list abusive issues that are not allowed in FIP exhibitions.

(2) Unfortunately, many countries do not participate in the program and many others are not up to date in their listing (see UPU site).