

## F.I.S.A. – ANNUAL REPORT 2000

FISA has ended 2000 with a number of successful achievements.

The Federation was represented at **Aero/Astrophilatelic Exhibitions** organised worldwide by FISA member societies, and conferences/get-togethers were held at several of these venues:

Dübendorf/CH	15-16 April	Aero/Astro exhibition & celebration 75 years SAV	Phil-Verein Glattal/SAV
London/UK	25 May	Meeting of Aerophilatelists at 'London 2000'	Many guests from outside UK and one-frame presentation
Vienna/A	1 June	WIPA 2000	Aero/Astrophilatelists get-together with guests from USA
Schiphol/NL	21-22 Oct.	Airmail exhibition commemorating 1 <sup>st</sup> flight A'dam-London 1920	Vlieg.Hollander
Sindelfingen/D	28 Oct.	Get-together	EAPC/ArGe Zeppelin

On the occasion of their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, SAV was awarded a FISA silver plate and an American Air Mail Society plaque.

**Days of Aerophilately** and commemorative **Aero/Astrophilatelic events** were organised at:

Dübendorf/CH	15 April	Day of Aerophilately	Phil.Verein Glattal/SAV
Agrate Brianza/I	14 May	Day of Aerophilately 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flight de Pinedo 1925	A.I.D.A.
Apolda/Thüringen/D	14-15 Oct.	Day of Aerophilately/Thübria 2000	A.P.C.D.
Schiphol/NL	21 Oct.	39 <sup>th</sup> Day of Aerophilately	Vlieg.Hollander

**Roland F. KOHL (CH)** was nominated Honorary President of FISA for devotion and services rendered as President of FISA and to our mutual hobby, aero- and astrophilately.

The recipient of the **George W. Angers Memorial Award** for 2000 was **Gérard Collot** of France, C.A.F. President and FISA Board member.

FISA President **Kuno Sollors** attended the 66<sup>th</sup> FIP Congress held on 14-15 October at Madrid/E on the occasion of ESPANA 2000, as well as the Meeting of Aerophilatelists.

Several new books, catalogues and handbooks were published, enriching the field of aero/astrophilatelic literature. In addition, excellent articles on aero/astrophilately were published by several of our affiliated societies in various magazines and bulletins:

Nachluftpost in Deutschl. (Kat./Handbuch)	M. Köckritz/A.Lange/ R.Phillipp
Jahrbuch der Luft- und Raumfahrt REUSS 2000	Tilman Reuss/D
Katalog Der Deutschen Luftpost – Teil 13 : Erstflüge 1991-1999 ohne Deutsche Lufthansa	Erich Haberer/D
Stempel der Luftpostleitstelle Hamburg Flughafen (Heft 37)	Th. Kahlbom/D
Katalog der Aerogramme von Asien	Werner Wiegand/D
Catalogo 'Aerofilia Italiana' 1898-1941	Dr. Fiorenzo Longhi/I
Book 'Das Jahrhundert der Zeppeline'	Team of authors : Dr. Wolfgang Meighörner / M.A.Desdemona Vagedes / Dr. Klaus-Jürgen / Wrage & Katja Muissus
Posta Aerea 1926-2000 tariffe (Italian air rates)	Giovanni Micheli/I
Schweizerisches Luftpost-Handbuch	Catalogue Commission SAV/CH
Airmails of Trinidad and Tobago	R.G. Wike
Frost Special Zeppelin Mail and Postcard Catalogue 2000	Frost Publ./N.Y.

FISA mourned the passing away of:

- ⇒ **Georges Lauwers** (B), FISA Director and President BFV Cosmos, on 15 May.
- ⇒ **Vola Eustis** (Aus), wife of FISA Vice President Nelson Eustis, on 16 June.
- ⇒ **Emile Vandenbauw** (B), S.A.B. President, on 16 September.
- ⇒ **Hans Rudi Schneider** (CH), Gesellschaft der Weltall-Philatelisten.

A new **FISA Directory** was issued and distributed amongst its member societies.

The three issues of the **FISA Bulletin** contained a variety of interesting articles in the field of aero- and astrophilately. Through the Bulletin a regular contact is maintained between the Federation's members. The FISA website was much visited.

A **FISA Board Meeting** was held at Destelbergen/B on 20 May.

The **40<sup>th</sup> FISA Congress and AGM** will take place on Saturday, **26 May 2001** (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.) in **Wuppertal/D** on the occasion of 'NAPOSTA 2001' (RI exhibition) which will be held from 24 to 27 May 2001. At the same time the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FISA will be celebrated. We are looking forward to seeing you there.