

F.I.S.A. – ANNUAL REPORT 2001

The **40th FISA Congress and General Meeting** were held on Saturday, 26 May in Wuppertal, Germany, on the occasion of 'NAPOSTA 2001'.

The FISA Directorate met on Friday 25 May 2001 in Wuppertal (D) and on Saturday 27 September at Destelbergen (B).

FISA mourned the passing away of **Madame Marcelle Houlteau-Pierre (F)**, CAF President and former FISA Board Member, on 7 June, and **Raymond Bouyé/F**, a great aerophilatelist, on 16 June.

Awards granted to :

The **Golden FISA Medal 2001** was awarded to Board Member Dr. Romano Savini (I) and to Secretary General Jackie Lauwers-Bekaert (B).

A **Golden FISA Pin** was granted to Board members Hans Mierl (A) and John Johnson (US). The Space Unit of the ATA awarded the '**Les Winick Award**' for service to astrophilately to the late FISA Board Member Georges Lauwers (B).

Board Member Nelson Eustis (Aus) was presented the '**Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria John Gartner Medal**' for services to philatelic literature.

Cheryl Ganz (US) and Stephen Reinhard (US) were honoured by election to the **Aerophilatelic Hall of Fame** for their dedication and contributions to aerophilately.

Literature :

The **Silver Medal for Literature** was awarded to Dr. Fiorenzo Longhi (I).

The **Bronze Medal** was awarded to the German team of authors Dr. Wolfgang Meighörner, M.A. Desdemona Vagedes, Dr. Klaus-Jürgen Wrage and Katja Muissus.

The **Kobylanski Prize** was awarded to Peter Muggler (CH).

The Federation was represented in 2001 at the Aero-/Astrophilatelic exhibitions, Days of Aerophilately organised worldwide by FISA member societies, and conferences/seminars were held at several of these events.

Olten (CH)	28/29 April	Exhibition and Days of Aerophilately (Phil.-Verein Olten/SAV/Segelfluggruppe Olten/Antonov-Verein)
Ottawa (CAN)	5/6 May	ORAPEX 2001 exhibition (C.A.S.)
Ancona (I)	18/19 May	Exhibition and Day of Aerophilately (AIDA)
Brüssel (B)	9 June	Seminar on Astrophilately J.M. Grandela/E
	10 June	Int. Astrophilatelic Meeting with conference and slide show (Space Unit/USA and BFV Cosmos/B)
Schiphol (NL)	27/28 Oct.	Day of Aerophilately and 65 th anniversary "De Vliegende Hollander" (NL).

Published books and catalogues

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.

"La Poste Aérienne Belge" (3 vol., in French & Dutch)	Walter Major/B
Catalogue of Aerogrammes "Westberlin 1948-1991"	Günther Steinbock/D
"The Greatest Adventure", Story of the Piccard/Jones Balloon flight	
"Die Geschichte der Deutsch-Kolumbianischen Luftfahrt Gesellschaft SCADTA"	W. Brandes/D
Katalog "Ballonpost Schweiz" Abbildungen in Farbe	Peter Muggler/CH

Katalog "Deutsche Luftpost" Teil 14	Wiegand & Haberer/D
"Die Entwicklung des Luftpostverkehrs in Ostdeutschland nach dem zweiten Weltkrieg"	Horst Teichmann/D
"Air Mail Routes & Rates in South America 1928-40"	Dr. Mario D. Kurchan
"Official Air Mail rates to foreign and overseas destinations as established by the Canadian Post Office 1926-1942"	D. Whiteley/CAS
"Airmail of Japan" (in Japanese)	Narita Hiromu/Jap

The Bulletin

The three issues of the FISA Bulletin contained a variety of very 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 well visited.

The **41st FISA Congress** and General Meeting will take place in January 2003 in Tucson, Arizona, where the American Air Mail Society will hold their Annual Convention.