

## F.I.S.A. – ANNUAL REPORT 2002

FISA has ended 2002 with an added number of successful achievements. Hereafter a summary of the highlights

The Federation was represented at the aero/astrophilatellic exhibitions organised worldwide by FISA Member Societies and conferences/get-together were held at several of these occasions.

Dübendorf/CH	27-28 April	Aerophilatellic Exhibition	SAV
Berlin/D	10 -12 May	Airphila 02, Aero Exh. RIII with international participation comm.. 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary IAPC and 70 years Aerophilately	IAPC 'Otto Lilienthal'
Graz/A	12 May	Exhibition and mail forwarded by rocket comm. 100 <sup>th</sup> ann. birthday Fr. Schmiedl	Phil.Gesell.Graz

**DAYS of AEROPHILATELY** and commemorative aero/astrophilatellic events were organised at:

Dübendorf/CH	27-28 April	Days of Aerophilately	SAV
Verona/I	10 May	Day of Aerophilately commemorating Flight Ch. Lindbergh 1927 New York-Paris	AIDA
Berlin/D	10-12 May	Airphila 02	IAPC/ 'Otto Lilienthal'
Schiphol/NL	26-27 Oct.	Day of Aerophilately	De Vliegende Hollander

The **Golden FISA Medal 2002** was awarded to Board Member John Johnson/USA.

The **Golden FISA Pin** was granted to Board Member Dr. Bedrich Helm/Czech Rep.

The **Silver Literature Medal** was awarded to Walter Major/B for the 3 volumes of 'La Poste Aérienne Belge' and to Walter Brandes/D for the SCADTA book.

The **2002 George W. Angers Award** was posthumously presented by the American Air Mail Society to late George Lauwers/B, Board Member of FISA and President of BFV Cosmos for outstanding leadership internationally in the promotion of astrophilately, 1958-2000, as well as supporting aerophilately and goodwill among all levels of philately. He was a dedicated researcher, exhibitor, judge and counsel to all interested in astrophilately.

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

Illustrated Aviation & Air Mail History of Fiji	Bryan A. Jones/Austr.
Australia's First Flights – March 1910	Nelson Eustis/Austr.
Australian Air Mail Catalogue, 2002 edition	Nelson Eustis/Austr.
LZ 129 Hindenburg, the complete story	John Duggan/GB
Pigeon Mail through History	Salvador Bofarull/E
Standorte ehemaliger Flugzeuge der Interflug & der Deutschen Lufthansa der DDR	E.Hauschild & R.Stimm/D
Stendal, eine Chronik der Luftfahrtgeschichte	G.Wagner/D
Die Flugpost Österreichs – Teil I, 1946-1970	Manfred Kockritz/D
Katalog der Aerogramme von Mittel- und Südamerika	W.Wiegand/D
Jahrbuch der Luft- & Raumfahrt Reuss 2002	Tilman Reuss/D
Handbuch der Flugblattkunde 1939-1945, Vol. I	Klaus Kirchner/D
Los Secretos de las Rutas y Tarifas Aereas en Sudamérica 1928-1941 (Bilingual Spanish and English)	Dr. M.D. Kurchan/Arg
Chinaflug (in German)	Wulf Diether Graf zu Castell/D
L.A.T.I. Linee Aeree Transcontinentali Italiane (in Italian)	Flavio Riccitelli/I
FISA mourned the passing away of <b>Fernando Corsari/Italy</b> , President AIDA, <b>James Stapleton/New</b>	

**Zealand**, Patron and Honorary life member of the Air Mail Society of New Zealand and **Frans van Beveren/NL**, a great aerophilatelist  
They will be greatly missed by us all.

The FISA Directorate met in Schwarzenbach a/Wald/D on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and in Bad Rothenfelde/D on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 2002.

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 well consulted.

The 41<sup>st</sup> FISA Congress and General Meeting took place on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 2003 at Tucson, Arizona/USA on occasion of ARIPEX 03 and the Annual Convention of the American Air Mail Society.