

## F.I.S.A. – ANNUAL REPORT 2003

The **41<sup>st</sup> FISA Congress and General Assembly** were held on Saturday 25 January 2003 at Tucson Convention Center, Tucson, Arizona, USA on the occasion of ARIPEX 03. A large group of European delegates and guests were present.

### **Awards granted to :**

The **Golden FISA Medal 2003** was awarded to Board member John Johnson Jr, USA.  
 A **Golden FISA Pin** was given to Board member MUDr. Bedrich Helm, Czech Rep.  
 For **Literature** a **Silver Medal** was awarded to Walter Major, Belgium and to Walter Brandes, Germany.  
 Alexander S. Newall, UK, was honoured as **Patron of FISA**.

The **American Air Mail Society** granted the following Awards for 2003:

The **Walter J. Conrath Memorial Award** to Robert Spooner, USA.  
 The **Aerophilatelic Hall of Fame (AHF)** to John Johnson Jr, USA and to Keith Griffiths, New Zealand.  
 The **L.B. Gatchell Literature Award** for the best article or series of articles in the Airpost Journal for 2002 to Pradip Jain, India.  
 The **Earl & Fred Wellman Literature Award** for the best regular feature in the Jack Knight Air Log in 2002 to Cheryl Ganz and Jim Hill, USA for 'The Zeppelin Collector'.  
 The **George D. Kingdom Literature Award** for the best aerophilatelic catalogue or history published in 2002 to Nils Ramm-Ericson, Sweden for 'The Airmails of Siam'.

The Federation was represented at the aero- and astrophilatelic exhibitions organised worldwide by FISA member societies, and conferences/get-togethers were held at several of these occasions.

Tucson/AZ	24-26 Jan.	Aripex 03 & Annual Convention AAMS	AAMS
London/UK	20-23 March	Stampex 03	BAeF
Salzburg/A	7-9 June	Astro Exhibition 'Aerospace 03'	Gmünder Weltraumfr.
Sindelfingen/D	24-26 Oct.	Flugpost Salon on occasion of 50 <sup>th</sup> anniv. EAPC	EAPC
Berlin/D	13-16 Nov.	80 <sup>th</sup> anniv. Airport Tempelhof	IAPC
Adelaide/Aus	17-18 Dec.	Aeropex 03 – 100 <sup>th</sup> anniv. Wright Bros	Austr. AMS

Days of Aerophilately and commemorative aero-/astro events were organised at:

Altenrhein/CH	3 May	Day of Aerophilately	SAV
Senigallia/I	14 June	Day of Aerophilately	AIDA
Dresden/D	13-14 Sept.	Get-together on occ. General Meeting of IAPC	IAPC
Apeldoorn/NL	17-19 Oct.	42 <sup>nd</sup> Day of Aerophilately	De Vlieg.Hollander
Berlin/D	13-16 Nov.	Get-together	IAPC

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

Airmail Directional Handstamps	Ian McQueen/UK
Graf Zeppelin in Austria	John Duggan/UK
Chronology of Forms used in Australian PO & Agencies	Erica J. Fraser/Aus
Airmails of Siam	Nil Ramm-Ericson/S
Air Crash Mail of Imp. Airways & Predecessor Airlines	Kendall Sanford/CH
Sky Sailors	Peter C. Rickenback/UK
Spezial Katalog 'Ballonpost Schweiz	Peter Muggler/CH

Jahrbuch der Luft- & Raumfahrt Reuss 2003  
Geschichte der Militär-Ballone von 1794 bis zur Gegenwart  
La Poste Aérienne Française  
Kat. der Aerogramme v. Austr. & Oceanien

Tilman Reuss/D  
Dipl.Ing. K.F. Ehrhardt/D  
Icare/F  
Roggenkämper/Reuss/Wiegand/D

### **Obituaries**

FISA mourned the passing away on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2003 of its Honorary Member **Johann Kormann**, Austria. He was the founder and for many years President of the Austrian Aerophilatelic Society 'ÖFSV-Österr. Flugpostsammlerverein'.

FISA's Vice-President **Nelson Eustis**, Australia, founder and Honorary Secretary of the Australian Airmail Society, passed away on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

They will be greatly missed by us all.

The **FISA Directorate** met in Tucson/Az on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, in Destelbergen/B on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August, and in Sindelfingen/D on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

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 renewed and well consulted.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> FISA Congress and General Assembly will take place in 2005.  
The FISA Directorate is looking forward to an invitation.

KS/JB, January 2004.