

F.I.S.A. – ANNUAL REPORT 2005

The **42nd F.I.S.A. Congress and General Assembly** was held on Saturday 4th JUNE 2005 at Hannover Congress Centrum, Germany, on occasion of '**NAPOSTA 05**'.

The **Golden FISA Medal 2005** was awarded to Günther Lachmann, Germany for his lifetime service and devotion to aerophilately.

For **Literature a Silver Medal** was awarded to Richard Saundry, United Kingdom and David Y Lu/China.

A **Bronze Medal for Literature** was awarded to Horst Teichmann, Germany.

The **Golden FISA Pin** was given to Board Member Gérard Collot, France.

President Kuno Sollors attended the annual general meeting of the American Air Mail Society held at Sarasota, Florida/USA where he was honoured to the '**Aerophilatelic Hall of Fame**'.

Also Donald B. Holmes, France, was presented the 'Aerophilatelic Hall of Fame' award.

Their names will be inscribed on the Aerophilatelic Hall of Fame plaque at the headquarters of the American Philatelic Society in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

At the General Meeting of 'De Vliegende Hollander' on April 16th 2005, the Silver Pin of the society was awarded to Jacques Bot, Jo van Vliet and its Chairman Wybo P. Heere.

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

j	Bridging the Continents in Wartime	Hans Aitink
j	Important airmail routes 1939-1945	Egbert Hovenkamp/NL
j	Almerica da Schio, first centry of airship 'Italia'	
j	British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines 1946-1954	Laurence Kimpton/UK
i	Southern African Air Mails, extracts from the S.African Philatelist 1931-1973	D.G. Morton, S.A.
j	British South American Airways 1946-1949	Richard Beith/UK
j	Les timbres belges de la Poste Aérienne 1930-1959	Walter Major/B

The Federation was represented at the aero- and astrophilatelic exhibitions organised worldwide by F.I.S.A. member societies and conferences/get-together were held at several of these occasions :

30 Sept.	Rome/I	'Romaer 2005'	AIDA
18-20 Nov.	Chicago	National Exhibition and A.G.M. of American Air Mail Society/AAMS	

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

Schio/I	17 June	Day of Aerophilately comm. 100 th Anniversary of first italian airship 'Italia'	AIDA
Rome/I	30 Sept.	35 th Day of Aerophilately comm. 80 th Anniversary Flight Italy-Australia by Francesco de Pinedo	
Nieuwegein/NL	5 Nov.	44th Day of Aerophilately (75 years Airmail Suriname)	Vliegende Hollander

F.I.S.A. mourned the passing away on July 25th 2005 of **Kurt DAHMANN**, Germany, at the age of 89 years. He was amongst the founders of F.I.S.A. as Board Director (1960), Editor of the FISA Bulletin (1965-1982), Honorary Secretary General (1965-1990) and Honorary Member since 1990. He will be greatly missed by us all.

The F.I.S.A. Directorate met in Bad Rothenfelde/D on June 2nd and in Hannover/D.

F.I.S.A. website was well consulted.

The **43rd F.I.S.A. Congress and General Assembly** will take place in the fall of 2007 in Pennsylvania, USA. More details to follow.