

F.I.S.A. - ANNUAL REPORT 2007

Another year has come to its end and you will find hereafter a summary of the highlights.

The **43rd F.I.S.A. CONGRESS** and **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** were held on 20th October 2007 at Bellefonte/PA, USA on occasion of 'AEROPHILATELY 07', which was a great success.

The **GOLDEN FISA MEDAL 2007** was awarded to A. Don JONES/USA and Dr. Stefan BRUYLANTS/B for their service and devotion to aerophilately and astrophilately.

The **GOLDEN F.I.S.A. PIN** was presented to Stephen REINHARD/USA and to Dr. Peter MOELLER/D.

As to **LITERATURE** a **SILVER MEDAL 2007** was awarded to Fiorenzi LONGHI/I for his catalogue 'Aerofilia Italiana-Storico Descrittivo 1898-1941'.

A **BRONZE MEDAL** was awarded to Charles KIDDLE/GB for his book 'Poster Stamps German Aviation-German Aircraft', to Murray HEIFETZ/CAN for his book 'O.A.T. & A.V.2. Markings-3rd edition, to Volkmar MEHLITZ/D for his special catalogue on 'DDR-Luftpost, Lustpostbriefe/Aerogramme/Ganzsachen.

By election at the AAMS/American Air Mail Society, Brian ASQUITH/GB was honoured to the 2007 **Aerophilatelic Hall of Fame** for his dedication and outstanding service to aerophilately.

All received applause from the audience.

Dr. Jim ROSE/USA received the 2006 **Les Winick Award** for outstanding service to astrophilately.

The American Topical Association honoured Ray E. CARTIER/USA with the 2007 **Distinguished Topical Philatelist (DTP) Award**.

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.

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| - Katalog der Deutschen Luftpost-Teil 16, Erst und Sonderflug
2000-2004 ohne Deutsche Lufthansa | Reiner Stimm &
Horst Teichmann / D |
| - Eurasia Aviation Corporation – a german-chinese airline in
China and its airmail 1931-1943 | Dr. Peter Moeller &
Larry D. Sall/D |
| - Aerofilia Italiana – Cat. Storico Descrittivo 1898-1941 | Fiorenzi Longhi/I |
| - O.A.T. & A.V.2 Markings-3rd edition | Murray Heifetz/Can. |

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 events :

28-29 April	SION/CH	Day of Aerophilately	Phil. Club Swissair
22 September	VASTOFI/I	39th Day of Aerophilately	A.I.D.A.
30 September	LEIPZIG/D	Day of Aerophilately	APCD/Aeroph.Club Deutschland

Exhibitions :

30 September	LEIPZIG/D	'LIPSIA 2007'	APCD/Aeroph.Club Deutschland
19-21 Oct.	BELLEFONTE/PA	'AEROPHILATELY 07'	AAMS/American Air Mail Soc.

During the past year F.I.S.A. mourned the passing away of several good friends :

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| ⇒ Bob E. LANA/USA | +17.10.2006 at the age of 74 |
| ⇒ Alex S. NEWALL/GB | °15.11.1913 +08.11.2006 |
| ⇒ Rüdiger BEITER/D | °14.09.1941 +15.11.2006 |
| ⇒ Peter WILHELM/D | +15.12.2006 at the age of 65 |
| ⇒ Bob SPOONER/USA | +2006 |
| ⇒ Hans KAEGI-KULLING/CH | °21.10.1931 +05.04.2007 |
| ⇒ Pat SLOAN/USA | +05.05.2007 |
| ⇒ Bill HARRINGTON/CAN | +06.05.2007 |
| ⇒ John DUGGAN/GB | °10.07.1932 +26.10.2007. |

The F.I.S.A. Directorate met on April 21st 2007 at Siezenheim-Salzburg/A and on October 18th 2007 at Bellefonte/PA-USA.

The **44th F.I.S.A. CONGRESS and GENERAL ASSEMBLY** will take place on SATURDAY 25th APRIL 2009 at MEYRIN/CH on occasion of 'PhilAero 09', a non-competitive aero- and astrophilatelic exhibition with international participation commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Aero-Club of Geneva.

The Club Philatélique de Meyrin/CPM offered to organise this event -24-26 APRIL 2009 - and its proposal was accepted by SAV/Schweizerischen Aerophilatelisten Verein.

A presentation file –in english, german and french language- with the necessary information can already be obtained with FISA's Secretary General.

Information can also be found on :

FISA website : <http://fly.to/fisa>

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Meantime FISA's Secretary General would appreciate to be informed on the activities and events of your club/society taking place in 2008, such as Day of Aerophilately, Exhibitions, Awards etc... as well as literature issued.

KS / J.L-B, January 2007