

ANNUAL REPORT ON F.I.S.A. ACTIVITIES 2008
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Hereafter a summary of the highlights.

The **2007 AAMS AWARDS** were announced at the AAMS Awards breakfast held at the Philadelphia National Stamp Show on 7 September 2008 :

- George D. KINGDOM Literature Award for the best aerophilatelic book published in 2007, 'Handbook of Aeropostal History of Chile 1916-2006' by Dr. Eduardo Madsen.
- L.B. GATCHELL Literature Award for the best article in the APJ in 2007 'The Confidential PAA timetable 1942-45' by David Crotty.
- The AEROPHILATELIC HALL OF FAME was awarded to Fred Dietz, the immediate Past President of the Metropolitan Air Post Society.
- The WELMANN AWARD was not given this year.

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 clubs in various magazines and bulletins.

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| * | Catalogue 'Les mentions postales belges sur envois par avion 1908-2008' (in dutch and french language) | Walter Major/B |
| * | Peruvian Civil Aviation | AAMS/Herbert A. Moll |
| * | Deutsche Marine Luftschiffe 1912-1918 | Douglas H. Robinson |
| * | Poster Stamps German Aviation 'Zeppelins' | Charles Kiddle |
| * | Handbook 'Historia Aeropostal de Chile 1916-2006' | Dr. Eduardo Madsen |
| * | Cartes postales par avion 'Aéropostale Air France 1928-1939' | CAF/Gérard Collot |
| * | Airmails of New Zealand, Vol III – Int. Airmails 1940-1970 | Robin M. Startup |
| * | The Australian Air Mail catalogue, 8th Edition, 2008 | Nelson Eustis
& Tom Frommer |
| * | South African Air Mails | Nicholas Arrow |

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

5 April	Köln /D – Aerophilatelic Exhibition on occasion of 60 Years of DAPC e.V.	DAPC
27 May-1 June	Berlin Schönefeld/D - 'ILA 2008' International Aero-& Astro Exhibition & Conference	ILA
10-28 June	Bucarest/Rom - Int. FIP Exhibition EFIRO 08	F.I.P
18-21 Sept	Vienna/A – WIPA '08 – Int. FIP/FEPA exhibition	FIP/FEPA
Oct.	Port Elisabeth/SA - National Philatelic Exhibition	
Oct.	Pretoria/SA - National Exhibition	

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

7th March	Milano/I	– 40th Day of Aerophilately on occasion of 50th Anniversary of foundation of AIDA	AIDA
19 April	Dübendorf/CH	– Day of Aerophilately on occasion of 50 Years Philatelic Club Swissair	PCS

On occasion of WIPA '08 three F.I.S.A. Board Members gave a lecture :

Pioneer Airmail CSR until 1918	MUDr. Bedrich Helm/CZ
China in Space	Dr. Stefan Bruylants/B
Austria Airmail after WW I	Wolfgang Porges/CH

During the past year we mourned the passing away of :

- Francisco LEMOS Da SILVEIRA, Portugal (*1918 - + 2008).
He was a very well known aerophilatelist, national and FIP Juror, President of the Portuguese Philatelic Federation.
F.I.S.A. Board Director from 1965 to 1968 and F.I.S.A. Vice-President from 1968 to 1977.
He was also a productive author of articles on aerophilately and wrote a book 'Correio Aéreo Em Portugal' – The Air Mail in Portugal.
He won and obtained several international distinctions.

- Mrs. Dorothy GRACE-MALOTT (*9.11.25 - + 21.7.08).
She was the beloved wife of Richard K. Malott, Past President CAS/Canadian Aerophilatelic Society

- Mrs. Heidi NEWALL (+28.10.09)
wife of late Patron of F.I.S.A., Alex S. Newall.

The **F.I.S.A. Directorate** met on :

- Saturday 26th April 08 at Destelbergen/Belgium
- Saturday 20th September 08 at Vienna/Austria.

The **44th F.I.S.A. Congress and General Assembly** will be held on occasion of **PHIL AERO '09** at Meyrin/CH on Saturday 25th April 2009.

As to hotel accommodation the O.C. arranged a block of rooms at NH Hotel Geneva Airport.

All reservations should be made with

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Look forward to meet you at MEYRIN !

SR / JB, January 2009.