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**REPORT on 40th F.I.S.A. CONGRESS & GENERAL MEETING held on
Saturday MAY 26th at Novotel, Wuppertal/D
on the occasion of NAPOSTA 2001.**

Kuno Sollors (D), President of F.I.S.A. welcomed the delegates and guests present. He expressed his thanks for the well attended Congress. A special welcome was extended to Honorary President of FISA, Mr. Roland F. Kohl (CH) and to Kurt Dahmann, Honorary Member of FISA.

He read out the greetings and good wishes for a successful Congress and General Meeting received from MM. Nelson Eustis, Secretary Australian Air Mail Society (Austr), Gérard Collot, President Cercle Aérophilatélique Français (F), John Duggan President Zeppelin Study Group (UK), Martin Smith, Secretary British Aerophilatelic Federation (UK), John Johnson, American Air Mail Society (USA), Dick Malott, President Canadian Aerophilatelic Association (Can), Egil Thomassen (N), President FIP AirCom, Hermann W. Sieger (D), Honorary Member FISA.

He excused the Board Members MM. Nelson Eustis (Austr), Gérard Collot (F), John Johnson (USA), Bedrich Helm (CZ), who extended their best wishes and greetings to the members attending the Congress.

The Board Members present were introduced to the audience :

Vice-President Dr. Stefan Bruylants (B), Vice-President & Honorary Treasurer Tony A. Roth (CH), Secretary General Jackie Lauwers-Bekaert (B), Hon. Editor Alex S. Newall (GB), Board Members Hans Mierl (A) and Dr. Romano Savini (I).

GRANTING of AWARDS

The **Golden F.I.S.A. Medal 2001** was awarded to Board Member Dr. Romano Savini (I) and to Secretary General Jackie Lauwers-Bekaert (B) for their outstanding services to FISA.

A **Golden F.I.S.A. Pin** was given to Board Members Hans Mierl (A) and John Johnson (USA).

Literature :

The **Silver Medal 2001** was awarded to Dr. Fiorenzo Longhi (I) for his catalogue 'Aerofilia Italiano 1898-1941'.

The **Bronze Medal 2001** was awarded to the German team of authors Dr. Wolfgang Meighörner, M.A.Desdemona Vagedes, Dr. Klaus-Jürgen Wrage and Katja Muissus for their book 'Das Jahrhundert der Zeppeline'.

The **Kobylanski Prize** was awarded to Peter Muggler (CH) for his catalogue 'Ballonpost Schweiz'.

Delegates and guests heartily applauded.

The President also informed the audience of the awarding of the **Les Wincik Award** to FISA Board Member and well known astrophilatelist, Georges Lauwers (B), who passed away last year.

The honouring ceremony was followed by the **General Meeting**.

The President requested to change the Agenda and to treat point 10 before point 9.

1. The proposed AGENDA was accepted.

2. Dr. Peter Moeller (D) and Peter Muggler (CH) volunteered as Tellers and were confirmed as such.

3. The Report of the previous General Assembly (Vienna 1999) was accepted as published in FISA Bulletin n° 112/p.10 to 13.

4. The Secretary General's Annual Report 2000, published in FISA Bulletin n° 116/p.6-7, was also approved and accepted.

5. Copies of the balance sheets were distributed to the delegates. The balance as at 31st Dec. 1999 showed a loss of CHF 5.941.50 and per 31st Dec. 2000 a loss of CHF 1.865.70. Report of the Auditors 'Treureva AG' was not available but will be published in forthcoming FISA Bulletin.

The Financial Reports were approved by the General Assembly.

6. Admittance of New Members.

The China Air Mail Society, Zeppelin Study Group (UK) and Johannes Palmer (D) applied for membership. One individual membership application was received from Mr. Constantine Politis (USA).

The four new members were unanimously accepted by the General Assembly.

7. Election of Members of the Directorate and Auditors (for a two-year term).

All Board Members agreed to serve another term. All were re-elected and received applause. Also the Auditors 'Treureva AG' Zurich were also re-elected.

8. Fixing of the Yearly Subscription

The membership fee will remain unchanged, i.e. 0.50 CHF per member, with a minimum of 80 CHF per society. In future small auctions will be held to support FISA.

Hon. Treasurer Tony Roth's proposition to auction a letter was accepted by the delegates.

9. Revision of Statutes were sent to all affiliated societies.

Mr. Wybo Heere, President of 'De Vliegende Hollander' (NL), pointed out that art. 11 was not necessary. Voting resulted in 25 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention.

Consequently the proposed alterations were accepted.

10. Motions and Appeals.

An appeal was received from 'De Vliegende Hollander' (NL) against creating the 'Council of Elders'.

Discussion and voting resulted in 27 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention for the creation of this Council, which will be further discussed within the FISA Board.

11. Granting of Patronage and Auspices to Exhibitions

An application for auspices was received from the Australian Air Mail Society for their AEROPEX exhibition which will be held in 2003 (no date fixed yet).

The delegates agreed to grant FISA Auspices.

12. Fixing of time and place of the next Congress and General Assembly.

An invitation has already been received from Dr. Peter Moeller, President EAPC (D) to hold the 2003 Congress at Stuttgart/D on occasion of LAS 03.

He explained to the audience of the problems encountered meanwhile and that the LAS 03 exhibition had to be cancelled.

In the meantime an invitation was received from the USA to hold the 2003 Congress at Tucson/Arizona (January or February). More details will be published in the FISA Bulletin.

13. Communications.

'De Vliegende Hollander' will organise their 40th Day of Aerophilately and 65th Anniversary of their club at Schiphol/NL on 27 & 28th October 2001.

Inscription forms for participation were available.

From Hans Kaps, President of IAPC/D, information was received on an airmail exhibition with international participation and youth class in rang III which will be held on occasion of the 75th anniversary of IAPC. The exhibition will be held on 10-12 May 2002 at Berlin/D.

President Kuno Sollors explained on the FIP/FISA relationship and hopes for a successful co-operation in the future.

No further communications having been received the Congress and General Assembly were adjourned at 12.00. The President thanked all participants and looked forward to seeing everyone in Arizona in 2003.

The General Assembly was followed by the FISA luncheon at 13:00.

KS/JB, June 2001.