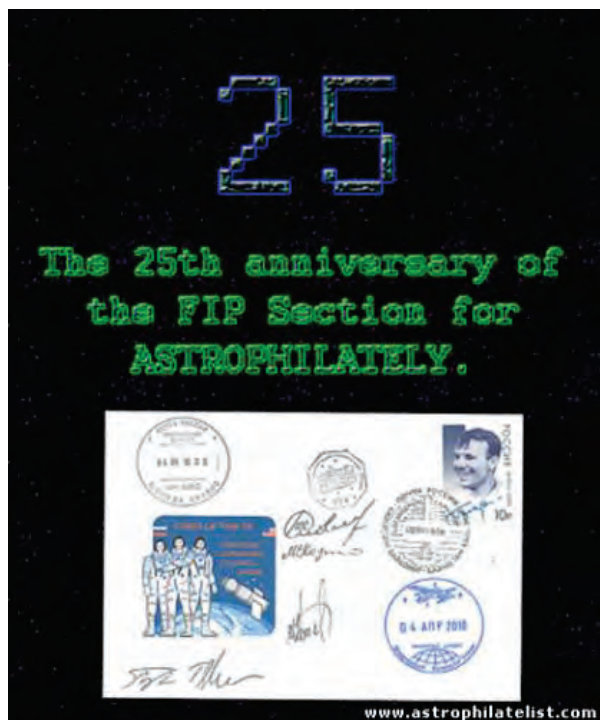


25 YEARS OF ASTRO-PHILATELY



At the FIP Commission Meeting of Astrophilately held in Lisbon, The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Igor Rodin presented a review of the 25 years of Astrophilately.



The Chairman of the Astrophilately Commission, Mr. Igor Rodin, with President of the Republic of Portugal, Mr. Aníbal Cavaco Silva.

25 years ago on November 5, 1985 at the FIP Congress in Rome, on the occasion of ITALIA'85 World Philatelic Exhibition, a motion of the FIP Board to create a **Section for Astrophilately**

within the Commission for Aerophilately was approved by the Congress.

On the initiative of **Mr. Umberto Cavallaro**, President of ASITAF – Italian Astrophilately Society, Italian Delegate of the FIP Section for Astrophilately, Poste Italiane issued a special cancellation devoted to the event.



The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Igor Rodin, and the past Chairman Ms Beatrice Bachmann during the presentation to the Delegates of the Commission.

The **Special Regulations (SREVs) for Astrophilately** was also approved.

Mrs. Beatrice Bachmann was appointed by the FIP Board as **Leader of the Section**.

At a preceding FIP Board and Commission Presidents' Meeting in Zürich she was invited by the FIP President Ladislav Dvoracek to answer questions on the necessity of founding an independent Astrophilately Section with Special Regulations and Guidelines in accordance with the philatelic material to prove her capacity as Leader of the FIP Section.

FIP Board member Dr. Teddy Dahinden, Aero- and Astrophilately Juror and Coordinator of the Commission for Aerophilately became also Coordinator of the Section for Astrophilately.

The new created FIP Section for Astrophilately was a test project.

The Section "Leader", instead of Commission "President", had to provide the President of the Aerophilately Commission, Mr. Francisco Lemos

da Silveira from Portugal, with all official paper and information of the Section for approval before forwarding to delegates.

Not more than 4 members to be elected in the so called "Working Committee" instead of Commission "Bureau".

I was done an Inquiry for Members in the Working Committee and Delegates.

The first task of Beatrice Bachmann was to ask National Philatelic Federations for appointing a Delegate or a Member of the Working Committee to the Section for Astrophilately up to the first official elections.

The nominations for the Working Committee received were:

George Lauwers, Belgium, President of the Belgium Phil. Society "Cosmos"

Peter Wilhelm, Germany, President of the German "Space Philatelic Society"

Dr. Reuben Ramkissoo, USA, President of the US "Space Unit" Phil. Society

Purnendu Gupta, India, President of the Philatelic Congress of India.

First Meeting of the Working Committee took place in Zürich 25th and 27th Oct. 1986.

In 1987 at the FIP Congress and Delegate's Meeting at HAFNIA'87 in Copenhagen, the Leader informed the Delegates at the Meeting about the approval of the Guidelines for Astrophilately by the FIP Board



A special post mark with the same design of the one issued in 1985, was used on **November 05, 2010** in Rome, where Astrophilately was born.

The Bureau of the FIP Section for Astrophilately and congratulate all Astrophilately-collectors with the 25th Anniversary of our Section.



View of the meeting of the FIP Astrophilately Commission in Lisbon.

INTERNATIONAL THEMATIC SEMINAR IN ALPE-ADRIA PHILA 2011

On the occasion of the Alpe-Adria Phila 20011 exhibition in Opatija, Croatia, a Thematic Seminar will be held on Sunday 17th April 2011.

The Seminar will have the collaboration of Dr. Giancarlo Morolli, leader of the world Thematic Philately for the last 40 years.

The Seminar, titled "The Evaluation of Thematic Exhibits", will be presented by José Ramón Moreno, Secretary of the FIP Thematic Commission, who will develop it in an interactive way, so the attendants will take a participative role.

It is open to all levels, from completely beginners to advanced collectors and jurors. Everybody interested in Thematic Philately will be welcome!