

Report of The FIP Revenue Commission to FIP Congress in Taipei, October 2016

The FIP Revenue Commission is pleased to be able to provide a report of our activities since the last FIP Congress of 2014.

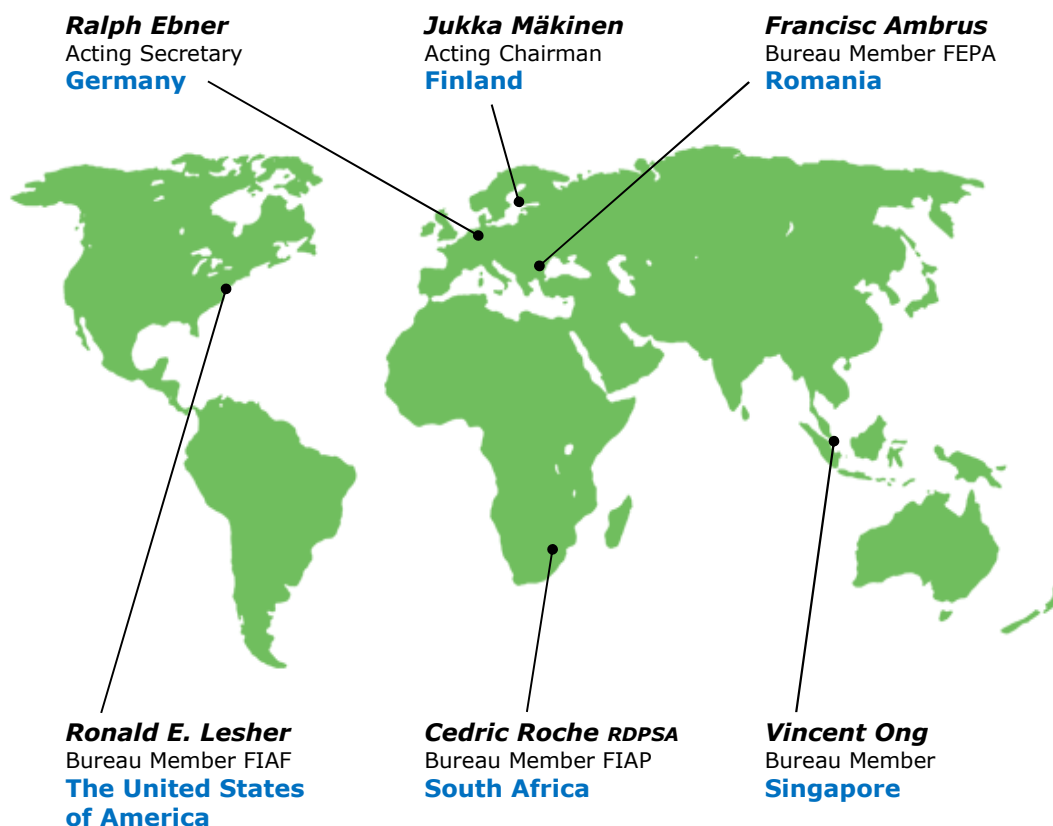
FRANCIS KIDDLE 1942-2015

The Commission suffered a great loss when our Chairman **Francis Kiddle** RDP Hon FRPSL (1942-2015) sadly passed away on 21 October, 2015. He chaired the Commission for seven years, since 2008, and before that, he chaired the FIP Literature Commission. His philatelic contribution was tremendous and invaluable and he will be sorely missed. His obituary was published on the website of our Commission: <http://www.fip-revenue.org/pag/bureau.php>

CHANGES IN THE COMMISSION BUREAU

Soon after the untimely death of our Chairman Francis Kiddle, the FIP Revenue Commission was reorganized as follows. According to FIP Rules, the recent post of **Jukka Mäkinen** (Finland) as Secretary was changed to position of Acting Chairman. Bureau Member **Ralph Ebner** (Germany) took Mäkinen's place as Acting Secretary. The current Bureau has six Members altogether, with representation from the three Continental Federations.

FIP REVENUE COMMISSION BUREAU MEMBERS IN 2016



The long illness of Francis Kiddle unfortunately had an effect on the activity of the Commission during 2014 and 2015. Despite of this sad setback, we have actively maintained our praiseworthy website, the list of National Delegates and the complete database of all FIP awards for revenue exhibits since 1988. The Bureau Members have arranged several

Revenue Seminars on local, regional and national level, and we have proposed three Revenue Seminars to be held at FIP or Continental Exhibitions.

We have constantly encouraged the FIP Member Federations to nominate a Revenue Delegate. At the moment we have 63 Delegates whilst 29 Federations have yet to nominate a Delegate. In 2015, we sent two Messages to all Delegates who have provided us with an email address.

THE WEBSITE

Our active and comprehensive website www.fip-revenue.org is managed by our Bureau Member **Francisc Ambrus** (Romania). The website was opened in 2008. Since then, the site has been the main communication tool of the Commission. It is updated constantly and contains much information of importance to revenue exhibitors, including the FIP Regulations, literature reviews, important articles, displays and the constantly updated lists of our Delegates and FIP Revenue Judges.

THE AWARDS DATABASE

The complete database of all FIP Revenue Exhibits with their Awards has been updated after every FIP Exhibition by Acting Chairman Jukka Mäkinen. The database is complete since the FIP Revenue Class was established as an Experimental Class in 1988 at FINLANDIA-88 held in Helsinki.

Today the database consists of 721 Awards granted to 314 Exhibits shown by 243 Exhibitors representing 61 FIP National Federations at 41 FIP Exhibitions. The most recent list can be freely downloaded from our website and the website of the Revenue Society of UK. A similar list of Continental FEPA, FIAF and FIAP Exhibitions is planned.

REVENUE SEMINARS

The Commission proposed that a Revenue Seminar be held at Singapore 2015 FIP Exhibition. Unfortunately, this had to be cancelled due to restrictions imposed by the Exhibition timetable.

The next Revenue Seminar arranged by the Commission will be at Stamp Show-NY2016 in New York on June 2, 2016. The seminar topic is "How to display documents in Revenue Exhibits", with Secretary Ralph Ebner (Germany) as speaker. An Invitation to the Seminar has been sent to the National Delegates and to a wide number of revenue collectors and exhibitors worldwide.

The following Revenue Seminar is planned for FINLANDIA 2017, a FEPA Exhibition in Tampere, Finland. Details of this Seminar are being negotiated with FIP.

LOOKING FORWARD

We are planning to continue our stamp duty and tax rate information project. Stamp duty and tax rates are an essential part of modern exhibiting in the Revenue Class. To help exhibitors and collectors, the Revenue Commission continues a project for achieving a worldwide list of all sources of published stamp duty and tax rates.

The SREVs and Guidelines were approved in 1991 in Tokyo. Since then no updates or amendments have been made. It is obvious that a revision will be needed in the near future to bring the SREVs in line with developments in our Class and in Revenue exhibiting during the preceding 25 years, and also in the light of revisions made to the SREVs of the other Philatelic Classes.

We maintain a positive outlook about Revenue Philately holding great potential for original research with all the possibilities for personal, creative treatment when exhibiting. This is a promising combination, attracting more and more collectors to discover, collect and display the so far unknown and insufficiently researched Revenue issues.

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