

**MINUTES
OF THE 7th MEETING
OF THE BALKANFILA WORKING GROUP**
Exhibition Center Leon Stukelj, Maribor, May 24th, 2012, at 11.00

The roll call was made and the following attendance was registered:

Albania: Muharem Gimjani
BiH Republika Srpska: Radenko Radanović
Bulgaria: Spas Panchev, president, Nikolay Penev, Boncho Bonev,
Croatia: Mladen Vilfan, president, Željko Štefanović
Greece: Pantelis Leoussis, president,
Macedonia: Stevan Savevski, president, Doncho Georgiev
Moldova: proxy to Alexandru Bartoc
Montenegro: Tomo Katurić, president
Romania: Alexandru Bartoc, Francisc Ambruş
Serbia: Aleksandar Krstić,
Slovenia: Igor Pirc, president,
Turkey: Mahmut Emirmahmutoğlu, Ziya Agaogullari

Observers:

Portugal: Pedro vaz Pereira, president, Raul Leitão

Agenda of the meeting:

- 1. XVI. Balkanfila exhibition MARIBOFILA 2012**
- 2. Organizer of the next – XVII. Balkanfila**
- 3. Statute and GREX of Balkanfila**
- 4. Web-site Balkanfila**
- 5. Election of the new WG Balkanfila President and Secretary**
- 6. Jury seminar Budapest 2012**
- 7. Miscellaneous**

President of the Union of the Bulgarian Philatelists, Spas Panchev opened the meeting, greeted the representatives and observers from the Balkanfila countries and the guests from Portugal, Mr. Pedro vaz Pereira, president and Raul Leitão. (The president of FEPA Mr. Jørgen Jørgensen sent written apologize due to the pre-reserved arrival flight).

Ad. 1. General opinion of the representatives was, that the exhibition MARIBOFILA 2012, which includes two regional exhibitions - XVI. Balkanfila with the guest country Portugal and the XVII. Alps Adria Philately with the guest country Cyprus is very well prepared, the exhibition hall offers enough place and light for the visitors and jurors, hotel accommodation is appropriate and Maribor, as the European capital of the culture in 2012 attractive environment for the stay. The idea to show the exhibits of the two regional philatelic movements offers an excellent overview of the philatelic world.

Igor Pirc thanked also to Mahmut Emirmahmutoğlu, honorary chairman of the Balkanfila, who contributed the logo and the flags of the Balkanfila and Alps Adria for the Maribofila exhibition.

Ad. 2. Mr. Alexandru Bartoc informed the representatives of the Balkan countries, that the Romanian Philatelic Federation is ready to organize in 2015 the next XVII. Balkanfila exhibition with 1.000 frames, all classes. It was very warm accepted - to have the next organizer already at the time of the present exhibition, so

The representatives of the Balkanfila federations agreed to grant the preparation of the XVII. Balkanfila exhibition to Romanian Philatelic Federation.

3. At the 6th meeting in Plovdiv it was agreed that the team Bracic, Virvilis and Bartoc shall finish the draft of the Statute and the GREX. The draft was prepared, but not discussed and finished inside of the named group. Therefore the representatives got the copy of the first draft.

All member federations are asked to send their comments on the draft given and other suggestions to Igor Pirc (ipirc771@gmail.com) till the end of September 2012.

The goal is to meet during 2013 at one of the philatelic events in Europe and agree on the final text.

Ad.4. Mr. Francisc Ambrus is the named webmaster of the Balkanfila web site: <http://www.balkanfila.org> He pointed out the lack of the all kind of information regarding to Balkanfila and member federations.

Member federations and individuals are asked to send him all kind of informations and photos in regard to the Balkanfila history and present in electronic form.

Ad. 5. According to the practice, the organizer of the current exhibition, **Igor Pirc, has been unanimously elected for the new president of the Working Group and mr. Leonard Pascanu as the secretary for the next three year mandate.**

Igor Pirc expressed warm thanks to Spas Pancev, for his contribution in the past three years, including the excellent exhibition in 2010.

Ad.6. Igor Pirc informed in the name of the Hungarian Federation the audience on the planned jury seminar on postal history and thematics, organized by the Hungarian Federation in Budapest, October 2012. More: www.mabeosz.hu/

Ad. 7. The Croatian Federation gave in written the initiative *Addition to Agenda of Meeting* regarding the unacceptable policy of the forthcoming organizers of the world exhibition and the FIP board and the passive attitude of the FEPA president Jorgen Jorgensen and both European representatives Jussi Tuori and Bernard Jimenez in the FIP board in this regard! The common opinion was that max frame fee per frame should not exceed 45 € (youth free of charge!) as well other bound expenses – like return shipment, should not burden the exhibitors - and that the FEPA congress must present this initiative on the FIP congress in Jakarta.

The discussion opened also some other aspects of the FIP as the organization which should act in the interest of his members and not vice versa (unacceptable pressures on the organizers

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of the exhibitions regarding the jury members etc). Europe should unite and the European member of the FIP board should represent the interest of their base.

It was unanimously agreed that the Bulgarian delegate to the FEPA congress in Paris Mr. Boncho Bonev presents this initiative as the proposal of the Balkanfila regional working group.

(The Alps Adria Meeting met at the same morning the same conclusion, so Mr. Bonev and the common speaker of the Alps Adria Philately, Hungarian delegate to the congress Mr. Denes Czirok will align their appearance on the stage.)

The discussion brought also the conclusion that the members of the Balkanfila regional group on the international level as commissioners, jurors, delegates, representatives etc. should communicate, exchange informations and support each other in order to promote appearance of the Balkanfila region.

The Romanian representative Mr. Bartoc proposed Israel to become member of the Balkanfila regional group. The conclusion was – as already once before – that the strict regional criteria should be applied, but strong and friendly federations can be always invited as guest.

The meeting started with welcome drink at Cyril and Method day and ended officially at 13.00.

Igor Pirc, secretary

Spas Panchev, president

Attachment: The copy of the Croatian initiative

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