



Literature Commission

Minutes of the Commission Bureau Meeting FIP Literature Commission

Date: 20 January 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m. Gulf Standard Time (GST)

Mode: Online Meeting (Zoom)

Present

- Javaid Muhammad
- Pang Chui Shaw
- Wolfgang Maassen RDP
- Miguel Jose Casielles
- Cristian Mouat
- Norman Banfield

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman of the FIP Literature Commission, Mr. Javaid Muhammad, opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. GST and welcomed all members.

2. FIP Qualifying Literature Seminar at Dubai 2026 WSE

Mr. Javaid Muhammad presented a proposal to host an FIP Qualifying Literature Seminar during the Dubai 2026 World Stamp Exhibition, scheduled for 7 February 2026.

The proposed speakers are:

- Mr. Wolfgang Maassen RDP (Germany)
- Dr. Akthem Al-Manaseer (USA)

The seminar will be conducted in **two sessions**:

Session 1

Speaker: Wolfgang Maassen RDP, FRSP

Topic: Philatelic Literature: The Example of "Magazines" – Challenges and Problems of Evaluation

Session 2

Speaker: Dr. Akthem Al-Manaseer

Topic: Judging a Philatelic Literature Exhibit

Mr. Wolfgang Maassen provided an outline summary of Session 1.

Mr. Norman Banfield and Mr. Cristian Mouat emphasized the importance of the seminar subject matter.



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Mr. Pang Chui Shaw and all other members expressed their full support for hosting the FIP Qualifying Literature Seminar at Dubai 2026 WSE.

3. FEPA Philatelic Literature SREV and Guidelines

Mr. Javaid Muhammad briefed the Bureau on the newly issued FEPA SREV and Guidelines. Mr. Wolfgang Maassen highlighted key points related to the FEPA regulations.

All members shared their views and agreed to observe the implementation and outcome of the FEPA SREV and Guidelines in upcoming FEPA exhibitions.

Mr. Norman Banfield suggested that European English is used in FEPA's SREV rather than simplified English. He also proposed having a single unified SREV applicable to FIP, Continental, and National exhibitions.

Mr. Cristian Mouat gave his input that they use FIP Regulations in national exhibitions and they have no problem with current FIP regulations.

Mr. Javaid Muhammad proposed a comparative review of the FEPA SREV against the current FIP SREV and Guidelines to determine future direction.

Mr. Pang Chui Shaw agreed to review the FEPA SREV in detail.

4. Other Matters Arising

Mr. Pang Chui Shaw and Mr. Wolfgang Maassen raised concerns regarding copyright ownership and cases where multiple exhibitors submit the same literature exhibit at one exhibition.

Mr. Javaid Muhammad explained that this issue is currently addressed through a consent clause included in the Literature Information Sheet. He added that the matter will be formally resolved in future revisions of the SREV and Guidelines.

Mr. Javaid Muhammad also raised the issue of Bureau positions for the 2026–2030 term. He noted that no nominations have been received from Europe or Asia.

Mr. Wolfgang Maassen confirmed that he has completed his maximum allowable term and suggested that FEPA should address the European representation issue.

Regarding Asian representation, Mr. Norman Banfield stated that he would raise the matter at the upcoming FIAP Executive Committee Meeting, to be held in Dubai on 7 February 2026.

5. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2:40 p.m. GST.