

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Monaco on 2 December 2017

The AGM was opened by the President Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi at 10:15 am.

After welcoming some 51 members (and noting that 19 proxies had been received) the President reminded the meeting of the sad death of our friend Angelo Simontacchi. A minute's silence was observed and then Federico Borromeo d'Adda spoke of his generosity and support for all involved with postal history.

- The minutes of the AGM held at Venice in November 2016 were approved unanimously.

- In his report the President reminded us of the eight members who had joined the Academy in the year since the last AGM - Stephano Calliga, Hubert Caprasse, Everaldo Santos, Alain Israël, Giorgio Magnani, Claudio Manzati, Fernando Martinez and Necip Tokoglu. Those present briefly presented themselves to the meeting as did also Jean-Claude Vasseur and Richard Garcia, elected in 2016, for whom this was their first AGM.

Three resignations and one who has re-joined were also noted.

Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi:

- Gave a short summary of the last AGM at Venice
- Explained the thinking behind the new Membership Directory to be issued at the AGM
- Presented some of the reasons for his resignation
- Emphasised AEP participation at a number of exhibitions, Calais (France - April 2017), Tampere (Finland - May 2017) and Burgdorf (Switzerland - September/October 2017).

- The secretary Serge Kahn read the letter of thanks from José Ramon Moreno regarding the change of President.

No questions were raised on the President's report which was then adopted unanimously.

The European literature award for 2016 was given to Vincent Schouberechts for his superb book *La Poste, 500 ans d'histoire en Europe/The Post Book, 500 years of history in Europe*.

The European philatelic medal was presented to Andrey Strygin who for almost 30 years has worked to promote philatelic magazines and organise exhibitions in Russia.

Alessandro Agostosi displayed the Livre d'or to the AGM, a work which has been prepared to recognise those who have received the European philatelic medal (MPE). Those present, who had received such an honour, then signed the book: Davit Franco (2006), Rainer von Scharpen (2013), Jean-François Logette (2016) and Andrey Strygin (2017).

- The treasurer Michel Letailleur then presented the accounts for 2016 which showed a surplus of €10,717.44. To avoid any misunderstanding the Treasurer made it clear that the expenditure of €2,764 under the heading Monaco 2015 was not linked to the AGM but the AEP contribution to the Polar philatelic competition at MonacoPhil 2015 in the form of the two Grand Prix awards of polar animals in Murano glassware.

The subscription will remain at €100.

The President read the report from the auditor Jacques Wils which was circulated to all present. The accounts were agreed unanimously and thanks given to the Treasurer for his work in preparing these. The auditor was then re-elected unanimously for another term.

- The *Opus* editor Guy Coutant made his usual plea for articles for the 2018 issue, with a deadline of the end of February 2018 for the receipt of these. He continued with some words on 2019 which will have as its theme the Treaty of Versailles, signed in June 1919, and its consequences on this the 100th anniversary which saw the end of the First World War. Guy Coutant made an appeal for contributions and the President took the opportunity to thank those who provided advertising for *Opus*.

- The editor of *Trait d'Union* Jean Voruz stated that he would prefer two issues per year but each with more content. This provision of information is much appreciated by members and Jean Voruz urged members to continue to supply suitable matter for inclusion.

Before the election of a new President and Board the President Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi warmly thanked the past Board with whom he had worked and asked Patrick Maselis and Serge Kahn to say some words about the past four years.

- The suggested list of names sent to all members did not attract any discussion. No other names were put forward. The new President Jean Voruz and new Board were elected unanimously.

The past President Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi was then presented with the AEP medal by Jean Voruz along with a leaving present of a travel voucher. The Presidential tie was then passed from the Past to the incoming President.

The President Jean Voruz:

- Gave his main themes for his Presidency, particularly the strengthening of relations between members to show that in a spirit of friendship philately can show the way for better relations between European countries.
- Asked for a vote from members present to ratify the proposal made by par Jean-Pierre Magne, to name Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi, honorary member of the AEP.
- The high point of 2018 will be participation at PRAGA 2018 where the AGM will be held.

The meeting unanimously voted to make Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi an honorary member of the AEP. Then the members of the new Board joined the President on stage so that all could see them.

Any other questions:

- Our colleague Jacek Kosmala asked to be heard to in order to publicly present medals to Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi, Patrick Maselis, Guy Coutant and Rainer von Scharpen.
- Our colleague Luis Frazão proposed that the AEP participate in the exhibition in Macao in September 2018.
- Alexandru Dan Bartoc asked if anyone had any documents regarding FIP exhibitions held in Roumania with a view to making a display of them.

The AGM was closed by our Past President Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi at 11:50 am.

Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi
Past President

Serge Kahn
Secretary General

Jean Voruz
President