

# **International Philatelic Exhibition**

## **BALKANFILA 2020**

### **Special Regulations**

#### **1. Venue and date**

1.1. The International Philatelic Exhibition BALKANFILA 2020 - 19<sup>th</sup> edition continues to consolidate and develop the friendship between the philatelists from the Balkan Region. The exhibition will be held at the Brancusi Hall of the Romanian Parliament House – Bucharest.

1.2. BALKANFILA 2020 will be held from September 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 2020.

1.3. Participating countries: Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republika Srpska, Republic of Bulgaria, Republic of Croatia, The Hellenic Republic, Republica Moldova, Montenegro, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Republic of Serbia, Republic of Slovenia, Republic of Turkey, Republic of Cyprus. Invited countries: Israel and Egypt.

1.4. Official hotel is IBIS Palatul Parlamentului City Center. (<http://www.ibishotels.ro>)

#### **2. Organization and support**

2.1. BALKANFILA 2020 is organized by the Romanian Philatelic Federation, Bucharest Philatelic Association, Romanian Post.

2.2. BALKANFILA 2020 will be held under the recognition of the Federation of European Philatelic Associations /FEPA/.

2.3. The exhibition is under the Honorary Patronage of his Excellency Mr. Klaus Werner Iohannis, President of Romania.

2.4. Museum of Romanian Records is a main sponsor of BALKANFILA 2020.

2.5. The official language of the exhibition is English language.

#### **3. Regulations**

3.1. For BALKANFILA 2020 the following regulations of International Federation of Philately /FIP/ apply:

a) FEPA Regulations for Exhibitions /FREGEX/

b) General Regulations for the Evaluation of Competitive Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions /GREV/

c) Special Regulations for the Evaluation of Competitive Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions /SREVs/

d) The “One frame” exhibits will be subject of the Guidelines for judging in their assigned class.

e) The exhibits in “Open Philately” Class will be subject of the Guidelines for judging “Open Philately” at FIP Exhibitions.

f) Balkanfila Working group Exhibition regulations (BWGER).

g) Special Regulations for BALKANFILA 2020.

#### **4. Rank and classes of the exhibition**

The BALKANFILA 2020 International Stamp Exhibition is an Rank I. Exhibition, where the exhibits may be presented in the following classes:

##### **A. Non-Competitive Classes:**

Class A.1 Official Class

a) Official Class (for postal administrations and museums)

b) Honorary Class (for invited persons and jury-members).

A.2 Other non-competitive classes.

##### **B. Competitive classes:**

B.1 Traditional Philately Class

B.2 Postal History Class

B.3 Thematic Philately Class

B.4 Maximaphily Class

B.5 Revenue Stamp Class

B.6 Open Philately Class

- B.7 Postal Stationery Class
  - B.8 Aerophilately Class
  - B.9 Picture Postcard Class
  - L.1 Philatelic Literature – Books and special studies
  - L.2 Philatelic Literature – Catalogues
  - L.3 Philatelic Literature – Periodicals
  - L.4 Philatelic Literature – Articles of general nature.
  - Y.1 Youth philately – Age\* of exhibitor 10-15 years
  - Y.2 Youth philately – Age\* of exhibitor 16-18 years
  - Y.3 Youth philately – Age\* of exhibitor 19-21 years
- \* Age on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Note: The "One Frame" exhibits will not be classified in a special class. They will be allocated to the competitive classes they belong to.

## 5. Participants

5.1. All philatelists with permanent residence in one of the countries included in Balkanfila Working Group and foreign philatelists who are members of respective Societies in this Group; invited countries/federations as guests.

5.2. Exhibits in the competitive classes must have achieved a minimum of 75 points or awarded with Vermeil medal at an exhibition of national level. The commissioner confirms the quality of the new/first time exhibits.

5.3. No more than two exhibits at the exhibition per person. If an exhibitor has two exhibits, they have to be in different classes. For the "Literature" class there are no restrictions. In philatelic Literature class the exhibits must have been published/issued after:

- 1 January 2014 for handbooks or special studies (class L1)
- 1 January 2018 for remaining entries (classes L2, L3, L4)

5.4. The Exhibition does not have a Championship Class, exhibits that have won G - LG at FIP/Continental exhibitions are not admitted in the competitive classes. At the request of the exhibitor and with the agreement of the Organizing Committee, they may be placed in class A.2. non-competitive class.

5.5. All exhibits must have been the property of the exhibitor for at least 2 years before the exhibition.

5.6. Collections/exhibits with Balkan themes, from any FEPA member federation can be accepted.

5.7. The decisions regarding the applications of the exhibits and their acceptance will be the subject to Article 9-19 of the FIP General Regulations for Exhibitions /GREX/.

## 6. Applications and Acceptance

6.1. The entry form must be accompanied by a photocopy of the introductory sheet of the exhibit or a Synopsis and sent to the respective national Commissioner.

6.2. The entry form will be sent by the national Commissioner to the Organizing Committee no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

6.3. Exhibits must be entered under the correct classification. The Jury reserves the right to reassign the incorrectly classified exhibits. No exhibit can be entered in more than one class. The contents of the exhibits must be in accordance with the moral and ethical standards as well as with the Romanian law.

6.4. For the exhibits of a one frame, in the registration form must mention the class to which they belong.

6.5. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to reject any exhibit without assigning any reason for rejection.

6.6. Every exhibit accepted will be listed in the official exhibition catalogue under its given title as stated in the entry form together with a short description.

6.7. The list of accepted exhibits will be sent to the national Commissioners not later than March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This leaves enough time to inform the exhibitors and to collect the entry fees to be sent to the address indicated by the Organizing Committee not later than May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## 7. Participation fees

7.1. The participation fee for all classes A. and B. is 20 Euro for one frame. The fee for One Frame exhibits is 30 Euro and there are no fees for exhibits in Youth class. The fee for every title in "Literature" Class is 20 Euro. Participation fees are not refundable.

7.2. The participation fee must be sent to the Organizing Committee no later than May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The payment information can be found on the last line of this Regulation.

## **8. Frame allocation and sizes**

8.1. There will be approximately 600 frames for the competitive classes, measured 970x1200mm. One frame holds 16 sheets measured DIN A4 /210x295 mm/ and maximum 12 mm thickness for objects in the OPEN class. The Organizing Committee must be informed about the OPEN exhibits that require a special exposure.

8.2. The sheets will be mounted in four rows of four. Each sheet must be placed in a transparent protective cover.

8.3. Multiple size sheets may be accommodated but must be noted on the entry forms and coordinated with the organizers.

8.4. Philatelic literature will be displayed in special exhibition cabinets or in halls to be at visitor's disposal.

8.5. The Organizing Committee will decide on the allocation of frames in the Non-competitive Classes.

8.6. In the competitive classes the allocation of frames is as follows:

- 8 frames to the exhibits awarded a Large Vermeil medal at FIP/FEPA exhibitions;

- 5 frames for exhibits awarded a lower than Large Vermeil medal, including first time international appearance.

- "*Youth Class*" –minimum 3 frames and maximum 5 frames.

## **9. Presentation of exhibits**

9.1. All exhibits must be mounted on white pages. Exhibits mounted on dark colored or black sheets are not accepted. Sheets must contain genuine objects.

9.2. The Organizing Committee advises exhibitors to enclose in a transparent protective cover their sheets rather rigid to ensure a better presentation of the sheet.

9.3. The original of expertizing certificate must be placed at the disposal of the Jury by inserting it at the back of the page. A small letter © should be present at the right bottom corner of the display sheet.

## **10. Commissioners**

10.1. Every country must appoint a Commissioner for every Balkanfila Exhibition. It would be preferable for the Commissioner to also be a Jury member of the FEPA / FIP.

Responsibilities and privileges of Commissioner are those appointed in articles 25 and 27 of GREX.

## **11. Jury**

11.1. The Jury will be composed from appointed jurors from Balkanfila members.

11.2. Jurors' privileges will be in accordance with article 34 and 35 of GREX.

## **12. Awards**

12.1. Awards will be given in accordance with the FIP General Regulations for Exhibitions /GREX/, the General Regulations for the Evaluation of Competitive Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions /GREV/ and the Special Regulations for the Evaluation of the Competitive Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions /SREV/.

12.2. Awards for the exhibits from Competitive Classes:

- ♥ Large Gold medal (95 - 100 points)

- ♥ Gold medal (90 - 94 points)

- ♥ Large Vermeil medal (85 - 89 points)

- ♥ Vermeil medal (80 - 84 points)

- ♥ Large Silver medal (75 - 79 points)

- ♥ Silver medal (70 - 74 points)

- ♥ Silver Bronze medal (65 - 69 points)

- ♥ Bronze medal (60- 64 points)

- ♥ Diploma ( $\leq$  59 points)

The exhibitor that does not attain the medal degree will be provided with a Diploma of participation.

The awards will be accompanied by Diplomas.

12.3 Each Federation is welcome to donate a Special Award that will be made available to the jury and given to the exhibits as Special Prizes.

12.4 The Organizing Committee will nominate the Balkanfila 2020 Grand Prix, Grand Prix International and Grand Prix National. The special prize will be awarded by the jury's decision during the Palmares ceremony by the President of the Balkanfila Working Group.

### **13. Delivery and Return of the Exhibits**

13.1. All exhibits must be sent in envelopes, each sheet must be numbered and enclosed in a transparent protective cover closed by three sides. The numbering will be continuous and placed in any of the frontal lower corners.

13.2. Exhibits in the "Literature" Class must be provided in advance in duplicate by August 20th 2020. Exhibits in the Class "Literature" will not be returned. They will be dispatched to the Organizing Committee by the exhibitor at the address indicated on the registration form.

13.3. All expenses in connection with sending the exhibit shall be paid by the exhibitor. The exhibits will be returned to the exhibitors by the way they are sent (Art.51.1 GREX).

13.5. The Organizing Committee recommends the exhibits to be **delivered and returned by the national commissioners.**

13.6. The exhibits of the Romanian exhibitors will be delivered personally or by delegate.

### **14. Insurance and security**

14.1. Every exhibitor must insure at his own expense the exhibit presented to BALKANFILA 2020.

14.2. The Organizing Committee of BALKANFILA 2020 will take the appropriate measures to safeguard the handling and display of exhibits, from their arrival until their return.

14.3. The Organizing Committee of BALKANFILA 2020 and their employees, whether they are paid or voluntary, will not be liable for any loss or damage to an exhibit from the time of receipt to its return.

14.4. For all legal questions arising between the Organizing Committee of BALKANFILA 2020 and the exhibitors, the Laws of the Romania shall apply exclusively.

### **15. Customs**

15.1. Special instructions concerning Customs regulations for export and import of exhibits coming from abroad from countries outside the European Union shall be sent to the national Commissioners.

15.2. Exhibitors must deliver to their national Commissioners, before sending entries, a list or inventory, indicating in every sheet the number of stamps or postal items, and their estimated value.

### **16. About the Organizing Committee**

16.1. The Organizing Committee of BALKANFILA 2020 reserves the right to change the present regulations. In such case exhibitors will be informed of any modification at once.

16.2. By signing the final entry form, every exhibitor accepts these Special Regulations for BALKANFILA 2020.

16.3. The interpretation and solution of the issues not included in the present Regulations are up to the Organizing Committee of BALKANFILA 2020 to decide and those decisions are final.

16.4. In case of discrepancy or disagreement which could not be solved in a friendly way between the parties, the place of jurisdiction is the Bucharest Local Court.

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