

The year 2014 was dedicated to the National Competitive Exhibition BRABANTPHIL 2014 in Aarschot, October 3rd to 5th. Five astrophilatic exhibits took part in this exhibition and all were awarded with a fair result between Silver up to Large Vermeil. Our quarterly magazine Cosmos Express received the Vermeil Award in Literature with 81 %.

BFV Cosmos had nine meetings in Ghent with an average of 15 people attending. Our magazine Cosmos Express was published four times in 2014, each in Flemish and in English publication, with a total of 144 pages for each publication. During some of these meetings, one of our members presents a part or a whole of their collection, to be judged and approved by our members.

The website of BFV Cosmos – www.bfvcosmos.be - has been updated in 2014 and became a modern and up-to-date site for astrophilatelists. The site is ready for new pages with more explicit subjects about astrophilately and spaceflight.

BFV Cosmos each year gains a few members home and abroad, thanks to the English edition of Cosmos Express and the website. We intend to go to electronic publication in order to avoid higher printing and postal costs.

BFV Cosmos attended national meetings in Brussels organised by the Royal Belgian Federation of Stamp collectors and several regional philatelic meetings in Ghent, Antwerp and Bruges.

BFV Cosmos will attend on the next competitive exhibit in Belgium during 2015, Themaphila 50 in Wetteren.

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