

# ASTROPHILATELY COMMISSION

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 2014

### DISCLOSURE OF THE ASTROPHILATELY

#### 1.- Conferences and presentations.

##### 1.1 Conferences

Mr. Grandela conference in Belorado (Burgos) 6 March, under the title “Short history of communications”.



*José Manuel Grandela just before the beginning of his conference.*

##### 1.2 Presentations

- a) Presentation in Casa de Vacas, Jardines del Buen Retiro (Madrid) 15 October, about the cultural tourism in Fresnedillas by Mr. Grandela with comments about the Lunar Museum of Fresnedillas.



*José Manuel Grandela with the astronaut Michael López-Alegría.*

- b) In the Spanish Philatelic Exhibit EXFILNA 2014, CORREOS (Spanish Post) showed for first time some displays with all philatelic classes.



Display concerning Astrophilately, enclosed in the exhibit of CORREOS.



## 2.- Artículos.

a) March 2014. "Olympic Torch in Space" Mr. Rigo, published in AD\*ASTRA, number 20 magazine, from Italian astro club Associazione Italiana di Astrofilatelia (ASITAF).

b) May 2014. "Signatures in Astrophilately" Mr. Rigo, published in blog Mr. Gorsky [mrgorsky.wordpress.com](http://mrgorsky.wordpress.com)

<http://mrgorsky.wordpress.com/2014/05/01/firmas-en-astrofilatelia/>

This article was first published in Oct 2013 in the Italian magazine AD\*ASTRA.

c) July-August 2014. "Is it posible to enjoy with Astrophilately?" Mr. Rigo, publisjed in the philatelic magazine EL ECO FILATELICO Y NUMISMATICO, number 1231.

d) September 2014. "Astrophilately, a interessant subthematic from the wide field of aviation" (article in Catalan) Mr. Xavier Romero, published in the catalogue of Expofil 2014 Sant Feliu de Guíxols, Girona.

e) October 2014. "Are signatures on philatelic covers just ornamentation?" Mr. Rigo, published in the magazine ORBIT, from British astro club Astro Space Stamp Society (ASSS).

This article was first published in AD\*ASTRA (Oct-13) and in the blog [mrgorsky.wordpress.com](http://mrgorsky.wordpress.com) (May-14).

f) November 2014. "Air-sea base of Rota: its relation with espace" Mr. Rigo, published in hte philatelic magazine EL ECO FILATELICO Y NUMISMATICO, number 1234.

## 3.- Presence of the Astrophilately in other events.

### 160 ANNIVERSARY OF ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHY IN SPAIN

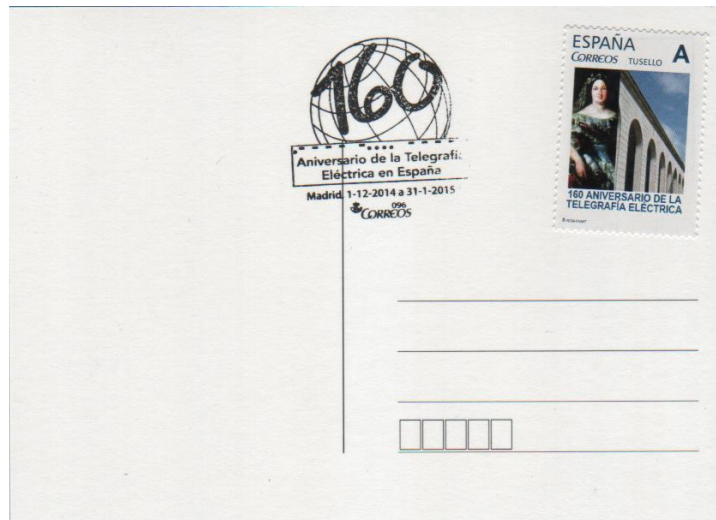
From 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015 in Sala de las Arquerías, Paseo Castellana 67 Madrid, Ministerio de Fomento is held an exhibit dedicated to 160 anniversary of electric telegraphy in Spain.



Poster.



Commemorative card.



*Backside of the commemorative card with special postmark and personalised stamp.*



*View of the five exhibits One Frame from Antoni Rigo in the showroom.*

#### 4.- Exhibits.

##### 4.1. General information of exhibits.

#### **VI EXPOSICION FILATELICA AVIACION Y ESPACIO 2014 (VI Exhibit Aviation and Space)**

From 27th June to 6th July 2014 in the Headquarters of Spanish Air Force (C/ de la Princesa, 92) Madrid.



Official cover with commemorative stamp and presentaion postmark.



Folder of stamp dedicated to 75 anniversary of Spanish Air Force.



Presentaion Postmark.



Generic postmark of exhibit



**Madrid**



**27 junio 2014**

**Primer día  
de circulación**

*First Day postmark.*

VI Aviation and Space, national exhibit, was reserved only to Spanish collectors, and no competitive, showed the following astrophilatelic exhibits:

ASTROPHILATELY

GRANDELA, J. M. "De la investigación de la Estratosfera a la Conquista del Espacio"

ESTEBAN, J. M. "Laboratorio Espacial Spacelab 1983-1998"

RIGO, Antoni "Animales en el Espacio"

RIGO, Antoni "Globos de Investigación"

DEKKER, Jacob Pieter "Historia de los cohetes en el Espacio"

ASTROPHILATELY (Youth)

MORENO, Álvaro "Misiones espaciales soviético-rusas".

TOPIC EXHIBITS and OTHERS

GRANDELA, J. M. "Propaganda aérea sobre las trincheras de la Guerra Civil 1936-1939"

PHILATELIC LITERATURE

LEONARDO PALENCIA Y EDIFIL, S.A. "La historia del cohete postal cubano 1939-1964"



**PHILATELIC EXHIBIT FILACENTRO 2014**, San Lorenzo de El Escorial (Madrid) 6-13 September

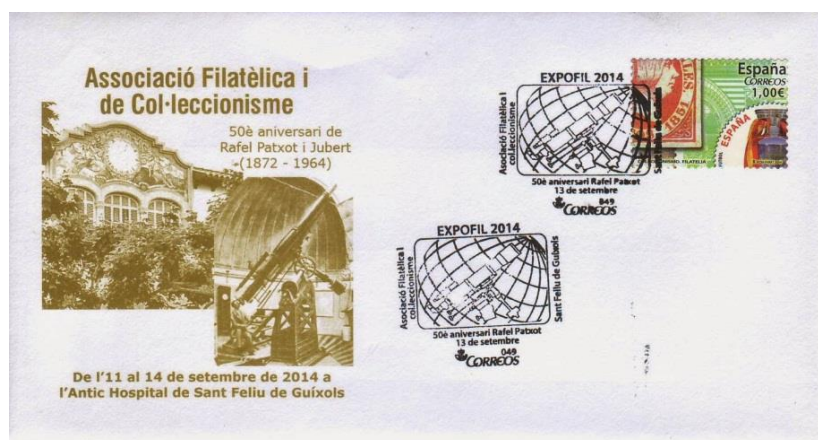
Visit to Lunar Museum of Fresnedillas, 10 Sept, with the guide and comments by Mr. Grandela.



*Attendees in Lunar Museum of Fresnedillas.*

**EXPOFIL 2014**, Sant Feliu de Guíxols, Girona, 11-13 September.

Philatelic exhibit dedicated to 50 anniversary of Rafel Patxot i Jubert (1872-1964), patron, meteorologist, astronomer, bibliophile and Catalan writer.



*Official cover with commemorative postmark.*

4.2 Participation of exhibitors.

National category (competitive)

**EXFILNA 2014** Torremolinos, Málaga, 27 February - 2 March

Astrophilately Class

Exhibitor	Exhibit (5 frames)	Award
DEKKER, Pieter Jakob	"Historia de los cohetes en el espacio"	73 LS
ESTEBAN DE LA OSADA, José Miguel	"Laboratorio Espacial Spacelab 1983-1998"	80 LV



*View of exhibit of J. M. Esteban in EXFILNA 2014, 80 points, LV.*

National category (no competitive)

**VI EXHIBIT AVIATION AND SPACE**, Madrid, 27 June-6 July

Astrophilately Class

Exhibitor	Exhibit
DEKKER, Jacob Pieter	"Historia de los cohetes en el Espacio" (5 frames)
ESTEBAN, José Miguel	"Laboratorio Espacial Spacelab 1983-1989" (5 frames)
GRANDELA, José Manuel	"De la investigación de la Estratofera a la Conquista del Espacio" (5 frames)
RIGO, Antoni	"Animales en el Espacio" (1 frame)
RIGO, Antoni	"Globos de Investigación" (1 frame)

Astrophilately Class (Youth)

Exhibitor	Exhibit
MORENO, Álvaro	"Misiones Espaciales soviético-rusas" (2 frames)

**160 ANNIVERSARY OF ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHY IN SPAIN**, Madrid, 1 December 2014 - 31 January 2015

Astrophilately Class

Exhibitor	Exhibit
GRANDELA, José Manuel	"De la investigación de la Estratosfera a la Conquista del Espacio" (5 frames)
GRANDELA, José Manuel	"Los cohetes lanzamensajes durante la Guerra Civil Española 1936-1939" (2 frames)
RIGO, Antoni	"Animales en el Espacio" (1 frame)
RIGO, Antoni	"Dragón a la Estación Espacial Int." (1 frame)
RIGO, Antoni	"Globos de Investigación" (1 frame)
RIGO, Antoni	"Marte, el desafío rojo" (1 frame)
RIGO, Antoni	"Venus, el lucero del alba" (1 frame)



Regional category (competitive)

**FILACENTRO 2014**, San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Madrid 6-13 September

Official Class

Exhibitor	Exhibit
GÓMEZ-AGÜERO, José Pedro	"Recuperación de Cápsulas Espaciales en los Proyectos Norteamericanos" (1 frame)

**XVI EXP. PROVINCIAL DE FILATELIA DE ALICANTE**, Alicante, 30 September - 15 November

No competitive class

Exhibitor	Exhibit
ESTEBAN, José Miguel	"Astrónomos y Teóricos del Cosmos" (1 frame)

Permanent Exhibition

Fresnedillas de la Oliva (Madrid). Lunar Museum.

Exhibitor
GRANDELA DURAN, José Manuel

Several astrophilatelic covers involved on tracking space station located in Spain as well as rubber stamp cachets applied to many covers requested by collectors around the world.

STAMPS AND POSTMARKS

13 September in Expofil 2014 de Sant Feliu de Guíxols, a commemorative postmark depicting a telescope located in this village was applied.



In 1895 Rafel Patxot acquired a double refractor (equatorial and photographic) with two lens of 220 mm. The telescope was at the Observatory Català (also known as Observatory of Sant Feliu de Guíxols) which at the time became the third largest telescope in Spain after 330 mm Observatory Marina San Fernando (Cádiz) and the 270 mm Observatory Madrid.

The Observatory of Sant Feliu de Guíxols was operational since 1896-1912, when it was dismantled and sent to the telescope and dome to Astronomical Society of Barcelona

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

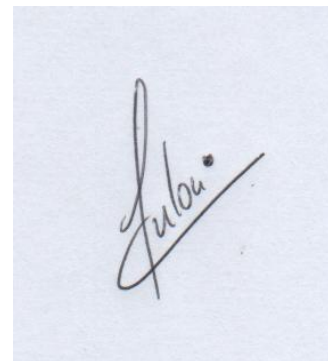
E-mail correspondence between Spanish astrophilatelists by submitting astrophilatelic material, holding all kinds of comments, questions, doubts and suggestions, an addressing current issues and history of the Astrophilately.

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES 2015

Given the historical significance that reflects the astrophilatelic material about the exact date and specific location of the space events, is the purpose of this Commission:

- a) To promote the astrophilatelic exhibits in all types of exhibitions within the philatelic area (requesting admission to the organizers of these), and non-philatelic area (with special attention to the assembly of the exhibits).
- b) Maintain and enter wherever possible, the kind of Astrophilately as a kind of stamp collectors fully differentiated from the rest.
- c) To extend the knowledge of Astrophilately class disclosing it in so many places as possible, as philatelic and non-philatelic.
- d) To encourage collectors interested in space research to build astrophilatelic exhibits, either in the form of One frame or Three frames, as a prerequisite to get the five frames.

Palma de Mallorca, December 31, 2014

A handwritten signature in dark ink on a light blue background. The signature is stylized, with a large 'A' and 'R' and a dot at the end.

Signed: Antoni RIGO

Spanish Astrophilately Chairman