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Report of the Swiss Delegate of the FIP Section for Astrophilately

A retrospect on Astrophilately activities for 2014.

- 1.) The Society of Space Philatelists-GWP, founded in 1969 in Zurich, held monthly assemblies, except July/August, where members became informed by PowerPoint and beamer about space activities and related astrophilatelic material. In December with special guest Guido Schwarz, founder of the “Swiss Space Museum”, to be opened in 2019.
- 2.) After five years of co-operation between the three Space Philatelic Societies of German language in Germany, Austria and Switzerland, the Swiss and the Austrian Societies left the co-operation and the Swiss publication “Space Phil News” was re-launched. Four quarterly numbers were published and distributed to the Swiss and Austrian members.
- 3.) Publications of astrophilatelic articles in the Magazine of the Swiss Philatelic Federation.
- 4.) The web site of the Society www.g-w-p.ch informs about up to date activities of the society, of the FIP Section for Astrophilately, space societies, space programmes, space/philatelic events and exhibitions.
- 5.) Exhibitions: At a Regional exhibition – level 3 – in August, a 4 frames exhibit obtained only S as the organiser demanded either 3 or 8 frames. At a FISA-FIP – level 1 – exhibition in USA, in September, a redesigned (and translated to English) exhibit was present and obtained G from the APS and LV from the FIP judges. At a Regional exhibition – level 3 – in November, a 3 frames exhibit obtained V.
Two exhibits (a 5 frame show-exhibit and a 3-frame level 1 exhibit) were displayed in the Swiss Transport Museum from January to June for the re-opening of the renovated planetarium.
- 6.) In March and November 2014, the GWP successfully organized auctions with astrophilatelic material were organized.

For 2015 it is intended to continue with the same yearly programme and remaining open for special challenges. The society still plans to redesign and modernise the society’s homepage www.g-w-p.ch.

Sincerely,

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of the FIP Section for Astrophilately