



GRAND PRIX CLUB Communication No 1/2013

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**A brief write up of FIP Grand Prix Club Activities
(prepared for AUSTRALIA 2013 World Stamp Exhibition)**

What is a FIP Grand Prix?

In every FIP General World Stamp Exhibition, 3 Grand Prix Winners will be born, namely

Grand Prix National (GPN) - For the best exhibit in the National Class

Grand Prix International (GPI) - For the best exhibit in the other classes

Grand Prix D'Honneur (GPH) (or Champion of the Champions) - Exhibit having earned 3 large gold medals in 3 separate years will compete for GPH in the FIP Championship Class

In addition:

Grand Prix D'Exposition - The best exhibit awarded at a FIP Specialized World Exhibition

World Stamp Champion - The best exhibit in the World Stamp Championship Class in a World Stamp Championship Exhibition (such as SINGAPORE 2004, ISRAEL 2008, INDONESIA 2012)

It is indeed a great honour for an exhibitor to be awarded a Grand Prix in his/her lifetime.

When was the FIP Grand Prix Club (GPC) formed?

May 1979

The Presidents

1979 to 1982	Miroslav A Bojanowicz RDP
1982 to 1986	Gary S Ryan RDP
1986 to 1989	John H Levett RDP
1989 to 1992	Dott Prof Saverio Imperato
1992 to 1994	Christian C Sundman RDP
1994 to 1996	Rolf-Dieter Jaretsky RDP
1996 to 2000	Capt Robert P Odenweller RDP
2000 to 2011	David J Springbett RDP
2011 to current	Tay Peng Hian RDP

How to be members of GPC?

As long as you are the winners of GPs, you are automatically be invited to become a member of the GPC. There is no annual membership fee or entrance fee imposed.

When do the GPC members meet?

It was agreed in 2011 that all GPC members are invited to show one philatelic item (be it from their GP collections or from their other treasure boxes) whenever there is a FIP World Exhibition, usually under the Court of Honour Display. The members will make their own arrangement to deliver the philatelic gems to the exhibition hall.

There are 2 special gatherings for them:

Attending the luncheon on the last day of the exhibition and the Palmares (usually on the second last evening of the exhibition).

Who is co-coordinating and communicating with the GPC members and the exhibition hosts?

The GPC Secretary : Dr Prakob Chirakiti
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The FIP GPC Executive Committee 2013-2015

President : Mr Tay Peng Hian RDP
Vice Presidents : Mr Everaldo Santos
Mr Yigal Nathaniel
Secretary : Dr Prakob Chirakiti

AUSTRALIA 2013 WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION

At the Grand Prix Club Member Display in Australia 2013, the following members displayed their valuable philatelic materials:

Mr Luis Alemany	Spain	Finland "Issues before UPU" 1 st Issue and Rouletted
Dr Pichai Buranasombati RDP	Thailand	Great Britain – Bishop Mark 1661
Dr Prakob Chirakiti	Thailand	Siam: First Issue (August 4, 1883) used on cover
Mr Surajit Gongvatana	Thailand	Siamese Post Office in Kedah, Malaya
Mr Michael Ho	Chinese Taipei	China – The Small Dragon and its surcharges
Mr Charnchai Karnasuta	Thailand	British Consulate Post Office in Siam
Mr William Kwan	Hong Kong	China: 1944 Letter from the Second World War
Mr Koichi Sato RDP	Japan	Tasmanian "Cover" 1d 4 stamps franked to pay 4 pence Overseas Ship
Mr Tay Peng Hian RDP	Singapore	Netherlands East Indies (Indonesia) – Mixed Issue Franking
Mr Daniel Teo	Singapore	Afghanistan – The Greatest First Issue Franking
Mr Alan Holyoake	UK	Great Britain – 1839 Treasury Competition Essay



The Grand Prix luncheon at AUSTRALIA 2013 FIP World Stamp Exhibition was held on 15 May 2013 and attended by 20 members & spouses, namely:

(Seated from left) Dr Prakob Chirakiti, Mr Surajit Gongvatana, Mr William Kwan, Mr Tay Peng Hian, Mr David Feldman and Mr David Franco.

(Standing from left) Mr Charnchai Karnasuta & family, Mr Prakit Foongvanich, Dr Andrew Cheung, Dr Pichai Buranasombati, Mr & Mrs Emil Buhmann, Mr Koichi Sato, Mr Michael Ho, Mr James Gough, Mrs Irene Kwan, Ms Somsiri Onma and Ms Carol Cheung.

2013 Melbourne, AUSTRALIA 2013 (10-15 May) – FIP Patronage

Grand Prix D'Honneur	Mr Koichi Sato (Japan)	Tasmania: Imperforate Stamps from "Courier" to "Chalon Head"
Grand Prix International	Mr Emil Buhmann (South Africa)	Cape of Good Hope – The Hope Rectangular Design During the Victorian Period
Grand Prix National	Mr Arthur Woo (United Kingdom)	Western Australia – The Classic Stamps Printed from Perkins Bacon Plates

THAILAND 2013 WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION

FIP Grand Prix Club Display:

Dr Pichai Buranasombati RDP	Thailand	Great Britain – Bishop Mark 1661
Dr Prakob Chirakiti	Thailand	Siam: First Issue used on Cover
Mr Surajit Gongvatana	Thailand	Siamese Post Office in Kedah, Malaysia
Mr Michael Ho	Chinese Taipei	China – The Small Dragon and its surcharges
Mr Charnchai Karnasuta	Thailand	British Consulate Post Office in Siam
Mr William Kwan	Hong Kong	The Proofs and Specimens of the First Set of Hong Kong Stamps
Mr Yigal Nathaniel	Israel	Japan – Earliest Impression of Head Later Damaged and Retouched on 100 Mon Cover
Mr Mario Que	Philippines	1854 – The First Stamp of the Philippines
Mr Everaldo Santos	Brazil	Deciphering Lawsuits Postage Rates
Mr Tay Peng Hian RDP	Singapore	Netherlands East Indies (Indonesia) – The Largest Known used block of the first issue, 1864
Mr Daniel Teo	Singapore	Afganistan – The Greatest First Issue Franking
Ms Martha Villarroel de Peredo	Bolivia	Bolivia – Partial Re-engraving of the Original Plate

FIAP Grand Prix Club Display:

Mr Boonchai Bencharongkul	Thailand	Rejected Die Issue used on Cover
Dr Andrew Cheung	Hong Kong	Hong Kong Queen Victoria 4c Perf 12 ½ on Cover to Italy
Mr Prasatporn Eksombatchai	Thailand	1908 Horseman Statue 1 Tical Colour Proof
Mr Nuntawat Eurchukiati	Thailand	The only known Usage of 1945 SS Registered Envelop with Overprint “Trengganu”
Mr Prakit Foongvanich	Thailand	Rama VI: Dusit Thani Stamps
Mr Kazuyuki Inoue	Japan	Japan: The only recorded sheet of official “Mura-Okuri” Stamp
Mr David Lu	China	1902 Ross Smith London to Melbourne Flight
Dr Yau Khai Weng	Singapore	Queensland “Paid Drayton” Handstamp on Pre-adhesive Cover

2013 Bangkok, THAILAND 2013 (2-8 August) – FIP Patronage

Grand Prix D’Honneur	Ms Marta & Ana Barreras Rauno (Spain)	The First Stamp of Spain
Grand Prix International	Mr Tan Ah Ee (Singapore)	Straits Settlements Classic
Grand Prix National	Mr Nuntawat Eurchukiati (Thailand)	Siam: King Rama VII and the World War II



The Grand Prix luncheon at THAILAND 2013 FIP World Stamp Exhibition was held on 8 August 2013 and attended by 25 members & guests, namely:

Messrs Prasatporn Eksombatchai, Nuntawat Eurchukiati, Prakit Foongvanich, Michael Ho, Arthur Gray, Everaldo Santos, Geoffrey Kellow, Andrew Cheung, Mrs Patricia Walker, Dan Walker, Charnchai Karnasuta, Yau Khai Weng, Darryl Fuller, Prakob Chirakiti, Gary Brown, Pichai Buranasombati, Surajit Gongvatana, William Kwan, Mrs Irene Kwan, Tay Peng Hian, Mrs Martha Villarroel de Peredo and Ding Jing Song

BRASILIANA 2013 WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION

FIP Grand Prix Club Display:

Mr Ron Brigham	Canada	The Province of Canada
Dr Pichai Buransombati	Thailand	Great Britain – The Bishop Mark 1661
Dr Prakob Chirakiti	Thailand	Siam: The First Issue on Cover
Mr Surajit Gongvatana	Thailand	Siamese Post Office in Kedah, Malaya
Mr Jamie Gough	USA	New Brunswick – Double Bisect
Mr Charnchai Karnasuta	Thailand	British Consulate Post Office in Siam
Mr Everaldo Santos	Brazil	RMSPC – Venezuela – Port of La Guaira
Mr Tay Peng Hian	Singapore	Netherlands East Indies (Indonesia) – The Large Multiple Usage of the First Issue, 1864 (block of 15)
Mr Tan Ah Ee	Singapore	Straits Settlements Classic – Block of 32, unused of the 1 ½ cents of the 1867 Issue
Mr Yigal Nathaniel	Israel	Japan - 1871 Dragon Mon Issue
Mr Michael Ho	Chinese Taipei	Bolivia – The 19 th Century American Bank Note Co Postal Issues

2013 Rio de Janeiro, BRASILIANA 2013 (19-25 November) – FIP Patronage

Grand Prix D'Honneur	Mr George Kramer (USA)	US Domestic Mails 1776-1869
Grand Prix International	Mr Walter Britz (Uruguay)	Uruguay – Early Issues of the XIX Century (1856-1862)



The Grand Prix dinner at BRASILIANA 2013 FIP World Stamp Exhibition was held on 25 November 2013 at D'Amici Restaurant and attended by 12 members and guests, namely:
(Front row from left) Mr Hugo Peredo, Mrs Martha Villarroel de Peredo, Mr Tay Peng Hian, Mr David Feldman and Mr Surajit Gongvatana
(Back row from left) Mr Yigal Nathaniel, Mr Ignacio Alemany, Mr Luis Alemany, Mr Michael Ho, Mr Everaldo Santos, Dr Andrew Cheung and Mr Koichi Sato