

**Minutes of the ICPS Meeting  
at EXFILNA 2010 in Madrid  
21 October 2010**

On this date the ICPS set a milestone in its brief history by holding its first international meeting of members in Madrid, Spain, during the EXFILNA 2010 Philatelic Exhibition sponsored by the Spanish Federation of Philatelic Societies (FESOFI) and especially by the Philatelic Society of Madrid (SOFIMA) to both of which we are extremely grateful for their welcome and graceful hospitality. The venue for the exhibition was the Fábrica de la Moneda y Timbre (the equivalent of the U.S. Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing) in a section of the building that is dedicated to a museum, Museo Casa de la Moneda.

The ICPS meeting was led by our interim president, Ernesto Cuesta, and was attended by members from Spain, Switzerland, and the U.S.A. A total of eight members were present, including Mr. Pedro Sánchez Villalba that became a member during the meeting. Additionally there were some visitors present; among them Leonardo Palencia from Cuba and Jacob Pieter Dekker (from Holland but living in Barcelona, Spain) and his wife María Pilar.

The meeting had a double purpose: to meet our European members and to become acquainted with their philatelic interests, their aspirations, and their vision about the course that the ICPS should take in pursuing its activities.

Our ICPS member and host and sponsor for EXFILNA 2010, Eugenio de Quesada, welcomed us and congratulated us for the Society's achievements in such a short period of time (we arrived at EXFILNA 2010 with 80 members on board and having published two issues of our journal). Following, he shared his views about the Society's objectives and future plans and expressed that he was very pleased with the bonds of friendship that have been established between the ICPS and SOFIMA. Finally, he described the development of his book "A Study of Cuban Telegraph Stamps", a definitive study of Cuban telegraph stamps that was presented to the public for the first time during EXFILNA 2010.

Following, Ernesto Cuesta gave an overview of past Society activities and future plans:

1. The Society held interim elections in Richmond, Virginia, during the philatelic exhibition StampShow 2010, that took place in August of this year and is planning to hold general elections at the beginning of 2011. As a result of the StampShow 2010 interim elections, Ernesto Cuesta was appointed President, Mark Tyx Vice-President, and Dan Chaij Secretary. It was decided that Ernesto Cuesta would continue to function as Society Treasurer until one is formally elected in the 2011 elections. Subsequently, Mark Tyx has accepted to be a candidate for the position of Treasurer in the 2011 elections. The Society is searching for additional candidates for all of its elective positions. Any member that is interested in participating as a candidate for any of the elective positions in the 2011 general elections should get in touch with the Society Secretary, Mr. Dan Chaij.
2. The Society is working on a draft of a Plan of Operations. When it is ready, it will be posted in the Society Website.
3. At present the Society members in Spain are:
  - Eugenio de Quesada
  - Carlos Echenagusia
  - Juan Areal
  - Augusto Brosa Quintana
  - Enrique de Caralt
  - Jesús Bustillo Martret
  - Francisco Querol Piñón, Presidente de ACEPER
  - Pedro Sánchez Villalba
  - Germán Baschwitz, owner of Filatelia Hobby in Madrid

The latter two became ICPS members during EXFILNA 2010 and Mr. Baschwitz' firm became the first one to subscribe to an ad in our Journal of Cuban Philately. The firm's ads will appear on all issues of the journal during 2011.

4. The ICPS has entered into mutual cooperation agreements with the Philatelic Society of Madrid (SOFIMA), the United. Postal Stationery Society (UPSS), the Spanish Postal Stationery Society (ACEPER), the International Philippines Philatelic Society (IPPS), and the U.S. Possessions Philatelic Society (USPPS). All of these societies have ties to Cuba, mainly during the Spanish Colonial period in the Caribbean and the Philippines. The purpose of these agreements is to join efforts in joint projects for the benefit of our common philatelies, for the benefit of our members working on those projects, and for the benefit and prestige of our philatelic societies.
5. Our member Carlos Echenagusía, known worldwide for his work as designer of Cuban stamps and an authority in Cuban philately with responsibility for the preparation of the Edifil Specialized Catalogs of Cuba, has recently inaugurated a website where he has made available a large number of articles on Cuban philately that he has published over the years in the Spanish philatelic journal also published by Edifil, Revista de Filatelia. In the website he also offers for sale various more detailed publications and catalogs of Cuban philately and he has several pages where he sells important philatelic showpieces with a special section on Cuba. We recommend that you visit his Internet website at the following address: [www.echenastamps.com](http://www.echenastamps.com).
6. Robert Littrell, our Webmaster, has recently edited with the collaboration of Ernesto Cuesta, an extensive comparative study of the postal stationery of the Spanish colonies Cuba, Puerto Rico and Philippines. The authors of the country sections were: for Cuba, Robert Littrell with the collaboration of Octavio Cabrera and Ernesto Cuesta; for Puerto Rico, Byron Mitchell; and for the Philippines, Donald Peterson—all ICPS members. The book can be obtained through the ICPS (contact Robert Littrell).
7. The meeting concluded with the announcement that the next official meeting of the ICPS will be held in San Francisco, California, during the WESTPEX 2011 philatelic exhibition which will be held from April 29 to May 1, 2011.
8. The meeting adjourned at 14:30 on October 21 and several members present proceeded to share lunch at a nearby restaurant.

#### Members present

Juan Areal  
Daniel Chaij  
Ernesto Cuesta  
Carlos Echenagusía  
Laura Herrera  
Patrick Mangan  
Eugenio de Quesada  
Pedro Sánchez Villalba

#### Visitors

Leonardo Palencia  
Jacob Pieter Dekker and his wife María Pilar Martínez del Paso, residents of Premia de Mar, Barcelona.

(Minutes prepared by Dan Chaij and Ernesto Cuesta)