

WHAT IS EXPONET?

EXPONET is an exhibition. The word combines two words – EXPONat (Exhibit) and NET = InterNET. It is a permanent non-competitive on-line philatelic exhibition of good and the best philatelic exhibits from all over the world. This exhibition already exists! Try to look at <http://exponet.info> Then you will better understand the matter. The exhibition is intended for public presentation of high quality philatelic exhibits from all territories and periods.

The organisers of EXPONET, the Union of Czech Philatelists and the Czech Association for Sport Philately decided to organise on the EXPONET the **first competitive virtual philatelic exhibition SPORT-O-NET'07**. It will consist of exhibits with all sports themes. We are convinced that a chance to enable philatelists from all over the world to meet the best philatelic exhibits at home permanently is worth trying and we hope we shall be able to get the participants. We want to organise an exhibition VIRTUALLY AND FREE OF CHARGE. We hope it will become one of the new ways of philately and, by the way, it will support creation of new good philatelic exhibits.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS (IREX) OF SPORT-O-NET'07



EXPONET



1. Name and Objectives of the Exhibition

The International Philatelic Exhibition SPORT-O-NET'07 is the first fully virtual international philatelic exhibition. It consists of exhibits with sports themes from all over the world. Exhibitors from all countries will be invited. The exhibition will consist of all usual exhibition classes, including the class of one-frame exhibits and open class.

2. Organisers of the exhibition

Organisers of the SPORT-O-NET'07 are the Union of Czech Philatelists (SČF), EXPONET and the Czech Association for Sport Philately. The exhibition is represented by the Organising Committee (OC) which meets the final decisions.

3. Exhibition Principles

The exhibits will be displayed on-line in the Internet in a separate section of the EXPONET. They will be clearly separated from other exhibits by independent access and they will be marked with the logo of SPORT-O-NET'07. They will be available to visitors from all over the world. The exhibits will stay in the EXPONET as its part free of charge after the end of SPORT-O-NET'07. The location and access will be identified by the web address

<http://www.exponet.info>

4. Place and Time of the Exhibition

The exhibition will last for 1 month – from Thursday, 1 November 2007 till Friday, 30 November 2007. The Organising Committee can place the exhibits on the web before the specified date.

5. Regulations

The SPORT-O-NET'07 exhibition will be ruled by following regulations:

- a) FIP General Regulations for Exhibitions - GREX,
- b) General Regulations for the Evaluation of Competitive Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions-GREV,
- c) Special Regulations for the Evaluation of Competitive Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions-SREV, and Supplementary Rules of FIP,
- d) This Special Regulations of SPORT-O-NET'07 (IREX).

The competitive classes are open to exhibitors from all member countries. Participation in the non-competitive classes is granted by special invitation solely at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

6. Exhibition Classes

According to Article 5 of GREX the exhibition will have following exhibition classes:

A) Non-competitive classes:

- A1. Court of Honour
- A2. Class of the jury members exhibits
- A3. Class of invited exhibits

B) Competitive classes:

- B1. Thematic class of the olympic philately
- B2. Thematic class of the sports philately
- B3. Postal history
- B4. Aerophilately
- B5. Youth class
- B6. Philatelic literature

C) Other competitive classes:

- C1. One frame exhibits
- C2. Open class

7. Participation Conditions:

7.1. For the participation, it is necessary to fill in the Entry Form issued by the Organising Committee of the exhibition. It must be filled in all parts and the exhibitor confirms the correctness of all information. The Entry Form will be send by e-mail to the Organising Committee of the exhibition and to the national philatelic federation. The national federation confirms all Entry Form from the country by e-mail. The Entry Form can be downloaded from the web pages of the exhibition.

7.2. The exhibitors must send the Entry Forms to the Organising Committee and to their national federation not later than on 30 May 2007. National federation confirms the Entry Forms not later than on 15 June 2007.

7.3. Only exhibits with qualification specified in 8.1 and invited exhibits in non-competitive classes can be accepted. Organising Committee will decide about the Entry Forms and inform exhibitors not later than on 30 June 2007. Each exhibitor can exhibit no more than two exhibits (exception is the class of the philatelic literature).

8. Qualifying Conditions for the Competitive Classes:

8.1. Condition for participation in competitive classes B.1., B.2., B.3., B.4. and B.5 is **minimum of 75 points** at national exhibitions, international FIP or FEPA continental exhibitions and

OLYMPHILEX exhibitions in the years 1997 – 2006. For the youth exhibits the qualification may not be older than three years.

8.2. Participation in the class B.6 (Philatelic literature) does not require any qualification. The publications must be published after 1 January 2002. In this class also the exhibitors who are not members of the national philatelic federation can participate, both individuals and legal persons.

8.3. Participation in the competitive classes C does not require any qualification. Exhibits in class C.1 must contain only philatelic material. Exhibits in the class C.2 may contain up to 49 % of non-philatelic material. The Organising Committee will decide about the number of exhibits in the C classes.

9. Frame Allocation

9.1. One virtual exhibition frame corresponds to 16 A4 size sheets. Each exhibitor in the classes B.1 to B.4 will exhibit 80 sheets (5 frames). Exhibitors who have already obtained 85 points or more will be able to exhibit 128 sheets (8 frames).

9.2. Number of frames allotted to young philatelists (class B.5) depends on the age category (16 – 80 sheets).

9.3. Philatelic literature exhibits will be sent physically (one copy). In the Internet a substantial part of the exhibit will be shown according to the decision of the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee will keep the copy (see paragraph 12).

9.4. The one frame exhibits contain 16 sheets.

9.5. The Open Class exhibits contain 32 to 80 sheets.

10. Exhibition Fees

Exhibitors at SPORT-O-NET'07 will pay no exhibition fees. This also applies to exhibiting at the international exhibition EXPONET after the end of SPORT-O-NET'07 (see paragraph 3).

11. Exhibition Awards

Exhibits in the competitive classes will be judged by an international jury of accredited jurors appointed by SČF. Exhibits will be judged according to GREV, SREV and IREX. Well known philatelists from different countries will be invited to participate in the jury. Judging will proceed on-line in the Internet. The final evaluation will be the average of the points given by all judges, the highest and the lowest number of points will be omitted.

Exhibitors will receive a virtual exhibition medal and a diploma according to the FIP regulations. Following medals will be awarded:

- large gold,
- gold,
- large vermeil,
- vermeil,
- large silver,
- silver,
- silver-bronze,
- bronze.

Jury may also express its felicitation to the exhibits showing exceptional treatment, value or knowledge.

12. Delivery of Exhibits

Exhibits will be exhibited in the Internet and they will be freely accessible to all people interested (see paragraph 3).

The exhibitors will scan the accepted exhibits as follows:

Technical Specification: Complete sheets will be scanned with the resolution of 16,7 mil. colours, 300 dpi, minimal width of the picture 900 pixel to point. Do not reduce the pictures; this will be done by the organisers. We recommend taking the sheets off from the protection plastic covers not to

reduce the quality of the scanned picture. Numbered .tiff, .jpg, .gif, .bmp or .pdf files will be burn into a CD/DVD. This will be sent to:

Milan Černík, P.O.Box 243, CZ - 160 41 Praha 6

Exhibitors can send the scanned exhibit to the FTP server <ftp.japhila.cz> from their computers. For the login and password to the FTP please contact: janik@exponet.info).

The scanned exhibit must be received before 10 September 2007.

Exhibits of Czech exhibitors will be scanned free of charge. Postage for the return of the exhibit will be required. Sent CD/DVD will not be returned.

A copy of the philatelic literature exhibit must be sent to the address of the exhibition Organising Committee to arrive before 10 September 2007. The copy will not be returned and it will become a part of the library of the Czech Association for Sport Philately.

13. Final Provisions

The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend this IREX if necessary.

14. Addresses and Members of the Organising Committee

14.1. Postal address of the exhibition:

International Philatelic Exhibition SPORT-O-NET'07
P.O.Box 13
282 23 Český Brod
Czech Republic

<http://web.telecom.cz/olympsport>

14.2. e-mail addresses:

Organising Committee of the exhibition: sportonet@seznam.cz

Philatelic department: cernik@exponet.info

Public relations department: stamps@stamps.cz

Technical department: janik@exponet.info

14.3. Members of the Organising Committee of **SPORT-O-NET'07**:

Chairman Jaroslav Petrásek

Vicechairman, Technical department Břetislav Janík

Secretary, Philatelic department Milan Černík

Finance Bedřich Polák

Public relations František Beneš

14.4. SČF responsible person Vít Vaníček

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