

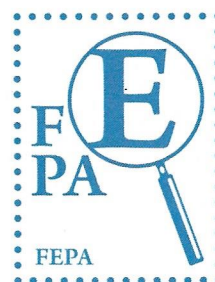
HUNFILA 2019 BUDAPEST International Stamp Exhibition

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The National Federation of Hungarian Philatelists (MABÉOSZ), on the occasion of the 92th Stamp Day of Hungary, organizes the international stamp exhibition named **HUNFILA 2019 BUDAPEST** between 4 and 6 October. Co-organizer of the most prestigious national philatelic event of the year is the Sandor Szurmay Cultural and Recreational Directorate of the Budapest Garrison Brigade of the Hungarian Army at the Stefania Palace. The event is sponsored by the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP), supported by the Hungarian Post and recognized by the Federation of European Philatelic Associations (FEPA).

Venue of the exhibition is the reputable building complex of the Stefania Palace and the Military Cultural Center (Figure 1.), which already hosted a very successful exhibition in 2017, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the first Hungarian stamp issue.

Our exhibition commemorates also the 150th anniversary of the first official correspondence card of the world (Figure 2.). Mihály Gervay, the first director general of the Hungarian Post, born 200 years ago, played an important role in this achievement. Thanks also to him the first postal – with an imprinted stamp – correspondence card started on its world-conquering road from the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy on 1 October 1869.

Invitations have been sent out to the national federations of Austria, Germany, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy, Switzerland (the countries belonging to the Alps-Adriatic Community), then Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland, Romania and

Portugal, plus, according to the practice of the previous HUNFILA exhibitions the exhibitors of ARGE Ungarn e.V. and the Hungarian Philatelic Society in Great Britain (HPS-GB). All in all 13 nations and two more philatelic societies have been invited.

The HUNFILA 2019 BUDAPEST International Stamp Exhibition is a national exhibition of the I. rank with international participation. The collections shown in the competitive class will be judged by an international jury containing FIP accredited jury members in the necessary quantity.

The owner of the best exhibit with a Hungarian topic will receive the Grand Prix National of the HUNFILA 2019, the owner of the best exhibit with a foreign topic will receive the Grand Prix International of the HUNFILA 2019.

The Hungarian Post will issue two stamps and a block on the day of the opening ceremony, 4 October, and during the three days of the exhibition will operate a temporary post office at the exhibition, using different special cancellations on each day.

A rich program awaits the visitors. October 5 is dedicated for the youth. In the morning they can participate at a contest in the frame of the “Youth Day”, plus they can get acquainted with the exhibits together with knowledgeable guides. In the afternoon there will be professional lectures for the grown-ups, among them a commemoration of the first correspondence card of the world. Our guests will also be able to visit the world-famous Budapest Stamp Museum,

where they can also study the documents of two temporary exhibitions, one of them showing an unprecedented 270 pieces of the first correspondence card, surrounded by the wonderful pieces of the constant museum material, including several world rarities.

The Hungarian stamp collectors celebrate the 92nd Stamp Day on the closing day of the exhibition, 6 October. There will be commemorations, greetings and handover of awards

for the activists. The three-day long event will be closed by the Palmares Ceremony of the HUNFILA 2019 International Exhibition, where the best exhibitors receive their awards.

So in the first days of October (usually with beautiful weather of the Indian Summer) Budapest awaits not only the lovers of stamp collection but also all other visitors and tourists eager to see other monuments and the panorama of this beautiful city.

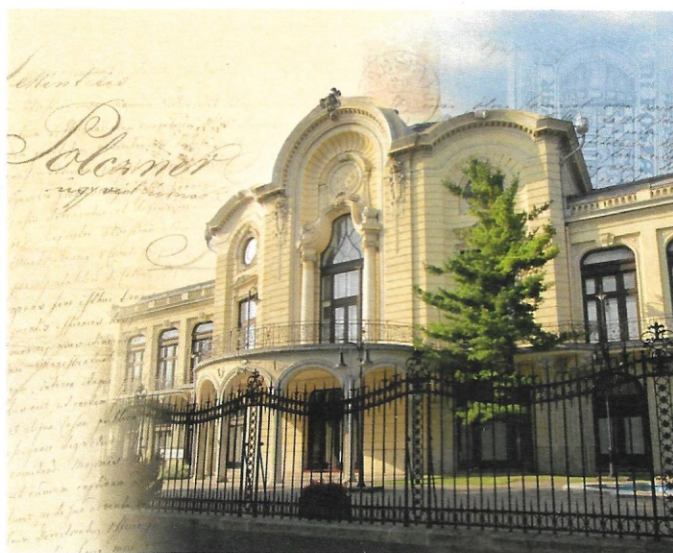


Figure 1: The imposing building of the Stefania Palace.



Figure 2: First-day usage of the first official postal correspondence card of the world on 1 October 1869

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