

INDIVIDUAL REGULATIONS (IREX)
SLOVPHILEX 2027
Specialized World Stamp Exhibition
Bratislava, Slovakia
June 30 – July 4, 2027

Article 1: Purpose

- 1.1 SLOVPHILEX 2027 Specialized World Stamp Exhibition (Herein after referred to as “SLOVPHILEX 2027”) shall be held for the following purposes:
- a. To commemorate 90 Years of the first stamp exhibition in Bratislava;
 - b. To promote friendly relations and maintain close co-operation amongst the philatelists and stamp collectors throughout the world;
 - c. To promote philately and stamp collecting at the highest international level;
 - d. To provide an educational and cultural programme for the public and the media.

Article 2: Organization, Venue and Date

- 2.1 SLOVPHILEX 2027 is organized by Union of Slovak Philatelists (ZSF) in accordance with FIP (Federation Internationale de Philatelie) General Regulations for Exhibitions. SLOVPHILEX is managed and run by an Organizing Committee (OC).
- 2.2 The Exhibition will be held at the Slovak National Gallery in Bratislava, Slovakia and approximately 1,500 frames will be available.
- 2.3 The Exhibition will open on June 30, 2027 and close on July 4, 2027.

Article 3: Patronage, Recognition and Applicable Regulations

- 3.1 SLOVPHILEX 2027 is a “FIP Specialised World Stamp” Exhibition with the Patronage of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP) provisionally granted by the FIP Board on November 5, 2024 at the 177th FIP Board meeting and approved by the 77th FIP Congress in Shanghai on December 3, 2024.
- 3.2 SLOVPHILEX 2027 will also be held under the Recognition of the Federation of European Philatelic Associations (FEPA).
- 3.3 The following regulations shall be generally applicable to SLOVPHILEX 2027:
- a. The General Regulations of the FIP for Exhibitions (GREX).
 - b. The General Regulations of the FIP for the Evaluation of competitive Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions (GREV).
 - c. Special Regulations for the Evaluation of Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions (SREVs).
 - d. Individual Regulations of SLOVPHILEX 2027 (IREX) (GREX Article 3.10).

Article 4: Conditions of Participation

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to reject any exhibit that promotes racism, antisemitism, fascism, Nazism, violence, or violates human rights and human dignity. Such exhibits will not be accepted for display or judging.

4.1 Competitive Exhibits Classes:

Exhibitors from Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP) member federations and FEPA member federations who are not FIP members thereof shall be eligible for participating at SLOVPHILEX 2027.

4.2 Non-Competitive Classes:

Entries in non-competitive classes shall be by special invitation at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Article 5: Exhibition Classes

5.1 Non-Competitive Exhibits (By Invitation)

5.2 Competitive Exhibits Classes

Class 1: Traditional Philately

- A) Slovakia
- B) Europe
- C) Asia, Oceania and Africa
- D) America

Slovakia includes all exhibits with at least 50 per cent of material which was ever valid on the territory of Slovakia.

Please indicate clearly in the Exhibit Application Form as to the sub-class (A, B, C or D) the exhibit is entering.

Class 2: Postal History

- A) Slovakia
- B) Europe
- C) Asia, Oceania and Africa
- D) America

Slovakia includes all exhibits with at least 50 per cent of material coming from the territory of Slovakia.

Please indicate clearly in the Exhibit Application Form as to the sub-class (A, B, C or D) the exhibit is entering.

Class 3: Revenues

Class 4: Thematic Philately

Exhibits will be classified under:

- A) Nature
- B) Culture
- C) Technology

Please indicate clearly in the Exhibit Application Form as to the sub-class (A, B or C) the exhibit is entering.

Class 5: Picture Postcards

Class 6: Open Philately

Class 7: Non-Standard Frames (1-3 Frames) Exhibit

Exhibit in this Class are non-standard frame exhibits, that is, 1-3 frames, which will be judged in their respective Classes which will be classified under:

- A) Traditional
- B) Postal History
- C) Revenues
- D) Thematic Philately
- E) Picture Postcards
- F) Open Philately

Awards are presented by Points (60 points to 100 points) and awarded by Certificates only. No award medals will be awarded. Certificate of Participation will be given to exhibits attaining less than 60 points.

Class 8: Philatelic Literature

- A) Monographs
- B) Periodicals
- C) Digital media

Handbooks and special studies must have been published not earlier than 5 years prior to the exhibition year. For all other entries the publication date should be not earlier than 2 years prior to the exhibition year.

Exhibitors are requested to fill in the particulars stated in the “Philatelic Literature Exhibit Information Form” in addition to the “Exhibit Application Form”. One copy of each literature exhibit is required; they will remain in the library of the Union of Slovak Philatelists and will not be returned.

Article 6: Judging of Exhibits and Award

- 6.1 Exhibits in the Competitive Classes will be judged by appointed and accredited FIP judges in accordance with the principles laid down in the GREV and SREVs. Any deviation in the judging system has to have the prior approval of the FIP Board.

Article 7: Frame Size and Allotment of Frames

- 7.1 The exhibition frame at SLOVPHILEX 2027 shall be 97 cm x 120 cm. Each frame shall have a capacity for 16 album pages (arranged in four rows of four sheets each), 23 cm x 29 cm each in size (maximum) including their protective mount. Album pages slightly exceeding the said size shall be accepted if the pages can be overlapped in the frame, in which case, the Organizing Committee shall not be responsible for any loss of, or damage to, the pages.

In addition, the other FIP recommended allowable exhibit sheet sizes will be accepted, namely:

46 cm x 29 cm (A3): 8 Sheets (two sheets in four rows)

31 cm x 29 cm: 12 Sheets (three sheets in four rows)

- 7.2 All exhibits must be mounted on white or pale-coloured pages. No exhibit mounted on dark coloured or black pages will be accepted.
- 7.3 The original copy of Expertizing Certificate must be placed at the disposal of the Jury by inserting it at the back of the page. A small letter © is to be denoted at the right bottom corner of the display sheet.
- 7.4 Every exhibit in Classes 1-6 shall be allowed five (5) or eight (8) frames according to GREX Articles 6.3 & 6.4. Five frames shall be allotted to exhibits that obtained at least a vermeil award (75 points) at the national level. Eight frames shall be allotted to exhibits that obtained at least a large vermeil award at previous FIP exhibitions.

Article 8: Application and Acceptance

- 8.1 Exhibit Application Forms duly filled in shall be submitted through the respective National Commissioners to the Commissioner General not later than October 15, 2026. When submitting the Exhibit Application Form, the exhibitor shall attach a copy of the introductory page, in one of the FIP's official languages.
- 8.2 Exhibitors may enter exhibits under a pseudonym. However, their true identities must be notified to the Organizing Committee (GREX Article 16).
- 8.3 Notification of acceptance or rejection, together with the number of allocated frames, shall be sent to the exhibitors through their respective National Commissioners not later than December 15, 2026.

- 8.4 The National Commissioners are to collect the participation fee from the exhibitors and shall remit to the OC by January 31, 2027.
- 8.5 Entrants may revise the introductory page or synopsis through the National Commissioners by March 31, 2027. Each exhibit shall be listed in the exhibition catalogue under its given title as stated in the application form.
- 8.6 When the title of the exhibit differs from the past (irrespective of minor or major changes), the previous title of the exhibit must be stated in the Exhibit Application Form. Furthermore, the FIP created Exhibitor's Identity Number must be stated. This ID number could be obtained from the Secretary of your Federation. The FIP Secretariat circulates annually "a list of Awards and ID Nos for all exhibitors" of the member federation concerned.
- 8.7 All information in the exhibit application forms shall be kept strictly confidential by the Organizing Committee and shall not be disclosed to third parties or used for any commercial purposes.

Article 9: Participation Fee

- 9.1 There is no fee for Non-Competitive Class entries.
- 9.2 The participation fee for Competitive Classes 1-6 will be €120 per frame.
- 9.3 The participation fee for Class 7 is €140 for one frame, for 2 or 3 frames €120 per frame.
- 9.4 The participation fee for Philatelic Literature (Class 8) is €80 per exhibit.

Article 10: Handling of Exhibits

- 10.1 In the event an exhibit is delivered late or fails to be delivered, or in the event the page size does not comply with the provisions of Article 7, the exhibit will not be judged and the participation fee shall not be refunded.
- 10.2 Each exhibit page shall be placed in a transparent protective cover and numbered in a consistent manner, in the lower right hand corner margin.
- 10.3 The Organizing Committee shall certify the receipt of the exhibits to the exhibitors through the Commissioners.
- 10.4 The Organizing Committee shall distribute exhibit envelopes and exhibit inventory forms through the Commissioners to the exhibitors.
- 10.5 Each and every exhibit shall be forwarded in the envelope provided (one envelope is allocated per frame). The exhibit inventory form shall be put in the envelope for the first frame.
- 10.6 The Organizing Committee strongly recommends that all exhibits are delivered by hand by the National Commissioners. Personal delivery by hand by the exhibitors (or his/her friends) is not allowed.
- 10.7 Exhibitors in the Philatelic Literature Class (Class 8) must send one copy of each title or volume – these are non-returnable. Periodicals shall exhibit a complete volume or year. Philatelic Literature exhibits must be received by the Organizing Committee no later than April 30, 2027, in order that preliminary judging may take place.
- 10.8 The address to which Philatelic Literature exhibits must be sent to the Organizing Committee of SLOVPHILEX 2027 World Stamp Exhibition is stated under article 17.1.

Article 11: Mounting and Dismounting of Exhibits

- 11.1 The Organizing Committee shall provide the directions and conditions under which the mounting and dismounting of the exhibits shall be undertaken.

- 11.2 The Commissioner shall pay for the costs of (a) delivering his exhibits to the Exhibition site as well as (b) collecting his exhibits at the close of the Exhibition from the Exhibition site and returning to his country.
- 11.3 Dispatching exhibits to the Organizing Committee and returning of exhibits by means of Air Cargo are not allowed.
- 11.4 No complaints after the dismounting and return of the exhibit to Commissioner will be entertained by the Organizing Committee.
- 11.5 Requests for return, dismounting etc. of the exhibits during the Exhibition period shall not be accepted.

Article 12: Customs Regulations

- 12.1 The Organizing Committee shall establish simplified customs procedures through the customs consultative committee, and details of the applicable custom regulations shall be sent to the exhibitors through the Commissioner in each Country at least 3 months prior to the start of the exhibition.
- 12.2 The Organizing Committee will issue an official Customs Clearance Certificate to accompany all consignments to simplify import and re-export.

Article 13: Security Measures

- 13.1 The Organizing Committee shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the security of the exhibits from arrival to return thereof. However, the Organizing Committee shall not be liable for any loss or damage to an Exhibit that might occur during the transportation to and from the exhibition.
- 13.2 After the exhibit is mounted by the Organizing Committee and the National Commissioner, the National Commissioner is required to check that all pages and philatelic items are intact. In the event of any missing items, the National Commissioner must inform the Organizing Committee immediately. A confirmation form shall be signed by the National Commissioner to be returned to the Organizing Committee to confirm that the exhibit mounted is in order. This procedure is to be executed prior to the Opening day of the exhibition, except where an Exhibit is received after the Opening day when such report shall be made at the soonest opportunity.
- 13.3 Each exhibitor is solely responsible for arranging adequate insurance coverage for his or her exhibit (GREX Article 50.2).

Article 14: Expert Group (GREX Article 45)

- 14.1 An Expert Group will be appointed by the SLOVPHILEX 2027 Organizing Committee in consultation with the FIP Consultant.

Article 15: Rights of Organizing Committee

- 15.1 Every exhibitor applying to exhibit at SLOVPHILEX 2027 is deemed to have accepted the stipulations of the IREX.
- 15.2 The Organizing Committee shall have the right to revise the IREX through consultation with the FIP Consultant. Exhibitors shall be promptly notified of any of such revisions either directly or through his Commissioner.
- 15.3 The Organizing Committee shall have the right to adjudicate any problems arising that are not covered by FIP Regulations or by the IREX, and its decisions shall be final.

Article 16: Acceptance of these Regulations

- 16.1 By signing the Exhibit Application Form, the exhibitor shall be deemed to accept the stipulations of the IREX, GREX, GREV and SREVs.

16.2 In the event of any discrepancies in the text arising from translation, the English text shall prevail.

16.3 Any legal cases arising shall be settled within the jurisdiction of Bratislava, Slovakia.

Article 17: Addresses

17.1 The Organizing Committee of SLOVPHILEX 2027

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