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REPORT OF THE POSTAL TOURNAMENT OFFICE

Year 2016

After a long period of alarming decrease, the number of entries in Promotional Postal Tournaments have substantially increased!

In 2016 I started 19 sections (5 WT/M, 3 WT/H and 11 WT/O) with a total of 87 players, while in 2015 the players were 68 in 15 sections.

Year 2017

In the first 6 months of 2017 I started 9 sections (2 WT/M, 3 WT/H and 4 WT/O) with a total of 40 players, approximately the same as in the first half of 2016.

Countries and Zones

The players of 2016 Promotional Postal Tournaments came from 17 different countries (in 2015 the number of countries was 13).

As usual, most of the players were from Europe (74.7%); a remarkable number came from NAPZ (21.8%) and, after many years, we had also 2 players from Africa/Asia and 1 from Latin America.

The most players came from Germany (45); the other more represented countries were the USA (12 players), France and the Netherlands (both 4 players).

ICCF Diamond Jubilee Postal World Cup 19

The Final of this important postal tournament, whose Preliminaries started on 31/10/2011 with 99 players, ended on 3/10/2016.

Three German players got 8/12 points and it was necessary to use both “Baumbach” and “Sonneborn-Berger” system to break the ties.

The winner of the Cup is IM Thomas Herfurth, the runner-up is SIM Edgar Achilles and IM Ralf Anderskewitz finished in third place.

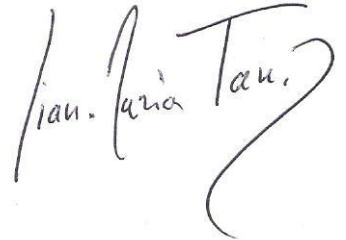
The TD of the Final was IA Laurent Tinture (FRA).

Tournament Directors

As usual, an enormous “thank you!” to Rubens Battistini (ITA), Bjørn Brobakken (NOR), Joop Jansen (NED), Thed Klauner (LUX) and Laurent Tinture (FRA) for their dedicated work: a postal tournament is surely harder to manage than a server one!

Amici sumus!

Torino, -3.07.2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Laurent Tinture". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.