

# EFIRO 2024, the only world philatelic event of this year

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Between April 16-19, 2024, the Specialized World Exhibition EFIRO 2024 took place in Bucharest. Hosted on the surface of two floors in the modern building of the National Library of Romania, the exhibition developed on the surface of 2650 frames was a real success



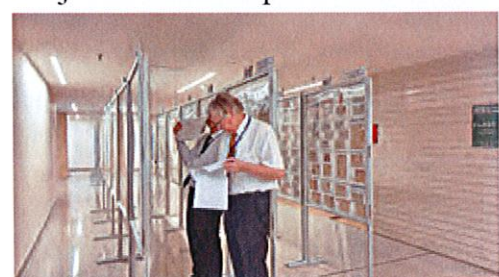
for the Balkans and on the world level. They were present in the competitive class, 554 philatelic exhibits belonging to exhibitors from 66 FIP and FEPA member countries and another 100 frames with non-competitive exhibits.



Having the patronage of the Ministry of Culture, the patronage of the FIP, FFR, and FEPA recognition, the exhibition also hosted the annual AIJP Congress, the meeting of BWG, AEP and AIEP members, and five specialized seminars. The national commissioners of 66 participating countries, the 43 jurors and experts, the team of 40 volunteers, 26 stands of big auction houses, postal administrations and philatelic dealers completed the image of the exhibition.



The exhibition budget being quite small, 60% of the exhibition was self-financed from participation and private donations, government sponsorships in an election year being extremely small. In this case, the organizing committee made the decision to hold this major event only for four days, instead of five, insufficient time for an exhibition of this high level. However, with all the pressure exerted by the short time, the 43 jurors and experts did their duty in good time, so that the Palmares was completed on time. The commissioners and the jurors were accommodated in hotels very close to the exhibition hall, which made it easier for everyone to travel.



building and in the halls of the Museum of Romanian Records the welcoming host of the FIP Jury Academy, located a short distance from the exhibition. Throughout the period, besides visiting the exhibition and other Bucharest objectives, participants and visitors had the opportunity to visit the 100 collections of this unique private museum.

Seminars and meetings of specialized commissions or working groups were held both in the exhibition





For this special event, the Romanian Post printed philatelic materials, stamps, vignettes, special stationery and maximum cards. The Romanian Philatelic Federation,



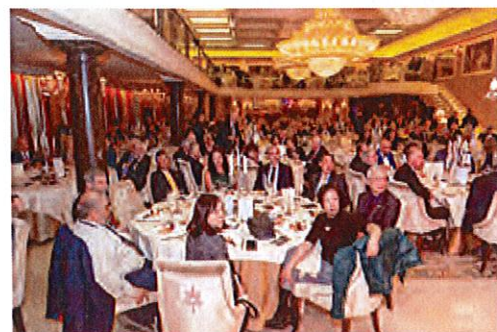
through the organizing committee, ordered three medals dedicated to the event, eight commemorative cancellations and other promotional materials dedicated to the six celebrated philatelic events, made available to the public at the stand of the Romanian Post and the EFIRO Organizing Committee.

The Palmares ceremony was attended by over 300 guests and apart from the presentations of the Great Gold medalists and the awarding of the two Grand Prix, the flags of the representatives of the following exhibitions, FEPA Hafnia 2024 and FIP China 2024, were handed out. The Grand Prix International was awarded to Joseph Hakmey for the exhibit "Classic Baden" and the Grand Prix National was awarded to Ion Chirescu for the exhibit "Foreign posts in the Romanian territories, 1811-1878". 47 Large Gold and 105 Gold diplomas and 36 special prizes were awarded.

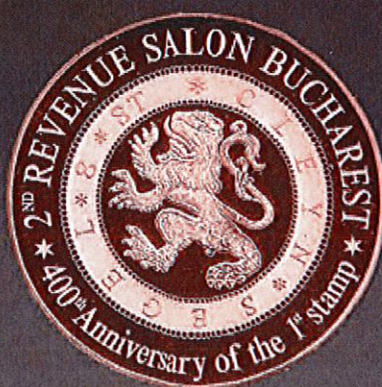
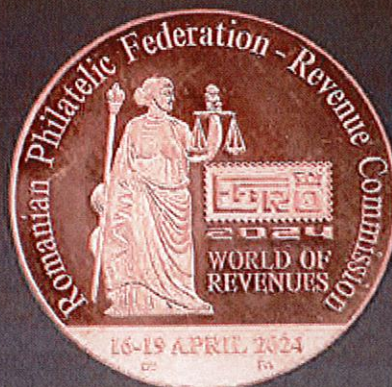
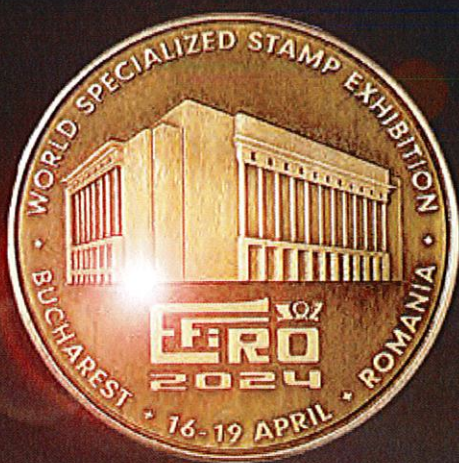


I don't have more information about the exhibition because even though I was General Commissioner, I also had the capacity of a jury member plus many other organizational duties. Honestly and regrettably for me, it is the first world exhibition of the approximately 20 exhibitions that I have participated in in the last 16 years, where I only had time to view the exhibits for the two classes in which I was appointed as a juror. For me it was an enormous loss considering the massive participation of some large-scale exhibits.

In the end, I think that the feedback of the exhibition is good and we are confident that a similar event of an even larger scale can be organized in the future.



# EFIRO 2024 EXHIBITION MEDALS



# EFIRO 2024 GRAND PRIX



# EIRO 2024 STAMP ISSUES



# EIRO 2024 OFFICIAL COVERS

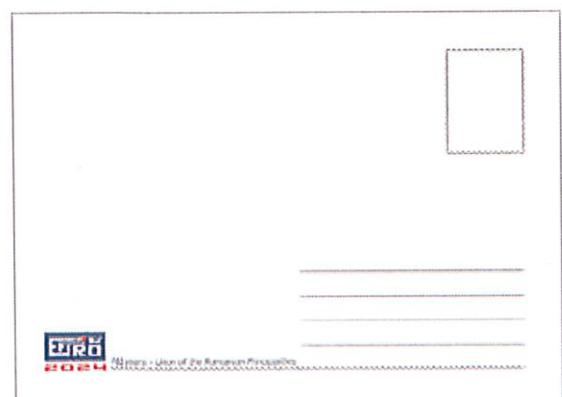
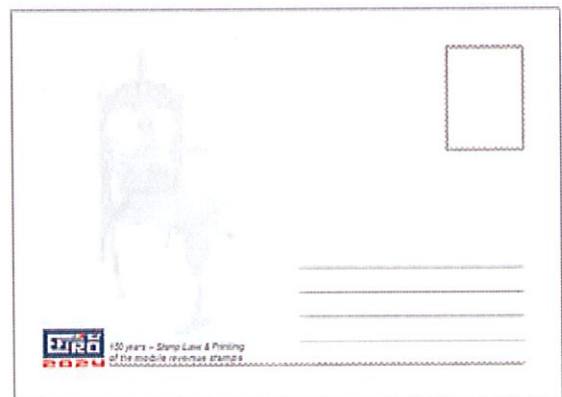
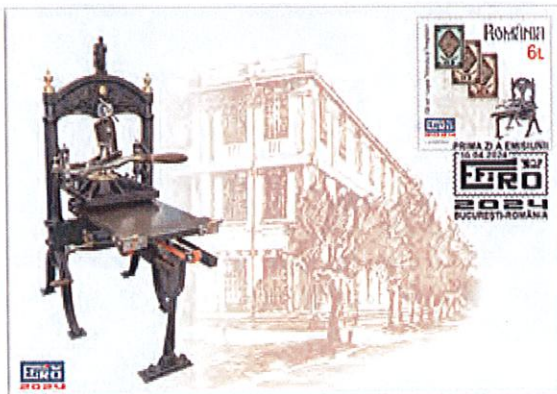
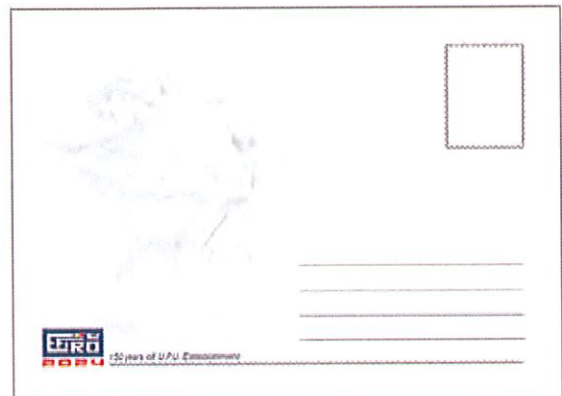


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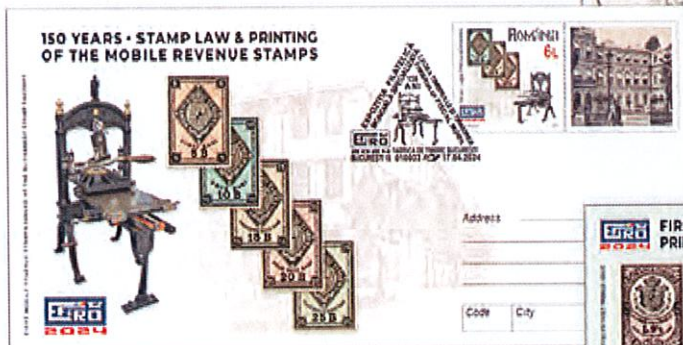


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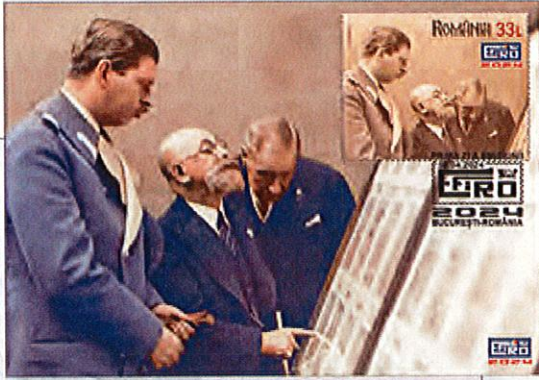




# EFIRO 2024 SPECIAL COVERS



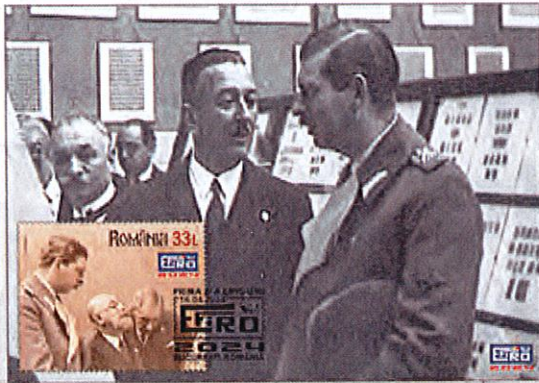
# EIRO 2024 MAXIMUM CARDS



**EIRO 2024** EIRO 1922 - Carol II and Princess Bibich



**EIRO 2024** EIRO 1932 - Carol II



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**EIRO 2024** EIRO 1932 - Carol II and Utra



**EIRO 2024** EIRO 1932 - Carol II



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# EFIRO 2024 VIGNETTES

