

# MAXIFRANCE 2014 – POITIERS 1-4 May 2014

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**Opening ceremony by Claude Desarménien president of the FFAP (French Federation of Philatelic Associations) and Jean-François Duranceau president of the Organising Committee of “Timbres Passion 2014” National, level 3, Philatelic Exhibition**

“Les Maximaphiles Français” was and continues to be the oldest, the most creative, the most well-organized and most active Maximaphily club around the world, with a history that goes back almost 70 years. At its helm were found inspired and enlightened presidents such as De la Ferté and Jacques Thénard who both of them served as Presidents of FIP Maximaphily Commission and gave a special glamour to the club in a global dimension. At the present time the «Les Maximaphiles Français» is run by a council whose the members participate actively, working diligently and creatively visiting all cities and villages of France to present lectures and inform young people about Maximaphily as an effective carrier of creativity and culture.



The Council is chaired by Mrs. Anny Boyard who masterfully manages, with her own positive examples, to inspire and encourage her cooperators in achieving more and more successful events. The long representation of Anny Boyard in the FIP Maximaphily Commission Bureau from the posts of secretary and simple member, the organization of frequent national and international exhibitions every two years, the complete and impressive website ([http // www.maximaphiles-francais.org](http://www.maximaphiles-francais.org)), the three per year issues of “Les Maximaphiles Français” magazine and the development of warm international relations have created to all directions a perfect and positive image.

Within the above mentioned environment and context «Les Maximaphiles Français Association» grasped the opportunity of the national level Philatelic Exhibition in Poitiers «Timbres Passion 2014» and organized the «MAXIFRANCE 2014» with international participation.

Fifty Maximaphily collections from Austria, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Romania, Spain and Switzerland were exhibited in the competition. Five exhibits were invited to participate in the Court of Honour.



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**The “Grand Prix” of the French Championship went to:**

Bruno Bouveret, France, for his collection «Phares et balises du monde».

He received the Grand Prix From Anny Boyard in the présence of Mr. Claude Désarménien President of FFAP, and Robert Cloix

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**The “Challenge Européen de Maximaphilie”**

The Grand Prix went to Edward Froom, Netherlands, for his collection “Sculpture, from Prehistory to the present day”

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**The Trophy went to Italy**

Rosario D’Agata, Président of the Italian Maximaphily Association receives the Trophy in the présence of Mr. Claude Désarménien President of FFAP, Robert Cloix and Mrs. Anny Boyard, President of “Les Maximaphiles Français” Association

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