

# EXECUTIVE BULLETIN April 2016

Please circulate to any philatelic friends to show just how much the ABPS is doing to promote philately across the UK. Thank you.

If your society has not yet paid its affiliation fees for 2016, please arrange this as soon as possible. Please note the affiliation fee for each member is now £1.25. You can add further personal support by becoming a “Friend of Philately” with an annual contribution of £25 or a “Patron” for £60. To discuss any membership issues, please contact Alan Godfrey by email on [membership@abps.org.uk](mailto:membership@abps.org.uk) or call 01789765385

## THE PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN

The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain takes place at The Belfry Hotel, Cambourne, near Cambridge from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016. The philatelic theme of the event will be the “Islands”. Around 50 delegates have registered already.

Website is [www.gbcongress.uk](http://www.gbcongress.uk)

## WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

A new working group has been formed to oversee the upgrading and updating of the ABPS website. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please pass your comments to Neil Ritchie by email [secretary@abps.org.uk](mailto:secretary@abps.org.uk)

## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The accounts for 2015 have been posted on the ABPS website. The first grant of £7500 has been made towards the London 2020 International Stamp Exhibition. A grant has also been made to Stamp Active of £500 to support the youth website.

## ABPS DIRECTORY AND SPEAKERS LIST

This has now been released but, inevitably, as soon as these things are published, some information will be out of date. All changes and additions will be shown in ABPS News, so you can keep yours up to date.

**All changes should be notified by email to [editor@abps.org.uk](mailto:editor@abps.org.uk)**

Additional copies will be available at £10 inc. P&P from Chris Oliver.  
Please contact Chris by email [communications@abps.org.uk](mailto:communications@abps.org.uk)

Please note unaffiliated societies do not appear in detail in the Directory or the website.

### **AUTUMN STAMPEX 2016**

**takes place from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September** 2016 at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London. Stampex is a full national exhibition with all classes.

Entry forms for all the Stampex national competitions are now on the ABPS website.

Help is required to man the Information Stand at every Stampex which is run in association with the National Philatelic Society and Stamp & Coin Mart. Please contact Chris Oliver by email if you are willing to give an hour (or two) to support ABPS at the Show.

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### **STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK**

Stamp Active Network will again be at Autumn Stampex with youth activities and a free children's auction (2pm Saturday). The theme of the event will be "**ANIMALS**". A new activity book will be available at the Show on this theme called "All Creatures Great and Small". This has been supported by The RPSL Philatelic Fund and Oxford Stamp Society as well as Dealer Patrons.

There is the continuing initiative to "Bring a Child to Stampex" to encourage the next generation of collectors with a free draw if you take a youngster (U18) to the youth stand during the Show, so start planning your visit now. Prizes include an 1840 Penny Black.

Their website is [www.stampactive.co.uk](http://www.stampactive.co.uk)

ABPS continues to support the hosting and maintenance of the site in 2016 for the benefit of the future development of our great hobby.

Individuals can support Stamp Active by becoming a "Friend of Stamp Active" with an annual payment of £20. For more information contact John Davies.

Starter Packs are still available to new organisers of junior or school stamp clubs free of charge, sponsored by Stanley Gibbons. Stamp Active is looking for individuals to help in the running of its youth programmes. Can you help?

Email: [davies1890@btinternet.com](mailto:davies1890@btinternet.com)

### **EXHIBITION COMMITTEE**

Those using or needing the services of the committee are encouraged to approach the Chairman, who will allocate responsibilities as set out below.

### **Membership and Roles**

Chris King Chairman (International Matters)

Bill Hedley (Commissioner Matters) and Seminars

Brian Trotter (Jury Matters at all levels)

David Alford (Exhibitions)

Frank Walton (Chairman 2020)

Gerald Marriner (Philatelic Congress of Great Britain)

Jon Aitchison (The Roll of Distinguished Philatelists)

Nigel Gooch (Finance)

Mike Smith (FIP Commissions) See job description below.

Birthe King (Non-Attending FEPA Director)

Deborah Gooch (Secretarial support and Record Keeping)

### **ABPS Frames**

Frames are held in the following locations, on behalf of ABPS

Heaton Royds	Stephen Holder	4 old Frames
Billingham	Bill Shand	22 Frames
Durham	Cliff Garside	30 Frames
Swindon	David Gibbon	50 Frames

Rochester	Maurice Flack	30 Frames
Wakefield	Graham Winters	24 Frames
Bishop's Stortford	Jon Aitchison	40 Frames

Note that there are frames held in Scotland which are managed and maintained by the Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies.

## National Exhibitions

**Seven Nations Challenge 17th to 20th February 2016:** This exhibition was much appreciated by the public and philatelic press. GB received 385 points, DK 384 and D 383.

**York Fair 2016 15th-16th July 2016:** Full National: Closing date for entries 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Autumn Stampex 14th to 17th September 2016:** Full National: Closing date for entries 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Lead society GVI Society (Peter Cockburn)

Cinderella Philately (Jon Aitchison is organising a three day International Cinderella Congress centred around Stampex and RPSL)

**Spring Stampex 15th to 18th February 2017:** Full National on the theme of The former Ottoman Empire Including North Africa, Egypt and Balkan States, plus Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Trans-Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Gulf States. Plus Iran.

**Autumn Stampex 12th - 16th September 2017:** Full National: Lead Society Sarawak Specialist Society has agreed take to 150 frames, both competitive and non-competitive.

**Management of Literature Entries:** There have been problems in managing literature entry display at Stampex. This has been caused by exhibitors providing only single copies of their entry and confusion over arrangements.

Agreed that entries should include two copies, Spring Stampex should have entries available for inspection by the public on the Information Stand, Autumn Stampex should have entries available on the RPSL stand. If these are not on either stand for any reason, they must be available in the Jury room.

## **International Exhibitions**

**NY 2016 28th May to 4th June 2016:** Commissioner General Stephen D. Schumann

Javits Convention Center in New York City

UK Jury members Brian Trotter and Chris Harman.

UK Commissioner Jon Aitchison, Assistant Commissioner Graham Winters

**Finlandia 2017 24th to 28th May 2017:** Closing date 31st May 2016 <https://finlandia2017.fi>

UK Commissioner Bill Hedley ewlhedley@yahoo.co.uk

**London 2020 2nd May to 9th May 2020:** Chairman Frank Walton

Chief Executive David Alford

## **Seminars**

### **Current and Recent**

5th - 6th February 2016 Juror Training John Sussex Yorkshire. Billingham.

22-24 attendees: FW: BT: BK: CK. Feedback generally good, One request to recognise differing levels of experience by those attending.

17th to 20th February 2016 Stampex Seminar: Postcards Colin Hofmann and Birthe King. This went well with positive feedback from attendees.

18th - 19th March 2016 Workshop for accredited national jurors in Hitchin. This is subsidised by Grosvenor Philatelic Auctions. Note that meeting room and refreshments (coffee etc.) are subsidised. Accommodation costs are met by attendees.

### **Future seminars**

Stampex seminars are to free of charge in future.

September: How to win a Gold Medal. Chris King

Beginning with Federation and ending at International. Covers Intro, exhibit choice and structure, presentation, treatment, research

Chris Harman on Revenue Philately Spring 2017.

### **Congress and RDP Ceremonies**

**2016: Cambridge.** Thursday 21st July to Sunday 24th July 2016: Belfry Hotel, Cambourne, Cambridgeshire. RDP Ceremony will be held in St John's College Chapel on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Congress Banquet, Peterhouse College.

**2017: Cardiff.** Confirmed

**2018: Durham.** Awaiting confirmation.

**2019: Decision pending.** Possibly overseas. Stockholmia suggested.

**2020: London.** RDP ceremony at the same time as the London 2020 exhibition.

**2021: Harrogate.** The centenary of the first signing of the Roll.

### **Jury Matters**

**FIP Jurors:** Current UK jurors

Earle Christine

TH

Harman Christopher	TR; LI
King Christopher	PH
Moorhouse Brian	TR; PH
Pizer Robin	PH
Smith Michael	PS
Trotter Brian	RE; PS; LI; TR
Walton Frank	TR
West Richard	YO

**National Jury Matters:** UK Nationally accredited jurors

David Alford - Traditional, Literature

Peter Cockburn - Traditional

Christine Earle - Thematic Philately, Open Philately, Postcards

James Grimwood-Taylor - Postal History

Chris Harman - Traditional, Postal History, Revenue, Literature

Bill Hedley - Postal History

Colin Hoffman - Traditional, Postal History, Postcards

Birthe King - Open Philately, Thematic, Postcards

Chris King - Postal History, Literature

Brian Moorhouse - Traditional, Postal History

Jean Osborne - Cinderella

Ben Palmer - Postal History

Robin Pizer - Postal History

James Podger - Traditional

Patrick Reid - Traditional

Brian Sole - Thematic Philately, Open Philately

Richard Stock - Traditional and Postal History

Brian Trotter - Traditional, Postal History, Revenue, Postal Stationery, Literature, Aerophilately,

Mike Smith - Postal Stationery

Frank Walton - Traditional, Literature, Postal History

Alan Watson - Thematic and Open Philately

Richard West - Youth

Graham Winters -Postal History



Paul Wreglesworth - Traditional

## Federations

David Alford maintains and updates register of Federation jurors.

## The Philatelic Hub

Meetings have begun involving the PTS, BPMA (Philatelic Museum), the Trade (Spink and SG), ABPS, RPSL and Royal Mail. The objectives are to find common marketing ground, to promote philately, to promote the United Kingdom, and London as the home of philately, and to work together to develop these.

## European National, FEPA and FIP Exhibitions

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Category</b>
2016			
18-19 March 2016	Milano 2016	Milano	National. IT
24-26 March 2016	Collecta Fair, Exhibition and Seminar	Ljubljana	International Thematic. SI
25-26 March 2016	Brievenbeurs International "Cover Fair"	Gouda	National Netherlands + International Fair. NL
<b>08-10 April 2016</b>	<b>NORDIA 2016</b>	<b>Jyväskylä</b>	<b>Multinational, Nordic Countries, Estonia, RPSL. FEPA Recognition. FI</b>
<b>12-17 April 2016</b>	<b>EUROSPACE 2016</b>	<b>Praha</b>	<b>International, FEPA Recognition. CZ</b>
15-17 April 2016	Seminar "Slovenian Symposium"	Plöschenberg	Seminar. AT

22-24 April 2016	INPOSTA 2016	Näfels	PH National with Int'l participation. CH
<b>26 April - 01 May 2016</b>	<b>LUBRAPEX 2016</b>	<b>Viana do Castelo</b>	<b>Multinational. FEPA Support. PO</b>
<b>05-09 May 2016</b>	<b>BALKANFILA 2016</b>	<b>Tirana</b>	<b>10 countries. Albania FEPA Recognition</b>
06-08 May 2016	Alpe-Adria 2016	Szombathely	Multinational. HU
06-08 May 2016	HUNFILA 2016	Szombathely	National. HU
12-14 May 2016	Deutsche Meisterschaften der Thematischen Philatelie (DMTH)	Essen	Rang 1 und Rang 2. DE
14-16 May 2016	Exfimo 2016	Mondorf-les-Bains	National Thematic. LU
18-19 May 2016	27e Journée maximaphile	Trifolion	National Maximaphily. LU
19-22 May 2016	Paris-Philex 2016	Paris	National with Int'l participation. FR
<b>20-22 May, 2016</b>	<b>ROSSICA 2016</b>	<b>Berlin</b>	<b>FEPA Recognition. DE</b>
26-29 May 2016	EuroScout u. World Collectors Meeting	Wien	International TH Scout. AT
<b>28 May - 04 June 2016</b>	<b>NEW YORK 2016</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>FIP Patronage. USA</b>
28 May - 05 June 2016	Philately and St. Anthony collectors	Padova	National Thematic. IT
02-05 June 2016	2. česko-slovenská filatelistická výstava	Žďár nad Sázavou	Binational. CZ

10-12 June 2016	WESTFILA 2016	Roeselare	National Belgium. BE
15-16 July 2016	York 2016	York Racecourse	Full National Exhibition. UK
12-14 August 2016	HALLFRIM 2016	Halmstad	National. SE

<b>24-28 August 2016</b>	<b>ODESSAPHILEX 2016</b>	<b>Odessa</b>	<b>National with Int'l participation 9 countries, FEPA Recognition. UA</b>
<b>25-29 August 2016</b>	<b>GMUNDEN 2016</b>	<b>Gmunden</b>	<b>International, FEPA Recognition. AT</b>

02-04 September 2016	Benedikt-Phila '16	Münsterschwarzach	National. DE
14-17 September 2016	Autumn Stampex 2016	London	Full National Exhibition. UK
14-18 September 2016	EXFILNA 2016	Zaragoza	National Spanish + Croatia + Israel. SP
16-18 September 2016	Thematic Seminar	St. Pölten	National TH. AT
16-18 September 2016	Jugend in Mainz	Mainz	Youth National. DE
07-09 October 2016	Exposition "Nature, Environnement, Ecologie"	Mamer	National TH Nature. LU
15-16 October 2016	Mostra Filatelica	Borgomanero	National. IT

<b>20-25 October 2016</b>	<b>PHILATAIPEI 2016</b>	<b>Taipei</b>	<b>FIP Patronage + FIP Congress.</b>
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21-23 October 2016	PINKABRIA 2016	Pinkafeld	National. AT
21-23 October 2016	Toul Timbre Passion	Toul	National Youth and TH France. FR
25-27 October 2016	BULCOLLECTO 2016	Plovdiv	National Bulgaria. BUL
27-29 October 2016	International Fair and Seminars	Sindelfingen	Int'l Fair and Conferences. DE
05-06 November 2016	National udstilling i Birkerød Tak16	Birkerød	National. DK
2017			
15-18 February 2017	Spring Stampex 2017	London	Full National Exhibition. UK
31 March-02 April 2017	Leverkusen '17	Leverkusen	National. DE
<b>24-28 May 2017</b>	<b>FINLANDIA 2017</b>	<b>Tampere</b>	<b>FEPA Patronage. FIN: FIP Recognition</b>
25-27 August 2017	Multilaterale 2017	Hertogenbosch	Multinational 7 countries. NL
07-16 September 2017	OsmoOkno Kranj 2017	Kranj	One Frame International Alps Adria Group. SI
<b>06-08 October 2017</b>	<b>HIBRIA 2017</b>	<b>Hirtenberg</b>	<b>International. FEPA Recognition. AT</b>
26-28 October 2017	International Fair and Seminars	Sindelfingen	Int'l Fair and Conferences. DE
27-29 October	Nordia 2017	Vejle	Multinational, 6 countries.

2017

DK

1st week  
December 2017

MonacoPhil 2017

Monaco

National with Int'l  
participation. MO

## **Other Reminders...**

### **UPDATES FOR THE ABPS HANDBOOK & DIRECTORY**

Please provide feedback and updates to [editor@abps.org.uk](mailto:editor@abps.org.uk)

Please note that information about societies non-affiliated to the ABPS no longer appear in the directory although names of societies are listed in pages at the end. Society 'details' are also being dropped from the website unless clubs are affiliated. The details are 'hidden' but can be reinstated instantly when they become affiliated.

### **THE ABPS RANGE OF INFORMATION LEAFLETS**

They are:

What the ABPS does for you.

What is stamp collecting?

Stamps Fact Sheet.

What is Postal History?

What is Thematic Collecting?

The Visiting Speaker.

ABPS Awards Scheme.

What is Postal Stationery?

A Model Constitution & Rules for Philatelic Societies

What is Open Philately?

Organising a Society Conference Weekend.

What is Traditional Collecting?

The ABPS Philatelic Congress of Great Britain.

Copies can be obtained by sending a SAE to the Secretary (address below) or downloaded from the website.

Any feedback on communications and ABPS publications should be sent to Chris Oliver.  
Email: [communications@abps.org.uk](mailto:communications@abps.org.uk)

Information has now been collated on recommended venues/hotels for seminars and conferences. For more information contact Dane Garrod. Email: [sslo@abpd.org.uk](mailto:sslo@abpd.org.uk)

## **ABPS NEWS**

The new issue of ABPS News is circulated in February. Our editor is Keith Burton.

Please remember to send in your reports to him prior to the copy deadlines. They should be sent by e-mail to: [editor@abps.org.uk](mailto:editor@abps.org.uk) and typed in a clear format or posted to him. He needs more photos too!

The closing date for copy for the next issue is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016

## **WEBMASTER**

Maurice Buxton is the webmaster for the ABPS site.

Updates should be sent to him by email: [mauricebuxton@gmail.com](mailto:mauricebuxton@gmail.com)

You will find lots of information about Clubs around the country and their activities. Please take a look, check your local societies and tell us of any errors (including the meeting place and postcode). You will also find PDF copies of recent philatelic seminars

A reduced resolution copy of the ABPS Bulletin is available on the ABPS website.

The Annual Accounts can now also be found on the website.

Advertising can now be taken on the ABPS website from dealers and affiliated societies.

**Our site is: [www.abps.org.uk](http://www.abps.org.uk)**

## **SPECIALIST SOCIETIES**

Information has been collated by Dane Garrod regarding suggestions for Specialist Society meetings and events.

This includes a list of hotel venues recommended by Societies for events and conferences.

If you can help, please contact: [sslo@abps.org.uk](mailto:sslo@abps.org.uk)

## **ABPS EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS**

Frames are available for hire from ABPS at fixed costs including erection and dismantling (which can be subsidised by The RPSL Philatelic Fund on application). These are only available to affiliated members of ABPS.

See the web site for full information on costs and procedures.

**National guidelines on Judging** can be found on the ABPS website. A powerpoint presentation is now also available under the Exhibition tab.

**Federation Competition Rules** have been re-drafted and can be obtained from Chris King.

Please contact him if you would like an event in your area. Email: [events@abps.org.uk](mailto:events@abps.org.uk)

## **COMMUNICATIONS TO FEDERATIONS**

Members of the Executive Committee are willing to attend Federation and other regional events by invitation to talk about the role of ABPS. If you would like to know more about ABPS and its activities, please contact John Baron. Contact: [chair@abps.org.uk](mailto:chair@abps.org.uk)

## **NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR ABPS AWARDS**

If you know of anyone who deserves recognition for their support of our hobby, why not recommend them for this award. Details can be found on the ABPS website or contact Yvonne Wheatley for more information. Nominations for the Congress Medal and Awards of Merit must be sent to Yvonne by 1st March each year. Email: [awards@abps.org.uk](mailto:awards@abps.org.uk)

## **MORE HELP IS ALWAYS WELCOME**

“One volunteer is worth ten times more than a pressed man!”

If you can help ABPS in any way please contact: [chair@abps.org.uk](mailto:chair@abps.org.uk)

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP OF ABPS**

Without the support of clubs and societies and your personal involvement through ABPS, many of the UK's major events would not happen if the ABPS was not there to engage with all our volunteers. Thank you.

Please remember that although the Speakers List, Handbook and Directory, Leaflets, ABPS Awards and ABPS News are all tangible support for our members much activity also takes place in the background to facilitate and support national and regional events such as Congress, competitive exhibitions, Midpex etc., all on a voluntary basis. Without the encouragement of our affiliated members, these might disappear completely. ABPS is also supporting the long term development of the hobby through the Stamp Active Network.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS**, please contact those mentioned above, or:

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