

INFORMATION and RULES for ABPS Spring Stampex 2016, National Exhibition

17th to 20th February 2016 Business Design Centre
52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 0QH



This Exhibition is organised by Stamp World Exhibitions, a company limited by guarantee, on behalf of The Association of British Philatelic Societies.

For this Exhibition all FIP Classes together with Cinderella and Picture Post Card Classes will be accepted.

This National Competition is open to all exhibitors in the United Kingdom, and to exhibitors from other FIP and FEPA affiliated countries. No facilities are available for commissioners and customs clearance.

All arrangements for the delivery and return of exhibits are solely the responsibility of the exhibitor and at the cost of the exhibitor both for shipping to and from the exhibition including any attendant customs duties and costs.

This document provides the basic information and rules for those wishing to enter an exhibit and should be read carefully.

Timetable

Deadline for receipt of entry forms	17th December 2015
Deadline for receipt of postal entries	9th February 2016
Hand in & self-mount (personally delivered entries)	16th February 2016
Seminar: (Details to be confirmed)	20th February 2016 at 11:00
Awards Ceremony	20th February 2016 at 12:00
Lunch	Following Awards ceremony
Jury Feedback (Immediately following ceremony)	20th February 2016 at 14:00
Exhibitor takedown	20th February 2016 not before 15:30

*All times are approximate. Please do not make firm arrangements, such as rail departures, based on them

The seminar including lunch costs £20.00 payable on 20th February 2016 at the Awards Ceremony.

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Any enquiries or clarifications sought about the contents of this document should be addressed to:
ABPS Spring Stampex 2016, c/o SWE, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, or to
exhibiting@abps.org.uk.

A: CLASSES AND FRAMES

FIP Classes	
Traditional Philately	
Postal History	
Aerophilately	
Postal Stationery	
Revenue Philately	
Thematic Philately	
Open Philately	
Literature	Handbooks
	Catalogues
	Periodicals
	Articles
	Digital Media
Non-FIP Classes	
Cinderella Class	
Picture Postcard Class	
NB: Social Philately entries are no longer accepted: Exhibitors who have previously shown in this class are encouraged to enter in Open Philately.	

One Frame exhibits will be accepted in all Classes, including non-FIP Classes.
When submitting a Literature Article please state the publication in which the article first appeared.

Number of Frames: An entry may be comprised of the following number of frames each consisting of 16 standard display sheets (See B10 below):

All one frame entries	1 frame	i.e. 16 sheets
For first time entries, or for those exhibits previously achieving less than 75 points.	2, 3, 4 or 5 frames	i.e. 32, 48, 64 or 80 sheets
All other exhibits may also be entered in 5 frames		i.e. 80 sheets.
Only exhibits which have previously achieved 80 points and a large vermeil medal at a national exhibition Please note that it is at the exhibitor's discretion to move from five to eight frames.	8 frames	i.e. 128 sheets. An exhibit which has previously been exhibited in eight frames may not be shown again in five.

B: GENERAL NOTES

1. First Time Entries

A first time entry is an **exhibit** (not an exhibitor) which has not been accepted at a UK National competition or at any other National or FIP recognised International Exhibition during the ten years preceding the date of this competition.

2. Ownership and Residence

All non-literature exhibits must be the bona fide property of, and entered by, just one person, a married couple or civil partnership. The exhibition is open to all qualifying collectors who reside in the UK.

3. Overseas Entrants

Exhibits may be accepted from exhibitors in countries affiliated to the Federation of European Philatelic Associations (FEPA) or the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP).

It is recommended that exhibits are written up in English. Exhibits are accepted in French, German and Spanish; however, the first (introductory) page must be written up in English.

4. Eligibility

Stamp World Exhibitions follows the guidance of Article 12 of the current FIP GREX in determining the eligibility of applications.

5. Organiser's Discretion

Stamp World Exhibitions, the organiser of ABPS Spring Stampex 2016 National Exhibition, reserves the right to determine whether an entry should be accepted, judged or displayed, without having to give a reason for any decisions.

6. Entry Fees

Fees are £20 per frame. Payments must be made in sterling and are non-refundable. They can be made in cash, by cheque (payable to Stamp World Exhibitions), PayPal or via BACS credit transfer. Payments made via PayPal will incur an administrative charge to cover costs. Anyone wishing to pay via PayPal or BACS should contact exhibiting@ABPS.org.uk for further details.

7. Judging

All accepted exhibits will be judged and the results posted on the frames during the exhibition.

A judging feedback session will be held on 20th February 2016 at the exhibition. Exhibitors can meet and discuss their exhibits with members of the Jury. The main awards presentation will also take place on 20th February 2016 at the Awards Ceremony following the seminar.

8. Introductory Page

Every exhibit must have an Introductory Page as the first sheet. The object of this page is to introduce the subject of the exhibit and set out its scope, not simply to be a contents list.

Exhibitors are required **to provide a photocopy or scan of their introductory page, or a draft, with their entry forms.**

Please note that thematic philately entry forms should also be accompanied by a copy of the plan sheet, which may be a provisional plan.

A synopsis is not a requirement for Stampex entries, but if provided must not exceed a single page of A4. Longer synopses may not be circulated to the jury.

9. Paper and protectors

Please do not use thin paper in thin protectors: they tend to fall out of the frames when being mounted. Paper at 120 gsm is preferred and pages must be contained in transparent protectors. This is for the protection of the material. All exhibits without protectors will neither be exhibited nor judged. Sheets must be numbered consecutively, preferably at the front bottom right hand corner.

10. Sheet Size: Display Frames

Exhibition display frames measure 120 cm in height by 100 cm in width. Pages of 30 cm in height will fit into four rows. Other height sizes must be notified to the organisers at the time of application for entry.

The pages are usually mounted in four rows of four. Typical widths are A4 and A3, but other combinations of pages may be used. For example frames may also be composed of 12 sheets of 1½ times a "standard" size. i.e. Four rows of three pages.

Please consider the mounting and viewing when using other sizes. Note FIP recommended sizes are shown at www.f-i-p.ch

Where pages exceed 30 cm in height and/or typical width they will be placed in the frames at the risk and responsibility of the exhibitor.

11. Photocopies and Reproductions

Where a photocopy or other reproduction is shown, it must be reduced or enlarged by at least 25%. Where a copy of part of a cover or stamp is shown actual size, it must be clearly labelled as a copy.

Exhibits composed entirely of photocopies or scans are not permitted, and will not be accepted.

12. Exhibits at Owners'/Exhibitors' Risk

All reasonable steps will be taken by the organisers to protect the property of the exhibitors, but the safety of all such property, whether within the exhibition premises or otherwise, is at all times the responsibility of the exhibitor, who shall keep the organisers fully indemnified against any claim whatsoever, which may be made in respect of any loss or damage, however caused, to such property.

The organisers, whilst not taking responsibility for any errors or misplaced item in the display, will make every effort to avoid such occurrences.

Exhibitors are advised to send their entries by UK Special Delivery/Registered Post or to deliver and collect by hand. Exhibitors are also recommended to ensure that their material is fully insured for the total period it is out of their hands, i.e. from the date of despatch to the date of return which, in the case of entries returned by post, should be taken as two weeks following the close of the exhibition.

13. Liability and Insurance

All exhibitors are required to sign the Liability and Insurance form, and return it with the Entry form.

14. Entry Forms

Entry forms, Liability and Insurance forms, photocopies of the introductory page and **cheques made payable to Stamp World Exhibitions** are to be sent to ABPS Spring Stampex 2016, c/o SWE, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY. Queries may be addressed to exhibiting@abps.org.uk

When entries have been accepted by the Chairman of the Jury, entrants will receive notification with future instructions and specific dates/times for handing in and receiving back entries. If possible, please ensure you provide an email address for this purpose.

15. Catalogue Information

Please send the entry title and up to 50 word description (for the catalogue) to exhibiting@abps.org.uk no later than 1st January 2016.

16. Receipt and Despatch Arrangements

Postal Exhibits are to be mailed to ABPS Spring Stampex 2016, c/o SWE, London, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, for delivery by 10th February, marked ABPS Exhibition, or handed in on 17th February at the Business Design Centre in accordance with the instructions set out above.

No exhibit can be received by mail without the express consent of the organisers.

Any exhibit which has not been received by the closing date for receipt of exhibits will not be accepted subsequently. A receipt will be issued for all exhibits. **Please note:**

1. When collecting an exhibit, it will not be returned unless the receipt is produced.
2. Access to the exhibit will only be allowed to the exhibitor or a person having his/her written authority and the receipt.

The organisers take no responsibility for any folders or containers in which an exhibit is delivered.

No exhibit will be accessible prior to the close of the show, which is expected to be no earlier than 15:30 on 20th February.

Exhibitors should plan their travelling arrangements in expectation of obtaining their entries from 17:00. Certificate(s) and award(s) will be given at the Awards Presentation to those attending, prior to collection of the exhibit. It is expected that exhibits, certificates and awards not collected on this date will be despatched during the week following the close of the exhibition, provided postage has been prepaid.

Where exhibitors cannot deliver or collect their exhibit personally, suitable arrangements must be made by the exhibitor, and paid for in advance. A Traceable delivery service will be used to return exhibits. A £45 charge is payable, in advance with frame fees, on all exhibits to be returned by the organisers within the United Kingdom.

Exhibits from outside the UK may be returned by mail or courier but only where prior arrangements have been made with the organisers, with all costs being met by the exhibitor, including both UK and home customs, and paid in advance.

Any special instructions regarding exhibit returns will be charged for. The organisers will not be liable for any such costs or consequential loss.

NOTE: We are unable to accept or hand back exhibits on an "ad hoc" basis outside of the arrangements outlined. If exhibits are left overnight in the RPSL vaults, a storage fee may be applied.

C: RULES: Judging, Awards and Marking

The Jury

The Jury, whose decisions are final, will consist of nationally accredited Judges and should they decide that an exhibit has been wrongly classified, they have the discretion to transfer it to another class if such action could result in a more appropriate award. The Jury's comments will be passed to entrants. No correspondence on the judging will be entered into. Awards will be made subject to the minimum marks being achieved.

Any attempt to influence Jury decisions by an exhibitor or other persons will result in removal of the exhibit(s) concerned from the exhibition.

Awards

Minimum points required:

Large Gold Medal	90
Gold Medal	85
Large Vermeil Medal	80
Vermeil Medal	75
Large Silver Medal	70

Silver Medal	65
Silver Bronze Medal	60
Bronze Medal	55
Certificate of Participation	Below 55

The marking of a "one frame" exhibit will be on the same basis as the class in which it belongs.

Marking

All classes unless otherwise indicated below

Treatment and Importance	Treatment	20	
	Importance	10	30
Knowledge and Research	Knowledge	20	
	Research and Personal Study	15	35
Condition and Rarity	Condition	10	
	Rarity	20	30
Presentation			5
Total			100

Thematic Philately

Treatment	Title and Plan	15	
	Development	15	
	Innovation	5	35
Knowledge, study and research	Thematic	15	
	Philatelic	15	30
Condition and Rarity	Condition	10	
	Rarity	20	30
Presentation			5
Total			100

Open Philately

Treatment and Importance	Title and Plan	10	
	Philatelic Treatment	5	
	Non-philatelic Treatment	5	
	Philatelic Importance	5	
	Non-philatelic Importance	5	30
Knowledge and Research	Philatelic Knowledge and Research	20	
	Non-philatelic Knowledge and Research	15	35
Material	Condition	10	
	Rarity	20	30
Presentation			5
Total			100

Literature Class

Treatment of contents	40
Originality, significance and depth of research	40
Technical matters	15
Presentation	5
Total	100

Non-FIP Classes

Cinderella Class

Treatment and Importance	Treatment	20	
	Importance	10	30
Knowledge, Study and Research	Knowledge	20	
	Research and Personal Study	15	35
Condition and Rarity	Condition	10	
	Rarity	20	30
Presentation			5
Total			100

Picture Postcard Class

Idea, plan and treatment of the topic	Idea and Plan	10	
	Treatment	20	30
Knowledge and Research			35
Condition and Rarity	Condition	10	
	Rarity	20	30
Presentation			5
Total			100

Further information on various aspects of competitive philately is provided on the ABPS and FIP websites:

ABPS

<http://abps.org.uk/Exhibiting/Seminars/index.xalter>

Fédération Internationale de Philatélie

<http://www.f-i-p.ch>

D: EXHIBIT CLASSES

Qualification for FIP and Continental Federation Exhibitions

To be eligible for five frames at an FIP, FEPA or most Continental Federation competitions it is necessary to achieve 75 points and a vermeil medal at a UK National competition in a recognised FIP Class. These are shown below.

Only Exhibits that have received 85 points at a previous FIP or Continental Federation competition qualify for eight frames at such events.

British exhibitions follow the guidance of the FIP in determining and judging exhibit classes and the brief notes below should be read in conjunction with the individual SREVS which can be found on the FIP website and on the individual FIP Commission websites.

One Frame Exhibits

One frame exhibits can be from any of the other established classes and will be judged according to the criteria applicable to the class concerned. Exhibitors should note that "One Frame" exhibits need to give an introductory page and the treatment should be as complete as possible in relation to the subject chosen. Thus, the choice of subject is crucial and simply extracting one frame of material from a multiple frame exhibit is unlikely to produce an optimal result.

Recognised FIP Classes:

Traditional Class

Traditional philately can embrace all aspects of philately. It is based on the collecting of postage stamps and related items, including items related to the production of postage stamps. It also includes Telegraph, Railway and Local stamps.

Postal History Class

This class includes studies of rates and routes, postal markings and marcophily. It is not normally advisable to include unused adhesives or unused postal stationery.

Exhibits in the sub-class 2C, being Historical, Social and Special Studies exhibits, which include material developed by commerce and society for use in the postal system, may include non-philatelic material where relevant to the subject of the exhibit. The non-philatelic material should be incorporated into the exhibit in a balanced and appropriate manner in such a way that it does not overwhelm the philatelic material. Non-philatelic items must relate directly to the Postal History material.

Aerophilately Class

This class is based on studies of the development and operation of airmail services and the material prepared for these services, both official and unofficial. It can also include exhibits of airmail stamps and their usage.

Postal Stationery Class

This class is for exhibits of Postal Stationery. Exhibits can include proofs, essays and formula items where appropriate. Exhibits entirely comprising items without printed designations of face value or service are likely to be transferred to another class.

Revenue Philately

A Revenue exhibit comprises embossed, imprinted or adhesive tax, fee or credit stamps issued by or under the aegis of a Government Authority.

Thematic Philately

This class is for entries based on a theme or a subject which is developed to a logical plan by the use of the widest range of appropriate stamps and other philatelic material. Revenue stamps may be included where no other philatelic material will convey the intended message; however, such material should be used sparingly.

Open Philately

This class gives an exhibitor complete freedom to present an exhibit on any subject using up to 50% of non-philatelic items. The non-philatelic material must not be thicker than 5 mm so as to be able to fit into standard exhibition frames.

Literature Class

This class is sub-divided into four sections:

Handbooks; including specialised works and studies that are not more than five years old at the date of the exhibition.

Catalogues; should have been published in the last three years, and may not be entered at less than five yearly intervals, unless a major revision of the contents has been made.

Periodicals; published by individual philatelists, Philatelic Societies or other organisations with a philatelic connection. Any exhibit in this section must have been published in the last three years, cover a period of at least one year and cannot be entered more frequently than once in three years.

Articles; published by individual philatelists, Philatelic Societies or other organisations with a philatelic connection within the three years preceding the closing date for exhibits.

Digital Media; Including CD, DVD, Web and other digital formats.

All entries in the Literature Class must have been published in English.

Handbooks and articles which have previously won an award at a UK exhibition will not be eligible for entry.

Two copies of all exhibits in the Literature Class must be submitted. Unless specifically requested, they will not be returned to the exhibitor and one copy will be donated to the library of The Royal Philatelic Society London and the other to that of the National Philatelic Society.

Non FIP Classes

If a class is not recognised by the FIP, it may still be recognised by other National Associations in Europe, the USA and elsewhere, and the rules for such exhibitions should be read carefully.

Picture Postcard Class - Not a recognised FIP Class

This class is now offered at exhibitions in many parts of the world. A qualification at Stampex may be recognised by other national exhibitions, and there are presently draft continental regulations for the European Federation (FEPA) which are on the ABPS website.

Cinderella Class - Not a recognised FIP Class

May include local stamps, telegraph stamps, railway stamps, revenues/fiscals, forgeries, bogus and phantom issues. Christmas, Red Cross, TB and other charity seals, registration labels, advertisement and exhibition labels etc.

However, things such as trade, cigarette and telephone cards (unless the image of a stamp is incorporated in the design), matchbox or cheese labels, aerial propaganda leaflets, and other forms of ephemera are not considered as Cinderella items for this purpose.

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Application Form ABPS Spring Stampex 2016

National Exhibition Please complete clearly in black ink and capital letters.

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Correspondence Address: ABPS Spring Stampex 2016, c/o SWE, 41 Devonshire Place London W1G 6JY

Please tick if this is a:

Competitive Exhibit:	<input type="checkbox"/>
First Time Exhibit:	<input type="checkbox"/>
For Display Only:	<input type="checkbox"/>



Please tick Delivery Method/Return Method as appropriate.

Delivery Method: By Hand <input type="checkbox"/>		By Mail <input type="checkbox"/>		Return Method:		By Hand <input type="checkbox"/>		By Mail <input type="checkbox"/>	
1. Title		2. Surname			3. Forenames				
4. E-mail Address					5. Telephone No				
6. Address					7. Postcode				
					8. Country				
9. Title of Exhibit <small>Email to exhibiting@abps.org.uk</small>					10. Exhibition Class				
11. Short description of exhibit (50 words maximum) <small>Email to exhibiting@abps.org.uk</small>					12. No of frames requested				
					13. Sheet Size if oversized				
14. If the exhibit is submitted on behalf of a society, or more than one author, or exhibitor, what name is to be used in the catalogue and on the certificate?					15. Literature: Date of issue				
					16. Value of Exhibit: £				

17. Past awards received by this exhibit at National & International Exhibitions									
Exhibition Name & Date	LG	G	LV	V	LS	S	SB	B	
18. The undersigned (Exhibitor) hereby agrees to accept the rules and regulations relating to ABPS Spring Stampex 2016, and confirms that the exhibit is owned by him/her.									
Signature					Date				

Signing this form gives your assent to all of the rules and guidelines set out for the documentation to the exhibition, and to the data provided, and subsequent associated data, being stored in an electronic database, including security copies. Analysis of that data will be used for this exhibition and may be used to contact you in the future. Data will not be made available to third parties, except in connection with this exhibition, will not be used for commercial purposes, and will be retained only by SWE and its agents.

**Liability & Insurance Form for ABPS Spring Stampex 2016 National Exhibition,
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a company limited by guarantee**

17th to 20th February 2016, Business Design Centre
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Please complete, sign and return one form for each exhibit or entry.

Please write your name in capital letters: _____

Liability and Insurance

1. I accept that the material is submitted entirely at my own risk and undertake to make my own arrangements with regard to the insurance of the entry whilst it is out of my possession. (This must include transit risks, temporary housing of the exhibit, its use for judging purposes and its display at the exhibition.) I confirm that all material in this entry is my bona fide property and that all information given is correct.
2. I accept that Stamp World Exhibitions, the organisers of ABPS Spring Stampex 2016 National Exhibition shall not be liable whether in contract, in tort, under any statute or otherwise for damage to or loss of my exhibit and for any loss consequential thereto including but not limited to loss of profit and loss of opportunity. Nothing in this declaration shall exclude or limit liability in respect of fraud or any statements made fraudulently.
3. I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain suitable insurance for the entire period that my exhibit will be held by Stamp World Exhibitions, the organisers of ABPS Spring Stampex 2016 National Exhibition.
4. I note that it is a condition of acceptance of my exhibit that my insurer waives all rights of subrogation against Stamp World Exhibitions, the organisers of ABPS Spring Stampex 2016 National Exhibition.
5. I agree that the limitations on liability contained herein are reasonable in all circumstances at the date hereof and that Stamp World Exhibitions, the organisers, may assign any or all of their rights and/ or obligations under this document.

Signed:		Date:	
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Remittance payable to **Stamp World Exhibitions** including return postage (if applicable) is enclosed.

			Total
Frame Fee	No of Frames	@: £20 per frame	
Literature	No of entries	@ £20 per entry	
Return of Exhibit to a UK address with certificate and Award		@ £45 per entry	
Literature entries where there are multiple authors. Add an extra £10 for each additional medal		@ £10 per medal	
TOTAL:			£

Will total automatically

Please tick to confirm you have enclosed your:

Application Form Insurance Form Front Page Remittance

All entries must be with the organisers in accordance with the dates provided.