

## RPSL Members' Exhibition of King George V Material at Spring Stampex 2019

THE OPENING EVENT of our 150th Anniversary at Spring Stampex 2019 held at the Business Design Centre, Islington from 13 to 16 February featured an outstanding array of material to honour our First Patron His Majesty King George V. The themed exhibition included a truly comprehensive range of stamps, postal history, revenue stamps, postal stationery, meter mail, airmails, fiscal and savings stamps issued during the period 1910 to 1936.

More than 30 different countries and topics were represented in 61 exhibits by 55 Fellows and Members of the Society whose material occupied 218 frames. Proofs, essays and other production items from the H C V Adams collection of Great Britain KGV seahorses, the W T Lees-Jones Collection of Canada and finally Newfoundland, New Zealand and Australia from the Perkins Bacon Company Proof Books in the RPSL frames led the way and set the standard.

They were followed by Fellows' and Members' exhibits with artist's drawings, essays, rare usages and unusual items in abundance. Visitors were able to view probably the best display of King George V material ever assembled.

There were 36 competitive exhibits and the standard achieved is reflected in the awards to members. Seven Large Gold and six Gold medals were awarded in the Association of

British Philatelic Societies competition. The "Best in Show" award, the Stampex Silver Mailcoach Trophy (and a Large Gold medal) went to Patrick Flanagan FRPSL for his outstanding exhibit "The George V Southern Rhodesia 1924 First Definitive Issue".

### *Large Gold Medal*

David Cordon: Bermuda, King George V, stamps and their uses

Andrew Dove FRPSL: New Zealand Definitive Stamps showing the Head of King George V

Ian Harvey FRPSL: Great Britain – George V Post Office Books with Stamp and Airmail panes

Mike Jackson FRPSL: Great Britain Meter Franking – First Type Meter Marks

Allan Jones FRPSL: The 1½d Letterpress Definitive of 1912–1934

Glen Morgan FRPSL: Dummy Stamps of King George V

Mary Pugh: Great Britain George V Commemorative Stamp Issues

### *Gold Medal*

Maurice Buxton: Great Britain – King George V Postal Stationery in "Postcard Format"

Markand Dave FRPSL: The 1929 Airmail Stamps of India

Robert Galland FRPSL: Undeliverable British Mail during the Reign of King George V

Ian Harvey FRPSL: Great Britain – The "Advertiser



Medal reverse.



Medal front.

Patrick Flanagan FRPSL (on the left) received the Silver Mailcoach from Richard Stock FRPSL.



Photograph Dane Garrod.

Voucher Copy” Book of Stamps – 1911 to 1936  
Taddeo Papi: Nigeria, the 1917 large “Nyasaland”  
revenue keyplates

Rene Paschke: Inauguration of the 1919/20 Express Mail Service between London and Paris.

The awards ceremony was held in the Executive Centre of the Business Design Centre on Saturday 16 February immediately after the ABPS Seminar “Displays with PowerPoint Presentations”. Medals and certificates were presented by the President Elect of the Society, Richard Stock FRPSL. All RPSL exhibitors were presented with the 150th Anniversary medal which features the Sesquicentenary logo and the William Wyon image of HM Queen Victoria. They also received a 150th Anniversary certificate.

The photographer, Dane Garrod FRPSL was in overdrive as he snapped each presentation. I did not know where he would appear next, at

the left, the right, in front or, in true theatrical style, I was told “he’s behind you!”

It was important that there should be a permanent record of each exhibitor’s contribution to our 150th anniversary and the publication of a separate catalogue as a supplement to the January/February 2019 issue of *The London Philatelist* was well received by everyone. Throughout the exhibition there was a “buzz” in the hall. Everyone was happy and enjoyed the chance to view the superb exhibits in the company of their friends in the Royal.

I thoroughly enjoyed the exhibition, particularly meeting the exhibitors, many of whom had travelled from overseas to share the first event of the Sesquicentenary. It was a privilege to work with you and I much appreciate the contribution you made to the success of the exhibition.

Richard Stock FRPSL  
President Elect &  
Co-ordinator 150th Anniversary Events

