

# The Royal Philatelic Society London

41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY

Tel: 020 7486 1044; Web: [www.rpsl.org.uk](http://www.rpsl.org.uk); Email: [adminmanager@rpsl.org.uk](mailto:adminmanager@rpsl.org.uk)

## PRESS RELEASE

### **100 Years of Köhler Auctions**

In April 1913 Heinrich Köhler, operating from offices and a stamp shop in Berlin, held his first stamp auction in Germany. However, Heinrich was not new to the stamp world, having previously run auctions and respected as a stamp dealer and expert.

To mark the 100 years of Köhler Auctions, Dieter Michelson, one of the present owners of the company, looked back at the key figures in its history in a presentation to The Royal Philatelic Society London on 9 October.

Dieter explained that one of the key legacies left by Heinrich was his card index that includes all the important items of the German area. Heinrich died in 1945, but the business continued under his wife, Anna, and daughter Henriette. It was during their time at the helm that the fortunes of the company changed thanks to the publicity generated by the sale of a 1d 'Post Office' Mauritius.

The vote of thanks was given by Wolfgang Maassen, author of the history of the company, who commented how all those who had been involved over the years have been so different.



Dieter Michelson (left) with Chris King,  
President of The Royal Philatelic Society  
London.

Those wishing to visit The Royal Philatelic Society London at 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, or be a guest at one of its meetings, are asked to contact in advance the Administrative Office on 020 7486 1044.

*(13 October 2014)*