

The Royal Philatelic Society London

41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY

Tel: 020 7486 1044; Web: www.rpsl.org.uk; Email: adminmanager@rpsl.org.uk

PRESS RELEASE

Gallipoli remembered at Royal meeting

The centenary of the beginning of the Gallipoli Campaign (on 25 April 1915), when Britain and France launched an attack on the Ottoman capital of Constantinople, was marked by displays given to the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London on 23 April.

The material on show viewed the campaign from three perspectives, with Bahattin Öztuncay and Atadan Tunaci providing a Turkish insight. Troops from Australia and New Zealand had been in training in Egypt, and formed the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) – this involvement in the campaign was traced by Gary Diffen. Finally, Tony Stanford illustrated the story of the British Salonica Force, which arrived in October 1915.



Left to right: Chris King, President of The Royal Philatelic Society London, with Bahattin Öztuncay, Tony Stanford, Gary Diffen and Atadan Tunaci.

The campaign lasted until 9 January 1916 and was one of the greatest Ottoman victories during the Great War. In Australia and New Zealand 25 April is still remembered as ANZAC Day.

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.

(29 April 2015)