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The Royal Philatelic Society London 150th Anniversary

In 2019, The Royal Philatelic Society London celebrates its 150th Anniversary.

As part of this special occasion, the Society is delighted to be joining its members and friends from around the world at the 'Stockholmia 2019' international philatelic exhibition in Stockholm, Sweden from 29 May to 2 June.

The Royal Philatelic Society London is the oldest and one of the largest and most prestigious philatelic societies in the world with some 2,200 members in 80 countries. 'Stockholmia 2019' will be another milestone and highlight in its long history.

The Society is truly honoured that it is to be celebrated by 'Stockholmia 2019'. This is being organised by some of the leading philatelists in Sweden, all of whom are also Fellows of The Royal Philatelic Society London.

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**THE INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION
OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY LONDON**

- The Royal Philatelic Society London, established in 1869 as The Philatelic Society, London, is the oldest philatelic society in the world. It became 'Royal' when His Majesty King Edward VII granted the privilege in 1906, ten years after his son, HRH The Duke of York, became President of the Society. As Prince of Wales, he became King George V in 1910 and continued to act as our Patron, then in 1924 he granted the Society permission to use the Royal Arms on its stationery and publications. This patronage has been continued to the present day by Her Majesty The Queen.
- 'Stockholmia 2019' is the major international philatelic exhibition of 2019 which is being held in Sweden's newest venue, the STOCKHOLM WATERFRONT CONGRESS CENTRE in central Stockholm. It is being managed by a team of eminent Swedish philatelists, headed by Jonas Hällström FRPSL.
- The exhibition has received substantial financial support from its Philatelic Head Patron, Count Gustaf Douglas FRPSL, who is a leading international philatelist and the owner of the only known example of the famous Swedish 'Treskilling Yellow' postage stamp.

Websites

www.rpsl.org.uk

www.waterfrontstockholm.com



Further Detail

The Royal Philatelic Society London 1869-2019

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STOCKHOLMIA 2019

The International Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Royal Philatelic Society London



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The Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSL) is the oldest philatelic society in the world and was established in 1869 as The Philatelic Society, London. Permission to style itself 'Royal' was granted by His Majesty King Edward VII in 1906. The Royal philatelic tradition has been maintained and today the Society is honoured by the Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The RPSL will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2019. The Society's official international exhibition, will be held in Stockholm as part of its sesquicentennial anniversary, as 'STOCKHOLMIA 2019 – The International Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Royal Philatelic Society London'.

The exhibition will be a further milestone in recognising the international reach of the Society and will be organised from 29 May to 2 June 2019. The exhibition will comprise 2,000 frames (competitive philatelic classes and non-competitive exhibits for display), and is open to all RPSL members worldwide. No pre-qualification will be required as all RPSL members are automatically qualified.

The exhibition has been granted a substantial financial contribution from Count Gustaf Douglas FRPSL, who is today's leading philatelist in Sweden. He was internationally recognised in 2013 when he presented the only known example of the Three Skilling Banco Yellow Postage Stamp, one of the rarest in the world, as part of his "Golden Collection of Swedish Philately". Gustaf Douglas will be the 'Philatelic Head Patron' of the exhibition.

He says ...

“The 31st October 2013, the day I gave my comprehensive display to Fellows and Members of the Royal Philatelic Society London, was the greatest day in my 50 years’ of life with philately as my hobby. The Display was later recognised with the ‘Tilleard Medal’ by the Society. Contributing to STOCKHOLMIA is my way of showing appreciation to The Royal Philatelic Society London for giving me this most memorable day in my philatelic life.”

Gustaf Douglas FRPSL



Count Gustaf Douglas FRPSL, with the only known example of the famous Swedish 'Treskilling Banco Yellow' postage stamp at the Royal Philatelic Society London on 31st October 2013.

STOCKHOLMIA 2019 will be organised by 'World Philatelic Exhibition 2019 AB' a company founded solely to organise the exhibition, and registered in Sweden.

The exhibition management will be headed by Jonas Hällström FRPSL. Those responsible for the exhibition organisation are Jan Berg FRPSL as commissioner general, Lars Engelbrecht FRPSL as president of the jury, Wolfgang Maassen RDP FRPSL as head of publications and literature and Tomas Bjäringer RDP HonFRPSL as coordinator of RPSL activities and displays. Richard Stock FRPSL has been appointed by the RPSL as liaison officer with Brian Trotter RDP FRPSL as his designated representative.

STOCKHOLM WATERFRONT CONGRESS CENTRE



The exhibition will be organised at the STOCKHOLM WATERFRONT CONGRESS CENTRE, Sweden's newest and most versatile venue for large-scale meetings and events. STOCKHOLM WATERFRONT is located in the heart of Stockholm, just across the water from the City Hall. Its modern architecture is a spectacular addition to the city skyline. The nearby RADISSON BLU WATERFRONT HOTEL will be the exhibition's official hotel.



A 'Philatelic Partnership Agreement' has been agreed with Heinrich Köhler Auktionshaus GmbH and Corinphila Auktionen AG and their Partners in the Global Philatelic Network.



The philatelic partners in the Global Philatelic Network.

As philatelic partners in the organisation of STOCKHOLMIA 2019, they have made substantial commitments to support the exhibition. This partnership secures the support that we need to achieve STOCKHOLMIA 2019, and the international celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Royal Philatelic Society London. We expect that the philatelic world will recognise this important event as a milestone in philately.

STOCKHOLMIA 2019 will be presented to an international audience, together with a reception, at the World Stamp Show New York 2016.

The reception will take place on Monday 30 May 2016 from 4.00-5.30pm in room 1E07 at the Javits Center in New York City.