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PRESS RELEASE

Major Philatelic Library to be Available Online

The major philatelic library built up by the 26th Earl of Crawford is to be made available online at www.globalphilateliclibrary.org from 30 May (subject to some copyright constraints).

The Crawford Philatelic Library comprises over 1.3 million pages and represents around 95% of the world's published philatelic knowledge at the time it was created.

This major digitization programme will be launched on Monday, 30 May 2016 during the World Stamp Show in New York. A presentation will be given in Room 1E07 of the Javits Centre at 2pm by Frank Walton RDP FRPSL, President of The Royal Philatelic Society London. All are welcome.

When the 26th Earl of Crawford died in 1913 he left his magnificent philatelic library to the British nation. It has been carefully kept and conserved ever since by the British Library in London, where it is available for researchers in the Reading Room.

Thanks to creative thinking and IT development by staff at the British Library and volunteers from The Royal Philatelic Society London, a project to digitise every page of every volume is now well advanced. The work has been aided by funding from the British Library, the former British Philatelic Trust, the Philatelic Fund and The Royal Philatelic Society London.

More details of this project were given by David Beech MBE FRPSL, in a supplement published with the March edition of *The London Philatelist*, journal of The Royal Philatelic Society London. The text can be downloaded from the Global Philatelic Library website.

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