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PRESS RELEASE

Nominations sought for The Crawford Medal

The prestigious Crawford Medal of The Royal Philatelic Society London will be awarded in 2018 'for the most valuable and original contribution to the study and knowledge of philately published in book form during the relevant period'. It is open to all authors, whether members of the Society or not.

The medal, in silver-gilt, features a portrait of the Earl of Crawford, bibliophile extraordinaire, and was instituted in 1914 but not awarded until 1920 owing to the First World War.

The medal is open to worldwide competition. In the case of joint authorship the Council of the Royal may award a medal to each author, but in the case of books compiled as a result of collaboration on the part of more than two authors, Council may award a medal to the sponsors or editors of the work instead of to the authors.

Nominations are invited of books published in 2016 or 2017 to be considered by the selection committee, who will make a recommendation to Council. Nominations close on 1 February 2018.

Brief details should be submitted by email to secretary@rpsl.org.uk or by letter to the Society at 41 Devonshire Place London W1G 6JY, in every case using the subject 'Crawford Nomination' or marking the envelope in the same way.

The Society solicits nominations from as wide a selection of books as possible and would expect to have a copy in the Society Library. If the book is not in the Library the nominator will be requested to supply a copy for the committee to consider. The Society would much appreciate that such copies be donated to the Library after adjudication.

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