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PRESS RELEASE

Great honour for the Royal

Members of The Royal Philatelic Society London were privileged to see an outstanding display by the Russian National Academy of Philately at the Society's meeting on 25 January. The displays covered all aspects of Russian philately, not least a study of the first postage stamp of the Russian Empire through to space mail.

The President of The Royal Philatelic Society London, Patrick Maselis, RDP, FRPSL, was particularly pleased to present the Society's plaquette to those who had been responsible for ensuring that the members had enjoyed seeing such magnificent material. These were Sergey Garynov, Igor Rodin and Prof. Andrey Strygin, President of the Russian National Academy of Philately.

A surprise during the meeting was that the Royal Philatelic Society London was honoured by the award of the Fabergé Medal by the Russian Academy of Philately (with the approval of Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation). A maximum of two medals are awarded each year, often it is none or one. The Fabergé medal was created in memory of two outstanding philatelic collectors, Agathon Fabergé and his son Oleg Fabergé, the last representatives of the world-famous Fabergé jewellers' dynasty. The medal is awarded to collectors and outstanding figures in politics, science and culture who carry out public charitable activities in the promotion, strengthening and development of Russian philately.

The President of the Society was in addition awarded Membership of the Order for Peace and Friendship of the Russian Peace Foundation. The medal itself was created in 2015 to mark the 200th Anniversary of the Congress of Vienna.

Both medals were awarded by Prof. Igor Panfilov, Deputy Chairman of Russian Peace Foundation and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Russian National Academy of Philately.

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 the Administrative Office (020 7486 1044).



Presentation of the plaquette of the Royal Philatelic Society London by the President, Patrick Maselis, RDP, FRPSL, to Sergey Garynov, Igor Rodin and Prof. Andrey Strygin.



Patrick Maselis, RDP, FRPSL, receives the Order for Peace and Friendship from Prof. Igor Panfilov.



The Fabergé Medal.

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