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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Austro-Hungarian compromise in 1867**

At its meeting on Thursday, 22 February members of The Royal Philatelic Society London enjoyed a presentation by Dr Harald Lang on the Austro-Hungarian issue of 1867.

Following the decree of 17 February 1867, Hungary achieved a degree of independence with the monarchy divided between Austria and Hungary – the Austrian Empire and the Kingdom of Hungary. A result was the production of new stamps valid for use in both Austria and Hungary. The design was deliberately kept neutral to be acceptable in both halves of the empire.

Dr Lang's display and presentation examined the design and printing of these stamps, but especially at their usage through an incredible array of fine covers.

'Erudite and well researched' was how Bill Hedley FRPSL, giving the vote of thanks, described 'a tremendous display of postal history'.

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).



*Dr Harald Lang points out some fascinating covers from his display to his wife, Professor Renate Lang.*

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