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PRESS RELEASE

Wonderful display of Tuscany

The best collection in existence of the postal history of Tuscany was shown by Vittorio Morani to the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London on 22 March.

The display traced the postal history of Tuscany from the issue of the first postage stamps for the Grand Duchy of Tuscany on 1 April 1851 to the unification of the postal system of the kingdom of Italy on 1 January 1863.

Covered were domestic rates, rates for mail with the other Italian States, and rates for mail with countries beyond Italy. In each section the display examined the changes to rates, the use of different stamps and the different routings.

Birthe King, giving the vote of thanks, commented that this was a 'wonderful display', even more remarkable in that it covered a period of just eleven years. Shown were so many 'rare covers of amazing quality', demonstrating a variety of rates and different currencies, 'all explained in detail'.

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).



Vittorio Morani holding the plaquette of The Royal Philatelic Society London with Patrick Maselis, President of the Society.