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STOCKHOLMIA 2019
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**THE INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION
OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY LONDON**

November 2018

STOCKHOLMIA 2019 200 hours of information

The STOCKHOLMIA 2019 exhibition will celebrate the 150th anniversary of The Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSL) founded way back in 1869. The exhibition takes place in Stockholm, Sweden.

Visitors to the exhibition will have a very large choice of activities. As of early November 2018, some 200 hours of seminars, congresses, lectures and round table discussions have already been announced.

Level 3 of the Waterfront Congress Centre has been reserved for the activities of the RPSL and the exhibition's library. The RPSL Expert Committee will be on hand to demonstrate its important work of examining philatelic items in order to issue certificates of authenticity. There will also be a number of displays from the Society's collections as well as the President's display. This is also where visitors will be able to see a unique display of RPSL and Crawford Medal winning literature. The STOCKHOLMIA 2019 Library, organised and run by the AIJP (Association Internationale des Journalistes Philatéliques), will allow visitors to discover personally the philatelic literature that has been entered in the exhibition. The AIJP is also preparing an extensive programme of lectures, presentations and launches of new books.

The RPSL will offer a series of 3pm lectures starting on May 29 with Scott Trepel discussing the legendary Pony Express. On May 30, Henk Slabbinck will talk about French Presence in India and on May 31, Eddies Bridges will present a lecture with the intriguing title of 'The Darmstadt Trials of the Union of South Africa: Controversy and Intrigue!' John Barwis concludes the series on June 1 with a talk on the Maritime Mail Routes from Victoria.

The philatelic programme has been subdivided into four sections: Philatelic Seminars, Congresses and Society Meetings, Current Trends, Hot Topics and Master Classes.

The Congress of the ABPS (Association of British Philatelic Societies) will take place on May 30 and 31. The topic for the Congress is The Future of Philately, a most important subject that certainly needs to be addressed.

A World Cinderella Stamp Congress (June 1 and 2) will introduce local post stamps, revenues and poster stamps to the attendees.

The IFSDA (International Federation of Stamp Dealers Associations) and the AEP (European Philatelic Academy) will also organise meetings during the exhibition period.

On Saturday, June 1 the Global Philatelic Network, the philatelic partner of STOCKHOLMIA 2019, will hold its STOCKHOLMIA Rarity Auction.

Under the general title Current Trends, experienced exhibitors and speakers will introduce all FIP classes.

Hot Topics is a series of presentations discussing a large variety of worldwide subjects including how to prepare a successful PowerPoint presentation. The exact programme will be announced later.

The Master Classes section is directed at those advanced philatelists who would like to develop a gold medal collection into a large gold medal exhibit. These are round table discussions limited to a maximum of 12 participants each.

Many of these programmes are already listed on the STOCKHOLMIA 2019 home page but many more additions can be expected over the coming months. STOCKHOLMIA 2019 will provide a unique opportunity to learn about the hobby of stamp collecting at all levels. There will undoubtedly be something for everyone!

More information about the exhibition and other related activities can be obtained at the website: www.stockholmia2019.se.

Suitable illustrations can be downloaded from www.stockholmia.2019.se/information.html#images_photos.

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