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PRESS RELEASE

The Grande Armée

A quite extraordinary array of letters tracing the different postmarks and rates found on letters of the Grand Armée were shown to the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London at a presentation given by Paolo Bianchi RDP FRPSL on 6 June. However, the letters on display were far more than just an outstanding philatelic study: they provided an insight into the experiences of the soldiers who fought in Napoleon's Grande Armée during the Russian Campaign in 1812, and in the Second Grande Armée of 1812 to 1813.

Freddy Khalastchy FRPSL, giving the vote of thanks, remarked that members had seen a magnificent collection, one of many formed by Paolo, all of which have achieved Large Gold status.

Patrick Maselis RDP FRPSL, President of The Royal Philatelic Society London, offered his own congratulations, presenting Paolo with the Society's 150th Anniversary medal in recognition of a truly remarkable display.



Paolo Bianchi RDP FRPSL addressing members of The Royal Philatelic Society London. As the Society is in 'mid move' to its new home, the meeting was held at the Southbank Centre in London.

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