

The Royal Philatelic Society London



Press Release: In Memory of Michael

Michael Roberts FRPSL was elected President of the Royal Philatelic Society London in June 2023. Sadly he would not complete his two-year term as President with his untimely death on Christmas Day 2024. Towards the end of his Presidency Michael would have given a display to the members of the Society: he had already worked on the material he wanted to show.

Thanks to Alison, Michael's wife, and the work of Gwynne Harries FRPSL, this material was brought together, to be enjoyed by 125 members and guests at a meeting of the Society on Thursday, 22 May. On show were four quite remarkable collections, demonstrating the depth and breadth of Michael's collecting interests and knowledge. These were: The Pacific Steam Navigation Company; Scottish Islands; Great Britain 'Castles' high values; Great Britain 'Seahorses' high values. Two had won Large Gold medals at international exhibitions, the most recent at Uruguay in spring 2025.

Gwynne commented that it had been a real treat to bring these collections of quality together as a tribute to Michael. He added that 'all who knew Michael will forever remember the twinkle in his eye, his turn of phrase – and the fact he was a Liverpool supporter'.

Simon Richards RDP, FRPSL, President of the Royal Philatelic Society London, expressed his own thanks to Alison for allowing the display to happen, and to Michael's family for coming to the Society on this special day. He presented Alison with the certificate that marked Michael's success in Uruguay. In reply, Alison spoke of the pleasure she had received by seeing the delight of everyone who had looked at the material.



The late Michael J. Y. Roberts, FRPSL



Simon Richards RDP, FRPSL, President of the Royal Philatelic Society London, presenting Alison Roberts with the certificate marking Michael's success at the international stamp exhibition held in Uruguay.