

The Association of British Philatelic Societies

EXHIBITIONS NEWSLETTER

November 2023

The latest news on competitive philatelic exhibitions in the UK and abroad

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FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS

National Exhibitions in the UK

NATIONAL EXHIBITION AT ABCHURCH LANE

When: Thursday 28 March - Saturday 30 March 2024

Where: 15 Abchurch Lane, London EC4N 7BW

A new venue for a National Exhibition will be used in March, where the Royal Philatelic Society London will host a UK National Competitive Exhibition. 140 frames of exhibits from all FIP classes will be on display. Entries through the ABPS website by 1 June please. Go to www.abps.org.uk, and click on the 'Exhibiting' tab, then 'Register yourself'.

This Exhibition will be a wonderful opportunity to UK Exhibitors to qualify for the Europhilex International Exhibition to be held at the National Exhibition Centre in May 2025. There will be three dealers present as well as the exhibit and this will be the only opportunity for Literature entries to be judged at a National Exhibition in 2024.

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YORK STAMP & COIN FAIR

When: Friday 20 July - Saturday 21 July 2024

Where: The Grandstand, York Racecourse YO23 1EX

Following on from the success of this year's exhibition, York again host a UK National Competitive Exhibition in 2024. 200 frames of exhibits from all FIP classes, except literature, will be on display, entries through the ABPS website by 1 June please www.abps.org.uk, and click on the 'Exhibiting' tab, then 'Register yourself'. The preparations are well advanced, and we are looking forward to seeing another fascinating range of exhibits that will remind us just what a diverse and fascinating activity philately is.

The ABPS is most grateful to organiser Chris Rainey for hosting us. York Stamp & Coin Fair has been running since the 1980s. Around 50 stamp dealers attended last time and car parking is free.

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Royal Challenge and Stampex 2024
23-25 October 2024

The PTS has announced that Stampex 2024 will be held a month later than usual, still at the Business Design Centre in Islington but in a different space. To coincide with this, and only three stops away on the Northern Line, the Royal Challenge will be held at 15 Abchurch Lane. A Team Competition open to the Royal Philatelic Societies deriving their title from His Majesty the King. It will feature 130 frames of wonderful material to make for a memorable week. Only open to those selected by their respective 'Royal' Society.

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International Exhibitions with UK Participation

To enter an international exhibition your entry must first qualify by achieving a large vermeil medal (75 marks or above) at a national exhibition. Literature does not need this pre-qualification. To enter please contact the UK commissioners shown. Exhibitors from outside the United Kingdom should contact their National Commissioner.

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WSC THAILAND 2023
27 November – 2 December 2023
Grand Postal Building, Bangkok, Thailand

With sponsorship secured the Philatelic Association of Thailand, the UK will be taking part in this exhibition to celebrate the King's 72nd Birthday. Most FIP classes including Traditional, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Revenues and Thematics are covered, the IREX are most easily downloaded from the FEPA website. Simon Moorcroft has been nominated as UK Commissioner.

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EFIRO 2024, BUCHAREST
16 – 19 April 2024

Efiro is now a FIP exhibition and there have been changes to the IREX as a result, the entry deadline was extended to 16 October and is now closed. Jon Stimson has been nominated as UK Commissioner. He can be contacted at john.m.stimson@gmail.com

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MARE BALTICUM, TARTU, Estonia
26-28 July 2024

A Multilateral show in the historic city of Tartu, mainly of the Baltic countries, but to which the UK has been invited, as we did in 2020.

UK Commissioner: Jon Aitchison jonaitchison.uk@outlook.com
Full details at: marebalticum.ee

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WSC PHILAKOREA 2024, SEOUL
19 – 24 August 2024

This is a major FIP exhibition to be held in August next year and where the next FIP Congress will be held. The UK has been invited to participate.

As yet only scanty details are available but it is anticipated that the entry deadline will be around 31 March 2024.

Simon Richards has been nominated UK Commissioner please register your interest with him simon@sidebell.co.uk

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HAFNIA 2024, COPENHAGEN
17 -20 October 2024

FEPA Patronage exhibition for which Steve Harrison is the UK Commissioner and he can be contacted at sharrison500@btinternet.com. The exhibition celebrates 400 years of the Danish Post.

Full details are at www.hafnia24.com including IREX, most classes accepted and the closing date for entries is 1 January 2024.

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EUROPHILEX 2025, BIRMINGHAM
7 - 11 May 2025
National Exhibition Centre

The next UK International with FEPA patronage and with FIP recognition will have 2,000 frames on show. With the excellent air and rail links and vast car parking it's sure to be an attractive destination. So get your exhibit qualified!

Further details, the IREX and entry forms are available on the website – www.europhilex2025.co.uk. The deadline for entries is 8 May 2024 so the March exhibition at Abchurch Lane will be the last qualifying opportunity.

The UK Commissioner is Daphne McMillan mcmillandaphne@yahoo.co.uk

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ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY TO INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

If you are interested in exhibiting at an FIP exhibition we recommend that you check the FIP General Regulations for Exhibitions (GREX) carefully. They are available at <http://www.f-i-p.ch/>.

The recent FEPA Congress in Tarvisio approved FREGEX which cover all aspects of exhibiting at a European exhibition <https://fepanews.com/about-fepa/fregex/>

If you are in any doubt regarding eligibility please contact the Commissioner for the exhibition in question or the Exhibition Secretary at exhibiting@abps.org.uk.

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THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS CALENDAR

There is a good summary of the programme of forthcoming national and international exhibitions in Europe and beyond up to the end of 2024 at <http://fepanews.com/>. Sign up there for FEPA's free e-newsletter, or to receive a hard copy of the excellent magazine.

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OTHER NEWS

National Judging Seminar 2024

The ABPS was delighted to hold its first post pandemic Seminar for National Jurors in February 2023 and another event is being planned for Spring 2024.

Judging & Exhibiting Seminar, 27 July 2024

The seminar held at the York Stamp and Coin Show last July 2023 was well supported and our thanks to Mike Smith and David Alford for putting this on.

Another seminar is planned for Chandler's Ford on 27 July. Designed for anyone interested in becoming a Federation judge, or for existing judges who want to brush up their skills, but it is also highly relevant to anyone who wants to learn more about exhibiting. The seminar will be only for one day and include presentations, discussions and some practical experience of judging.

There are still a few spaces available so, if you would like to come, please contact David Alford at aps@ntlworld.com or on 01462 648727.

With best wishes,

Simon Richards

Chairman, ABPS Exhibitions and International Committee