

Information about the Philatelic Society Malta Members of F.I.P.

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History

The Philatelic Society was founded on 6th March 1966 by a group of Maltese philatelists.

Purpose

To bring together on a regular basis those interested in stamp collecting and postal history for discussions, lectures, shows, exchanges and other activities related to stamp collecting.

Objectives

The aim of the Society is to encourage the study and collecting of stamps and other collectables from absolute beginners, (including children), through to experienced specialist collectors, and to promote these hobbies in every conceivable way.

Activities

Meetings are held at St. Publius Hall, St. Publius Street, Floriana, usually on the first Wednesday of each month excluding July, August and September. The meetings commence at 18.00 hrs and include ample time for members to exchange stamps, postal history items and more recently postcards, telecards and cigarette cards as well, of course, information on their favourite hobby. Non members are welcomed.

Illustrated talks, sometimes by eminent foreign speakers, usually take place during the monthly meetings. The meetings are chaired by the President, Chev. Dr. Alfred Bonnici, one of the longest serving members of the Society and an F.I.P Gold Medalist. Chev. Dr. Bonnici is also the Editor of the Journal of the Society which has achieved international recognition, being published three times a year. It has been awarded Silver Medals in Chicagopex 2002/4/5.

An annual (or more frequently) auction is held to enable members to dispose of their surplus material, and to enable other members to acquire stamps, etc., that they have been searching for.

The association is a member of the F.I.P. and members are encouraged to exhibit

their collections there. They have been awarded several, Gold and Large Vermeil medals.

Every month the Secretary, Mr. Walter Rizzo, mails a newsletter to local members giving details of meetings and other activities, this includes a buy/swap/sell section.

For the past six years the Society has organised on a non competitive basis for its members a Philatelic Exhibition *Maltex*.

The journal is distributed free of charge to members.

Membership dues are as follows:

For Maltese resident in Malta ... under 18yrs	One Malta Lira
..... Adults	Three Malta Lira
Australian Members	A\$30
Canada	C\$20
European	E15
Norwegian	NOK120
Swiss	CHF20
U.K.	GBP8
American	US\$15

Requests for membership enclosing the correct membership dues, are to be sent to Mr. John Cardona, 56 St. Mary Street, Tarxien PLA 11, Malta G.C. Europe.

*We would like
to wish
all our members
a Merry Christmas
and
a Prosperous
2006.*

