

# **IX International Vote a Stamp Competition**

**by Dr. J. H. Mercieca**

The Society has once again organised, for the ninth successive year, the 'Vote a Stamp Referendum' in which voters from twenty different countries, in addition to those from Malta, participated.

The counting of the votes took place at the Monthly Meeting of December. As some of the members had forecast, the stamp which received the highest number of votes was the 27 cents stamp of the Railway Centenary set, designed by Mr. Richard J. Caruana, which polled 23.7% of the total number of votes received. Another stamp, designed by the same artist – the 30 cents stamp of the Europa CEPT pair – came in the second place, with 18% of the votes, while the third place was secured by the 8 cents stamp of the Commonwealth Day set, designed by Mr. Charles Cassar, with 13.9% of the votes.

After the announcement of the result of the voting by Dr. J. H. Mercieca, the Society's President, the draw for the big prize, consisting of a free air ticket, generously donated by the National Airline Air-Malta and a week's stay at the

Malta Hilton Hotel, kindly granted by the Management of the Malta Hilton, if it was won by an overseas participant, and for the three consolation prizes of a De-Luxe Stock-book, kindly donated by Messrs. Emmanuel Said of Valletta, took place. Miss Daisy Formosa, a very active founder member of the Society was asked to draw the lots, which went to the following lucky winners, all ladies:-

The Big Prize of the Air ticket went to Mrs. Mary Galea of Sliema, while the 3 De Luxe Stock Books went, one each, to Mrs. Margaret Saetta, of Sliema; Miss Nadia Scerri of Rabat, Malta and Mrs. Rosa Borg of Sliema.

Before bringing the Meeting to its close, Dr. Mercieca congratulated the lucky winners and thanked Air-Malta and the Malta Hilton for their kindness in donating the Big Prize, the firm Emmanuel Said for giving the three De Luxe Stock Books, the firms which had advertised on the Voting Brochure and last but, not by any means, least, Mr. Vincent Mercieca, Dr. Alfred Bonnici and Mr. Godwin Said, composing the Organising Committee, who were responsible for the organization and the holding of the competition.