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## THE FEPA AWARDS 2009

### FEPA Medal for exceptional service to organized philately

***Alan Huggins (Great Britain)***

Dr. Alan Huggins has been extremely prominent in European Philately for many, many years. His position as Founding Chairman of FEPA is one aspect of his truly outstanding services to FEPA, as well as that as Chairman of the Postal Stationery Commission of FIP. A Distinguished Philatelist, he was the chairman of the Royal Philatelic Society and the Great Britain Philatelic Society.

### FEPA Medal for exceptional philatelic study and research

***Nino Aquila and Francesco Orlando (Italy)***

for "**Sicilia - I timbri del Nuovo Re**" (*Sicily – The postmarks of the new King*), published by Giulio Bolaffi Editore in 2009. This outstanding work, best in class at Italia 2009, deals with the postal service in the Sardo-Italian period (1861-63). The authors provide comprehensive, systematic and up-to-date information on a subject of high international significance, thereby completing the trilogy devoted to the stamps and the postal history of Sicily.

### FEPA Certificate of Appreciation

***Association Française de Philatélie Thématique (France)***

The AFPT has played a leading role in the development of thematic philately at national and international level, being a key reference for all French speaking collectors. Over more than 50 years the AFPT has been engaged in supporting collectors, organizing exhibitions and issuing important publications. A number of its members have played a key role in the French Federation and in local and regional organisations.

***Verein Soester Briefmarkenfreunde e.V. (Germany)***

Since its foundation in 1949 the Soester Briefmarkenfreunde e.V. has been successfully promoting philately, being well integrated with the local schools and community as well as a very active member of the BDPH. It has organized a number of local and national events, launched partnerships with foreign societies, and devoted special initiatives to youth and philatelic literature.

***Sociedad Filatélica de Madrid (Spain)***

The SOFIMA resumed in 1959 the activity started in Madrid in the 1890's under the name of Madrid Philatelic Circle, soon becoming the benchmark for Spanish philately. It has implemented a comprehensive program of conferences and seminars, issued important publications and magazines, organized national and international exhibitions and contributed significantly to the development of Spanish philately and of its international relationships.