

NORDIA 2012 in Roskilde



Denmark hosted 2 - 4 November the annual Nordic stamp exhibition in Roskilde 25 kilometers west of Copenhagen.

The exhibition covered all classes with 975 frames in the competitive classes.

During the 3 days 6.525 visitors visited the exhibition and stamp fair.

Nordia 2012 was organized by the Copenhagen Philatelic Club (KPK) celebrating its 125 years anniversary the 22nd November in cooperation with Post Denmark Stamps and The Danish Philatelic Association.

When the doors were opened Friday 10 o'clock the visitors - some of them having cued up for half an hour – rush into the exhibition halls to be the first one flipping through the dealer's boxes.



The visitors waiting for the doors to opened were entertained by a band of uniformed postmen.



At the official opening ceremony the Minister of Transport “cut the ribbon” and formally opened the exhibition.



Minister of Transport Henrik Dam Kristensen at the opening ceremony

NORDIA offered activities for visitors of all ages.

In the months before the exhibition, school classes was invited to enter into a competition about the best drawing to a potential new stamp with the theme “Bridges”.

The winning class was invited to Roskilde to pick up their award.



Bridges was also the theme chosen for the special stamps and block issued by the Post Denmark to celebrate and finance the Nordic Exhibition. Due to the fact that Denmark is a country of many islands we are used to see the bridge as a tool to connect people from the different parts of the country. Exactly as stamps that connect people despite of their country, religion and ethnicity.



*The international jury for NORDIA 2012. From left to right:
 Karsten Jensen, Árni Gústafsson (app), Morten Pieper (Jury sec.), Juhani Pietilä, Jussi Tuori,
 Stephen Schumann, Ebbe Eldrup, Sigurdur Petursson, Ivar Sundsbø, Jørgen Jørgensen, Lars Peter
 Svendsen (Expert), Per Kindem, Jonas Hällström, Søren Juhl Hansen, Lars Engelbrecht, Per Friis
 Mortensen, Jan Berg (Comm.) Henrik Mouritsen.*

The international jury counted 15 members inclusive and expert. The jury was able to finalize the judging of the 970 frames after two long days work.

13 Exhibitors competed in the Championship class about the "Grand prix NORDIA"

The following were nominated:

Willy Lauth (DK) – Postal Stationery of the Danish West Indies 1877 – 1917

Erkki Toivakka (FI) – Finland 1856 – 1875

Jan-Oluf Ljungh (S) – The German Eagles 1872-1875 sent to Foreign Destinations

Eivind Lund (NO) – Classic Ecuador 1865-1881

The winner of Grand Prix NORDIA 2012 were Jan-Oluf Ljungh (SE)

The winner of Grand Prix National was: Willian R. Benfield (US) – Denmark- Essays and Proofs: The fists 100 Years.

The winner of Grand Prix Nordic was: Tom Komnæs (NO) – The Postal History of Norwegian Skilling Covers.

The winner of Grand Prix International was: Mark Lorentzen (US) – Early Mail to Denmark.

The number of exhibits in the different classes was:

Championship Class:	13
Traditional:	50
Postal History:	52
Postal stationery:	9
Aerophilately:	2
Revenues:	1
Thematic:	9
Postcards:	10
Open Class:	10
Literatur:	18
Youth:	2