

# The Roll of Distinguished Philatelists From the Honorary Secretary to the Board of Election

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### NEW RDPs TO SIGN ROLL IN LEAMINGTON SPA

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## [Longer Format] Roll of Distinguished Philatelists 2010

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Hugo Goeggel has also served in a number of important positions, notably as President of the Inter-American Philatelic Federation from 1997-2008 and as President of the Colombian Philatelic Federation, for which he is currently serving a second term.

**Dr Wolf Hess** will be well known to international exhibitors. He has served at a number of FIP sponsored international exhibitions and is a team leader for the postal history class. He has served as Jury President and Secretary at national exhibitions. He has also participated as exhibitor having formed gold medal exhibits in traditional, postal history, postal stationery and thematic classes, a remarkably wide range of classes.

Wolf has done research in the thematic and postal history fields and also written two books *Postgeschichte London, Part 1: Allgemeine Staatspost - inlandpost bis zum 10 Januar 1840 - London postal history from 10 January 1840, and part 2: Die Ortspost 1680-1840 London pre-stamp cancellations* (1994), besides many articles on various subjects on thematic and postal history.

The name of **Dr Giancarlo Morolli** and thematic philately is almost synonymous; he has provided leadership in the development of the subject as member, and from 1977-2004 as President of the FIP Thematic Commission, achieving universal acceptance of the concept of thematic philately. For this he was awarded the FIP Medal of Service in 2004.

In addition to the Thematic Commission Giancarlo has served in a number of senior positions, he is currently Vice President of the AIJP, a director of FEPA, and national representative for Italy to the Royal Philatelic Society London. In the exhibition field he has served as a juror internationally since 1972 and was President of the Jury at Genova '92, Italia '98 and Italia 2009, playing a key role in the organisation of these exhibitions. For his services he has received a number of awards, most recently the FEPA 2006 Medal for exceptional service to organised philately.

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Wade has also contributed very significantly in national organisations, he has recently been re-elected President of the American Philatelic Society, is Vice Chairman of the Council of Philatelists of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, is President of the US Philatelic Classics Society, and was President of the Collector's Club 2005-2008. He is also President of the Organising Committee for the World Stamp Show - New York 2016.

**Brian Trotter** currently will be familiar to British philatelists as the indefatigable Chairman of the London 2010 International Stamp Exhibition committee, which he has chaired since 2004. He has also served as Chairman of the British Philatelic Trust since 2006.

He has been awarded large gold medals for the 'Revenue stamps of South Africa', the 'Revenue stamps of Southern Rhodesia' and the 'King's Head postal stationery of South Africa'. He has also written extensively on these issues, notably *The Edwardian Stamps of the South African Colonies* published in 2004, covering all postage and revenue issues. Brian has also contributed significantly to organised philately. He served as Secretary of the Royal Philatelic Society London and is currently Vice President. He chairs the ABPS Exhibition Committee and is an accredited FIP international judge, as well as an accredited national judge for both South Africa and the UK.

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His exhibits have received ten large gold awards, two qualified for the FIP Championship Class. He won the Golden Posthorn in Sindelfingen (2000), the Grand Prix in the Master Class at Naposta 2005. He displayed in the Court of Honour at Amphilex (2002).

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Kees belongs to numerous philatelic organisations including the European and Netherlands Academies for Philately and the Royal Philatelic Society London. He served as President of the American Society for Netherlands Philately from 1997-2006, as Governor of The Collectors Club, was USA National Commissioner at EFIRO 2008 and is again for Jo'burg 2010.

#### **Dr Hugo Goeggel                      1936                      Switzerland**

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He has written detailed studies of the plate characteristics and papers of Colombia's early issues, and further papers are in the course of publication.

Hugo Goeggel has also served in a number of important positions, notably as President of the Inter-American Philatelic Federation from 1997-2008 and as President of the Colombian Philatelic Federation, for which he is currently serving a second term. He also organised and sponsored the Inter-American Philatelic Exhibition at Bogota in 2007. He has served as an international juror on a number of occasions since 1988, most recently in St Petersburg 2007 and China 2009.

Dr Goeggel was a member of the Swiss national rowing team and participated in the Rome Olympics of 1960.

**Dr Wolf Hess                    1945                    Germany**

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He has supported national philately acting as Chairman of the VPhA in the German Federation (BDPh), an organisation representing 40 societies working in the postal history and thematic fields. He is also the representative for the one frame class for the BDPh. He has led a number of seminars and workshops in postal history, thematic and one frame exhibits at national and international level.

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He has also written prolifically on thematic themes and has been a contributor to a number of publications, including the *Enciclopedia del Francobollo* (1969) and the *Enciclopedia della Scienza* (2005). A specialist of the radio communications theme, he has co-authored two books and a number of articles with special emphasis on postal documents related to radio.

**Wade Edgar Saadi**

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Based on the research in his collections Wade has contributed a number of papers on specific aspects of US classic stamps and for 13 years has been the 1847 issue Section Editor of *The Chronicle*. He also wrote a three part article for the American Philatelist to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the 1847 issue and was awarded the Chase Cup by the US Philatelic Classics Society.

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