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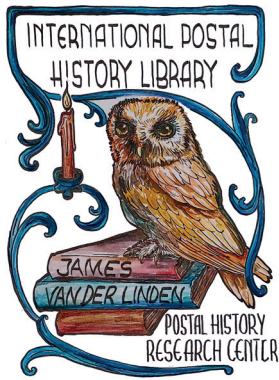
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1. Work on the shelf



In Nick Martin, IPHL has secured the services of a fantastic philatelist and assistant who will strengthen our team for various projects. In an initial project, he will be responsible for digitising and indexing the entire library and journal collections so that, in the first phase, they are available for consultation on the website. The necessary IT infrastructure is in place and the process of entering book details has begun. In a second phase, the complete journal series will also be entered, article by article. It is worth noting that a multilingual keyword search engine will be integrated, enabling searches for keywords in various languages.

2. Books available in the online shop

A new selection of new and second-hand books is now available on the website. You might just find a book you've been looking for for years. You can find the full selection at <https://iphlpostalhistory.com/shop/> and <https://iphlpostalhistory.com/books/>

3. Membership fee for 2026/2027

In September, we marked our first year of operation. To celebrate this, existing members of the Post-Historians will NOT have to pay an annual membership fee for the coming year – as a token of our appreciation for believing in and supporting our project from the very start. New members will pay a one-off fee of just €25 instead of €40 per year. Applications can be made via infp@iphlpostalhistory.com

4. New books in our library

Over the past few months, a great deal of new literature on postal history has been added to the library. The library is steadily expanding, and there are currently around 3,900 items relating to postal history available for consultation. Below is a list of the latest acquisitions:

- Histoire postale et militaire du XXe siècle en dehors des guerres mondiales 1900-1970
- Catalogue des cachets courriers-convoyeurs stations de France
- Catalogue bureaux ambulants 1845-1965 / Cachets de gares 1854-1960
- Catalogue des cachets courriers-convoyeurs-lignes 1877-1966
- Catalogue des marques postales des bureaux de distribution de France 1819-1858
- The postal markings of the bureau de passe 1864-1882
- Poste militari truppe Italiana in Francia e truppe francesi in Italia 1915-1919
- The penny post 1680-1918
- British post office numbers 1844-1906
- Bureaux spécial franchises contresigns marques administratives : origine à 1900
- A history of Canadian R.P.O.'s
- Catalogue des oblitérations navales Françaises 1771-1986

- Handbook and catalogue of Canadian transportation postmarks
- The Visszatert period in Hungarian philately 1938-45
- Continental mail service 1793-1815 especially by Yarmouth packet boat
- The postal history of the A.E.F. 1917-1923
- Analysis of worldwide postal wrappers, part I/II
- The postal history of the British army in World War 1, before and after 1903-29
- Delivered by the hotel's care
- The Panama Route 1848-1869
- Cunard Line: ships and the transatlantic mail 1840-1867, Editions d'or 85
- De impact van de Frans-Pruisische Oorlog 1870/71 op het postverkeer van, via en met België
- Blindensendungen in Österreich
- The J.B Moens and L. Hanciau Philatelic Business
- The Anglo-French maritime moveable box
- Chicago Postal Markings and Postal History
- STEAMSHIP LINE LE HAVRE – HAMBURG 1835-1853
- THE FRANCO-BRAZILIAN POSTAL CONVENTIONS OCTOBER 1860 - JULY 1877
- TIMOR. Military origin of internal mail; maritime mail with Dutch steamers
- The New York, Havana & Mexican Mail Steamship Line (1867-1888)
- Italian correspondence to and from Egypt and letters addressed to Alessandro Cialdi
- Maritime Mail: The British Contract Service to and from Australia to 1860
- STAMPLESS MAIL FROM LOW COUNTRIES TO SPAIN
- Some aspects on the postal relationship between Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg 1815 - 1874
- The Correspondance from the U.S. via France to The German States Baden and Württemberg 1828 - 1844
- The First Belgo-Prussian Convention 1847 – 1852
- Mail from Portugal to South America via Royal Mail Steam Packet Company (Brazil, Montevideo, Buenos Ayres) – Study on Postal Agreements, Rates and Routes 1853–75
- Letter mail from Luxembourg addressed to the Old Italian States and the Kingdom of Italy - from the adhesion to the GAPU until the entry into effect of the GPU
- The Great War in Luxembourg: Military Mail sent by (and to) German, French, US and Belgian Troops
- Cancellations of South African maritime mail (+ supplement)
- Postal markings of Scotland to 1840
- British external airmails until 1834

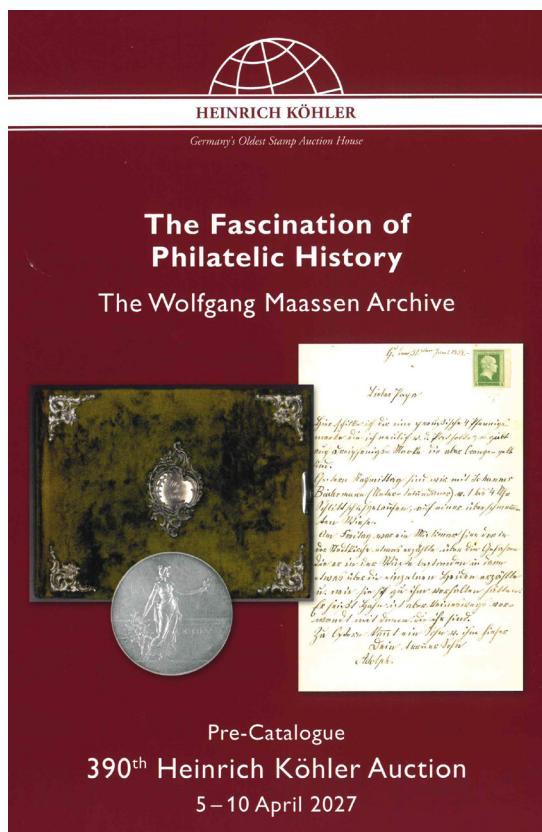
5. James Van der Linden medal 2026



During the meeting of the International Postal History Fellowship, which took place in Luxembourg from 17 to 19 September last, this prestigious medal was awarded for the second time. You can read all about it at: <https://iphpostalhistory.com/awards/>

6. Delhaye auction viewing day in our library

On 29 November, the Belgian auction house David Delhaye (<https://www.daviddelhaye.com/>) is organising a very interesting auction featuring a fascinating selection of postal items from classical Belgium (epaulettes, medallions, etc.) as well as the 1852 Dutch issue. A viewing day will be held in our meeting room on **16 November from 10.00 to 17.00**. Please book your place in advance via info@iphlpostalhistory.com. We look forward to welcoming you!



Following last year's auction of Thomas Bjäringer's literary collection, Wolfgang Maassen's literary collection is due to be auctioned in April 2027 by the German auction house Köhler (<https://heinrich-koehler.de/>). Anyone interested can request a catalogue by email.

7. IPHL on national radio 1

On Friday 11 September, we were visited by Ward Bogaert, a reporter from the national radio station RADIO1. The report, which was broadcast on 14 September as part of the programme 'De wereld van Sofie', focused on a major reorganisation at bpost, set against the backdrop of the events in Denmark. In this context, we welcomed the reporter to produce a feature on the library, the research centre and the history of the postal service. You can listen to the feature at <https://www.vrt.be/vrtmax/luister/radio/d/de-wereld-van-sofie~11-65/de-wereld-van-sofie~11-39252-0/>. The report begins at the 16-minute mark.

8. Duplicate journals

We have duplicates of the following magazines:

- Belgapost (Belgian study circle in the UK)
- Documents philatéliques (Académie de France)
- Le Philatéliste Belge
- Les Feuilles Marcoiphiles
- Les îles Normandes (Channel Islands Study Circle)

Please feel free to send us a list of any missing issues and we will see if we can fulfil your requests. The cost is €1 per issue plus postage (or free of charge if collected in person).