

Chris King

Curriculum Vitae



Became a 'stamp collector' at a very young age, certainly by the age of six.

Involved in exhibiting and in organised philately from 2000, first exhibiting at Stamp Show 2000 in London, in anticipation of a philatelic 'career' in retirement, which didn't happen until 2011.

Married with two adult children and two grandchildren; family in Scandinavia, Italy, Thailand and Singapore.

1989-2011 Company Director: Created a new business from a start-up in 1989 to a maximum turnover of \$US50m.

1989-2010 Chairman of School Governors (for children with profound and multiple learning difficulties - Autistic Spectrum disorders). Created a new school with 160 places in inner London.

1975-1990 Electoral Politics: Local Government: Inner-city London. Both political and administrative roles.

1971-1990 School Teacher: Retired as Head of Lower School: Inner-city London.

1968-1971 Higher Education: The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama.

1966-1968 Accountancy

Clubs and Societies

Royal Philatelic Society London (Council Member)

Membre Associé de l'Académie de Philatélie (France) 2013.

Corresponding Member of the Filatelistisk Selskab (Denmark) 2015.

Académie Européenne de Philatélie.

AIJP (The international association of the philatelic journalists and authors).

American Philatelic Society.

Berliner Philatelisten-Klub von 1888 eV.

Club de Monte Carlo.

Collectors Club of New York.

Deutscher Altbriefsammlerverein.

Kjøbenhavns Philatelist Klub.

The Society of Postal Historians

And other Societies ...

Displays regularly at local clubs and specialist societies throughout the United Kingdom and elsewhere, including Collectors Club of New York, Kjøbenhavns Philatelist Klub, Berlin Philatelisten-Klub, etc.

Philatelic Responsibilities: Current

Member of the Council of the Royal Philatelic Society London 2006 to date
Chairman of the RPSL Development Committee, responsible for the Society's new premises
Chairman of the RPSL Philatelic Collections Committee
Member of RPSL Publications Committee, etc.

Member of the *Board of Election to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists* (2015 to date)
Member of the *Board of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists Trust* (2015 to date).

Advisor to the Board of the *Club de Monte Carlo* (2016 to date).
Member of the Development Board of the *Postal Museum* (London)
FIP Judge in Postal History

Previously

President of the Royal Philatelic Society London (2013-2015).
Secretary of the Board of Election to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists (2009-2015).
Secretary of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists Trust (2009-2015).
Keeper of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists (2009-2015).

Chairman of the *British Philatelic Trust* 2010-2015. (Restructured Trust to fund the digitisation of the Crawford Library at the British Library, to fund part of the fit-out for the new London postal museum, the development of the library at RPSL and to create the Philatelic Fund to support United Kingdom exhibiting).

Delegate of Great Britain to the *FIP Commission on Postal History*.
Co-Founder *The Global Philatelic Library* (with Frank Walton and others).
Chairman of the *Exhibition and International Committee* of the Association of British Philatelic Societies in the United Kingdom, 2009-2012 and 2015-2017.
Member of the Executive Committee of the *Association of British Philatelic Societies*, 2009-2012 and 2017.
United Kingdom representative at FEPA to 2017

Philatelic Awards and Honours

Elected as signatory to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists at Ypres 2014.
Granted Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Philatelic Society London 2018

Jury Work and Exhibitions

FIP Apprentice Philanippon 2011, Postal History Juror Thailand 2013, Finlandia 2017 (Postal History Team Leader).

Commissioner to Lisbon 2010, Indipex 2011, Philatapei 2016, to various FEPA Exhibitions and others: Jury IT support in UK, Italy, Czech Republic and elsewhere.

National juror, jury secretary and jury chairman in the United Kingdom and at Nordia; invited juror in Denmark, Finland and Sweden.

FIP Medals Large Gold

Lisbon 2010 (Special Prize for treatment + candidate GPI) "*Schleswig: From Danish Duchy to Prussian Province: Early mail to 1867*" Postal History.

Indipex 2011 "*Denmark, Schleswig and Holstein: Invasion, Occupation and Postal Change*" Postal History

New York 2016 "*The Post Offices in Lübeck before 1868*" Postal History.

FIP and FEPA Medals Gold

Melbourne 2013 "*From Prussia to Plebiscite: - The Duchy of Slesvig 1868-1920*" Postal History.

Antwerpia 2010 Grand Prix International "*Schleswig: From Danish Duchy to Prussian Province- Early Mail to 1867*" Postal History.

Brasilia 2017 "*Denmark and the Napoleonic Wars 1801-1818*" Postal History.

Other Medals

Other large gold medals in Postal History, and fifteen plus gold medals in national competitions in Australia, Brazil, Germany, Indonesia, Scandinavia, South Africa, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

Die Professor Dr. Hans A. Weidlich-Plakette of the Deutscher Altbriefsammlerverein 2014.
114th *Deutsche Philatelistentag* medal 2015, Gotha, Germany.

Collections and Specialities:

Postal history of the Duchy of Schleswig, classical period pre-and post-UPU until 1920 (24 exhibition frames plus supporting material); Denmark in the Napoleonic Wars; The city of Lübeck; Denmark until 1949; Stamps, railway lines and postal history of Jutland; Censorship in Denmark during the Second World War.

Past philatelists and their portraits and biographies; History of philately, photographs and obituaries (currently a library of c. 5000 files); Ephemera of Denmark and Germany during wars of 1848-1851 and 1864; Deltiology of Schleswig; Maps of postal routes in northern Europe; The illustrated letters and propaganda of the nineteenth century.

Invited Exhibits

Habria 2011, Hanover, Germany November 2011, The Duchy of Schleswig (382 pages).

Sønderborg Castle, Denmark December 2013-March 2014. Postal History from the 1864 war at the Castle Museum Sønderborg, Southern Jutland.

Lillestrøm, Norway, 21-23 November 2014 Bicentenary of Norwegian Independence: Establishing the Scandinavian Borders.

Publications

Royal Philatelic Society London Exhibits at Monacophil 2011 (Editor) with Alan Huggins MBE RDP Hon FRPSL, Chris King RDP FRPSL, Vincent Schouberechts FRPSL, Frank Walton RDP FRPSL. Monthly articles in *Stamp and Coin Mart* (A commercial publication) on Exhibiting.

Seminars, Conferences and Exhibitions:

Conferences on philatelic subjects, the history of philately and presentations at exhibitions, for example, Monacophil 2011, the Malmö seminar 2012, the Hannover and Mainz IFLA exhibitions, and the United Kingdom.

Organising Committee of London 2010 and 2015.

Seminars at least twice annually on exhibiting nationally and internationally at Stampex in London, at jury training seminars elsewhere in the United Kingdom, and at *Djurs Philatelic High School* in Denmark.

Recent lectures include:

The Stuart Rossiter Lecture 2016: *“Challenges and Opportunities of Researching Online - Napoleonic Denmark, a Case Study”*.

Is Postal History, History? A seminar at *Die Bilaterale Ausstellung Oldenburg 2017*.

Is Postal History, History? *The Harry Sutherland Philatelic Lecture*, sponsored by the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation and the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada 2017.

Presentation and Aesthetics, A *Stockholmia* presentation at the International Philatelic Academy sponsored by the Global Philatelic Network 2018.

