



PHSC Symposium Exhibition Prospectus and Rules for Exhibitors

- a) The PHSC Symposium 2018 Exhibition will take place at the Hamilton Sheraton Hotel, 116 King St. W, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada on July 21-22, 2018.
- b) Participation is open to all philatelists, and exhibits will be entered in the postal history class. Any exhibit whose subject concerns the postal history of Canada or British North America is eligible. The exhibits may be on any topic that is postal history related such as studies of postmarks, postal rates, mail routes, etc. Exhibits on military and transportation postal history, as well as stamp and postal stationery exhibits if they are focussed on postal history aspects will also be welcomed. Both multi-frame and one-frame exhibits will be accepted.
- b) Each exhibitor, by signing the Exhibition Application form, either physically or electronically, indicates his/her willingness to abide by the rules of the Exhibition.
- c) All competitive entries must be the property of the exhibitor, or a family member resident with the exhibitor, who will so declare on the Exhibit Application form.
- d) An entry may be eligible for multiple awards. In addition to the Grand Award, Reserve Grand Award and One-Frame Grand Award, there are a number of special awards representing specific aspects of postal history research.
- e) Exhibit frames accommodate 16 standard size 8½" x 11" pages. The entry fee is \$25.00 per frame for multi-frame exhibits and \$30.00 for one-frame exhibits. These fees are payable in advance and must accompany the Exhibition Application form, along with the exhibit title page and synopsis. Each page of all exhibits must be in protective sleeves.
- f) If you are mailing in your exhibit, the Exhibit Application form allows you to provide details of how you would like the exhibit returned after the Exhibition. Sufficient funds for returning your exhibit, along with a \$10 handling fee, must be included in your payment. Otherwise, the exhibit will be returned by express collect.
- g) The exhibit committee reserves the right to reject, restrict or limit the number of frames allowed an exhibitor and/or entry. Exhibitors will initially be allowed a maximum of one multi-frame and one one-frame exhibit. They may request additional frames for exhibits, if there are still unallocated frames by the entry form deadline. Exhibitors may deliver their exhibits directly to the exhibition hall **between 5:30 pm & 8 pm on the Friday of the show weekend**. The exhibition hall is at the Hamilton Sheraton Hotel.
- h) Although stringent precautions against theft, damage, or other mishaps are

taken, no responsibility shall attach to the PHSC Symposium organizing committee or its members, the Postal History Society of Canada or its officers or members, the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, their agents, officers, employees, voluntary or paid assistants, or any other person authorized to perform any tasks in connection with the exhibits.

- i) Insurance is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor since all exhibits are entered and received at the risk of the exhibitor.
- j) A panel of judges, accredited by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, will decide on the allocation of awards. This allocation of awards is at the sole discretion of the judges, and their decision is final. Exhibits will be awarded medals based on the points assigned to the exhibit by the panel of judges. Points are awarded according to the criteria used by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and as outlined in the APS Manual of Philatelic Judging (Seventh Edition).