



SYMPOSIUM

PHSC Symposium Exhibition Prospectus and Rules for Exhibitors

- a) The PHSC Symposium 2019 Exhibition will take place at the Hamilton Sheraton Hotel, 116 King St. W, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada on July 20-21, 2019.
- b) Participation is open to all philatelists, and exhibits will be entered as postal history in the General 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. Exhibits which at time of entry have won the APS Champion of Champions, an international Grand Prix, or three international large gold medals are ineligible.
- 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) The Jury consists of at least three (3) accredited RPSC or APS judges with proficiency in judging postal history exhibits. The Jury will make decisions, deliberations and consultations among themselves, in keeping with the RPSC Regulations and the APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting (7th edition). Judging will be a point system on standard evaluation forms, and each exhibitor will be given a completed RPSC Exhibit Feedback Form at the close of the show. Decisions made by the Jury are final, and cannot be appealed.
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 - (i) PHSC medals will be awarded in eight (8) levels — Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. A Grand Award, Reserve Grand Award and Intermediate Grand Award will be awarded for multi-frame exhibits. A One-frame Grand will be awarded for one-frame exhibits.
 - (ii) There are a number of special PHSC awards representing specific aspects of postal history research — Research Award, Postal Markings Award, Transport of the Mails Award, Toop Military Award, Regional Postal History Award, and Novice Award. An RPSC Medal of Excellence may be also awarded for each of Title/Synopsis, Presentation, Material and Treatment. All awards will be granted in accordance with the judged merits of the exhibits. No medal/ribbon award will be made if, in the opinion of the judges, the exhibit is of insufficient merit,

but a Certificate of Participation will be given. (iii) Provided that a minimum number of frames and of one frame exhibits has been reached, the multi-frame Grand will be eligible for entrance in the 2020 APS Champion of Champions competition, and the One Frame Grand Award winning exhibit will be eligible for entry in the AAPE Single Frame Champion of Champions competition. (iv) Other Society's awards may be provided at the discretion of the Exhibition Committee.

- f) Exhibit frames accommodate 16 standard size 8½" x 11" pages. Each page of all exhibits must be in protective sleeves. 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. Electronic submission is mandatory unless prior approval has been sought from the Exhibits Chair. A Title Page and a Synopsis MUST be included with each completed Official Entry Form. These pages may be modified later, if desired. The Exhibition Committee will notify exhibitors of acceptance.
- g) 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.
- h) 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.
- i) 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.
- j) Insurance is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor since all exhibits are entered and received at the risk of the exhibitor.