

## **JJ Danielski, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (biography 2009)**

Born in 1946 in Poland. Graduate of the Law School, Jagiellonian University in Cracow (MLL 1969, PhD 1975). 1969-1973 with the legal department of a large company where he reached the position of assistant head. In 1973 accepted a teaching position at the Silesian University in Katowice where he spent nine years as a professor. Fired in 1982 under martial law, the following year he immigrated with his family to Canada as a political refugee. Here he has established himself as a financial advisor; presently semi-retired.

His involvement with organized philately began in 1959 when he joined the youth philatelic club affiliated with the local branch of the Polish Red Cross in Katowice. He started collecting the Red Cross as a topic, which he exhibited for the first time in 1961. His first international showing took place the following year in Vienna, Austria. In 1963, as the only youth, he was invited to exhibit at a non-competitive exhibition organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland to celebrate the centenary of this organization. With time, he widened his collecting interests to postal history, traditional philately and postal stationery.

JJ published his first philatelic article in 1961. Since then he has authored or co-authored over 100 philatelic articles in English, Polish, German and Czech. In Poland, he was awarded the bronze, silver and gold honorary pins and a special medal for his philatelic publications by the Association of Polish Philatelists.

Nationally accredited by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada as a philatelic judge since 1993 and in literature since 1997. Internationally accredited philatelic judge in postal history since 2004.

His involvements with organized philately include:

- \* Royal Philatelic Society of Canada: member of the Board of Directors and member of the management team acting until the 2009 Annual Convention as a collective president.
- \* Canadian commissioner to: Philexfrance 1999, Belgica 2001, Bangkok 2003, España 2004, Washington 2006, Israel 2008, Italia 2009 and London 2010.
- \* Federacion Inter-Americana de Filatelia: Chairman of the Postal History Commission.
- \* Fédération Internationale de Philatélie: Secretary of the Commission for Postal History and Member of the Postal Stationery Commission; Canadian Delegate to the 69<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> FIP congresses

Besides the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, JJ is a member of the following: American Philatelic Society, Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada (former secretary) and Forschungs-gemeinschaft Internationale Antwortscheine in Germany. He is a former member of: The Association of Polish Philatelists, The Collectors Club of New York, Postal History Society, FIP Motivgruppe Rotes Kreuz and Arbeits Gemeinschaft Zensurpost both in Germany.