

Short Biography of Kurt E. Kimmel, RDP

Kurt E. Kimmel, born 1941, Swiss, married, two children, retired Private Banker, collector since 1947, formed notable collections and exhibits (Traditional, Postal History, Stationery and Revenues) of Austrian Italy, Ceylon and Venezuela (all at least one FIP LG) and has a few more collections not yet exhibited: The Independence wars in Northern Italy 1848-1866, Postal History of Indochina and Vietnam, Postal History of Yunnan/China, The Post Offices in Constantinopel, Registered mail from Hungary 1789-1900, The Electric Telegraph in Switzerland 1852-1886.

Since 1965 a National Juror and since 1993 accredited FIP-Juror for Traditional, Postal History Team-Leader and Stationery Team-Leader. Since 1972 expert for the classic period of Switzerland and the Austrian Empire, later also for Ceylon and Venezuela, member of AIEP, BPP and SBPV.

1997-2006 President and since 2008 Honorary member of the Swiss Postal History Society, President of the Ceylon Study Circle. Swiss Delegate to the FIP commissions for Postal History (2000-2004 Secretary, 2008- Chairman), Revenues (2004-2006 Bureau member, 2006-2008 Secretary) and proposed member to the FIP expert team.

1991 RPSL Tapling medal, 2004 APS Luff Award for Distinguished Philatelic Research, 2004 signed the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists (RDP), 2005 Prof. Brühl-medal for contribution to Philately, 2007 Köhler Award for services rendered as Philatelic Expert, 2008 member of the Consilium Philateliae Helveticae.