

BILL HEDLEY

Collecting Interests

European postal history. My principal area of study has been the postal history of Austria-Hungary, especially the Hungarian half of the Empire during the period of Habsburg rule (1527-1918).

Other interests: Cinderellas, Exhibitions, Philatelic History.

Exhibits

I have built up an exhibit on Hungarian postal history from the 16th Century to 1900 with a particular focus on mail to, from and through the city of Bratislava which until 1918 was the Hungarian town of Pozsony. Its importance was that it served as the Habsburg seat of government in Hungary during and after the Ottoman occupation of Budapest in the 16th and 17th Centuries and it remained a vital centre until 1918 not least because of its proximity to Vienna.

The exhibit has been shown at 4 FIP exhibitions:

2013	Melbourne	Gold, Special Prize for treatment
2013	Bangkok	Gold, Special Prize for Knowledge
2013	Rio de Janeiro	Gold
2016	New York	Gold

It was also awarded a Silver Posthorn at the Sindelfingen Postal History Exhibition in 2014.

Positions Held

Chairman, London 2015 EUROPHILEX Organising Committee

Hon Secretary, Royal Philatelic Society London 2013-2015

Chairman, Museum & Archives Committee RPSL 2010-present

ABPS Exhibitions Committee Member responsible for UK Commissioners and seminars

National judge in postal history (Chairman of London STAMPEX jury in February and September 2016). International judging experience in Australia (Stampex, October 2014) and Germany (Gotha, September 2015).

Awards

Fellow, Royal Philatelic Society London 2009

Gervay Medal, MAFITT (Hungarian Philatelic Institute) 2014

London Medal, Royal Philatelic Society 2015