

2026 James van der Linden medal winner:

JEFF BOHN (United States)



Jeff (on the right) receives the medal, much to his own surprise, from jury chairman Pol Wijnants during the recent IPHF conference in Luxembourg.

James Van der Linden Medal 2026

Laudatio

Dear guests,

This is the 2nd time the James Van der Linden Medal has been awarded – the most prestigious honor in postal history. The first laureate was Colin Tabeart in 2025, best known to most of us for his impressive research into postal rates and maritime postal history.

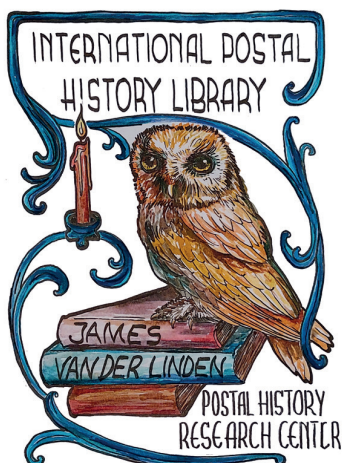
The current laureate is at least as impressive in his field, even though you won't find many references to him on Google. He knows exactly how to keep a low profile. He is anything but a show-off and is a prime example of an outstanding postal historian who has built up an incredible body of knowledge through study and research.

In the renowned postal history journal *The Chronicle*, he is listed with just five articles, which is remarkably few for someone of his caliber. Within the IPHF, on the other hand, he has been producing studies of the very highest standard for decades. And whatever the general theme may be, time and time again he succeeds in delivering an extremely thoroughly researched and well-crafted paper within his field. It is safe to say that he is a role model for every other postal historian.

The nine jury members of the selection committee for the James Van der Linden Medal for exceptional contribution to postal history were therefore unanimous in their decision that this individual is a more than worthy laureate.

We are therefore delighted to award the 2026 James Van der Linden medal for exceptional contribution to postal history to Mr. Anglo-French accountancy markings mister JEFF BOHN.

Certificate



The International Postal History Library and the James Van der Linden Postal History Research Center have awarded the **2026** James Van der Linden Medal for exceptional contribution and study to postal history to:

Mr. Jeff BOHN

Lynn Wijnants
President

James Van der Linden
Board member

Pol Wijnants
Founder