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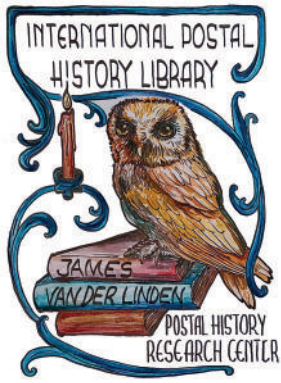
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Dear postal historians and philatelists,

Although the geopolitical pendulum swings wildly at times, the world does not stand still.

Boston2026 (www.Boston2026.org) is therefore fast approaching. The entire philatelic world has been looking forward to this event for quite some time. Especially given the current negative political developments on the world stage, hopefully philately will bring light into the darkness.

2. James Van der Linden Medal 2026

The nominees for the 2026 James Van der Linden Medal have been announced. During Boston2026, the laureate—and Colin Tabear's successor—will be announced.

3. New acquisitions in the library

We've also received some new items for the library:

Document Philatélique 1970–2024

Feuilles Marcophile 1981–2024

Austrian Maritime Rivals: The Danube Steam Navigation Company and the Austrian Lloyd in the Eastern Mediterranean and Black Sea, 1834–1849

Ceylon: The Pence Issues

Netherlands Indies, 1655–1870

The Postal Rates of Chile 1766–1959

Peru Study Circle Vol. 1–9

Ship Letters

Bahamas Early Mail Service and Postal Markings

Illustrated Ottoman-Turkish Postmarks Vol. 1–10

Catalogue des Estampilles & Marques Postales d'Alsac et de Lorraine 1698-1870

España: 6 cuartos de negro 1850: matasellos sobre el primer sello de España

Handbook of the mail in the concentration camps 1933-1945: A postal history

Marques et cachets d'entrée de France en provenance d'Europe 1800-1801

Belgique: Les timbres postes de 1883: histoire postale

4. Upcoming auctions

We would like to draw your attention to some interesting auctions that will be taking place in the near future:

Vente David Delhaye May 16 (<https://www.daviddelhaye.com/uk>)

Lindekens Auctions May 16 (<https://www.lindekensauctions.com>) with an interesting part philatelic literature (lots 4750 to 4759)

5. Postal History Seminar & Exhibition

We started design the plans for our first postal history seminar, which will combine lectures and an exhibition. We are aiming for a Saturday in the spring of 2027

The central theme of this first seminar will be “Belgium.” Therefore, any topic related to Belgium in the field of postal history is welcome. Since space is limited, registration will be on a “first come, first served” basis. If you are interested, please let us know via info@iphlpostalhistory.

It is not out of the question that we will hold another “special” event around November 11 on the theme of “War.” One of the objectives of the IPHL and the James Van der Linden Postal History Research Centre is to bring together people with an interest in postal history (and philatelic literature) so that they can share and expand their knowledge.



6. New book

Postage Rates of Burma (Myanmar) 1937–2024 is a comprehensive reference documenting postage rates from the colonial period through to the present day. These rates have been meticulously gathered from a wide range of sources—including Acts, research articles, postal guides, official leaflets, and travel guides—in both Burmese and English. This meticulously researched volume will be an invaluable resource for postal historians and

collectors interested in Burma’s philatelic and postal history. You can contact the author at toekyawkyar@gmail.com.

7. AIJP website



The AIJP (Association des Journalistes Philatéliques) has given its website a fresh new look. Philatelists interested in philatelic literature or new publications should definitely visit the new website (www.aijp.org).

The new board has also decided that, from 2026, there will be two subscription options. A digital-only version of the Philatelic Journalist costs €40 per year, whilst a print version costs €60. Membership also includes a ‘press card’, which offers benefits such as discounted admission to museums, etc.