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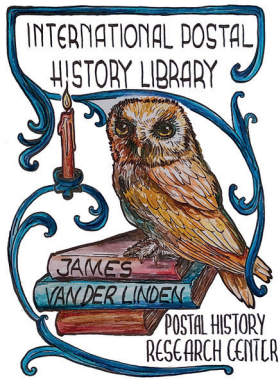
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1. Work in Progress

With Nick Martin, IPHL has gained a fantastic philatelist and assistant who will strengthen our team for various projects.

In his first project, he will be responsible for digitizing and indexing the entire library as well as articles from journal series so that, in the initial phase, they will be available for consultation on the website. The necessary IT infrastructure will be ready by the end of the month, after which the processing can begin..

2. Books available in the online store

A new selection of new and used books is now available on the site. You might just find a book you've been looking for for years. You can find the complete selection at <https://iphlpostalhistory.com/shop/>

3. Literature and other auctions

On September 19, the **Lindekens auction house** is hosting a literary auction featuring no fewer than 390 (!) lots. You can find the complete list of items here: <https://lindekensauctions.com/pdf/2026-3-%20general%20sale.pdf>. The literature lots start at lot 6000. It's important to register in advance via the website so you can actively bid during the auction.

That same week, **Köhler Auctions** will hold its semiannual auction in Wiesbaden, featuring a nice selection of Belgian items from 1914. You can find the lots here: <https://heinrich-koehler.de/en/sale/1960610/?search=belgium&range=200>

Finally, on November 29, there will be a wonderful auction at the David Delhaye auction house, featuring, among other items, unique pieces from Belgian classic philately (epaulets, medallions, etc.). Visit their website here: <https://www.daviddelhaye.com/>

4. Rental of meeting and exhibition space

The meeting and exhibition space is used regularly by philatelic and non-philatelic clubs. It seems we are growing steadily, if not rapidly.

5. Conventions

We very recently received a large number of postal convention agreements with France and Austria. They will be scanned and processed in the near future, after which they will be available for viewing on the website.

6. Membership dues 2026/2027

In September, we will have been operational for one year. To celebrate this, postal historians who are already members will NOT have to pay an annual membership fee for the coming year—as a token of appreciation for believing in and supporting our project from the very beginning.

New members will pay a one-time fee of just €25 instead of €40 per year. Applications can be submitted via info@iphlpostalhistory.com

7. New acquisitions for the library

Over the past few months, a great deal of new literature on postal history has been added to the library. The library is steadily expanding, and there are currently approximately 3,600 items related to postal history available for consultation. Below is a list of the latest acquisitions:

- Cyclopedia of overprinted private wrappers: a postal history archive (John Courtis)
- USA-Bremen Transatlantikpost: the Georg Mehrtens collection
- Bremens internationale bedeutung für die Transatlantische Post (Georg Mehrtens)
- Die Finnischen inlandspostgebühren 1810-1875 (Esa Mattila)
- Grenzüberschreitenden Post von Polen nach Preussen
- The postal history and postage stamps of Serbia (Mirk Rasic)
- Rayon Grenzen: in Versuch ihrer Darstellung
- Placcaerten, ordonnantieën, edicten, reglementen, tractaeten,... 1675, Part 5
- Transit Post
- Ausländische feldpost in Deutschland 1918-1986 (W. Steven & H. De Belder)
- Die Figurenstempel Finalnds (E. A. Hellman)
- Sachsen Auslands Verbindungen und Taxen Teil 1+2
- The postal history of the Union Castle Line (Mike Dovey)
- The Pacific Steam Navigation Company (P. Bargholtz)
- Concention de poste entre La France et l'Italie 1869
- Gli ambulanti ferroviari italiani catalogi annulli e loro valutazione (A. Cattani)
- De Norske Poststempler i tiden 1/1/1845-31/12/1854 (T. Ahloström & F. Moldenhauer)
- Über die preussische Bahnposten
- United States mail to and via Germany: R.S. Boyd collection)
- Austria Post offices Abroad, part 6 (S. Tchilinghirian & W. Stephen)
- Alfabetisch register op Nederlandse circulaires 11/1813 tot 31/12/1848
- Posttarieven Oostenrijk 1722 – 1876 (R. Wurth)
- Die Entwicklung des Schiffsantriebes 1832-1880 (The Rainer Brack collection)
- En studie av de Svenska Lösenstämplarna 1843-1874 (U. Ivarsson)
- Tarifs Française 1651-1806

- America über Bremen markings (R. Winter & G. Mehrtens)
- The history of the postmarks of the British Isles from 1840 to 1876 (John Hendy)
- The postage rates of Burma 1937-2024 (T.K. Kyar)
- Slovensko 1938-1945 posta historia (Miroslav Bachraty), parts 1 & 2
- Albania: The treasure of the Eagles collection (Part 1)
- Le contrôle postal Français durant l'occupation alliée de la Rhéanie 1918-1925
- Route de Sibérie : Trans-Siberian railway (M. Bedin & J. Gautherin)
- United States supplementary mail (L. Piskiewicz)
- La poste durant la Révolution 1789-99 (Musé de la Poste)
- Le occupazioni britanniche delle colonie italiane 1941-1950 (L/ Sirotti)
- Les marques postales Françaises de Hamburg pendant l'occupation Napoléonienne 1806-1814
- Les numéros de poste de campagne des organismes militaires allemands en France 1940-1945
- Catalogue de smarques postales de la Mayenne 1700-1876
- Elsass-Lotharingen 1870-1872 : the Rolf Rohlf collection

8. James van der Linden medal 2026

The recipient of the 2026 James Van der Linden Medal has been announced. The medal will be presented during the International Postal History Seminar organized by the IPHF this September in Luxembourg. You can read a photo report in our next newsletter!

9. AIJP website

The AIJP (Association des Journalistes Philatéliques) has given its website a fresh new look. Phi-

latelists 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.