

THE CONGRESS MEDAL 2014

The ABPS Awards Committee is delighted to announce that the 2014 Congress Medal has been awarded to

Christopher E. Oliver

Nominated by the South African Collectors Society

Christopher Oliver has held many offices in local societies, but his major contributions have been in four fields which are the National Philatelic Society, Middlesex Philatelic Federation, ABPS, and the South African Collectors Society.

Local Societies. He is Vice President and publicity officer for the Kingston & District PS and secretary of the West London PS, recently formed by the amalgamation of two Societies, having served as Secretary Treasurer and President of one of them.

National Philatelic Society. Christopher served as President from 2007-13, and has organised periodic seminars, workshops and displays, he joined the council in 2004; and now represents the NPS on the ABPS Committee.

ABPS. In 2010 Christopher became their UK communications co-ordinator and has instigated the publication of nine leaflets on various aspects of our hobby.

Middlesex Philatelic Federation. Christopher served as chairman of the Federation first in 1999, and he chaired their Diamond Jubilee stamp day at Amersham in September 2010. Another Stamp Day is to be held in October 2014 and Christopher has been co-opted to help with the organisation of this event.

South African Collectors Society. It is through his work as membership Secretary, and General Secretary of the South African Collectors Society that we know Christopher best. He took over the former in 2002, and the latter in 2003, offices he still holds. He was also a key player in our 2010 Spring Stampex centenary display when the society provided over 100 frames of exhibits.

Other Activities. Since 2011 Christopher has contributed a regular column on society activities in the Stamp and Coin Mart magazine, as well as SACS meeting reports for the ABPS journal. He also helps at the Children's Corner at Stampex when that faction is short staffed. Christopher stands out as an exemplar of selfless and top quality service to our hobby and is thoroughly deserving of the award of the Congress Medal.

ABPS AWARD OF MERIT

The following have been awarded the ABPS Award of Merit for 2014

Peter Aveyard

North Western Philatelic Federation

Alan Green

Harrogate Philatelic Society

Neil Sargent

Postal Stationery Society

We congratulate the above collectors and thank them for all the work they have carried out for their Clubs, Societies and Federations over the years.