**105th PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN**

**SOUTHAMPTON - 2024**

**Programme**

*The programme has as its theme* ***“New Directions in Philately”****. We will share the latest developments and best practices in philately. This is an event for everyone with an interest in philately with displays by local collectors as well as leading overseas collectors.*

**Thursday, 11 July 2024**

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| 2.00 pm  2.30 pm  3.30 pm  4.00 pm  5.30 pm  7.00 pm  7.30 pm  9.00 pm | Welcome and the official opening of Congress by the Congress Chairman and the Mayor of Southampton    **The Kay Goodman Lecture - “What are the new directions for collecting**?” **- Jon Aitchison** explores ideas of where collecting is moving to with what we collect and how it can be displayed.  Tea and Coffee  Presentation - **“What is 3D Philately?” Gerald Marriner** shares his expertise in the area of 3D philately with Congress, showing material he enjoys – “The development of travelling ink wells from the 1700s”.  End of formal programme for the day.  **Drinks reception** at the Leonardo Royal Hotel  **Buffet Dinner**  **"Four sheets to tell a story” Competition** – an informal end to the day; open to all! |

**Friday, 12 July 2024**

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| 9.00 am  9.15 am  10.45 am  11.15 am  1.00 pm  **pm**  2.00 pm  4.30 pm  6.15 pm  7.30 pm  9.00 pm | Congress assembles and daily announcements  Presentation - **“Developing new directions for collecting” – David Beech and Alex Haimann** - Using examples from Alex’s recent exhibition at the Royal Philatelic Society London, “A Clash of Empires” and many new ideas not discussed in public before, David and Alex explore how they see philately developing in the ways individuals collect. There will be a question and answer session at the end of the presentation open to all.  Tea and Coffee  Presentations - **Local societies’ members** share with Congress material they enjoy collecting!  Lunchtime  **A standing display** will be available to look at in the Congress meeting room all afternoon  RDP Ceremony and Congress Medal Ceremony at *The Bugle House* – 300m from the hotel (black tie or lounge suit preferred)  RDP Ceremony **drinks reception** at *The Bugle House*  RDP private dinner at *The Bugle House*  and  **Buffet Dinner (hopefully a BBQ!)** at the Leonardo Royal Hotel for those not attending the RDP dinner  After dinner speaker – **The Spitfire Museum – Marc Lawrence** |

**Saturday, 13 July 2024**

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| 9.30 am  9.45 am  10.45 am    11.15 am  1.15 pm  2.00 pm  7.15 pm  8.00 pm | Congress assembles and daily announcements  **The Association of British Philatelic Societies Annual General Meeting**  Tea and Coffee  **Presentations by the new RDPs**:  1. Walter Britz, RDP, Uruguay  2. Yu-An Chen, RDP, Chinese Taipei  3. John Davies, RDP, UK  4. Bernard Jimenez, RDP, France  5. Ivar Sundsbø, RDP, Norway  6. Patricia Kaufmann, RDP, USA  Lunch  **An afternoon of leisure**  Choices: (a) an opportunity to explore Southampton individually  (b) a visit to the Spitfire Museum (entrance fee payable)  (b) a guided tour, on foot, of the Southampton city walls (free)  **Drinks reception** at the Leonardo Royal Hotel sponsored by Cavendish Philatelic Auctions Ltd.  **Congress Banquet** (black tie preferred) - private dining |
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**Sunday, 14 July 2024**

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| 9.00 am  9.30 am  9.45 am  10.45 am  11.15 am  12.30 pm    1.00 pm | For the whole of the morning there will be **standing displays of material from individuals who have been awarded the ABPS Award of Merit**  Congress assembles and daily announcements  Presentation – **The British Thematic Association** explores a new approach to one-page thematic competitions – where “thematic” includes postcards or open philately  Tea and Coffee  **Presentation by the 2024 Congress medallist**  **Closing ceremony and the award of the Congress Cup**  End of event |

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