

FIP patronage granted for World Stamp Show-NY 2016; agreement includes first-day cover exhibits, display class

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World Stamp Show-NY 2016 has entered into an agreement with the International Federation of Philately (FIP) confirming FIP patronage for the upcoming stamp show and exhibition.

World Stamp Show-NY 2016 will take place May 28-June 4, 2016, at the Javits Center in New York City.

The new agreement between the two bodies also stipulates that along with time-honored international-level exhibiting categories such as championship class, traditional and postal history, World Stamp Show-NY 2016 will welcome one-frame exhibits and exhibits in modern philately, display class open philately and, for the first time ever, first-day cover exhibits under the experimental exhibiting group.

Additional categories in which exhibits will be accepted at the New York show are thematics, postal stationery, revenue, aerophilately, astrophilately, max-

imaphily, youth and literature.

World Stamp Show-NY 2016 officials acknowledge that negotiations with the FIP took longer than initially anticipated, but note that multiple concessions were made on both sides, and add that the international federation was especially gracious in understanding special needs and requests made by the show.

"The resulting contract is a true partnership," show officials told *Linn's*, "a benefit to this and future internationals, and strengthening the hobby as a whole."

Patronage is described by the FIP as guaranteeing the full support of the FIP and its members to the exhibition management.

It also obliges the exhibition to observe the FIP statutes and to follow the federation's exhibiting and evaluation regulations.

It is the federation's highest level of support for a world stamp show.

Founded in 1926, the FIP acts as a forum for national philatelic

organizations to collectively promote the stamp hobby worldwide.

The American Philatelic Society is the United States representative in the body.

The FIP actively promotes international shows among its members, aids the organizing committee with professional management expertise and provides a formal structure for the regulations of the acceptance, transport and judging of philatelic exhibits.

Most U.S. international shows have sought and received FIP patronage, including the most recent, Washington 2006.

Patronage from the Interamerican Federation of Philately (FIAF) the hemispheric philatelic federation of the Americas, has been approved.

"We look forward to welcoming the world of stamp collecting to our exhibition," said Wade Saadi, the exhibition president. "World Stamp Show-NY 2016 promotes

and celebrates the joys and benefits of stamp collecting for people of all ages."

Saadi notes that the show is also on schedule with its main show planning partners — the Javits Center, Freeman Decorators and Experient — and that arrangements with the Marriott Marquis at 45th Street and Broadway, the main show hotel, are settled.

World Stamp Show-NY 2016 expects to host more than 200 stamp dealers plus 4,000 frames of competitive exhibits and some of the world's greatest stamp rarities.

Admission is free for the eight-day run of the show.

Further details are available online at www.ny2016.org.

The website will add information for interested exhibitors within the next few weeks.

Completed exhibiting applications are to be submitted to the exhibitor's respective national commissioner. ■