



The APS in Worldwide Philately

International Federation of Philately Representatives



As the major philatelic membership organization in the United States, the American Philatelic Society has a special relationship with the two organizations that represent philately in the world and on the American continents.

We are members, along with national federations from more than 90 other countries, of the International Federation of Philately (FIP), the umbrella organization that oversees philately around the world. Most of the large international stamp shows that occur on a very occasional basis in countries worldwide do so with accreditation from the FIP, which assures that the shows are run fairly and according to very high standards. The upcoming major show, World Stamp Show-New York 2016, www.ny2016.org, is operating within the framework of FIP accreditation. In the United States these large shows occur only once every 10 years. The next show after the one in New York will take place in Boston in 2026, the 250th anniversary of the founding of our great country.

Just below the FIP in the pecking order are the three continental organizations of national federations. For the Americas, it is the Inter-American Federation of Philately (FIAF), for Europe the Federation of European Philatelic Associations (FEPA) and for Asia the Inter-Asian Philatelic Federation (FIAP).

The FIAF will hold its congress this year in Quito, Ecuador, during the Expoafe 150 Años stamp show, <http://expoafe150.blogspot.com>, named for the 150th anniversary of the first stamps of Ecuador. This show will be supported by the FIAF and will draw exhibits from more than 20 countries within the Americas. The APS has appointed Carlos Vergara as the commissioner, the person responsible for obtaining U.S. exhibits for this show, and two judges: James Mazepa and Stephen Reinhard. Exhibits in all FIP classes will be accepted. The dates of the show are September 29–October 2. It may still be possible to apply to exhibit at the show. If you are interested, contact Carlos at carlos@cvphoto.net. For general information about the show, e-mail Teddy Suárez at aquacorp@hotmail.com.



Expoafe 150 Años stamp show logo.

USPS Announces New World Stamp Show-New York 2016 Stamps

At the recent American Stamp Dealers Association spring postage stamp show in New York City, the U.S. Postal Service unveiled two new forever stamps promoting the upcoming May 28–June 4, 2016, huge event in New York. These two stamps will have a first day of issue during the annual APS StampShow, this year to be held August 20–23 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This is just one of many reasons to vacation in Michigan this year. During the show you will have the opportunity to obtain first-day covers, ceremony programs, and participant autographs on your covers and programs.

This will be all part of the fun of a great philatelic weekend in Grand Rapids. There is much more information about the show on the APS website at www.stamps.org/stampshow.

Publicity image of a pane of 20 World Stamp Show-NY 2016 forever stamps to be issued August 20 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to promote the 2016 event. A close-up of a stamp pair is shown.

