



World Stamp Show-NY 2016  
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#### PLANNING FOR NY-2016 INTERNATIONAL BEGINS

If the three keys to real estate value are “location, location, location,” the keys to a successful International Philatelic Exhibition are “planning, planning, planning.” With that in mind, a forward-looking group of organizers, led by collector, exhibitor and current Collectors Club President Wade Saadi are already busy preparing - before WASHINGTON 2006 has even begun - for the 2016 International to be held in New York City.

“It may seem early to get started – particularly when you look at “2016” printed out and it looks like a typo – but there is a lot to be done. It’s also critical that we get the chance to work with the organizers of the WASHINGTON 2006 show before and during that event to learn as much as we can about their planning efforts. The upcoming exhibition in Washington promises to be the best International ever held in this country, and we want to borrow from all the smart things they’ve done. We also plan to have people from our 2016 Committee stay very close to dealers, attending postal administrations and collectors at the 2006 Show to guide the process for NY 2016.”

The 2016 Planning Committee earned the chance to get started before the Washington event when the American Philatelic Society Board of Directors approved the New York group’s bid to host the 2016 International event. Subcommittees will be formed in the future and subcommittee chairs named to support this once-a-decade event in the United States, with the intention of coming under the auspices of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie (F.I.P.), representing over 80 national philatelic federations.

The NY 2016 planning group is faced with several challenges, including shifting collector demographics, changing commitments in governmental participation and the profound impact of rapid progress in technology that is revolutionizing the way collectors and dealers experience the hobby. “It would have been unthinkable ten years ago for most of us to project the way the Internet has changed philately. Our group is faced with trying to sort out,” said Saadi, “where the digital revolution will take the hobby in the next ten years.”

For those who would like more information about NY 2016 or would like to offer their services to the group as a volunteer, please contact:

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