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WSS-NY 2016 FIP Patronage Contract Signed

World Stamp Show-NY 2016 (WSS-NY 2016) and the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) have entered into an agreement that will provide the FIP's highest level of support, "Patronage" for the next U.S. international exhibition scheduled to take place May 28-June 4, 2016 in New York City.

"We look forward to welcoming the world of stamp collecting to our exhibition," said Wade Saadi, exhibition President. "World Stamp Show-NY 2016 promotes and celebrates the joys and benefits of stamp collecting for people of all ages. We continue on schedule with our main show planning partners; the Javits Center, Freeman Decorators and Experient. Arrangements with the Marriott Marquis at 45th Street and Broadway, the main show hotel, are settled."

While negotiations took longer than initially anticipated, multiple concessions were made on both sides. FIP has been especially gracious in understanding the special needs and requests made by WSS-NY 2016. The resulting contract is a true partnership, a benefit to this and future internationals, and strengthening the hobby as a whole.

The FIP was founded in 1926 to act as a forum for national philatelic organizations to collectively promote the stamp collecting hobby worldwide, perhaps best described as the "United Nations of Philately." The American Philatelic Society is the U.S. representative in the body.

FIP actively promotes international shows among its members, aids the organizing committee with their professional management expertise and provides a formal structure for the regulations of the acceptance, transport and judging of philatelic exhibits. Almost all U.S. internationals have sought and received FIP patronage, including the most recent, Washington 2006. Patronage from the Federación Interamericana de Filatelia (FIAF), the hemispheric philatelic federation of the Americas, has been approved.

Information for interested exhibitors will be posted in the next few weeks at http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/About_the_Exhibition.aspx. Completed applications are to be submitted to one's respective national commissioner.

Exhibits will be accepted in the following categories: • Championship Class • Traditional • Postal History • Thematics • Postal Stationery • Revenue • Aerophilately • Astrophilately • Maximaphily • Youth • Literature • Open Philately (Display) • One Frame Exhibits • Modern Philately

For the first time ever, First Day Cover Exhibits will be welcomed under the Experimental Exhibiting Group.

Full show information is online at <http://www.ny2016.org>.

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