

Knud Mohr 2nd April 1935 – 31st July 2016

A great blow to Danish philately and to philately in the wider world. Knud Mohr died on 30th July, 2016 after a long illness and increasing weakness.

Knud Mohr was introduced to organised philately by his father, Harald Mohr, in 1969, where he became a member of the Copenhagen Philatelist Club. The club needed an enterprising and skilled accountant when it moved into its new headquarters at 41 Grønnegade in Copenhagen. It was therefore natural that Knud immediately became a member of the board. In 1976, he became president of the club, replacing Erik Kopp, a presidency which Knud maintained for 24 years until 2000.

1976 was the starting point for Knud's international career beginning with his very active role in international PR work before and during the HAFNIA 76 stamp exhibition. His international work continued for many years to come, including the Copenhagen exhibitions, HAFNIA 87 and HAFNIA 01. His considerable diplomatic skills and networking talents, made him president of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (F.I.P.) from 1998-2002, after having been on the board since 1994. In 2002 he was appointed Honorary President of F.I.P. Knud managed for many years to set the agenda in international philately, being well supported by other prominent philatelists in the Nordic region, widely known as the "Scandimafia" at the time. Cooperation between national postal administrations and international philately expanded significantly during these years. On the basis of his great contribution to philately, he was made a Knight of the Dannebrog (Ridder af Dannebrog) in 1985.

Nationally, Knud also exercised his organisational talents, as he became chairman of the Danish Philatelic Federation in 1983, and continued in this position until 1992. In 1989 he was awarded DFF's badge of honour in gold for his great efforts in international philately, and he thus became an honorary member of the Federation.

Internationally, Knud was a member of a number of societies and clubs in different countries, but he reserved his greatest affection, in addition to the KPK, for the Royal Philatelic Society London, where he was a Fellow and the Society's representative in Denmark for many years. In 1993, in recognition of his philatelic efforts, he was elected to sign The Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, which is considered to be the greatest recognition that can be achieved in philately.

Along with his work at Monberg and Thorsen as CFO and later as a consultant with his company Knud Mohr Økonomi A/S, where he was financial advisor, among others, to DSB, the Danish State Railways, he succeeded in crowning his organisational work in philately by building international highly prized philatelic exhibits, including "Denmark and the Duchies" which achieved international Large Gold and Grand Prix International at Stockholm 86. He also received Gold medals for his "Copenhagen Postal Cancels" and "Denmark 1851-1884" and finally he achieved an International Large Gold for "Denmark's Postal History" in 1997.

One of Knud's last major contributions was during the period 2004 to 2013 as editor of 'Fakes, Forgeries & Experts' (FFE), where he produced 10 issues of this journal, which is of great importance for combating counterfeiting in philately.

Knud Mohr, through hard work, teamwork and accounting skills has managed to generate significant financial resources for Danish philately, funds that have been of great benefit to the spread of philately and enjoyment of collecting in his home country.

Knud's friendly disposition, his shrewdness and resourcefulness, with his huge capacity for work has, with his passing, created a substantial hole in philately which will be difficult to fill. Knud was 81 years old.

We honour Knud Mohr's memory

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