

# The Roll of Distinguished Philatelists From the Honorary Secretary to the Board of Election

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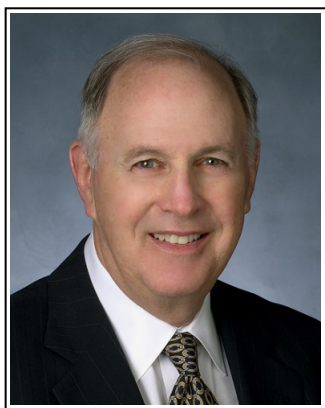
## **NEW RDPs TO SIGN THE ROLL OF DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS IN LEEDS**

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## [Longer Format] Roll of Distinguished Philatelists 2016

### Introduction

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#### The Citations

##### **Roger Brody b. 1938 United States**

Roger lives in New Jersey, United States. His great philatelic achievements have been in exhibiting, in research and in literature. He has won gold medals in the Traditional and Postal History disciplines, holds the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award from the Collectors Club, New York, and the John H. Luff Award for Distinguished Philatelic Research from the American Philatelic Society.

He is currently Chairman of the Research Committee of the Smithsonian's Council of Philatelists and is a recognised expert in the stamps of the early twentieth century United States.

However, it is in the hard work, dedication and service that he has given to the philatelic community, together with his financial expertise that he has gained the admiration and gratitude of his fellows. He is presently Director and Treasurer of World Stamp Show - NY2016.

##### **Lars Engelbrecht b. 1968 Denmark**

Lars comes from Birkerød in Denmark. He has researched the postal stationery of his country in depth and written a considerable number of articles about this in both national and international journals. He has attained FIP Large Gold medals for the Postal Stationery exhibit: *Denmark - The Bicoloured Issue of 1871-1905* and FIP Gold for *Danish Postal Stationery Essays*.

Lars is an FIP juror and team leader, has been Chairman of the FIP Postal Stationery Commission since 2012, and editor of the FIP Postal Stationery Commission newsletter since 2008. He has given numerous seminars on exhibiting and judging, and took the initiative for FIP jury team leader training in 2015.

Lars is also recognised for his presentational skills, and was awarded the Lee medal for his presentation at the Royal Philatelic Society London in 2014.

### **Jonas Hällström b. 1972 Sweden**

Jonas whose home is in Lidköping in Sweden is concerned in project management. His philatelic activities cover all disciplines. He has been awarded Large Gold medals for his thematic exhibit, *The History of the Square-rigged Sailing Vessels*.

Present collecting interests include Sweden 1975-1999, Australia 1963-1974, Swedish Postal History 1951-1971, and War and Army Military Fighting Vehicles and he has obtained Gold or Large Gold medals in three different classes. He has been Seminar Chairman and organiser of the Malmö International Philatelic Summits, and was Chairman of the FIP. Thematic Philately Commission 2012-2014.

He has published or edited a very large number of works on a wide variety of subjects including the journal numbers 17 and 18 of *Fakes, Forgeries & Experts* and has been an FIP international juror member since 2006.

### **Stephen Holder b. 1939 United Kingdom**

Stephen lives in Yorkshire and is well-known to many as the proprietor (now former) of HH Sales.

His knowledge of philatelic literature is immense and his interests extremely wide. He has won Gold and Large Gold medals for his collection of the Franco-Prussian War and Siege of Paris and his other collections which include Alsace Lorraine and many of the lesser known states in continental Europe are impressive.

He is a long standing and most valued member of the RPSL Expert Committee, has given countless fascinating lectures to societies, written much on European subjects and served on national and international juries.

Should any editor wish to make a feature article on the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, material including scans and citations can be made available.

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