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AWARDS: Silver Medal with 'Felicitations of the Jury' at BELGICA 2001 World Stamp Exhibition

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our main web site, the 'Stamps of India' is, at present, available ONLY at its alternate location – <http://www.geocities.com/mjhingan> and all our other web sites are off air for the time being. This is a temporary arrangement and soon our websites shall again be available at their regular locations. We therefore have not changed the links either here or at site. This necessitates that you substitute stampsofindia.com with geocities.com/mjhingan in the links for them to work.

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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We couldn't resist reproducing from the 'Talking Stamps' a column by John Crace of The Guardian, in October 2001 issue of the Stamp Magazine, UK that we really liked. John had won the 2001 Rowland Hill award for Print and Broadcast Media.

"You don't hear much of the 'F' word in philatelic circles. Now before you start accusing me of living a sheltered life, I should point out it's not THAT 'F' word I 'm talking about. It's the other 'F' word. The fun word. You will find that fun and philately only ever appear in the same sentence when grammarians seek to demonstrate the meaning of an oxymoron.

Wander around a stamp show and you will find plenty of activity, but few laughs. There are a few official bods in suits, wearing their knowledge heavily, doing their best to patronize the less well informed and less well off, and a whole army of more or less socialized lone males emerging from their solitary habitats in search of a few missing Gibbons numbers. Whenever I turn up at Stampex or Philatex, I remember to leave my smile at the entrance. In fact the only sounds you will hear approximating to laughter are the dry barks of dealers sharing the enjoyment of one of their number getting burnt on a trade or gloating over their luck at finally shifting some third rate stock on to an unsuspecting punter. In the world of stamp collecting, schadenfeude passes for slapstick. Which strikes me as odd, since philately is so obviously a gag goldmine. I mean, how can people be so po faced and serious about a hobby that is so intrinsically pointless? It doesn't get you fit – apart from developing unnaturally large muscles in the thumb through tweezer abuse. It doesn't give you something to chat about to any normal people, and it's not likely to make you money. Breaking even is as much as any of us dare hope for. Of course, there are many other pursuits that are equally pointless but that is, forgive the phrase, beside the point. There is nothing so sacred about philately that exempts it from a little gentle ridicule."

Until next week, please enjoy the rest of the newsletter.

- M&SJ

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#### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### CHANGE OF GUARDS AT INDIA POST HQ

B. N. Som, demitted the Office of the Director General of India Post on January 31, 2002 on superannuating. The Union Minister, Pramod Mahajan confirmed that Som shall continue as Chairman of the World Association for Development of Philately.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of S C Dutta for the post and he took charge on February 1, 2002. He is an officer of Indian Postal Service, which he joined in 1965. . This is a three in one post; the Director General of India Post is also the Chairman of Postal Services Board as well as the Secretary to Government of India in the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology heading the Department of Posts. Earlier he was Member (Personnel) of Postal Service Board and has also served as Deputy Director General in Philately Division.

S B Bhattacharya comes in as new Member (Personnel) of Postal Service Board from February 25, 2002. He was earlier serving as the Principal Chief Post Master General of West Bengal.

S K Agarwal joined as Member (Operations) of Postal Service Board from January 1, 2002 in place of Gautam Gupta, who had retired from service. Agarwal also retires today and the new Member (Operations) is yet to be appointed.

Devika Kumar took over the reins of the Philately Division as Deputy Director General on February 12, 2002 from Vinod Dhamija who has gone as UPU Advisor for Asia Pacific. She has served earlier in the Philately Division as Assistant Director General as well as Director and is well known to philatelic community.

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#### APARNA MOHILE BEREAVED

Aparna Mohile, Member (Infrastructure & Financial Services) of the Postal Services Board, lost her husband on February 24, 2002. He was the Chairman of Central Excise and had been unwell for some time. Our heartfelt condolences to Aparna Mohile who is the first ever lady member of India's Postal Services Board.

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#### NEW STAMPS RELEASED

##### 100 YEARS OF DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MINES SAFETY

Union Minister of Labor, released a commemorative stamp to mark the 100 Years of Directorate General of Mines Safety on January 7, 2002 at Dhanbad, Bihar. The stamp is in the denomination of Rs. 4 that is the current inland letter rate. Kamleshwar Singh designed the stamp and the First day Cover, and Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. Madras Security Printers Limited of Chennai printed the stamps by photo-offset in four colors on Matt Chromo paper in the quantity of 800,000.

##### INDIAN ARMY'S 2001 EVEREST EXPEDITION

A commemorative stamp to mark Indian Army's 2001 Everest Expedition was released on January 15, 2002. The stamp is in the denomination of Rs. 4 that is the current inland letter rate. Sankha Samanta designed the stamp, the First day Cover, and the pictorial first day postmark. Eagle Press Private Limited of Chennai printed the stamps by photo-offset in four colors on imported un-watermarked stamp paper in the quantity of 800,000.

##### BAUDDHA MAHOTSAV

A set of 4 stamps was released at Bodhgaya on January 21, 2002 on the occasion of the Bauddha Mahotsav (Buddhist Festival) in the denomination of Rs. 4, 4, 8, and 15 depicting Gridhakuta Hills at Rajgir, Dhamek Stupa at Saranath, Mahaparinirvana Temple at Kushinagar, Mahabodhi Temple at Bodhgaya respectively. Rs. 4 is the current inland letter rate, Rs. 8 is overseas airmail postcard rate, and Rs. 15 is overseas airmail letter rate. Sankha Samanta designed the stamp and the First day Cover, and Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. Calcutta Security Printers Limited of Kanpur printed the stamps by photo-offset in four colors on Matt Chromo paper in the quantity of 1.5 million each.

##### THE YEAR OF BOOKS

The Vice President of India, Krishan Kant released a commemorative stamp to observe 'The Year of Books 2001-2002' on January 28 at the inaugural of World Book Fair at New Delhi. The stamp is in the denomination of Rs. 4 that is the current inland letter rate. Sankha Samanta designed the stamp and the First day Cover, and Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. Eagle Press Private Limited of Chennai printed the stamps by photo-offset in four colors on imported un-watermarked stamp paper in the quantity of 800,000.

##### SWAMI RAMANAND

The President of India, K R Narayanan released a commemorative stamp on Swami Ramanand on February 4, 2002 at New Delhi. The stamp is in the denomination of Rs. 4 that is the current inland letter rate. The design of the stamp is based on the material supplied by the sponsors of the issue. Alka Sharma designed the First day Cover and the pictorial first day postmark. Eagle Press Private Limited of Chennai printed the stamps by photo-offset in four colors on imported un-watermarked stamp paper in the quantity of 400,000.

The issued sheets contain 40 stamps. An informative brochure containing write-up and technical data, priced at Rs. 2, was also brought out for each issue. The stamps, First Day Covers along

with the information sheets are available on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Counters.

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#### NEW ISSUE UPDATE

The Program of issues for 2002 is yet to be published by India Post. The next Issue is scheduled for March 18 on Indian Ordinance Factories.

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#### NEW SPECIAL POSTMARKS

Three special postmarks have been provided in Delhi Postal Circle till date in the year 2002.

The youngest arm of the Indian Armed Forces the Indian Coast Guard was formed in 1977, they are celebrating their Silver jubilee in 2002-2003 commencing on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2002. A Special cover and Special Postmark was released by the Defense Minister of India, George Fernandes on 1st Feb 2002 at the residence of the Vice Admiral O P Bansal, AVSM, VSM, Director General of the Coast Guard in New Delhi, on this occasion. The cover depicts an off shore patrol ship and a helicopter and the postmark features the Indian Coast Guard Crest. A folder depicting a ship and Helicopter for the cover was also issued. The cover with folder is available for Rs.15.00 each with Vijay Seth, who has designed the same. Mailing address: S-331, Greater Kailash, Part - I, New Delhi-110048, email; [vijay\\_hseth@yahoo.co.in](mailto:vijay_hseth@yahoo.co.in)

A Special Cover with Special Postmark was issued on February 5, 2002 on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Delhi Commonwealth Women's Association.

A Special Cover with Special Postmark was issued on February 23, 2002 on the occasion of the 50 Years Of Employees State Insurance Scheme.

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#### PREMATURE RELEASE REPORTED

The Philatelic Bureau at Kurnool Head Post Office sold prematurely a commemorative stamp on Murmu Brothers of Santhal Rebellion fame on January 5, 2002 erroneously believing it being the official date of issue. The date of issue of this commemorative is yet to be announced by India Post.

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#### CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Consultative Committee of Parliament on Ministry of Communications & Information Technology met on January 25, 2002 to review philately. Union Minister, Minister of States, Secretary (Posts) of the Ministry, Member (Operations) of Postal Services Board, and Deputy Director General in Philately Division attended the meeting with the committee members from the both houses of the Parliament of India. The India Post made a presentation to the members on recent philatelic developments in the country. The members appreciated the social and educative aspects of philately and lauded the India Post's efforts to promote philately through Stamp Popularity Poll, Stamp Designing Competitions and other promotional activities. The members wanted India Post to explore the ways of growth in export of stamps.

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#### SELECTION OF NEW ARTISTS

A panel of experts consisting of Meera Handa, Director in Philately Division of India Post, Rajeev Lochan, Director of the National Gallery of Modern Art, and Madhukar Jhingan, one half of yours truly, met at the National Philatelic Museum on January 10, 2002 to consider the applications from artists for designing the stamps for India Post. India Post had advertised inviting applications to strengthen its team of designers and had received overwhelming response.

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#### MARKET RESEARCH AND SURVEY

India Post invited sealed tenders for conducting a nationwide Market Research and Survey on Philately, by February 15, 2002. The parameters for this purpose are to ascertain the market size, customer profile, product acceptance, best information vehicles, customer opinion and feedback.

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#### PUBLICATION 'POSTAL STATIONERY OF INDIA' DELAYED

Our publication 'Postal Stationery of India' could not be released in August 2001 as scheduled. We will shortly announce the new release date, kindly bear with us till then.

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#### PRINTING OF THE DEFINITIVE STAMPS

India Post invited sealed tenders from private security printers approved by Indian Bank Association to bid for the job of printing definitive stamps, by January 16, 2002. The government owned India Security Press at Nashik Road has been printing definitive stamps till date and it will be for the first time that this job will also be shared by the private security printers. The private security printers had been printing commemorative stamps since 1994 and the postal stationery since 1992.

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#### INDIA POST LAUNCHES THE ELECTRONIC BILL PAYMENT SERVICE

The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Communications & Information Technology, Pramod Mahajan launched the 'eBillPost' at a special function in New Delhi on January 31, 2002. It is a unique program to transform India Post's huge network of over 25,000 departmental post offices in to integrated citizen service centers. These post offices will become the collection centers for bill payments of various kinds, be it for electricity, water, telephone, taxes, or credit card payments and will do so on behalf of various service providers. This will make it much easier for the citizen to pay all the bills at one counter across the street, rather than make umpteen trips to various offices all over the city.

The Post office will receive the payment, issue a receipt and process the transaction. The Collection data will be immediately updated in to a central online server. The service shall later be expanded to provide a copy of duplicate bills for a fee, and accept payment by credit cards. Later the citizens can pay from anywhere through online secure payment portal. Also the citizens will later be able to instruct the post office to automatically pay the bills as and when due.

The service is powered by the 'NIIT eBillSpace' technology at its core. Developed by the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT), a blending of its e-commerce capability with its deep domain knowledge of banking, finance, and insurance vertical. The National Informatics Center (NIC) is providing the secured host server facility for centralized storage of data that would be accessible online.

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#### INDIA & UAE TO SLASH POSTAL TARIFF

India and UAE have agreed in principle to slash further postal and telephone tariff to rake in more revenue. This is the second such move in four months, reports PTI. "We have agreed in principle to reduce both phone and postage tariffs between the UAE and India in the near future. A written agreement to this effect will be signed soon," the UAE Minister of Communications, Ahmed Humaid Al Tayer, said after talks with the visiting Indian Minister of State for Telecommunications, Tapan Sikdar, in Dubai on January 23, 2000. The call rates to India were brought down in September last year, to boost the volume of business and telecom revenue.

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#### INLAND SPEED POST RATES

The rates for inland Speed Post that serves 120 cities in the national network and over 700 cities in states' network with in India, were rationalized with effect from September 10, 2001 as follows:

**FOR UP TO 200 GRAMS:**

Rs. 20 for Local, Rs. 25 for Up to 200 km, Rs. 30 for 201 to 1000 km, Rs. 50 for 1001 to 2000 km and Over 2000 km.

**FOR 201 TO 500 GRAMS:**

Rs. 20 for Local, Rs. 40 for Up to 200 km, Rs. 45 for 201 to 1000 km, Rs. 60 for 1001 to 2000 km and Over 2000 km.

**FOR ADDITIONAL 500 GRAMS OR PART THEREOF:**

Rs. 5 for Local, Rs. 7.50 for Up to 200 km, Rs. 10 for 201 to 1000 km, Rs. 20 for 1001 to 2000 km, and Rs. 25 for Over 2000 km.

The salient features of the new rates structure are that the distance slabs have been expanded to five slabs from the existing four and the slab of 201-500 km has been revised as 201-1000 km. The weight slabs have been rationalized by abolishing 50 grams slab and has modified the slab beyond 500 grams, to 500 grams from 1 kg (or part thereof).

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#### MOBILE PHONE PREPAID CARDS AT POST OFFICE

Command, the Kolkata-based cellular service provider, has tied up with the India Post to use the latter's retail network to reach out to more potential customers. 80 post offices in and around Kolkata will sell Command's prepaid 'Yes' cards. The tie-up will help India Post generate some revenue from non-conventional sources

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#### PUBLICATIONS

We note the following Indian publications in brief for the record.

Philately Newsletter, July-September, and October-December 2001 issues  
Signet, July-September and October-December 2001 issues  
Stamps & Stamps, July-December 2001 issue  
Philatelic Journal of India, (January-December) 2001 issue  
India's Stamp Journal, September-December 2001 issue  
Gujarat Philatelists' Association's GPA News, September, and October 2001 issues  
Baroda Philatelic Society's Vadophil, October 2001 issue  
South India Philatelists' Association's bimonthly SIPA Bulletin, July-August 2001 issue  
Indian Thematic Society's ITS Stamp News, July-September 2001 issue  
Mahatma Gandhi on Stamps Study Circle Quarterly News Bulletin, April-September 2001 issue

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#### AUCTIONS

We note the following Indian sales in brief for the record.

Satish Misra of Bareilly held a nearly 900-lot postal auction closing on February 26, 2002.  
Sukhani Europhil of Kolkata held a very successful 64<sup>th</sup> auction on February 10, 2002.  
Indian Thematic Society of Ludhiana held its 14<sup>th</sup> postal auction closing on October 9, 2001.

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#### EVENTS

India Post organized a 60-frame district level exhibition, PATPEX, at Patna on October 11 and 12, 2001 with participation by 43 schools.

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#### CERTIFYING AUTHORITY FOR DIGITAL SIGNATURES

The India Post, Videsh Sanchar Nigam, Tata Consultancy Services, and Hyderabad-based Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology - a subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India, would shortly get the license as Certifying Authority for digital signatures. The Controller of Certifying Authorities, KN Gupta conferred the first Certifying Authority license to SafeScript, a company promoted by Chennai-based Satyam Infoway on February 6, 2002. India is the 12th nation in the world to have the digital language status. With this development, corporate are now able to do transactions over Internet after registering their signature with the license holder.

A digital signature certificate is a secure electronic digital identity of an individual on the Internet that enables to digitally sign emails, documents or any electronic data. Such digitally signed documents or transactions are legally recognized in a court of law in India as the government had enacted the IT bill in August 2000.

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#### UPDATED 'FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL ISSUES'

The postal administration of Madagascar has informed the Universal Postal Union (UPU) about the circulation on the international market of an illegal issue of postage stamps purporting to be issued by the PAOSITRA MALAGASY.

Saudi Arabia informed about the counterfeits of their first set of postage stamps issued in 1934 has been found on the philatelic market. This is for the first time that UPU through World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP) has taken note of the philatelic forgeries and treating these as illegal issues.

We have updated our web pages on the subject accordingly. For detailed information please visit <http://www.geocities.com/mjhingan/Content/Orgs/WADP.htm>

Please feel free to contact the WADP Secretariat directly at the following address with any queries that you may have regarding stamps on the market and their authenticity:  
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#### ALSO IN THE NEWS

(The following news item updates 'The Ring' by Les Winick featured in last issue.)

#### APFELBAUM PLEADS GUILTY TO BID RIGGING CONSPIRACY

By Rob Haeseler in February 18, 2002 issue of Linns Stamp News

John D Apfelbaum, one of the biggest names in American stamp collecting, pleaded guilty Jan. 28 to two felony counts of violating the Sherman Antitrust Act in a criminal probe of bid rigging at stamp auctions. Charles Reilly, a prosecutor in the U.S. Justice Department Antitrust Division field office in New York City, told *Linn's* that the Apfelbaum family firm, Earl P.L. Apfelbaum Inc., also pleaded guilty to the same two felony counts.

To read the full story, Click here <http://www.linns.com/print/archives/20020218/news3.asp>

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#### NEWSPAPER SCAN

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The Indian Express, January 24, 2002

RARE STAMPS AT LONDON AUCTION SENT CBI AFTER TOP COLLECTOR

<http://www.indian-express.com/ie20020124/top10.html>

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#### RESEARCH NOTES

The postal notices are the basic building blocks of postal history. These along with Circulars are the most important and authentic primary resource for information. The notices are issued to inform the public while the circulars are the instructions for the officers of the postal department

and at times carry additional details on the subject. As a general rule every notice is an accompaniment of a circular but every circular does not have a notice attached, as there may be nothing to inform public about a particular matter. Together they shed valuable light on day-to-day status of various postal services, their introduction, availability, terms, rates, routes and changes thereof unlike any Manual, Guide, or Report that is issued much less frequently.

## INDIA POST IN THE YEAR 1873, PART 2

### POSTAL NOTICE

#### Overland Parcel Post

Under arrangements made with Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, parcels will be received, on or after the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1873, at any Post Office in India for transmission to the United Kingdom under the following conditions, viz.: -

- (1) Every parcel should be securely packed in a closed cover, and should bear the name and address of the person in the United Kingdom for whom it is intended.
  - (2) Every parcel should be accompanied by a separate paper headed with the address of the parcel, and containing a declaration of its contents and value under the signature of the sender. Below the signature the address of the sender should be given.
  - (3) The parcel so addressed and the separate paper above referred should then be enclosed in a substantial outer cover. This outer cover should be superscribed and addressed as follows:  
Overland Parcel Post  
To  
The Post Master  
Bombay
- It must be fully prepaid by means of postage stamps at the rate of 3 annas for every 10 tolas or fraction of 10 tolas in weight, care being taken that the stamps adhere firmly to the cover.
- The parcel so made up must not exceed 25 seers in weight, or 2 feet in length by one foot in breadth or depth; it will be received at any Post Office at the hours fixed for the receipt of ordinary banghy parcels, the usual receipt being given to the sender.
- (4) On arrival at Bombay, the Postmaster will take off the outer covering and forward the inside parcel and accompanying declaration through the Bombay Agency of Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.
  - (5) The prepayment above described will carry the parcel to London, any additional charge which may become due on account of British custom duty or carriage beyond London being realised from the addressee by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company or their local Agents.
  - (6) No parcel will be forwarded containing opium, jewellery, precious stones, and such like, or liquids, oils, spirits, or any explosive, dangerous, or offensive substance, such as gunpowder, matches, percussion caps, assafœtida &c.

Arrangements having already been made for the receipt of parcels in the United Kingdom by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company and their Agents for transmission to destination in India, persons in this country desirous of obtaining parcels may advise their friends or agents at home to send them by "India Overland Parcel Post", either prepaid or unpaid.

- F. R. Hogg, Officiating Director General of the Post Office of India. Calcutta; 15<sup>th</sup> February 1873

To be continued ...



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AVINASH B. JAGTAP OF BINNINGEN, SWITZERLAND

This is just to thank to you for forwarding on my e-mail address the recent newsletters No. 52 & 53. I have just returned to Switzerland, after having spent three months in India. I had an opportunity to visit Nasik on occasion of "Inpex-Empirepex 2001" national level exhibition and thus meet a number of known and unknown friends, philatelist and dealers gathered at Nasik. This also offered me an opportunity to meet you over there for the first time although we missed this chance in Brussels last year.

What surprised me at Nasik was the relatively high standard of the thematic displays staged at Nasik. Especially those on "Rose" by Dr. Satyendra Agrawal, "Stain Glass Windows" by Dr. (Mrs.) Kanitkar and "Aquatic Birds" by Mr. R.D. Mathakar are worth mentioning.

There were some shortcomings, which would have been overcome if the preparations for such National Exhibition had been dealt with at least two years earlier. Some Nasik Philatelic Circle Members such as Mr. Bhargave and Mr. Shantilal Hiran and also Mrs Damayanti Pittie and Dr. (Mrs.) Kanitkar were busy making this exhibition a grand success. Credit goes to these philatelists. I hope the shortcomings at such type of exhibition will be taken notice of and should not be just looked over.

The National Level Exhibition held at Nasik has put Nasik on the philatelic map of India and has indicated that it should not always be a city like Calcutta, Bombay, Delhi, Bangalore that should host such National Exhibition. What is important is the local philatelic circle with its enthusiastic members and co-workers, who are mainly responsible for holding such extra-ordinary philatelic exhibitions.

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