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### IPDA AGM

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#### Stamp of the Month



I rather like this stamp. Reminds me how lucky I am to be flying in A380's and A330's and 777's.

Somewhat more comfortable although some would say not as good as the old days for a real flying experience!

But having flown out of Hong Kong earlier this week during a signal 8 Typhoon I was happy to be flying in a big bird!!!! We were into the wind so although a bit bumpy there was very good lift. And, we soon got outta there!!!!

The IPDA AGM 2012 was not held, as you may have read in your emails, because we did not get a quorum.

It has been rescheduled to 5:30 PM, 6th of August, US Eastern Time

As published in the July issue of this Newsletter

**it is most important you send a PROXY**

to the Secretary if you cannot attend.

To make this easier for members who will not be joining the chat room for the meeting, an online PROXY form has been created. You will have received an email inviting you to complete the PROXY form. If you have not received that email you can complete the PROXY form by clicking the following link.

[http://www.ipdaonline.org/html/proxy\\_form.html](http://www.ipdaonline.org/html/proxy_form.html)

It will only take 2 minutes.

You will, I hope, have seen and read the Agenda and the Motions.

Should be a short meeting.

If in doubt I suggest you assign your proxy vote to the Chairman.

I will repeat the Motions here for your information.

To accept the minutes of the 2011 AGM

To adopt the Chairman's Annual Report

To adopt the annual accounts for the year ended 28th February 2012

To amend the Constitution Rule re Accounts (The details were in the Agenda you were sent)

And for those of you who want to join us in the chat room the link is

<http://host7.parachat.com/hosted/index.html?site=30739&room>

[=IPDA Chat Room](#)

Your participation in the IPDA is important. Thank you

### WELCOME TO THE IPDA—ROGER WEST

At a recent board meeting, Roger was appointed as assistant publicity officer to Michael and this note comes just as a way of introducing Roger. Roger runs Avion Thematics in Nottingham, UK. He boasts the largest thematic stock in Europe with over 100,000 stock items – all of which are illustrated. Just recently, he introduced a wholesale section with discounts of up to 60% you can see his website at [www.avionstamps.com](http://www.avionstamps.com)

Now onto IPDA business. We are an important group but with only 63 paid up members Roger says we have a lot of work to do in getting the message across to others. Just to put that in context, there are local philatelic Societies with more than 63 members! Taking into account we are a World-Wide organization AND we are now in our eleventh year, this figure of 63 is pathetic

As dealers we all trade on the internet – can we suppose therefore that we all know other dealers, or have customers who might benefit from being an IPDA member? Roger says “ I would appeal to everyone to just consider sending a friendly email to any potential member and explain what you think are the key benefits of joining”

Promote the IPDA - display the IPDA logo on your website and notepaper and tell your customers that you respect the laws laid down by a professional body and are happy to abide by them, and, remember the confidential list where bad dealings can be reported – you've only got to match one name up with a customer and you could be saving yourself a lot of money.



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**THE UK ROYAL MAIL TAKES ON A TOUGH JOB!**

Recently the Royal Mail announced it was going to produce a new stamp within one day every time a British athlete wins a gold medal at the 2012 Olympics. This will be a magnificent gesture and a hard task to do. The Royal Mail says it will employ picture editors, graphic designers, printers and drivers around the clock so that each new stamp is on sale by lunchtime after a gold medal has been won. Each medal will depict the GB winner(s) in action. This will be a first for the Royal Mail having never tried before to this. A Royal Mail spokesperson said last week "Our gold medal stamps will be unique souvenirs of the Games, marking the great achievements of our athletes". The stamps will be on sale at 500 selected British Post Offices across the UK by lunchtime the next day after the award of the medal. So Members, how many of you are planning to acquire / stock these? Looking forward to your thoughts and comments, and please don't tell me you hope GB will not win too many Golds!!!!!!!!!!!!!! :-)

**UK STAMP FAIRS.**

According to the people responsible for the production of the UK annual "Trade Diary ", reported in the June 2012 issue of the Philatelic Exporter, Graham O'Hara is the busiest stamp fair organiser in the UK. Graham O'Hara runs a circuit around London and the Home Counties of 58 fairs in ten locations.

Close behind him are H V Johnson & Co (HVJ) which runs 57 fairs in Yorkshire and Derby; Chris Rapley and Stevens are joint third with 50 fairs each in southern England; David Milton with seven venues; M J Perriman who runs 49 events in the south of England; AMP Fairs with 42 in the Midlands; and a number of others across England making a grand total of over 500 fairs so far in 2012.

This means that there are on average 20 events every weekend. In addition, there is a welcome increase in the number of mid-week events. It seems that the philatelic world in the UK is doing well despite the economic situation and perhaps as a direct result of it if customers believe investing in stamps is a better proposition than many other investment options!

Awesome numbers I think you will agree. What is the situation in your regions ? Is this a trend other members see? Lets have your views and comments? Is the IPDA being represented and promoted. Do you advertise you are a member of the IPDA when you attend shows? We can provide promotional material for you. Write to me please.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

I was in Singapore a few weeks ago and had time to visit the Philatelic Museum.

Really great place to go if you are there and have the time. Or, I suggest make the time. Some lovely stamps from early Singapore and Straits Settlement days, and a very interesting collection of Post Boxes.

Here is one you may not be familiar with . Hope you enjoy seeing this.

As always please write to me with ideas and feedback.

And please, do send your proxy for the AGM if you cannot join us in the chat room.

Best wishes Michael [michaelatipda@gmail.com](mailto:michaelatipda@gmail.com)

**Lamp Posting Box**  
Circa 1949

Lamp posting boxes were first used in 1896. Meant for areas where mail volume was low, these boxes were cheaper to install than the big, round pillar boxes.

Lamp posting boxes were designed to be attached to street lamps or telegraph poles, but were also found attached to their own poles and even set in walls.

People would often stop at a lamp posting box to scribble a quick line for instant mailing with light from the lamp as a real boon at night.

The lamp posting box on display was used in Singapore during the reign of King George VI (reigned 1936 - 1952). However, the king's cipher was removed (filed off) after Singapore became a Republic.

Artefact donated by Singapore Post Ltd.

