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## EDITORS COLUMN

Hello and welcome to the August issue. I am in Hong Kong now and will be working here for the next year. Very wet and humid so I have to remember to take extra special care of my stamps.

That as a starter to suggest one article topic for a future issue could be about looking after stamps in more humid conditions. Perhaps we have members who have advice and thoughts on this subject? Write to me? I for one would value your thoughts.

As for the IPDA well there has been a lot of activity this past month and I will try to succinctly recall that for you in the following. But before I do, please can I remind you that the AGM is set for 5th / 6th August. Only a few weeks away as I write this.

The notice, agenda and related reports for the 2013 IPDA annual general meeting are now available on the new official IPDA website <http://www.ipdastamps.org> Just login as a member and you will see the link to the agenda. Also we have an easy to use on-line proxy ballot. If you are unable to attend the meeting please take a minute or two to complete and submit the proxy ballot. Your continued support is appreciated and necessary.

If you have not already got your new User Id and password for the website these are available by application to the [Webmaster](#) or from the [Membership Secretary](#). And when you do get in please take a minute to verify your information while there.

Further news on the website. We have a new webmaster in Allan Oliver. We thank Roy Simpson for his commitment over so many years and welcome at the same time Allan. If you have not already done so it is worth having a look at the new site. You will see a new feature which shows the Benefits of being a member of the IPDA. (see next page) All the Board is committed to growing the IPDA and by showing the Benefits of Membership we hope everyone can pass on the news to their dealer colleagues.

## Stamp of the Month



The Old Town of Lijiang is featured in World Heritage in China Series No. 2. Also known as "Dayechang", Lijiang is set against the snow-capped mountains in the Yunnan Plateau. Its architecture is well-preserved and hosts the traditional culture of the Naxi minority.  
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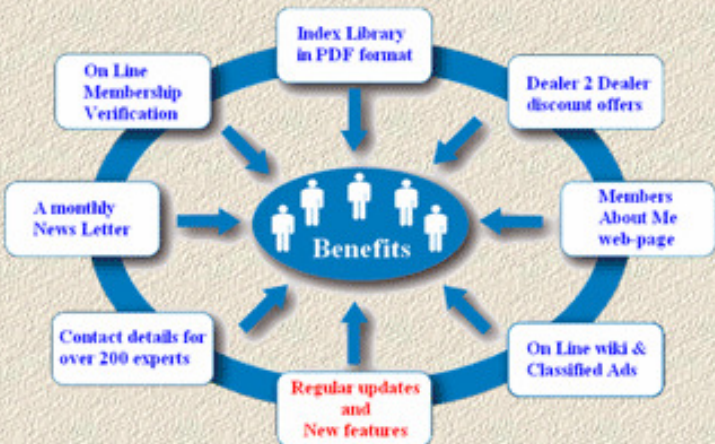
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An image of the rest of the new website Homepage.

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Affiliate # AF 0261

One Benefit you will find if you click Benefits is that of Specialist Advice. We have talked about this for some time and finally got a few from the Board to admit they actually know something about philately. That is a joke OK!!!! We have some very knowledgeable people in the IPDA and if you want to add yourself to the Register of specialists then please write to me and I will make sure we get all the right information in place. Do have a look. There maybe something there that can help you, or one of your customers. All value add from the IPDA I hope you will agree. I am told you can just get listed in the public area by logging in to the members area, click the link and add your details.

At the present time we have three members offering advice on the following topics: Larry Matthews on Canada PH & postcards, Belgium & Colonies, Roger West on St Helena, Dominica, and Forgeries, and Alan Devine on Papua New Guinea, GB Stamps & PH (QV).



**EDITORIAL .....CONT'D**

Another feature we have now loaded as you can see from the screen image is that of Classifieds. Do have a look. If you have something you want listed please use the feature.

And one more new feature is the dealer to dealer discount section. Some months ago several of us agreed we'd offer a discount to fellow IPDA members which we thought would be a good feature to mention when inviting dealers to join. You will see the following discounts available to IPDA Members.

10% additional discount at Avion Thematics [www.avionstamps.com](http://www.avionstamps.com)

10% discount at [www.cddstamps.com](http://www.cddstamps.com)

15% discount on any book or cover at <http://aerophilately.net>

If you want to participate please write and let me know and again I will pass you to the right person to make sure this is placed for your store sales. In participating, each dealer gets a link to his or her website which would also help in their Google rankings I think you will find.

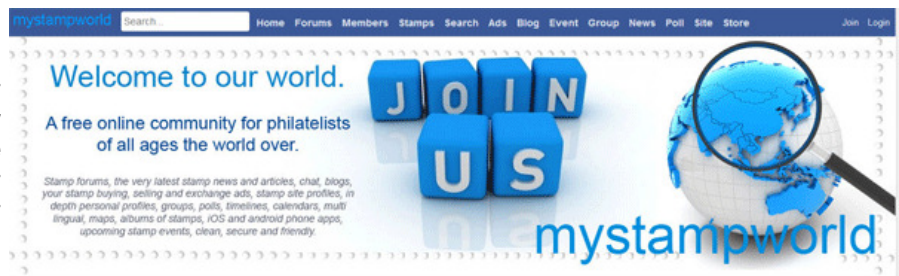
Do you sometimes have problems with philatelic terms in other languages? Try the new Philatelic translator on the home page (shown on image on the opening page). The most common philatelic words and terms translated into French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. Includes the common colours and numbers encountered. Maybe a useful feature.

The IPDA Chatroom. I have written about this before but now I just want to remind you that we have a new Chatroom. I was in the other morning before leaving for the office and had a good chat with a few of the other Board members and another collector from the San Francisco area. Easy to use and safe as far as I can tell. I know we all have time differences but if you get a few moments why not pop in and say hello. You never know who you will meet. Don't be shy!!!

And finally on IPDA News, Alan Devine has resigned as Chairman. Many thanks to Alan for his committed contribution to the IPDA over the past years, since the formation of the IPDA as I recall. We have Bob Betchel as Chairman designate now and the Board has endorsed him and it just leaves us all to formally vote him in I believe at the AGM. Great to have Bob as he also has provided many years of dedicated support and commitment to the IPDA.

Although not specifically IPDA related, there is a stamp web site run by one of our very active members, Rod Tilyard. It is mystampworld <http://www.mystampworld.net/> Rod invites all dealers to join and use the apps there to promote your websites for free.

Mystampworld is where philatelists meet. Join up and meet new collectors. You can use the stamp forums, post your stamp collections, chat online with fellow collectors, advertise your stamps for sale or stamps that you want to buy or exchange. You can also promote your own stamp sites. Rod also administers the IPDA Yahoo group. Both are always worth a visit.



Well that is it from me for now. See you, so to speak, at the AGM on 5th / 6th August. Hope something on the following pages of interest, and as I always say, I will be delighted to get feedback and ideas or even articles for future issues. Best wishes.. [Michael](#)





**IPDA CRIME REPORT FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL LIST OFFICER**

**Invalid Stamps.**

**IRAQ Post** have just announced that one of their provinces – Kurdistan – has issued and put into circulation stamps which are not valid for postal purposes or for postal prepayment. No other information about these stamps is to hand but I suggest you look carefully at any Iraqi stamps ex Kurdistan: Source Philatelic Exporter

**Illegal Stamps.**

**ZANZIBAR** - Tanzania Posts has issued a statement “to the effect illegal stamps bearing the name Zanzibar have been introduced into the world market and are on sale at various web sites despite the fact that they do not comply with UPU conditions for postage stamps.” Source Philatelic Exporter

**Warning. - Spoof Emails**

Roger West, IPDA Director GB & Europe reported that some dangerous spoof emails appear to be coming from eBay. Roger has received some of these spoof emails on occasions when an item was being sold or he when he was asking about an expensive item, or when he had not received an item he had ordered. What happens when you clicked on “respond” you got what appeared to be the eBay log-in page -BUT IT ISN'T! You could be fooled into making a purchase etc.

The only way Roger noticed this was because his computer remembers his eBay details and when the genuine log-in box appeared he found that it was already filled in for him. Some say this is dangerous, but in this case it saved him from giving his details to an unknown scammer. If you do fall for it, you will need to log-in to the real site and immediately change your details.

Source: Roger West, IPDA Director GB & Europe

**CONFIDENTIAL LIST UPDATE FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL LIST OFFICER**

As you may know, the Board agreed that the Confidential List Officer (Alan Devine) could contact other societies to see if any would like to join with the IPDA by sharing information or adopting the same Confidential List policy or sharing names of individuals and firms who are considered not suitable to do business with.

Alan advises that he approached the ADPS Stamp Dealers Society based in the UK which is similar to the IPDA in terms of its size and policies, and activities. The ADPS has been around for more than 45 years although it is not one of the very large societies like the PTS. He has received their reply and the following summarizes their thoughts.

The ADPS generally does not agree that we should jointly publicise lists of names (whether members or non-members) although they will try to publicise the “general types’ of internet fraud etc committed by non-members and publicise these in their Monthly bulletin. We will not have regular access to their Bulletin but we have seen a recent copy.

The ADPS believes that it is best to continue with the existing system of Notification that they use – which is very similar to many other societies, but not including groups like Yahoo or social groups like those in Facebook and Stampboards. The ADPS’s Confidential List policy and rules are a lot like our IPDA policy was before ours was recently simplified.

Their rule is “The lists are strictly private; please do not allow access to them by collectors and non-member dealers”.



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### THE POLITICS OF PRINTING IN STAMP DESIGN AND PRODUCTION

This is an abbreviated extract from material published on a site you may be familiar with and with thanks and acknowledgement of this being their material [The Philatelic Database](#). A site well worth bookmarking.



This article is intended to be a look over a variety of matters dealing with the production of stamps and the subject of the designs. Its principal theme is politics and the relationships between countries. It is a truism that political considerations have affected every stamp issuing country, some more than others.

Nationalism can dictate who is employed to print our stamps. This has meant that for some countries, their stamps have almost exclusively been printed (and designed) in that country.

On independence from colonialism, sub-sidiaries of the former printers are occasionally established in the newly self-governing territory;

Stamp printing and design becomes part and parcel of foreign alliances and aid.

Stamps are issued to promote territorial claims. On occasion these claims have led to war between the claimants. As Denis Altman has noted in his "Paper Ambassadors – The Politics of Stamps" Angus & Robertson 1991

*"Stamps are both a part and a reflection of the creation of national consensus, a symbol of governments' determination to maintain control of postal services and to create certain images of the nation, both at home and abroad. For newly independent governments the issuing of stamps is one of the first available acts to proclaim their sovereignty. Equally, changes in name or political status are often first recorded on stamps. Thus, governments often use stamps to proclaim national unity, to assert their sovereignty over disputed areas or to proclaim state ideology. This is very evident in the early stamps of states that have had to fight to gain their independence. The first stamps of Bangladesh, following the successful revolt against Pakistan in 1971, included images of broken chains, massacres, and calls to support the new nation."*

And then on occasion, stamps have been prepared in one country for use in another, which at the time of initial production, was not in its control. Thus we have the stamps prepared in the United States for issue in Germany, Austria and Italy upon the occupation of each during the war of 1939-1945. The stamps for Germany, inscribed "AM POST DEUTSCHLAND" were firstly printed by typography by the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington. They were issued as the Allies advanced into Germany. Then they were printed by the photogravure process by Harrison and Sons of High Wycombe, England, these being released between 28 August and 19 September. Finally, they were printed by Westermann of Brunswick, Germany, who printed by the lithographic process.

The full article goes on to provide an Alphabetical Country by Country Survey. I have chosen, for reasons of space to present the following. You can read the full article with all the countries referenced at <http://networkedblogs.com/NpoXh>

The source of stamp printing for most of the territories within the Commonwealth continues to be security printing companies in Great Britain. However, in a number of countries, stamp printing is carried out locally. Some of these companies have exported their expertise and printed stamps for other countries. Often there is no obvious geographic or cultural link.



**THE POLITICS OF PRINTING IN STAMP DESIGN AND PRODUCTION**

**Great Britain**

How many stamps issued by Great Britain, the first stamp issuing country, have been printed anywhere but in the United Kingdom.

I suggest that the answer is still what it was in 1995, namely one stamp, the 8p definitive of 1979. (Figure 1)

The only reason for this “aberration” is that demand was so great, part of the contract held by Harrison and Sons had to be farmed out to Johan Enschede en Zonen of Haarlem, Holland.

Some stamps were being designed by eminent foreigners such as Czeslaw Slania – that is when Great Britain wanted to issue a good recess printed stamp rather than its usual photogravure or lithographed variety.



Figures 1A and 1B. The Enschede en Zonen Great Britain 8p printing at left and Harrison at right.

**TENNIS ON STAMPS**

As if Royal Mail don't have enough excuses to issue new stamps right now :-)  
 read [this](#) excellent thread for others thoughts, scroll down a page or two first - we get these to celebrate Andy Murray's Wimbledon Men's Singles Championship. To be issued on 8 August 2013. This will be the first in a new series of Special Stamp issues to honour our most successful sportsmen and women.

On Sunday, 7th July Andy Murray beat the World Number One, Novak Djokovic, in the Men's Singles Lawn Tennis Final at Wimbledon to become the first British male to win the tournament since Fred Perry in 1936

The Miniature Sheet (Olympic style design) will contain four stamps, each featuring a photo of the champion from the final including two in which he is triumphantly holding the coveted trophy. The four stamps are 2 x 1st class and 2 x £1.28 (40g Airmail rate to Europe and the 20g rate to the rest of the world) For more details visit [here](#)  
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**CLOSING REMARKS**

Once more a reminder that **Both General Secretary and the Treasurer positions are up for re-election at the AGM. If any members would like to offer their services and contribute to the IPDA please let the current General Secretary know of your intention and nomination by writing to him at [ipdasecretary@ipdaonline.org](mailto:ipdasecretary@ipdaonline.org)**

Your articles or ideas for articles are always welcome. Best wishes, Michael [michaelatipda@gmail.com](mailto:michaelatipda@gmail.com)