

IPDA Bulletin May, 2018

Promoting the IPDA

During April the IPDA Board prepared material that has now been sent to all Members advising them of a few of the changes that are happening. Perhaps most notable is the communication which advised that

- 1) All current members, and those former members who wish to renew their membership at this time, will receive full member benefits for the entire calendar year 2018, at zero cost. That is correct. The membership fee, normally US \$20 per year, has been waived for this year.

All former members, no matter the reason for not being a member at this time, if they wish to rejoin, need simply to inform the Membership Secretary (Tony Tripi at email: tripi@earthlink.net) of their decision by the end of May, 2018 and they will be reactivated as a member at no cost.

Also, This means that all members of record as of May 30, 2018 will only have their next dues of US \$20 requested in December of 2018 for the calendar year starting January 2019.

- 2) At our recent AGM, a new member, one time, joining fee of US \$10. was approved. This only applies to new, never before, members from this point (May 1, 2018) forward.

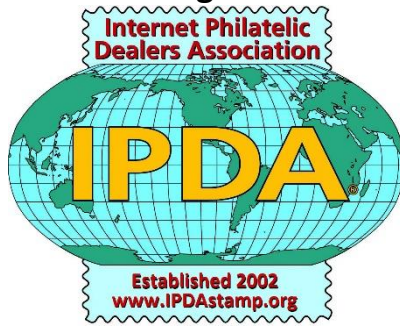
We hope this small fee will encourage Philatelic Dealers, full time and part time, to be able to say they are Members of the IPDA

We acknowledge, it is not the financial sum acquired by membership fees that we are interested in. After all, a US \$20 membership fee is nominal compared to the 10s or 100s of pounds or dollars one has to pay to join some other philatelic organisations. Please use this formation for yourself if you have not already done so, and more importantly please look to your respected dealer colleagues and invite them to join to IPDA.

We believe the IPDA is an Association that is needed in todays philatelic world where, lets be honest, anyone with a few stamps, and an internet connection can sell stamps. Whether a person has any philatelic knowledge or experience is irrelevant. Is this good for the Philatelic community? we think not. Having membership of the IPDA, and agreeing to the IPDA Code of Ethics for example may be seen as a positive step by collectors who, we hope, will use this knowledge to influence who they buy from. Perhaps it will help IPDA Members in their businesses whether they be full time of part time dealers.

Please help us grow the IPDA and make it an Association that is recognised in the philatelic community; one which sellers are proud to be a member of and collectors are confident to but from those seller.

The IPDA Logo



Members may have notice we have made a small change to the IPDA logo. This is to show the IPDA new website in the lower text box. If you wish, and we would encourage you to do so, please ask our General Secretary, Michael Dodd at michaelatipda@gmail.com for a copy of the new jpg file.

And on the subject of the logo please display it on your website to let buyers know you are a Member.

The General Data Protection Regulation

This regulation is coming into effect on 25th May 2018. We are sure many of you will have received numerous emails from all sorts of organisations asking you to agree to receive mailings from them. This is happening because the regulations, as we have read and understood them, requires that people consent to receiving emails from such organisations.

As you know we hold personal information on Members in our database, information you provided when you applied to join the IPDA. Information that includes your email address for example.

First, we want to reassure every Member that we never do and never will share your information with a third party.

Second, we are sending you Quarterly Newsletter and Monthly New Bulletin because you are a Member of the IPDA. As such we do not believe we need you to agree to receive our communications to you.

However, the Regulations state there is a general obligation on organisations to explain to people why personal data is collected and how it will be used. We at the IPDA collect the information on the Application form so we can verify your credentials to become and Member. We do not use it for any reason other than to communicate to you about IPDA activities, such as Newsletters, News Bulletins, AGMs or other IPDA activities.

Also, we do not and will not be showing any data that might be considered private or personal information on any of our website pages. On the old, that is the previous IPDA website we did show some details which today we do not. This is to protect your personal information from being collected. We now only show the URL and name of your website, and perhaps the address of your sales portal and that because it helps promote you as an IPDA Member.

If anyone has any questions about the regulations there are many very good sources on the internet to read about them in abbreviated forms. Or, you can write to our General Secretary, Michael Dodd at michaelatipda@gmail.com with your questions.

Confidential List Officer

Please be aware that the Confidential List is up and running again, with Alan Devine as our CLO. Members will soon receive a set of guidelines to use when dealing with fraudulent and illegal practices or persons whom they believe are unsuitable to do business with. All reports of such behaviour should be sent Confidentially to Alan at this address alan.devine@devalri.com.au " This will ensure privacy for reporters and information will be kept in a secure and private location.