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INC

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Serving the philatelic
community since 2002

About the IPDA

A group of philatelic chatters began having regular meetings around mid 1999 in the old Glassine surfer chat room. Conversations got around to some of the unscrupulous stamp dealers operating on the internet and what could be done to stop them. As a result the IPDA was formed and incorporated on the 23rd February 2002, in NSW Australia. The main intention of the individuals who formed the IPDA was to give stamp collectors confidence when buying from internet based dealers. If a dealer was accredited as a member of the IPDA it was the groups expectation that this would help towards making the internet a safer place to buy and sell stamps.

The vision that the internet would impact dealers and sellers of stamps as well as collectors has turned into today's reality.

There are thousands of sellers across the various internet channels today, and while many are quality professional and part time dealers, there are also many that are casual sellers and individuals with a few stamps to sell who often have limited knowledge of the subject material they are selling.

The IPDA is now a group of full and part time dealers who believe there is a need for an organization to represent them and to endorse them as accredited dealers to the global internet buying community.

Today the IPDA is registered as a non profit organization and incorporated in the state of Florida in the USA and widely known as the IPDA.

IPDA MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the IPDA is open to all part-time and full-time stamp dealers who sell stamps and philatelic material on a web site, an e-auction site or a buy-it-now e-store or, individuals who may be engaged in related philatelic activities, such as online selling of philatelic accessories, and the valuation and / or certification of stamps.

The IPDA welcomes applications from established stamp dealers and part time stamp dealers as well as those qualified individuals who have recently commenced selling stamps.

Please visit www.ipdastamps.com and view the details for qualifications, Fees and the online Application form from the Apply to Join menu.

For new Members there is a USD \$25 Application Fee and a \$25 Membership fee. The membership fee is payable annually. Please do not send any money to the IPDA until you receive notification that your application is successful and you have received payment instructions.

SERVICES for MEMBERS

Please visit the IPDA website at www.ipdastamps.com to read more about the services we offer to Members. The following highlights some of them.

1) The **Newsletter**. This is published monthly to members and also available on the website in the Members Only area. It keeps members informed of philatelic and Association events and news.

2) **Internet Listing & Selling Guidelines**. We have developed a set of guidelines to assist members. They cover various topics and are explained in detail to members in the Members Only Area

3) The **Confidential List**. This is a record of the names and addresses and other pertinent details of individuals and/or businesses who have been reported for using unethical or fraudulent practices. This list is maintained for members only and is updated as required.

4) **Member discounts**. A number of IPDA members offer dealer discounts to fellow IPDA members

5) **Expertising Services**. We have a working relationship with the foremost expertising organisation in Europe - Verband Philatelistischer Prüfer e. V. -VP. IPDA members can request VP services and expect favourable terms because of our relationship

6) **Member Advertising**. We offer members the opportunity to advertise on the website.

7) **Library and Research**. We maintain an online library of philatelic articles and we have members with expertise who can offer research and guidance.

8) **Book Reviews**. We have a section on the web site where we review philatelic books, including books written by members.

9) **Philatelic Terms Translated**. There is an online search and translate function for foreign language philatelic terms.

10) **Social Media**. We use social media channels including Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to promote IPDA activities and the presence of the IPDA in the philatelic community.

11) **APS Affiliate**. We are affiliated with the APS and can benefit from that relationship.

Please read our website, especially the "About Us" and "Services" menus. If you have questions please look at our FAQ page on the "About Us" menu

If you sell stamps and philatelic material on the internet please consider joining us and supporting what we stand for.

