

STAMPA

The Irish National Stamp Exhibition

Competition Regulations

Entry forms must be returned by Monday 10th September, accompanied by the full fee and a copy of the Introductory page. Exhibits sent by post/courier must be received by Tuesday 2nd October. Entries delivered in person must be brought to the conference centre at Griffith College by 12 noon on Thursday 4th October.

There are no Customs formalities for exhibits from within the European Union. Exhibitors from outside the EU must clear Customs. The Exhibits Secretary can recommend a broker, if required.

The trophies and medals will be presented at the Stampa Awards Dinner (*Wynn's Hotel, Lr Abbey Street, Dublin 1*) on Saturday 6th October. Reservations and payment to Stampa, PO Box 12624, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16, Ireland (tickets €35 each) by Thursday 27th September.

We would recommend that exhibitors view the Stampa website for a summary of the regulations in each class and for links to the complete FIP regulations. The rules for the Picture Postcard Class are also on the Stampa website.

Traditional, Postal History, Thematic, Maximaphily, Postal Stationery, Revenue and Aerophilately

Regulations

1. The minimum number of frames per entry is **three**; the maximum is **five**. Three and four frame entries cannot qualify for international exhibitions.
2. Every class, except the Novice, is open to all collectors. All exhibits must have an Introductory page.
3. Competitors may exhibit in more than one class, but only one entry can be submitted in any class.
4. Each frame holds sixteen sheets. *The recommended sheet size is A4 or multiples thereof. Pages exceeding this can be accommodated but will overlap.*
5. The exhibit may comprise postage or revenue, handstruck or adhesive stamps of any country, theme or period, or any material directly relating to philately or postal history.
6. Exhibitors may display their collection under a pseudonym.
7. All items exhibited must be the property of the exhibitor and indications of value should not appear in the exhibit.
8. The entry fee per frame (*minimum three frames*) is Euro 20 (Stg£18, US\$25) for Stampa members and Euro 25 (Stg£22, US\$31) for others.
9. **All pages must be in suitable exhibition protectors** and be mounted on a **minimum of 120gr paper**; otherwise the exhibit cannot be mounted and will be withdrawn.
10. Exhibitors must arrange their own insurance. The Council will take all reasonable care of exhibits left in its charge but disclaims any responsibility for loss or damage howsoever caused.

Open Philately

Regulations

1. Regulations 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 from the main competition will apply.
2. Exhibits must contain at least 50% of philatelic material.
3. They may contain up to 50% of non-philatelic material, which must be original and capable of being mounted in standard exhibition frames (max. 5mm deep).

One Frame

One frame exhibits should be based on **narrow themes**, which, due to their limited subject or available material, are best **developed in one frame only**. An extract of pages from a multi-frame exhibit is NOT acceptable. One frame exhibits may be in any of the following categories – Traditional, Postal History, Thematic, Open Philately, Postal Stationery, Revenue, Aerophilately or Picture Postcards. The category must be indicated on the entry form.

Regulations

1. Regulations 2,3, 5, 6, 7, 9 & 10 from the main competition will apply.
2. Exhibits must not exceed the capacity of one frame (16 pages).
3. The entry should narrate the complete story of the chosen subject.
4. The marking will be on the same basis as the corresponding main category class.
5. The entry fee is Euro 35 (Stg£31, US\$43) for Stampa members and Euro 40 (Stg£34, US\$42) for others. Only one entry permitted, regardless of category.

Literature

1. This class includes all published material concerning postage stamps and postal history, or any specialised fields thereof, provided that the entry is published and printed/ compiled in Ireland, **or**, if not published and printed/compiled in Ireland, that it is concerned mainly with Irish philately or postal history.
2. Handbooks, catalogues, periodicals and articles may be entered. They may also be submitted on CD/DVD.
3. Dates of publication must be no earlier than five years prior to the year of the exhibition. Periodicals are exhibited by complete volume or year.
4. Literature may only be entered by the author, compiler, editor or publisher. Medals will be awarded on the same basis as the other classes.
5. The entry fee is Euro 35 (Stg£31, US\$43) for Stampa members and Euro 40 (Stg£34, US\$42) for others.
6. **Two copies** of each entry (including CDs/DVDs) must be submitted by 10th September, together with the entry form, to allow time for judging. These will not be returned.

Picture Postcard

Regulations

1. Rules 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 from the main competition will apply.
2. In addition, see www.stampa.ie for further regulations and guidelines.

The Novice Competition

This is designed to encourage entries from less experienced competitors and it is recommended that those eligible (Irish residents only) who are entering Stampa for the first time start with this competition. Entries will be judged on presentation, originality, research, general interest and condition and not on the value or rarity of the material.

Regulations

1. Rules 5, 6, 7, 9 & 10 from the main competition will apply.
2. The competition is open to all collectors **resident in Ireland** who have not won an award at national level.
3. Only one exhibit will be accepted per entrant.
4. The entry must have an Introductory page.
5. The entry should consist of 16 A4 sheets or multiples thereof (*one frame*).
6. Certificates will be given to all entrants, with the Gwyn Bennett Trophy being awarded to the overall winner. No medals are awarded in the Novice Competition.
7. The entry fee is Euro 20 (Stg£18).

Awards and Trophies

The following medals may be awarded by the judges, based on compliance with FIP rules. A Vermeil or Gold medal qualifies an exhibit for international philatelic exhibitions.

Gold	85+
Large Vermeil	80 - 84
Vermeil	75 - 79
Large Silver	70 - 74
Silver	65 - 69
Silver-Bronze	60 - 64
Bronze	55 - 59

The following trophies will be awarded, subject to a sufficient standard being attained:

David Feldman Trophy (*Best multi-frame exhibit*)

Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited Trophy (*Irish stamps post 1922 - multi-frame*)

Whyte's Trophy (*Traditional Philately, excluding Ireland - multi-frame*)

FE Dixon Shield (*Postal History - multi-frame*)

Charles O'Neill Memorial Trophy (*Thematic Philately - multi-frame*)

William Kane Trophy (*Aerophilately - multi-frame*)

Federation of Philatelic Societies of Ireland Trophy (*One Frame*)

Michael Giffney Salver (*Open Philately - multi-frame*)

JE Foley Memorial Award (Éire Philatelic Association Medal) (*Best Irish exhibit -any class*)

Gwyn Bennett Trophy (*Novice Competition*)

Remember to complete an entry form and to include your payment and a copy of your Introductory/Plan page