

To the Royal Philatelic Society  
London

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the City of Stockholm I take pleasure in cordially inviting The International Celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Philatelic Society London to Stockholm in 2019.

Stockholm is built on fourteen islands with surrounding water so clean that one can even go for a swim in the summertime in the city centre and go fishing just outside the Royal Palace. The landscape, and the unique archipelago of 30 000 islands, offers numerous excursions to all visitors. With its well-preserved medieval city centre, royal palaces and impressive monuments, Stockholm is considered to be of great beauty and historical interest. Culture, entertainment and restaurants abound catering all tastes.

Stockholm is the fastest growing city in Western Europe. We are building 140 000 new homes in less than twenty years, tens of thousands of which will be in green housing areas. The next generation's eco housing district, the Stockholm Royal Sea Port, is currently being developed in a former industrial port area using innovative green technology. The area will be fossil fuel free by 2030. Stockholm's deep commitment to sustainable urban development was awarded in 2010 by the European Commission, when the city was designated the first European Green Capital for its ambitious environmental work.

As Northern Europe's leading growth region, Stockholm is characterized by a highly innovative and knowledge-intensive climate. Among other things, the city promotes entrepreneurship through Start-up Stockholm, a centre for innovation consultancy, where free counselling is offered by professional advisors. Thanks to Kista Science City, one of the world's leading ICT clusters, Stockholm has become an international centre for wireless technology, broadband and mobile applications.

In the world of science, medicine and literature, Stockholm is associated with Alfred Nobel and the Nobel Prize. The City Hall of Stockholm, site of the annual Nobel Prize Award festivities, often hosts receptions of international conventions.

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On behalf of the City of Stockholm we wish to announce our full support and welcome you to organize the International Celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Philatelic Society London in the Swedish capital. We are happy to assist you in turning the congress into a success. We are confident that Stockholm will measure up to your highest expectations and sincerely hope that you will allow our city the privilege and pleasure of receiving you here in 2019.

Sincerely yours,



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