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**STOCKHOLMIA 2019 – a hugely successful stamp exhibition**

At 3pm on 2 June 2019, the STOCKHOLMIA 2019 exhibition closed its doors after six days filled with philatelic pleasures starting with a vernissage on 28 May 2019, which attracted more than 1.400 visitors who were welcomed by RPSL President Patrick Maselis and Exhibition Manager Jonas Hällström.

The following day, His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf officially opened the exhibition.

Visitors to the exhibition were treated to more than 2.000 frames of philatelic treasures, an enormous smorgasbord of 200 lectures and seminars, a number of congresses and the customary banquets and other social events. The vision was to create new concepts for stamp exhibitions and this target certainly was achieved.

The quality of the exhibits was incredibly high; the international jury awarded no less than 70 Large Gold and 96 Gold medals.

The treasures on display included a 12-frame exhibit from the Royal Collection graciously provided by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Count Gustaf Douglas showed his outstanding collection of classic Sweden; it includes the legendary Three Skilling Banco yellow error of colour stamp.

Philatelic literature played a large role in this exhibition and there were numerous book releases on a daily basis. The STOCKHOLMIA Library Reading Room made it possible for visitors to acquaint themselves with the many books, which had been entered in the exhibition.

The participating stamp dealers told about excellent business, some reported the best sales for 15 years, and they were all very pleased with the way everything had been arranged.

The total number of registered visitors amounted to 7.832 from no less than 51 different countries.

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On behalf of The Royal Philatelic Society London and the STOCKHOLMIA 2019 Management Team, I would like express my gratitude to all editors who have published information about the exhibition.

More information about the exhibition and other related activities can be obtained at the website: [www.stockholmia2019.se](http://www.stockholmia2019.se).

A press package of photos is available at the above web page.

Suitable illustrations including the handstamps can be downloaded from [www.stockholmia.2019](http://www.stockholmia.2019).se/information.html#images\_photos.

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