**PRESS RELEASE**



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**H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden**

**Patron of STOCKHOLMIA 2019**

The Royal Philatelic Society London, established in 1869 as The Philatelic Society, London, is the oldest philatelic society in the world. In 2019, The Society celebrates its 150th Anniversary. As part of this special occasion, the Society will be joining its members and friends from around the world at the 'STOCKHOLMIA 2019' international philatelic exhibition in Stockholm, Sweden from 29 May to 2 June.

The Royal Philatelic Society London became 'Royal' when His Majesty King Edward VII granted the privilege in 1906, ten years after his son, HRH The Duke of York, became President of the Society. As Prince of Wales, he became King George V in 1910 and continued to act as our Patron, then in 1924 he granted the Society permission to use the Royal Arms on its stationery and publications. This patronage has been continued to the present day by Her Majesty The Queen.

At the international launch of STOCKHOLMIA 2019, taking place in New York today on 30 May in conjunction with 'World Stamp Show NY 2016', it was announced that H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden has graciously agreed be the Patron of STOCKHOLMIA 2019 when it takes place in Stockholm from 29 May to 2 June 2019.

At the same time the exhibition’s website was opened: [www.stockholmia2019.se](http://www.stockholmia2019.se).

**Files attached:**

* ‘Press release New York 30 May 2016’
* STOCKHOLMIA logotype
* ‘Image of H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf’ Photo: Anna-Lena Ahlström royalcourt.se

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