

ABPS Awards Committee

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ABPS AWARDS - CONGRESS MEDAL AND AWARDS OF MERIT 2009

CONGRESS MEDAL

FRANK N. SOUTAR, FRPSL, OF LARBERT, SCOTLAND

This year the Congress Medal has been awarded to Frank N. Soutar of Larbert, Scotland, for his service to philately at UK and National level. Frank has always been interested in encouraging children to collect stamps and he worked as a member of the National Youth Stamp Committee holding seminars and discussions to improve youth activities. .

Frank was appointed in 1998 Chairman of the ABPS Public Relations Committee a post he held for six years, he was also appointed a qualified Youth Judge and in 2000 assisted at the STAMP SHOW 2000 at the Information Centre and the Bin Room. He was made an Honorary Life Vice-President of the ABPS. Frank has been the Delegate to the Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies for the Falkirk and District PS and helped when this Society hosted the Annual ASPS Congress. He has given presentations to groups such as Youth Clubs, Age Concern, Womens' Guilds and others. Frank has promoted the hobby of stamp collecting by visiting numerous schools and was made Youth Officer for the ASPS and covered a vast area. In 2000 he was awarded the Alex McConnell Memorial Medal in recognition of his Youth Work.

Frank was a founding member of the Railway Staff Association for Scotland Philatelic Society, a founder member of the Edinburgh Stamp Group, serving on the Committee for eight years, being Chairman in 2003-04. He acted as Secretary of the Falkirk and District PS for 2 years and has been President on two occasions, as well as a Committee member for fifteen years. He is an accredited judge at Federation level and serves on the jury for the annual exhibition. He is a Past President of the Scottish PS and the Alba Stamp Group.

Frank collects Finland and the Aaland Islands as well as a thematic collection on ships, entitled "The Life and Times of Gustaf Erikson". and he has given presentations of them around the United Kingdom. The ABPS Congress Medal will be presented to Frank at the Centenary Congress in July at Manchester.

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AWARD OF MERIT

The following have been awarded the ABPS Award of Merit for 2009

David Beddoes	Thattham and District Philatelic Society
Peter Mellor	National Philatelic Society
John M.H.Parkin	North West Federation of Philatelic Societies
Reg Rhodes	Thattham and District Philatelic Society
Bryan Riches	Germany and Colonies Philatelic Society
Dennis Rosser	North West Federation of Philatelic Societies
Roy Summers	Midland Philatelic Federation