



The PHILATELIC REVIEW

The Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California
And Federation Reporter
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SESCAL coming Oct. 3-5

Two auctions, philatelic and literature exhibits and a large dealers' bourse — not to mention the annual meetings of the United Nations Philatelists and Sports Philatelists International — are on the calendar for this year's 59th annual SESCAL, the Stamp Exhibition of Southern California, sponsored by the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California.

The show will be at the LAX Radisson Hotel (see the In brief box in column 3).

The two auctions will be conducted by longtime SESCAL regular Michael Rogers.

The first will be Portugal & Colonies, Public Auction WW 17, on Saturday at 3 p.m., marking the 150th anniversary of the first Portuguese postage stamps.

The 460-lot auction will feature Portugal and Colonies and include stamps, covers, proofs, specimens and specialized

postal history, along with collections and dealer job lots.

The second will be China and Asia, Public Auction 94, on Sunday at 11 a.m. The 1,000-lot auction will be one of the firm's largest, most varied China-Asia public auctions in many years. It includes outstanding material from Shanghai, Treaty Ports and Classic China, along with specialized U.S. Offices in China and Japanese Occupation of Burma. There is also a World War I Prisoner of War collection, plus Japan and Korea. Specialists will enjoy the Straits Settlements, Thailand, Tibet and Vietnam material.

Catalogs for the auctions should be available by the time this newsletter arrives. Contact Michael Rogers Inc., 199 E. Welbourne Ave., Suite 3, Winter Park, FL 32789-4324; phone 800-843-3751 or 407-644-2290; fax: 407-645-4434; e-mail: mrogersinc@aol.com.

In brief

What: The 59th Annual Stamp Exhibition of Southern California, sponsored by the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California.

When: Oct. 3-5, 2003. Friday — 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Where: Radisson at LAX, 6225 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

Admission: Free. Parking is validated

The company's Web site is www.michaelrogersinc.com.

Lots will be available for viewing at the company's booth

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NEXT FEDERATION MEETING

The next Federation meeting will be at 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, during SESCAL at the LAX Radisson Hotel, 6225 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles. Check the list of meetings at the show to determine the specific room.

About us

The Philatelic Review is published three times a year by The Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California.

The SESCAL Web site, which also includes information about the Federation and a list of member clubs, is at www.sescal.org

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at SESCAL on Friday and Saturday of the show.

SESCAL is an APS World Series of Philately exhibitions. The 2003 Grand Award winner is eligible to compete in the APS Champion of Champions exhibition at Stampshow 2004, Aug. 12-15, in Sacramento.

Information on the two societies holding their annual conventions at SESCAL is taken from their respective Web sites, which are linked to the SESCAL site.

Sports Philatelists International

Since 1964, Sports Philatelists International (SPI) has served the needs of both novice and experienced Olympic and sport stamp collectors throughout the world. SPI is a member of the American Philatelic Society, the American Topical Association and is the United States member of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie.

SPI is concerned with an area of stamp collecting called thematic or topical philately. As more and more stamps are issued and the prices of the older material rise to unknown heights, it is increasingly difficult to "complete" a collection. Collectors looking for ways to put boundaries on their collections frequently decide to collect by topics. A collector chooses a subject of interest and looks for philatelic material illustrating the chosen subject. For SPI members their chosen topic is sports-related.

Every member of SPI receives a subscription to the quarterly Journal of Sports Philately (JSP). In addition to this journal, SPI conducts a quarterly mail auction of philatelic items.

The society sponsors a Best-of-Show award to encourage the exhibiting of sport thematic material at local, regional and national exhibitions. All members receive a membership handbook every two years to promote correspondence between collectors with similar topical interests. E-mail addresses are included.

SPI is a diverse and international organization. Members come from 38 countries and have interests in 72 sports and 31 Olympic sub-topics.

United Nations Philatelists

The United Nations Philatelists Inc. is an organization of philatelists devoted to the collection, study and exhibition of the issues of the United Nations Postal Administration, the postal history of the United Nations, the issues and postal history of its branches, specialized agencies and forerunners, as well as the worldwide topical issues that call attention to the United Nations, its agencies and programs.

Exhibits

Preliminary information on the philatelic and literature exhibits can be checked at the SESCAL Web site.

The hotel

The Radisson Hotel at LAX has been completely renovated. The SESCAL venue is the hotel's 14,000 square-foot ballroom.

The SESCAL 2003 room rate is \$89 per night, single or double occupancy. One- and two-bedroom suites are also available. Reservations may be made by calling the Radisson at LAX directly at (310) 670-9000, or by downloading the reservation form from the SESCAL Web site to print out and mail or fax to the hotel at (310) 337-6555.

Minutes of the
**Federated Philatelic Clubs
 of Southern California**

Meeting of June 14, 2003

The meeting of the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California was held June 14, 2003, at the home of Louise Christian in Fullerton, Calif. The meeting commenced at 1 p.m.

Ten members present, and a quorum was deemed met. The pledge to our flag began the meeting. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted. The SESCAL committee report was presented. The APS and Michael Rogers, the most respected auction house, will help the committee with labels and possible mailing costs. A good increase in the literature part of

SESCAL was mentioned; many new stamp periodicals and journals will be in competition and displayed come the big show Oct. 2-5, 2003.

The Radisson is accepting reservations at a special rate of \$89 per day for the SESCAL show. Check the official web site (www.sescal.org) for more information. It was further mentioned that the Web page www.sescal.com, is not our official site. The Federation directed the president-elect of the organization to contact our Historian, Winand Hess, to return all Federation and SESCAL material as soon as possible.

The Federation, with regret, accepted the resignation of Kenneth Weber, vice president. We wish him well in his future endeavors. The President has been directed to appoint a committee to recommend a slate of candidates for vacant and/or expired positions of the Federation, by the next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, at the Radisson Hotel LAX Airport, during the 59th Annual Stamp Exhibition of Southern California.

**Submitted
 President-Elect William
 O'Connor
 Saturday, June 14, 2003**

From the SESCAL chairman

Two auctions and more coming this year

By Wallace Craig

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SESCAL is moving along. We will be mailing around 5,000 cards to advertise so people will know about this great show. We are lucky to have the

United Nations Philatelists and Sports Philatelists International with us this year.

We will have a great auction of Portugal and Colonies on Saturday and one on Asia on Sunday by Michael Rogers.

Our Web site is made by Bob de Violini, who has made our site as great as it is.

Our Web site is www.SESCAL.org, where you should look for the greatest show on the West Coast.

Editor's corner

Be careful out there ...

If you're a regular user of eBay, PayPal or any number of other Web sites that might have legitimate reason to take money from you be careful about responding to what appear to be official requests for such information as your bank account number, Social Security number and other similar information.

The latest Internet scam involves people faking e-mail from sites where you do business, saying that somehow your account information has been lost or jumbled and asking you to click on a link in the message to re-enter the needed information.

The Web site you reach also looks official and has all the proper logos — until you check the URL and note that it doesn't exactly match any of the URLs you've ever used to go to the site.

Both eBay and PayPal emphasize that they'll never ask for personal financial information by e-mail and that you should ignore such requests that arrive in your e-mail.

In fact, the scam has become so prevalent that both companies have pop-up warnings on the real Web pages that give similar warnings.

Both companies also want to

know about such e-mail, too. Check the help or search functions on the Web page to find the best way to contact the proper person.

Despite the scams, eBay is still one of the most popular spots on the Web to buy stamps and other philatelic material, even though many people still don't like it.

The site is so popular that it and the American Philatelic Society are creating a partnership to assist with expertising and general stamp collecting problems.

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