



ENZO DIENA TO RECEIVE 1978 A. F. LICHTENSTEIN MEMORIAL AWARD

One of the most illustrious awards that can be bestowed in the realm of philately, the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award, is presented annually to a philatelist of world-wide renown. Each year beginning with 1952 previous award winners have gathered to nominate a new and worthy recipient for this signal honor. That nomination is presented to the Board of Governors of the club to be voted upon for final approval. Such a nomination was acted upon by the Board at its December meeting. There, by a unanimous vote, Enzo Diena, the distinguished Italian philatelist became the 1978 recipient of this coveted award.

A profound student with a deep knowledge in his chosen field of endeavor, Mr. Diena comes from a famous philatelic family. His grandfather was the unforgettable Emilio Diena and his father was the well-known expert Alberto Diena. He has been actively involved with the hobby for most of his 51 years. His first attempt at philatelic writing was a tribute to Franklin Delano Roosevelt as a philatelist, written soon after the President's death in 1945. The following year he took over the editorship of "Italia Filatelica," a position he retained until 1961 long after it had merged with "Il Collezionista."

Over the years, Mr. Diena has pro-

duced many articles dealing with the philately of Italy. Especially notable were those on the follow-up of the 1863 regular issue of Italy, the outstanding varieties of Italian Libya, the "first days" of the stamps of the Italian States and his study of the relative scarcity of the top values in every issue of the Italian States. He has also contributed regular information on the technical aspects of Italian new issues.

Mr. Diena has lent his expertise to many other editorial works, serving as editor of the first three editions of the Bolaffi Catalogue. He also edited its English language edition dealing with the issues of the Pontifical states and Vatican City.

Enzo Diena exhibited at The Collectors Club in 1969. The subject of that interesting display was "Watermarks and Perforations of Italian stamps." As a collector, he continues to improve the holdings first amassed by his grandfather and then by his father. Currently, he is concentrating on the various special uses of the stamps of Sardinia between 1859 and 1861 during the turmoil that attended the welding of the Italian States into a unified Italy and on the postmarks and cancellations of the Kingdom of Naples. He is also deeply interested in the issues of the Roman States, and early last year he helped organize in Rome a comprehensive exhibition of those stamps.

Well-known in international circles, he has attended practically every outstanding philatelic exhibition since 1959 both as secretary or member of the jury. He is quite active in organized philately. He is the president of the International Association of Catalogue Publishers (ASCAT), a member of the Executive Committee of the International Federation of Philately (FIP), a member of the board of the

International Association of Philatelic Experts (AIEP). He is a member of the Directing Committee of the Italian Federation of Philatelic Societies and a member of several non-Italian clubs such as The Collectors Club, the Royal Philatelic Society, London (of which he is a Fellow), the Berliner Philatelisten-Klub of 1888, etc.

A professional philatelic expert, Mr. Diena took over the family expertizing service in 1976 that Emilio Diena had started before the turn of the century and which Alberto and Mario had carried on

since 1941. His chief specialty, of course, lies in the Italian area. His advice is also sought after by the Italian Post Office and by the Italian State Printing Works to which he has been a consultant since 1952.

Mr. Diena signed the "Roll of Distinguished Philatelists" at Blackpool in 1977. A graduate in law from Rome State University, he achieved his doctorate with a thesis in International Law as related to the Universal Postal Union. He resides in Rome, is married and has two sons. His new honor is well deserved.

1979 PROGRAM AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| March 7 | — <i>PERU 1857-1862</i> —Dr. Norman S. Hubbard, Oyster Bay, N. Y. |
| March 21 | — <i>CZECHOSLOVAKIA</i> —Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr., Chicago, Ill. |
| April 4 | — <i>MONTENEGRO</i> —Harry Sutherland, Toronto, Canada. |
| April 18 | — <i>AMERICAN MACHINE CO. FLAGS</i> —George T. Turner, Washington, D. C. |
| May 2 | — <i>RUSSIAN RURAL STAMPS—ZEMSTVOS</i> —Jacques Marcovitch, Rego Park, N. Y. |
| May 9 | — <i>ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER</i> . |
| May 16 | — <i>TOPICAL COLLECTING TODAY</i> —George T. Guzzio, Brooklyn, N. Y. |
| June 6 | — <i>HOSTER CANCELLATIONS OF ENGLAND AND GERMANY</i> —Abbot Lutz, New York, N. Y. |

SUMMER RECESS

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| September 12 | — <i>BRAZIL. THE 1894-1906 ISSUES</i> —John Fosbery, Newton Abbot, Devon, Great Britain. |
| October 3 | — <i>THE SAGA OF THE C. C. N. A</i> —Alex Rendon, New York, N. Y. |
| October 17 | — <i>LOOKING AT THE ITALIAN RESORGI-MENTO THROUGH PHILATELIC EYES</i> —Dr. Enzo Diena, Rome, Italy. |
| November 7 | — <i>NEW ZEALAND 1855-1873</i> —Robert P. Odenweller, Bernardsville, N. J. |
| November 14 | — <i>SWEDEN. THE "SKILLING BANCO" IS-SUE</i> —Tomas Bjaringer, Stockholm, Sweden and Lauson H. Stone, Brooklyn, N. Y. |
| December 5 | — <i>TALES OF THE MISSISSIPPI</i> —Harvey Warm, New York, N. Y. |
| December 19 | — <i>BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S OPEN HOUSE</i> |