

# *Dr. Alan K. Huggins to Receive 1994 Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award*



Since its inception in 1952, the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to Philately has been regarded as one of the highest honors in the world of philately. Previous recipients comprise the committee that annually nominates and selects, from among many highly qualified philatelists, the candidate who is to be recommended to the Board of Governors for final approval. The committee's choice for 1994, Dr. Alan K. Huggins, of Watford, England, was unanimously accepted by the Board at its November meeting. Dr. Huggins will receive the award at the Annual Awards Banquet, which will be held at the Yale Club on May 18, 1994. As is the case with so many of the Award recipients who precede him, Dr. Huggins has been an exceptionally active participant in a very wide range of philatelic activities. Few philatelists can rival his achievements as exhibitor, writer, judge, and administrator.

Not long after he began collecting, more than 50 years ago, Dr. Huggins decided to concentrate on postal stationery. Since then, he has won international gold medals or higher with five different exhibits.

Two of these, the "Embossed Postal Stationery of Great Britain," and "Prestamped Postcards of 1870-1901," each received a gold medal with special prize recognizing the quality of the material shown. At the next level, international large gold medals have been awarded to two additional exhibits, "The Postal Stationery of King Edward VII," and "British Levant Postal Stationery." Nevertheless, the exhibit with which he is most closely associated is his magnificent "Origin, Evolution and Usage of Early British Postal Stationery," which has received the necessary three large gold medals that 'promoted' it to the F.I.P. Championship class in 1984.

As stated at the outset, Dr. Huggins' success as an exhibitor is only one of the many of his achievements. Not only has he published over 100 articles, primarily concerned with postal stationery, but his philatelic writing includes three books: *British Postal Stationery* (1970), the *De La Rue Punchbook* (1979), and with Marcus Samuel, *British Specimen Stamps and Postal Stationery* (1980) for which he received the Crawford Medal, the highest honor for literature of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

It is possible that his proclivity for writing springs from his profession. Dr. Huggins was trained as a biochemist, receiving his doctorate from Kings College Hospital Medical School, after which he served in various academic and administrative positions, ranging from lecturer to his present position as Director of Administrative Services, University College London. In this professional capacity he has published over 50 scientific research papers covering an impressive range of subjects.

As an international judge, Dr. Huggins has served on the jury of more than 14 F.I.P. exhibitions, not just as a jury member, but often with the additional responsibility of secretary of the jury or team leader. This is particularly notable, as few judges have served on more than ten international juries and fewer still have done so prior to reaching the age of 60.

Dr. Huggins' achievements in administrative work provide a final dimension to this well-rounded philatelist. On the national scene he has served as president of the Great Britain Philatelic Society, and the Royal Philatelic Society, London. He served for 13 years on the Post Office Advisory Committee, and is currently chairman of the Postal Stationery Society and the British Philatelic Trust. In the decennial event of British philately, Dr. Huggins served as chairman of the philatelic committee for London 1980 and as chairman of Stamp World London 1990.

Of course, many of his national involvements have had an impact on the international level as well. Dr. Huggins was the British delegate to all F.I.P. exhibitions in the 1980s and was elected president of the F.I.P. Postal Stationery commission in 1990. In the late 1980s he was actively involved in setting up the Federation of European Philatelic Associations (FEPA), for which he served as chairman for four years, and is now Honorary President.



His efforts have been recognized by a number of honors over the years. Dr. Huggins was made a Fellow of the Royal in 1974, and has been named both Membre Correspondant Etranger L'Academie de Philatelie de Belgique and Membre Correspondant Etranger L'Academie de Philatelie de France. In 1983 he received the highest philatelic honor given by the British Philatelic Federation, which is considered to be one of the very highest in the world, when he was invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. As a point of interest, all but ten of the previous recipients of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award have signed the Roll.

In the depth of his achievement within each of his many diverse philatelic interests, Dr. Alan K. Huggins is both an ideal and a popular choice for the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award.

*Robert P. Odenweller*

### **New Members Admitted**

The following new members were admitted at the meeting of the Board of Governors indicated.

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Allan L. Katz, *New Jersey*

H. Austin Miller, Jr., *Washington*

Miklos Pinther, *New Jersey*

Terry L. Schaffer, *New Jersey*

Pamela Vogt, *California*

Borje Wallberg, *Sweden*

Maureen F. Grady, *New York*

Constantin Mattheos, *Greece*

Mrs. Jane Moubray, *UK*

Pavel Pitterman, *Czech Republic*

Alfred E. Staubus, *Ohio*

Lawrence E. Volovski III, *Connecticut*

Richard S. Wolfeld, *New York*

#### **January 24, 1994**

Lawrence LeBel, *Connecticut*

Robert C. Stendel, *Illinois*

David You Lu, *P.R. China*

Ronald F. Umile, *California*

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Paul F. Beaver