

## Paul H. Jensen

1996 Recipient of

### The Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award

Paul H. Jensen has long been active in a wide range of philatelic endeavors internationally, and is particularly well known for his efforts on behalf of exhibiting and judging postal history. His many achievements show a well-rounded participation in exhibiting and writing, along with a deep involvement in the administrative side of the hobby, especially in Norway, giving him a rare breadth of achievement.

Shortly after graduating from business school, he worked for Norway's Olympic Committee on the 1952 Winter Games, and then joined the family's printing and office

supplies business, where he served as president for 21 years and still participates as advisory vice president. He served for eight years as a member of the board of the Norway Standards Commission.

As with so many major philatelists, he started as a youth, but has remained involved and interested in youth philately ever since. Active in the Oslo Philatelic Society, he was vice president for two years. He has served on the board of the Federation of Norwegian Philatelists since 1977, with four years as vice president and six years as president. He also served for six years as chairman of the Federation's Exhibitions and Jury Commission. Paul has been very active as an organizer of major exhibitions, having served as a member of the management committee for virtually every national or Nordic exhibition since 1972. He was vice president of Norwex 80 (F.I.P. world exhibition), and is now secretary general of the F.I.P. specialized world exhibition, Norwex 97.

For many years, Paul has been directly responsible for the development of postal history, from its earliest days, when it was newly created more to find a home for pre-stamp covers, to its present status as a major force in philately. To this end he first joined the F.I.P. Commission for Postal History in 1974, becoming vice president in 1981, and taking over as president from 1986 to date. He plans to "retire" as president at the Istanbul F.I.P. Congress later this year. As president, he



guided the development of the judging guidelines for the Commission and has greatly helped to standardize the rules and their application by judges. Since 1978 he has been the delegate to F.I.P. Congresses, and has judged more than twenty exhibitions since then, usually as section leader. Paul's lecturing is much sought after, and he has given talks on postal history in many places, with some close to home including Ameripex 86 and a postal history seminar in Florex 91.

As an exhibitor, Paul has concentrated on some lesser known areas with fine results. His exhibit of Cook Islands received a large gold at Brasiliana 93, and Czechoslovak postal history to 1850 (*sic!*) has received several F.I.P. gold medals. He has also exhibited Norwegian postal stationery and revenues, qualifying also as a judge with the former. His other collecting interests include Canada, USA, Austria, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, and Iceland.

As a writer, he has provided articles on postal history to several publications. He has been actively involved in the production of a number of books and has been a contributor to catalogues on Norwegian postal history and revenues. He was co-author, with Patrick Pearson and Robert Odenweller, of the *F.I.P. Guide to Exhibiting and Judging Traditional and Postal History Exhibits*.

Paul Jensen has been honored for his contributions to philately in many ways, including the Silver Lion of Norway (1981) and the Anderssen-Dethloff Medal (Norway) in 1991. Farther afield, he has received the K.P.K. medal (Denmark). He has been a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, since 1978, and was awarded its Tapling Medal in 1994. He signed the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 1988, and has now been named the 1996 recipient of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award, capping a very broad and selfless lifetime of devotion to so many areas of philately.

*R. P. Odenweller*

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## New Members Admitted

The following new members were admitted at the meeting of the Board of Governors on December 20, 1995:

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Richard Malmgren, *Hawaii*  
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Mark W. Stucker, *Oregon*  
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