Harry Sutherland, QC, RDP, FRPSL (Hon.), FRPSC – Recipient of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for 2002



Harry Sutherland's exceptional service to philately has been recognized by the Board of Governors in selecting him to be the 2002 recipient of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award. A resident in Toronto, Canada, Mr. Sutherland was for many years Queen's Counsel, the highest level in Canada's legal profession. In spite of those professional demands, he has always seemed able to find time to be associated with virtually every major philatelic activity, both in Canada and on the international scene.

He has been active, and some say his name is synonymous, with the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, having served in many offices, including president (1967-78). Other functions have been on the Board of Directors, also serving as Board Secretary, Arbitration Committee Chairman, Director of International Affairs, and as Canadian delegate to FI.P. congresses. In these latter functions, he has served as a very active delegate to the FI.P. Commission for Traditional Philately, has been a judge at many FI.P. exhibitions, and served as an FI.P. Director from 1976 to 1981.

On a more international level, Mr. Sutherland was a director of the British North American Philatelic Society (BNAPS). His involvement with the Federation of Inter-American Philately (FI.A.F.) is also long ranging, having served as vice president in 1974, acting president in 1975, and treasurer from 1996 to date.

As a philatelic expert, he has been closely connected with the Vincent Graves Greene Foundation, both as vice chairman and expert committee secretary. This is particularly notable, as "Vinnie" Greene, the 1964 recipient of the Lichtenstein Award, and Harry were frequent travel companions, touring the best restaurants of Europe whenever an opportunity presented itself.

Harry's organizational talents have contributed to five major shows in Canada: as vice chairman of the Capex shows of 1978, 1987, and 1996, and in the same capacity in the international youth shows Canada '82 and Canada '92. Few others on the international scene can claim similar involvement.

He has been a member of the Collectors Club since 1953, and as he approaches fifty years of membership, there are only four overseas members of the twenty-eight living members who joined before him, including William H.P. Maresch, who proposed him for membership. Harry has spoken at the Club, showing his Montenegro, which gained a gold medal at the international level. His other interests include Chinese Treaty Ports, including Shanghai, for which he also received felicitations of the jury. He has written on both subjects for various journals, including the *Canadian Philatelist* and the *Jugoslav Collector*.

All of this activity over so long a philatelically active life has gained Mr. Sutherland many recognitions. A member and Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society since 1958, he was accorded the rare honor, achieved by only a handful of others, of Honorary Fellow two years ago. Of the other "Royal Philatelic Societies," fellowship is a seldom bestowed honor. Harry achieved "double fellowship" when he was made a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. In 1990, he also received the F.I.A.F. Medal for Meritorious Service to Philately in the American Hemisphere.

The ultimate recognition in philately is generally recognized as being selected to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. Not only did Mr. Sutherland sign in 1991, he has been a member of the Board of Election to the Roll since 2000.

Harry Sutherland's long and distinguished philatelic career has justly earned him the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Award.

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World and International Exhibitions

Aug. 2-11, 2002	KOREA 2002	Seoul
Aug. 30-Sept. 3, 2002	AMPHILEX 2002 *	Amsterdam
Oct. 6-12, 2002	ESPANA 2002 (Youth) **	Salamanaca
Oct. 22-29, 2002	CYPRUS-Europhilex*	Nicosia
2003	St. Petersburg '03	St. Petersburg
Oct. 2003	BANGKOK '03	Bangkok
Sept. 2004	WORLD STAMP	Singapore
——— 2004	ESPANA 2004	Barcelona
2005	AUSTRALIA 05	not yet known
Aug./Sept. 2005	SUECIA 05	not yet determined
——— 2006	YOUTH 2006	Brussels
May 27-June 3, 2006	WASHINGTON 06	Washington, D.C.

*Recognition **Specialized World

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