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PRESS RELEASE

King Charles III accepts Patronage of the ‘Royal’

The Royal Philatelic Society London is honoured to announce that HM King Charles III ‘would be delighted to accept the Patronage of the Royal Philatelic Society’.

The Society was granted the right to use the prefix ‘Royal’ by King Edward VII in 1906; following his accession in 1910, King George V became Patron. During the time that Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was Patron, she twice visited the Society: to mark the Society’s Centenary in 1969, and to open its new home at 15 Abchurch Lane, in the City of London, in 2019.

The Society meets on a Thursday every two weeks from September to June. The first meeting of each season is traditionally a display from the Royal Philatelic Collection.

The displays presented to the Society at its meeting on 30 May showcased some of the finest collections from collectors in Luxembourg, brought together for the occasion by Lars Böttger. As Bill Hedley FRPSL, giving the Vote of Thanks, explained: Luxembourg is very active philatelically and, despite a population of only just over 650,000, manages to stage many regional exhibitions and plays a key role internationally.

Among the material shown was a study of the first issue of Luxembourg of 1852, mail from the small town of Wiltz in the northern region of the country, and the fascinating background to the issue to mark the birth of HRH Princess Elisabeth of Luxembourg on 22 December 1922, the world’s first miniature sheet.

The Society’s President, Michael Roberts FRPSL, offered his own congratulations and appreciation for what had been a most comprehensive display.

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Michael Roberts FRPSL, President of the Royal Philatelic Society London (left), presents the Society's certificate to Lars Böttger.

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