

# Open Philately

What you need to know to judge and guide exhibitors

# Background

- Open Philately is recognised as a discipline at the FIP Congress 2012 in Jakarta
- Motion at FIP Congress 9 August 2022 to establish a Commission for Open Philately
- Working Group established to prepare documentation for a Commission under the chairmanship of Peter Suhadolc to report to the FIP Congress in Seoul in 2024 (Seoul now delayed)
- WG has forwarded their recommendations to FIP but they won't get in front of an FIP Congress until 2026

# The Basics

- Open Philately seeks to broaden the range of exhibiting and to allow philatelists to **include objects from other collecting fields** in support of, and in order to develop, an understanding of the philatelic material shown.
- It provides an opportunity to present the range of research undertaken by **showing the philatelic material in its cultural, social, industrial, commercial, or other context** and to show wider and deeper knowledge of the topic.

# The Basics

- Exhibits may be planned **chronologically, geographically, or any other way** that the exhibitor may feel appropriate to employ.
- Title page should still share a purpose (or scope), plan, personal research statement, rarity statement, and bibliography
- The philatelic items must be described in the **proper philatelic terms**, as they would have been in a similar TR, PH, TH or any other exhibit.
- The non-philatelic items must be **described and be relevant and assist the development** of the exhibit.

# The Basics (applies to all exhibits)

- The text should be unemotive; words like “*amazing*”, “*wonderful*”, “*excellent*” and “*outstanding*” should be tempered in your written text
- The same applies to item descriptions; some exhibitors use the description from the auction catalogue with terminology like “*an outstanding example*”, “*extraordinarily rare*” etc or they put the catalogue value into their description
- In describing rarity have a source that you mention on your title page to validate your “*one of only three recorded*” – it may not be a book or catalogue but could be a census (published or otherwise) or some simple maths.
  - and have a look on ebay to see how many of them are available for purchase

# Material

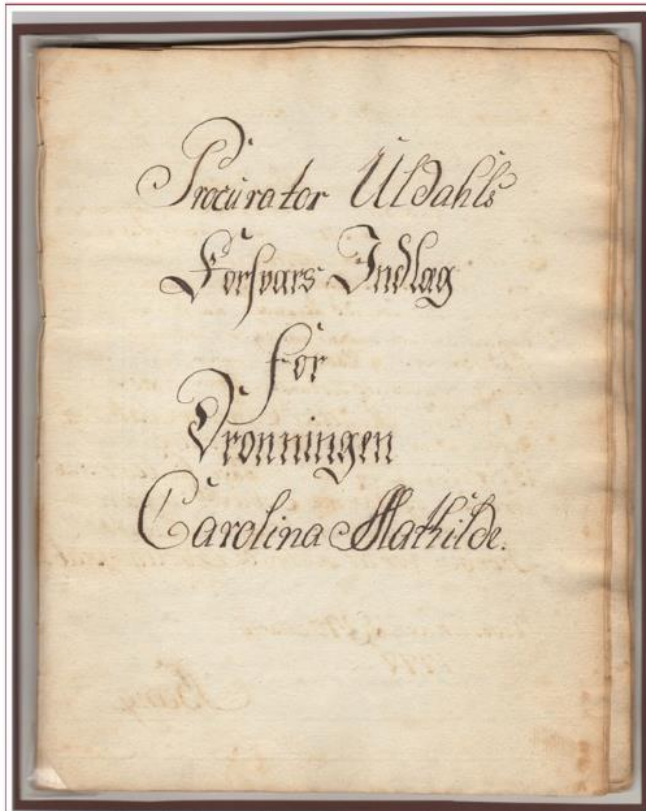
Open Philately exhibits may include:

- All types of philatelic material included in all other exhibiting categories (see SREV's).
- Non-philatelic material may include all types of items, excluding dangerous and prohibited material.
- Non-philatelic items must be relevant to the chosen subject and serve to illustrate it.

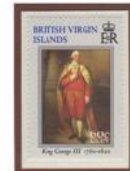
Options: trading cards, original (contemporary) photos, badges, medals, paybooks, ID cards, notices, cigarette packets, matchbook labels, epaulettes, tickets, advertising brochures, beer mats, packaging material, phone cards, newspaper clippings, book covers, coins and a raft of other items

# Material (Range)

CHAPTER 4.2: CAROLINE MATILDA WAS CONVICTED FOR ADULTERY AND EXPELLED FROM DENMARK.



[1] Caroline Matilda was given the young and inexperienced attorney "Uldahl" to present her defence, and... Original handwritten transcript of the Queen's original defence. Denmark 1772. ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED ORIGINAL TRANSCRIPTS OF THIS HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT IN PRIVATE HANDS



[2] ...only because her brother, King George III of Great Britain, threatened with war ...

The divorce was granted by the court in April 1772, and Caroline Matilda only avoided execution due to her brother's threats of war.



[3] ... the Queen narrowly avoided execution.

Anti-Gladstone caricature envelope (front) illustrating the threatening execution of a Queen (Q. Victoria's head is pictured on the 5d. stamp) on a letter sent 26/May/1887 to India. Rate: Letters GB to India 5d. per 1/2 oz. 01/Feb/1880-31/Dec/1890. Second weight ("2" in pencil) and thus insufficiently prepaid. The Overland Postage Due handstamp of "Bombay" denoted the sum of 8 annas, 6 pies to be collected from the addressee which was equal to twice the 5d postage plus a 3d fine for a total of 1 shilling 1 penny due.

[4] In the end, the mere threat of the arrival of the powerful British fleet saved Caroline Matilda's life.

Plate proof block of 20 in black for the 1873 De La Rue 3 pence brown-purple (SG 63) representing the immense strength of the British Fleet. Each of the stamps show Britannia (the symbol of British maritime power) in front of a navy frigate.

Ex. Hurlock Deakin, Beaufort.

LARGEST RECORDED MULTIPLE OF ANY BARBADOS BRITANNIA PROOF<sup>2</sup>

(The second largest recorded multiple of this plate proof is a block of 4)<sup>2</sup>



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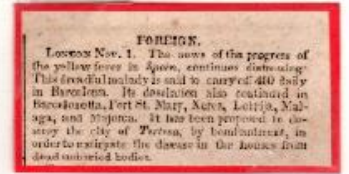
**YELLOW FEVER** is caused by a Ribonucleic acid (RNA) virus of the *Flaviviridae* family and often occurs in the same area as Malaria.

## YELLOW FEVER

**Yellow Fever in Spain in 1800** resulted in letters passing through France being disinfected.

Letter 12.11.1800 Malaga to Gand/ Ghent, Flanders, with slits to allow sulphur or vinegar fumes to enter.

*'Malaga/And.(alucia) Baxa' in red. Manuscript note of reply 5.12.1800.*



Boston Recorder 22.12.1821: proposal to destroy the city of Tortosa so as to eradicate yellow fever.



**Carlos Finlay 1833-1915**  
First person to suggest that Yellow fever was spread by Mosquitoes which infected humans through their bite.



**Walter Reed 1851-1902**  
Studied yellow fever in Cuba and proved it was carried by mosquitoes, which infected humans through their bite.



**Hideo Noguchi 1876-1928**  
Discovered the organism that caused yellow fever - worked on a vaccine to prevent it. Ironically, he died of yellow fever.

**The Culprit - the Mosquito:**  
Doctor's QSL card using the mosquito as his logo. The doctor was in Vila, New Hebrides and the radio contact was on 4.10.1952.



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# Material (Range)

## CONFLICT - Resistance: Kaj Munk



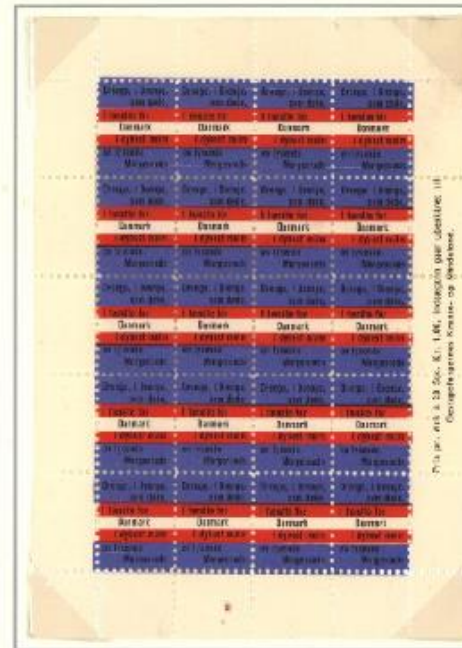
☑ Handbill distributed by the **Holger Danske** resistance groups

As The Danish Armed Forces were unable to salute the Royal Couple's new Heir, as Danish Tradition bids, the Danish Underground Freedom Movement gives this Salute.

The occasion was the birth of Crown Prince Frederik's second daughter, princess Benedikte, on 29 April 1944.

*Kaj Munk, the poet, writer and vicar from Vedersø in West Jutland was murdered 4 January 1944 by "Peter-gruppen", a terrorist group, who carried out reprisal murders and Schalburgtage (reprisal sabotage) on behalf of the Nazis.*

Right - 4 May 1947 First Day Cover commemorating the resistance movement and Denmark's liberation. The verse is from a poem by Kaj Munk.



Sheet of labels with the same verse, sold for the benefit of a memorial fund for Gestapo prisoners.



Stamp issued 18 June 1981 picturing the childhood home of Kaj Munk on Lolland. Design: Sven and Alan Havsteen-Mikkelsen.

Photographic postcard, of the church, where Kaj Munk was the vicar.



Below - 18 september 1945 Cover with machine cancel Kaj Munks / Mindetfond, a memorial fund.



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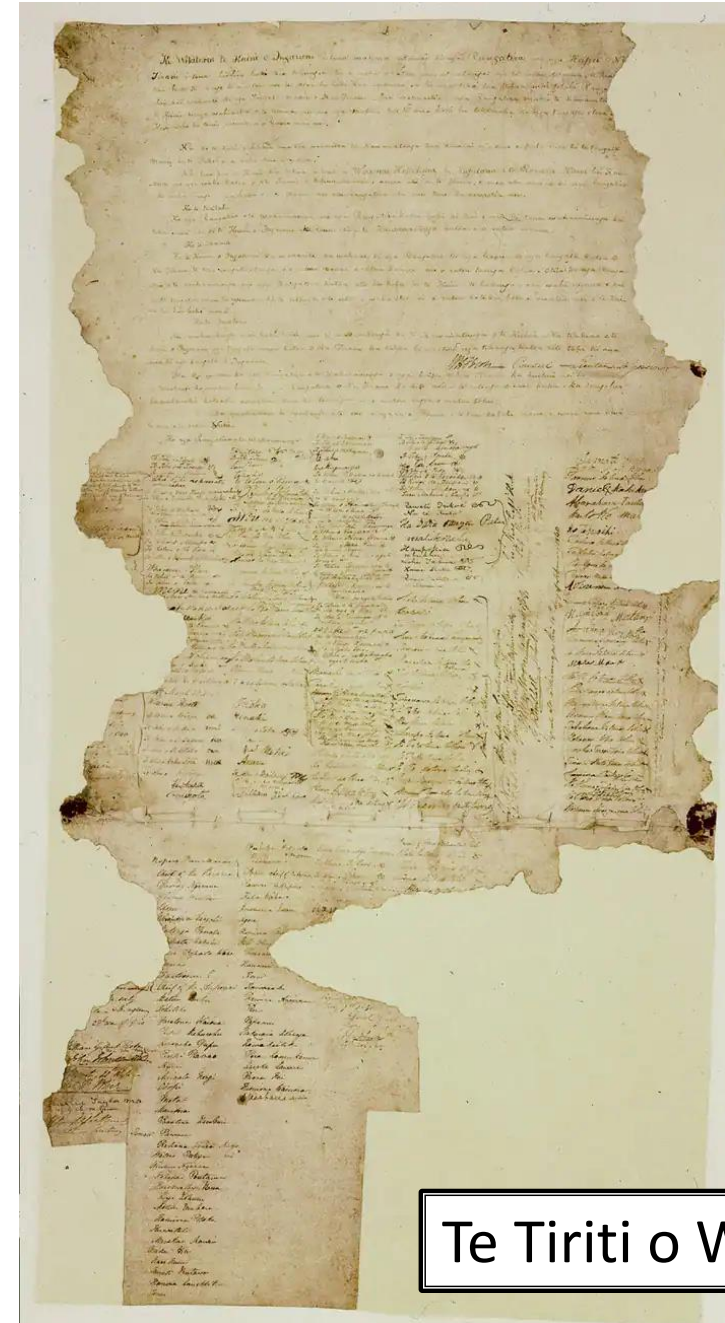


# Material

- The philatelic material must be **at least 50%** of the exhibit.
- The non-philatelic material **may be up to 50%** of the exhibit, but it is not a requirement that the non-philatelic material comprises half of the exhibit.
- However, the **variety of the non-philatelic material is important** as it will influence the judging of *Treatment* as well as *Material*.

# Material

- All philatelic material must be **original**.
- All non-philatelic material should be **original, where at all possible**
- Use a **variety** of non-philatelic material.



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# Criteria for Evaluating Open Philately Exhibits

<b>Treatment</b>			<b>30</b>
	Title and Plan	10	
	Treatment	20	
<b>Knowledge and Research</b>			<b>35</b>
	Philatelic Knowledge and Research	20	
	Non-philatelic Knowledge and Research	15	
<b>Material</b>			<b>30</b>
	Condition	10	
	Rarity	20	
<b>Presentation</b>			<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>100</b>

# Knowledge & Research

**Knowledge** is shown in the choice of both kinds of material and analysis of the material through personal studies.

It is the collective knowledge gained from books, articles, websites, manuals, information shared with other philatelists.

**Research**, however, is new knowledge or knowledge presented from a new angle, not previously published.

It is recommended that the exhibitor might write articles in philatelic magazines and journals, or even a book.

# Describing non-philatelic material

*Original decree from 27/Dec/1770 announcing the dismissal of the State Council. The manuscript markings on the document prove that this decree was sent as an early postage free church rally printed matter used to proclaim new laws through the Post. It was first read out to the public in the church at Schweinstrup (ved kirkestarve). Then it was reposted and read out in another church (here the town name does not appear, only the signature of the priest).*



Star of David design mail bag seal attributed to the Litzmannstadt Ghetto mail service

Coin issued in 1945 to commemorate one of the first resistance groups, **BOPA**, in Copenhagen (see p55).



Litzmannstadt Ghetto lottery ticket (with Litzmannstadt Ghetto cachet);  
On the day this lottery was to be drawn deportations to close the ghetto were announced.

# How are postcards treated in an Open exhibit?

- If the picture side of the postcard is shown, the item is non-philatelic.



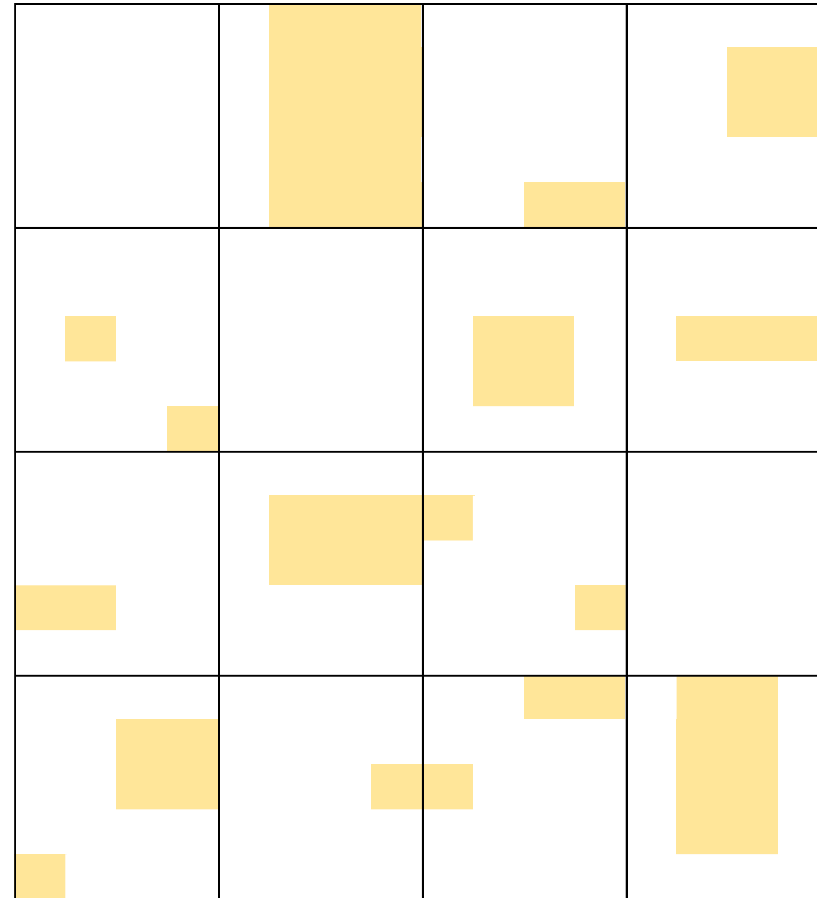
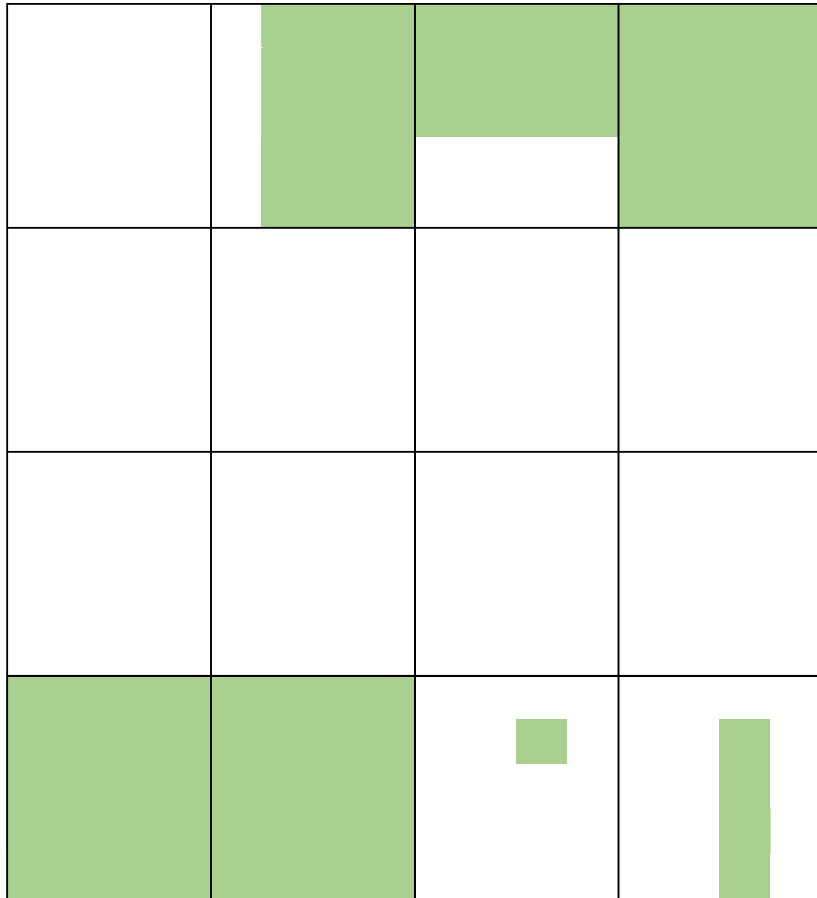
- If the address side is shown, the item is philatelic.



- Most postcards in an Open exhibit are nonphilatelic as the address side is usually of no importance for the story.

# How do I measure the philatelic material in relation to the non-philatelic material?

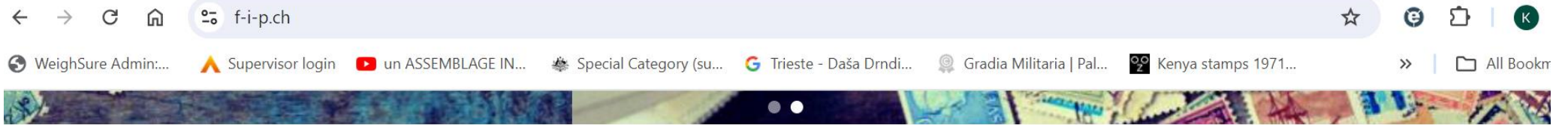
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