

ASPS Representative's Report

As in previous years there have been 3 delegates meetings, one in October during Scotex, one in January, held in Falkirk, and the final one, the AGM, in Perth during Congress.

Congress this year again went very well but with a reduced number of dealers in attendance compared to last year. There were 32 dealers this year, compared with 34 dealers last year.

This year the Scottish Philatelic Society hosted Congress in their 125th year. In the National Competition there were 17 entries compared with the previous year when there were only 25 entries, with 8 Gold medal being awarded this year. The Open Competition saw 13 entries and the Postcard Competition only had 6 entries. Unfortunately there were only 3 entries in the Junior Competition and 1 entry in the one-page competition.

The Tom Rielly display was delivered by Stephen Weir and featured classic and iconic British stamps issued from 1893 to date. The ASPS Award of Merit was presented to Gordon Shepherd (Uddingston Stamp & Postcard Club)

Alan Blakeley has assumed responsibility for the National Competitions in the future. Willie King has now assumed the role of Junior Competition Organiser. As yet the post of Publicity Officer is still vacant.

Each year congress requires a number of volunteers to assist in setting up the displays and organising the exhibition space ready for congress to begin. These volunteers are necessary because without them congress would not be able to go ahead. Our society also took a table at Congress and raised £48.50 via the sales of covers. I would like to express my gratitude to those members of our society who helped out at congress.

The 90th Congress will be hosted by Largs and District Stamp Club on the 12/13th April 2019. The President for next years' congress will be Robert Watt.

Future Congress dates are

17/18 th April 2020	Hosts: Perth Philatelic Society
2021	Hosts: Kirkcudbright Philatelic Society
2022	No Host as yet
2023	Hosts: Dundee & District Philatelic Society

Perth & Kinross Council are currently debating the future of the Dewars Centre. Indications are that it will be demolished and rebuilt. No date has been given for this yet, hence there are no confirmed booking dates for Congress after 2020.

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