



Two weeks before the Grand Opening

We are just a few days before the Grand Opening of this year's largest philatelic event in our country. The Exhibition will last three weeks, from Tuesday 21 October to Friday 8 November, and will be open to visitors in the morning (10.00-14.00) and the afternoon (17.00-20.00), except for Saturdays and Sundays, as well as the 28 October national holiday. During the Grand Opening day, Monday 21 October, the Exhibition will be open to visitors only after the conclusion of the opening ceremony, which is scheduled for 8.00 in the evening. We remind our friends that entrance to the Exhibition for the public is free.

Commemorative handstamp

During the Grand Opening day (21 October), the Hellenic Post will use a special commemorative handstamp bearing the Exhibition logo, which was prepared by Ms. Myrsini Vardopoulou. Anyone interested may cancel their philatelic items, during the morning hours (9.00-14.00) at the Philatelic Bureau, 100 Aiolou street, Athens, 1st floor, and during the afternoon (18.00-21.00) at the temporary post office which will operate at the Exhibition premises.

Large Hermes Heads Day

On Sunday 3 November, at 16.00, in the Hellenic Philatelic Society premises, an open discussion will take place with subject (a) proofs and essays and (b) the Large Hermes Heads classification. Kyriakos Papathanassiou will act as the coordinator. Renowned collectors and researchers of the Large Hermes Heads from Greece and abroad have already confirmed their participation. At 19.00, a presentation will follow, by the President of the Berliner Philatelisten-Klub and member of the Hellenic Philatelic Society, Wolfgang Bauer, on the mixed or combination frankings of Large Hermes Heads. Anyone interested may attend.

Philatelic Symposium

On Monday 4 November, at 19.00, in the 1st floor meeting room of the Philatelic and Postal Museum, Panathenaic Stadium square and 1 Fokianou street, a Philatelic Symposium will take place titled "Philately today - Proposals - Perspective". At the Symposium, which was organized by the Exhibition OC, have been invited to speak the Director of the Philatelic Bureau of the Hellenic Post, the President of the Hellenic Philatelic Federation, the stamp dealers who had already confirmed their participation and the President of the OC. All philatelic issues brought up by the speakers will be subjects of the discussion. Anyone interested may attend.

The Special Presents

The first Special Presents which will be at the disposal of the Jury have already arrived. The OC is grateful to the following societies: the Philatelists of Athens, PEFY-ELTA, the Union of Greek Collectors of Maximum Cards, the Panhellenic Society of Thematic Philately and Youth as well as the Philatelic Society of Athens. The OC is also grateful to the Hellenic Post, the Hellenic Philatelic Federation, the Cyprus Philatelic Society and the Hellenic Philatelic Society.

The exhibition website

This is a reminder that Exhibition details are regularly posted at the exhibition website (<http://www.hps.gr/expo2013>), which is continuously updated.

The Secretary to the OC
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