



## London 2020 Newsletter No. 8: 23 October 2019

**Applications for the Exhibition.** I'm delighted to report that the Organising Committee has managed to increase the number of competitive frames from 2,750, as suggested in the IREX, to 3,400. This was necessary as we were faced with an enormous number of applications for frames: requests for over 5,000 frames had been received from over 1,000 exhibitors from 76 different countries!

Finding appropriate floor space was a challenge, but finding additional physical frames was not straightforward either.

On top of these applications are entries for literature; and these are still coming in as the deadline for literature and digital literature is not until 31 December 2019.

**Advice of Acceptances.** I would like to apologise to everyone for the length of time that it has taken to finalise a list of the exhibits that London 2020 wish to accept. The Organising Committee were faced with either accepting just over one half of the applications – or try to establish more capacity. We are now just about ready to send to National Commissioners a list of their applications we would like to accept. At this stage we are not rejecting any, as it is inevitable that some people will decide not to accept the invitation, and thus we may need to use others from our reserve lists.

John Jackson, the Commissioner General, will commence sending out the lists this weekend. Although as he has 76 to dispatch, please don't expect to hear immediately!

**Class Schedule.** To remind everyone, the first half (Saturday 2 May to Tuesday 5 May) will include Postal History, Revenue, Open, Picture Postcards, Postal Stationery, Modern and part of Youth. The second half (Wednesday 6 May to Saturday 9 May) will have Championship, Traditional, Aerophilately, Thematic and the rest of Youth. One Frame exhibits will be shown alongside their parent class.

**Hotel Bookings for visitors.** Many people are now planning their trips to London, and we are getting excellent feedback from visitors who have used the hotel booking facility on the website [www.london2020.co/hotels](http://www.london2020.co/hotels).

**Patrons Sought.** As with most FIP shows, philatelists from all over the world are invited to become patrons to financially support the exhibition. Details can be found at [www.london2020.co/supporters](http://www.london2020.co/supporters), but one major new benefit is now available to patrons in that we can offer a preferential rate on bookings at a nearby hotel. This offer is limited, and thus is subject to availability. If you are potentially interested in this offer, then please email [patrons@london2020.co](mailto:patrons@london2020.co) for further details. This is available to existing patrons as well.

**Volunteers Sought.** The whole of the organisation of London 2020 is being undertaken by volunteers. We have a good number already – but we need more! Please register via [www.london2020.co/volunteers](http://www.london2020.co/volunteers).

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