



London 2020 Newsletter No. 15: 6 March 2020

Volunteering

Activity is now really speeding up as we approach the last two months before the show. Mike J. Roberts has written to all those of you who have volunteered to make sure that you are still available and that he has your correct contact details. If you've not heard from him, or if you wish to help out in some way and as yet you haven't formally volunteered, please do get in touch with him via staff@london2020.co.

Philatelic Literature

In a recent newsletter I commented that London 2020 will be the largest ever FIP exhibition in terms of the number of literature entries. The number has gone up a little since then - there are now 296! The jury has recognised that judging these will be a huge task which cannot be undertaken during the show, so a special arrangement has been made for judging to take place in London 19-21 March. As at yesterday we have received 217 of the 256 paper entries. In a second phase the jury will judge any books that arrive before the show, but it would be better if they could all be assessed at the same time. The IREX specified that the books should be with us by 1 February, so the missing books are somewhat late now... If you have entered a publication, but not yet sent it to us, please mail it immediately.

Books should be sent to: London 2020, c/o Royal Philatelic Society London, 15 Abchurch Lane, London EC4N 7BW, United Kingdom.

CoronaVirus Covid-19

I am still receiving emails from around the world from people who are understandably concerned about the risk from the CoronaVirus. The London 2020 Organising Committee are monitoring the situation very closely, and we are committed to follow the official UK Government advice. To quote just one line from the government's Chief Medical Officer: "there is no clear rationale for stopping live events".

We have pulled together links to several important websites on this topic. Please see a new page on our website: <http://www.london2020.co/coronavirus/> if you want to read the underlying advice.

To reiterate: at the moment there are no significant problems in London, and we are planning on carrying on with the exhibition exactly as scheduled.

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