
Austrian Philatelic Society

The Austrian Philatelic Society is a truly international organisation of some 220 members, one third of whom live outside the UK including many in the USA and some 15 other countries! Our objective is to cater for every aspect of Austrian philately, from the beginnings of the postal system to the latest issues, from the Postal History of all the territories within the Hapsburg Empire before 1918 to studies of interest to Thematic (topical) collectors.

Regular meetings are held, normally in the North of England and London, *and our very successful Fest/AGM weekend is held, usually in September, at various locations around the country. All meetings are advertised in the Newsletter which is issued with each copy of **AUSTRIA**.*

Our quarterly magazine **AUSTRIA** has achieved international recognition as the foremost English language publication on the subject. There is a comprehensive and specialised library that members can use and a list of available books is sent to all members. A flourishing Exchange Packet operates, through which members can add to their collections or dispose of surplus material. Because of tax and insurance limitations, circulation is restricted to UK members, but non-UK members can (and do) sell through the packet and also buy and sell through the Society's quarterly auction, which always offers a wide range of interesting material.

We have stocks of all back numbers of **AUSTRIA**, although some earlier copies, as well as a few later ones, are available only as photocopies. Many new members like to buy these, as together they form an extremely comprehensive handbook. Prices are printed inside the back cover of **AUSTRIA**, together with details of other publications.

Membership records are held in a secure computer database that is accessible only to the Membership Secretary. Information recorded is restricted to full name and address, membership number and subscriptions paid. This database is used to generate subscription invoices and reminders, and mailing labels for **AUSTRIA** and the *Auction List*. Contact with other members is only possible via the Membership Secretary. To comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1984, we must ask any member who objects to this information being held on computer to advise the Membership Secretary accordingly.

Annual Subscriptions are £20 (US\$35 or Euro30) per year for UK, EU and overseas-by-surface or £23 (US\$40) for Overseas Airmail. The membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March; subscriptions should be paid by September at the latest. Irrespective of when they join, new members will receive all the back numbers for the calendar year in which they join. The subscription of members joining between January and March will be treated as if they had joined on 1st April.

Please send applications and subscriptions to the **Membership Secretary**, making cheques payable to "APS". *Please note that UK banks impose a significant charge on foreign currency cheques, so we only accept sterling cheques drawn on a UK bank. Banknotes (Sterling, US dollar bills and Euros) are also welcome. Payment by some credit cards is accepted; please refer to the membership application form (overleaf) for details.* Finally we have a Paypal account, account id andy@kitzbuhel.co.uk. Please add an extra £1 or equivalent if using Paypal.

The Society provides various other services to members, including assistance in obtaining "Die Briefmarke" (Vienna) and other literature, advice on all manner of philatelic problems and opinions on authenticity. If in doubt, please ask; we will be happy to help.

Why not visit our website for more information? Find us at: www.austrianphilately.com

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

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