



# WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION

## ESSEN MAY 25-28, '23

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## Welcome to the 1st IBRA Newsletter

Exactly 222 days to go until the International Stamp Show IBRA 2023 opens its doors in Essen, Germany. For months, the organising committee has been working at full speed taking care of the big and small things around such an event. One thing is clear: we want to organise an IBRA that makes an impact in the World of Philately, that is fun, that shows how great our common hobby is. The aim is to offer something for everyone, for experts, consignors and collectors, everyone who collects stamps and everyone who is passionate about stamps.

You can all help to make IBRA a success. As exhibitor, as dealer, as sponsor, as volunteer, as visitor or simply through networking. We depend on everyone. Via the IBRA newsletter, we want to report on the latest news and give you an insight into the preparatory work for IBRA. In addition to the newsletter, it certainly makes sense to keep checking our webpage at [ibra2023.de/en/home-english/](https://ibra2023.de/en/home-english/). We will do our best to keep you up to date.

Your IBRA organising committee

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## Exhibit applications for IBRA 2023 surprisingly high!

30 September 2022 was the deadline for entries of competitive exhibits that philatelists from all over the world would like to show at next year's International Stamp Exhibition in Essen from 25-28 May 2023. Already a few days later it was foreseeable that the previously

envisaged maximum number of 2,800 frames for stamp exhibits would be significantly oversubscribed.

Commissioner General Walter Bernatek commented on the current state of affairs on 5 October with the words: "The figure of 2,800 had been a dream figure that was in the air. In the meantime, due to the crises in the world, we had even lowered our expectations and only expected maybe 2,200 frame bookings. Now we are completely shocked that 773 philatelists from all over the world have already submitted bookings for 3,800 frames via the 72 country commissioners. But that's not the end of the line, because new applications are coming in all the time, so we have to calculate with more than 4,000 frames."

More at [ibra2023.de/en/news-en/](https://ibra2023.de/en/news-en/)

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## Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz assumes patronage of IBRA 2023

Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz (SPD) will assume patronage of the International Stamp Exhibition (IBRA) 2023 in Essen. The Federal Chancellery has now informed the Bund Deutscher Philatelisten e.V. in Bonn. "This is very good news, we are delighted about the promise from Berlin," said BDPH President Alfred Schmidt.

In his greeting, Chancellor Scholz wrote: "I am very pleased that this beautiful exhibition can take place in Germany again after many years. For this I thank the Bund Deutscher Philatelisten e.V. and the entire organising team. I wish you and your guests from all over the world successful exhibition days and stimulating discussions during IBRA 2023!"

More at [ibra2023.de/en/news-en/](https://ibra2023.de/en/news-en/)



**Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz 2022**

Photo: Federal Government/Thomas Köhler

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## IBRA team met in Bonn on 20/21 September

Ten days before the registration deadline, 13 members of the preparation team met for the first time in a long time for a two-day real meeting instead of a Zoom conference.

The agenda included 24 items, in the end there were a few more. The smaller working groups presented the progress they had made so far, while the larger group dealt with issues such as finances, rooms and their use, possibilities for expansion, e.g. for working groups, the upcoming PR planning, the printed matter programme, but also the special shows, treasury, catering and much more.

More at [ibra2023.de/en/news-en/](https://ibra2023.de/en/news-en/)

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**The participants of the IBRA team meeting in Bonn**

Photo: Wolfgang Maassen

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## Nothing works without sponsorship

At the festive evening of the Heinrich Köhler auction house on the occasion of the 8th Erivan Auction, Federal Chairman Eric Scherer presented IBRA and its focal points to the approximately 200 guests from Germany and abroad. Apparently so successful that Dieter Michelson, the managing director of the Global Philatelic Network, succeeded in motivating important philatelists to dig deeper into their pockets to support IBRA in the long term.

Five enthusiastic philatelists pledged 35,000 euros in sponsorship alone, and another has held out the prospect of significant funding. There was joy at the table of the BDPH board. Eric Scherer beamed: "Now we can realise many things that were previously only an idea, a wish or even a dream. For it is only through private sponsorship IBRA that a world exhibition can still be financed today. We thank the auction house Heinrich Köhler and its managing directors Dieter Michelson and Karl Louis for this support, which is so important for us, and hope that other philatelists from all over the world will join us."

More information on the sponsorship programme can be found at [ibra2023.de/en/organisation-en/unterstuetzer-forderer-en/](https://ibra2023.de/en/organisation-en/unterstuetzer-forderer-en/)

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## Funding for club trips

Clubs travelling together by bus or train will receive a maximum subsidy of 100 euros per club for distances of up to 250 kilometres, 200 euros for distances of over 250 kilometres and 300 euros for distances of over 500 kilometres. This should be a noticeable and welcome reduction in costs for many a planned club trip in 2023.

Please send reports and enquiries to our treasurer Walter Bernatek [w.bermatek@bdph.de](mailto:w.bermatek@bdph.de).

More at [ibra2023.de/en/ibra-news-3-7-2022-support-for-club-trips/](https://ibra2023.de/en/ibra-news-3-7-2022-support-for-club-trips/)

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Essen is always worth a visit - not only for IBRA and philately,  
but also, for its industrial culture.

Photo: Visit Essen

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## Fit4IBRA: Optimal organisation of your own exhibition collection Focus of the BDPH online seminars in the winter half-year and at the attendance seminar in Bonn on 21/22 January 2023.

For many exhibitors, IBRA is a unique opportunity. A world exhibition close by. To enable exhibitors to prepare themselves optimally, the BDPH is organising an online seminar series as well as a face-to-face seminar.

More at [ibra2023.de/en/fit4ibra-en/](https://ibra2023.de/en/fit4ibra-en/)  
and [ibra2023.de/en/ausstellung-en/seminar-fuer-ibra-aussteller-in-bonn-en/](https://ibra2023.de/en/ausstellung-en/seminar-fuer-ibra-aussteller-in-bonn-en/)

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