

# Federation of European Philatelic Associations

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## To the Presidents of FEPA member federations

Subject: FEPA Awards 2021.

Dear President,

The FEPA Board received nominations from Member Federations for the FEPA Medal for Exceptional Service to Philately in 2021, the FEPA Medal for Exceptional Philatelic Study and research, and the Certificate of Appreciation.

Herewith attached you will find the details about the decisions of the Board.

However, we would like to point out that, as Lars Engelbrecht's work had been nominated by the Danish Federation for the Medal for Research and would be excluded by time limits from consideration in any subsequent year, the Board agreed to accept the nomination on the grounds that it would be unreasonable to exclude the work because of Lars' commitment to serve FEPA on its Board. To avoid any question of conflict of interest, Lars did not participate in the evaluation for this award.

The aim of the Award is to recognize exceptional achievements in philatelic study and research and a review of the nominations was carried out for the Board by a panel of experts: Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi, Wolfgang Maassen, José Ramón Moreno, Brian Trotter and Anthony Virvilis. Their advice confirmed that all the works nominated demonstrated research of the highest quality. In the end, having taken full account of the panel's advice, the Board was unable to agree on an outright winner and decided to award the medal to Lars Engelbrecht and Pedro Vaz Pereira as joint winners.

The FEPA medals will be presented at the Liberec Congress. For the certificates, relevant federations may choose to receive the certificates from us and then present them to the awardees at a national event, or to have them given in Liberec as well, provided that the awardees are present personally.

Kind regards.

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