

1st FORUM OF SPANISH REVENUES

A non-competitive, bi-national exhibition of Revenues was held in Madrid from September 4th to 7th, 2014, along with a series of specialists' conferences on the subject. The venue took place in the splendid premises of the Real Casa de la Moneda y Timbre (Royal Mint and National Stamp Printers), which hosts a museum of stamps, notes and coins.

The exhibition was organized by SOFIMA (Philatelic Society of Madrid), The Philatelic Club of Bogotá and both the Spanish Commissions of Revenues and Postal Stationary. It featured 200 frames, 88 of them allocated to revenues and housing 23 different exhibits.

A full day of the event was devoted to Revenues, starting with an open round table with five invited speakers and a lively participation of the attending public. Opinions were exchanged about the current status of revenue collecting and how to increase and improve the number of Spanish collections on the subject. The meeting was truly participatory and enlightening.

Afterwards, four presentations discussed different topics on Spanish revenues: a new discovery of forged Spanish revenues used in ancient documents; why the Thematic class seems so reluctant to accept revenues in their exhibits; a study of Police stamps of Colonial Cuba and, finally, a clarification of the FIP rules relating to Revenues. After that, all attendants had the opportunity to inspect the collections and hear the exhibitors' comments.

The outcome of this exhibition is a 226 page, Spanish language book, featuring seventeen articles, twelve of them about revenues. This is the first time that such a number of unpublished Spanish revenues' manuscripts have been gathered in a book.

Jesús Sitjà
President
Spanish Commission of Revenues

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Right to left: Eugenio de Quesada (Vicepresident of SOFIMA, and General Commissioner of the Exhibition), Rafael Crespo Arce (CEO Deputy of Postal Service of FOMENTO), Modesto Fraguas Herrera (Deputy Director of Philately of Correos), Santiago Cruz (President of Colombian Federation), Manuel Arango (President of C.F. of Bogotá), Jaime Sánchez Revenga (President of FNMT and RCMT), José Manuel Rodríguez (President of SOFIMA), Miguel Ángel García (President of FESOFI) and Jesús Sitjà (President of RAHF and Revenues Commission).

A view of the Conference Room





Cover of the book and a page concerning to *Papel Sellado* (stamped paper)