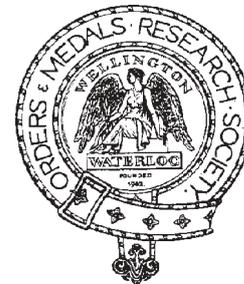


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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Ribbon Branch Auction. This is due to take place on **Saturday 17th November** at the Old Sessions House Conference Centre. Can I please ask all members to give some serious consideration to putting something into this auction, which helps branch funds. The time line for this year's auction is as follows. Members are asked to following this very carefully.

30th September. Closing date for the 'descriptions of lots' to Alan McDonald. (5 Windsor Drive, East Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN4 8UE, England). Please use the format listed below to describe your lots, then post it to Alan so that it reaches him before the 30th September. (No lots are required at this time.) The next edition of the Ribbon Collector will give a comprehensive list of all the lots being auctioned.

8th November. This is the last date by which postal bids can be received by Alan McDonald.

16th November. All auction lots must reach Alan McDonald by this date, or delivered by hand to the auction room no later than 1300hrs on the 17th November.

Please remember. UK members who purchase auction lots from overseas contributors and agree rather than to pay them, offer to settle their branch subscriptions only. They must have written proof that such an agreement is reached and that a copy of this agreement is to be passed to the Branch treasurer as soon as possible.

Example for listing your lots:

Name _____

Full and accurate description of lot's	Reserve	Donation
USSR - 39 chest ribbons	£ 12,00	No
France - 3 sashes, 2 commander & 27 chest ribbons with 3 emblems wound star, railway engine and red cross	No	Yes
Large assorted bag of ribbons (approx 5000 pieces)	No	Yes

The Branch Library. Sid Wood has bequeathed his personal library to the Ribbon Branch. The committee have vetted these books and the Branch Secretary will compile the Branch Library List. This list will be published in the Ribbon Collector. Members can borrow books as long as they agree to pay postage and package. The maximum loan period will be six months.

Ribbon Branch Annual Subscriptions. Please remember that your 2007-2008 branch subscriptions are due in July (date) Current charges are:

UK Members £8.00

European Members £10.00

Rest of the world members £14.00

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Please remember that subscriptions are only acceptable in Pounds Sterling. Cheques should be made payable to "OMRS The Ribbon Branch"

OMRS By-Laws. It has been brought to the attention of the Branch Committee by the Executive Committee of the OMRS that members of the branch are approaching foreign Ministries, Embassies and other official establishments claiming to represent the OMRS in their quest to acquire ribbon, emblems or information. This practice is in contravention of the Society by-laws and is strictly forbidden. Any member may enquire about such matters, but only in their own right.

Agenda items being discussed at the Annual General Meeting. The AGM is due to take place on Saturday 9th June 2007. To ensure that the membership are aware of the topics and agenda items being discussed and voted on the following items are tabled to date:

- a. **The production of the Ribbon Collector.** Due to the very high costs of producing the Ribbon Collector overseas, various ways have to be found to reduce this cost. (Secretary)
- b. **Increase to branch subscriptions.** If no means can be found to reducing the cost of the Ribbon Collector, then an increase to Branch subscriptions would have to be seriously considered. (Treasurer)
- c. **The Branch Medal.** The introduction of a Branch Medal will be discussed. It is proposed to introduce a miniature silver medal with two ribbons to each of the two branches (the Miniature and Ribbon Branch) Each ribbon will denote that the award is given for merit or long service and will be presented by the Presidents of each branch. Criterion for awards will be discussed by the respective branch honour committees. (Secretary)
- d. **The Guille Collection CD.** It is proposed that a CD showing the complete Guille collection be made. This CD would be available to the membership. Cost of the CD to be discussed at the meeting. (David Rucker)
- e. **The Election of the branch Committee.** The committee is up for election. Nominations for appointments to the committee must be with the Secretary by close of play Friday 8th June. Present committee is as follows:

Acting President. Mike Shepherd has been acting President since the death of Sid Wood. The membership are asked to lodge their votes with the Branch Secretary for or against the confirmation of his appointment.

Secretary. Bob French

Treasurer. Steve Duffy.

Membership. Rene Verkuylen

The Editor. Michael Schulcz.

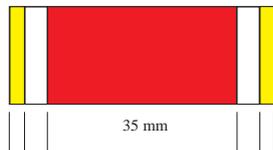
Membership Issues. If any branch member has an issue relating to the running of the branch or matters affecting the branch and they want the Branch Committee to discuss the matter or to raise it as an agenda item at the AGM, they are to inform the Branch Secretary (Bob French, 7 Durham Way, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 9RY England) with a full description of what the issue is about as soon as possible.

I, Michael Schulcz, have produced the Ribbon Collector in a way which I have missed over the years. There had been some Supplements in the past, which gave just a rough information. There was no colour at all. National different widths were not shown or not taken in account. With my first letter I asked for informations on a special ribbon 27 mm wide and marked it as 2.3. Answers had been different but without any knowledge of width's. The writers of these letters probably had no idea to the used widths in different countries. The possibility to use the internet for research is really poor. Who shows the ribbons in real colour and not as rough drawings and in actually width's? Even the wonderful pages of Lukasz Gaszewski www.medals.lava.pl don't show the differences.



Germany Lippe-Detmold OEK 275, Commemorative Medal for the 1866 Campaign, yellow-white-red-white-yellow, but this ribbon had been at no time 27 mm wide!

Norway, 1906
Coronation of King
Haakon VII
but Danish width !



San Marino: Order of St. Agatha, yellow-white-red-white-yellow but the drawing in Scandaluzzi is 35 mm wide as Italian ribbons are as wide.



Yellow-white-red-white-yellow

And here a spare of the ribbon



This issue comes out without any colour.

I would like to ask, who is interested that the Ribbon Collector continues, as I have started, and who would pay more for it. Please tell me your meaning. I add a label with my address to be used on a post card or letter.

- The ribbon Collector should be done without any colour
- The Ribbon Collector should have more colour
- I will pay more for it
- I have computer or use the internet for research
- I am interested to get a CD-ROM showing national layouts once a year
- My email Adress is

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Donations by Bob McPherson



Malaysia, Order of the Crown, 2nd cl

Donation by Michael Schulcz



Danmark, UNEF I
27 mm wide



Malaysia, Persabuan Beckas Parajarat



Malaysia, Selangor, Order of Sultan Slanuddin Abdul Aziz Shah

Donations by Mike Sepherd



UK, Iraq Reconstruction Service Medal



Malaysia, Johore, The Most Honourable Order of the Crown



Malaysia, pahang, Order of the crown, 2nd cl

U.S. Coast Guard Presidential Unit
Citation



Malaysia, Kelantan, The Most Estimable Family Order

Donation by Steve Haskin, USA



Malaysia, Selangor, Order of the Crown, ??? cl



USA, US Merchant Marine Outstanding
Achievement Medal



Malaysia, Sarawak, Order of the Star