



The Austrian Philatelic Society is a truly international organisation of around 150 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 and our very successful annual Fest weekend is held at various locations around the country. Online meetings are held from time to time. All meetings are advertised in our journal **AUSTRIA**.

Our quarterly journal **AUSTRIA** has achieved international recognition as the foremost English language publication on the subject. 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 regular auctions, which always offer a wide range of interesting material. Back numbers of **AUSTRIA** are available.

Membership records are held in a secure computer database that is accessible only to Officers of the Society. Information recorded is restricted to name and address, membership number, telephone number, subscriptions paid, email address, collecting interests and how a member heard of the APS. This database is used to conduct the Society's business including the generation of subscription invoices and reminders, and mailing labels for **AUSTRIA**. Contact with other members is only possible via Officers of the Society. The Society's data handling policy is shown overleaf.

Annual Subscriptions are £20 (or Euro25) per year for UK and Europe or £23 (US\$30) for Overseas Airmail for which members receive a printed copy of **AUSTRIA**. Alternatively, for £10 or equivalent per year, the journal **AUSTRIA** will be emailed as a pdf file instead of on paper. Auction catalogues are made available on the website.

The membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March and subscriptions are due on 1 April each year. If subscriptions are not paid by 1 October, membership will be deemed to have lapsed. Irrespective of when they join, new members will receive all the back numbers for the year in which they join. The subscription of members joining between 1 January and 31 March will be treated as if they had joined on 1 April.

Please send applications to the Membership Secretary either by email or post (see overleaf). Payments may be made by Paypal, BACS or by cheque (see overleaf). Cheques should be made 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.

The Society is happy to provide advice on all manner of philatelic problems. 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

Please complete your details below and send it by post or email to:

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- Data requested: the Society requests the following information from its members - name, address, telephone numbers, email address, philatelic interests and how a member heard of the APS.
- Purpose: the supplied data will be used for the purposes of organising the Society and providing services to the membership.
- Period of holding the data: the Society will hold the supplied data until a member instructs otherwise.
- Removal of data: a member may request at any time the removal of their details. This can be done by contacting the Membership Secretary whose contact details can be found in the Society's Journal.
- Security of data: the Society will handle the data in a secure form and will not disclose it to third parties.
- Taking of photographs: photographs may be taken at Society events for subsequent publication in AUSTRIA and other philatelic journals. At all such events the Convenor will remind those present of this and request that anyone present who does not wish to be shown in such a photograph should make that known to the Convenor.