

## INFORMATION BULLETIN

### **Ernie Wall OBE and Member of Honour of the EHF donates a unique gift to the EHF**



Ernie is pictured carrying the European Stamp book with (l-r) R.David Balbirnie, Hon. General Secretary, EHF; Lee Cousins, President, Scottish Hockey Union and Martin Gotheridge, President, EHF.

Ernie Wall, OBE and Member of Honour of the EHF has today, in Edinburgh, donated a unique collection of hockey stamps that he has spent a life-time collecting.

The collection of some 300 stamps is divided into 3 categories, Europe; Australia/Asia and Argentina; Rest of the World.

A collection that started with a stamp produced in 1951 in Hiroshima, Japan and commemorates many Olympic Games, World Cup, European Cups and some Club Tournaments. The final stamp in the collection is from the FIH Indoor World Cup in Poznan, Poland in 2011.

Ernie said" I'm delighted to donate this lifetime work to the EHF. I believe that it is now in the correct hands. This donation is an unconditional one, but I hope that it will be of interest to those who come to the EHF Office. It has been a joy to collect the stamps over all these years. Possibly one of the most interesting is a collection of stamps that the Dutch produced for the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, but then the team never travelled to the Games! I have also included some hockey first edition post marks and covers and some logos from events over the years."

Martin Gotheridge, President of the EHF said" On behalf of the EHF I am honoured to accept this wonderful collection from Ernie. The EHF knows the time and dedication that Ernie has devoted to this wonderful archive of our sport. It is very evident from the collection that hockey has been a sport that is truly synonymous with the Olympic Games. The EHF is delighted that we can, on Ernie's behalf, showcase this collection and store it under the right conditions so that it can be a valuable source of information and treasured for future generations.",

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