# **Biography of Kurt E. Kimmel** (updated November 26, 2014**)**

## Private

**Born March 17, 1941**, in Budapest, Swiss, married with Rita Lampart, son Stefan born March 28, 1967, and daughter Vera born June 6, 1974, since 1991 domiciled in Switzerland.

## Business

**Retired private banker**, President and controlling shareholder of the ARVEST Group (Private Bank, Fund management and administration), Chairman of several companies and the Kimmel Postal History Foundation and other charitable foundations which support international music and art organizations and AIDS research.

## Philatelic

Postage stamp collector since the age of six, formed notable collections in **different language areas:**

**German:** Austrian Italy 1850-1866 Traditional including their attractive cancellations, started 1953 (FIP Grand Prix International for Youth in Hamburg 1959, LG Tokyo 1991, Court of Honour Praga 1998, LG Paris 1999, Court of Honour Vienna 2000, LG + Grand Prix Champion Class NABA Stans 2012). Sir Daniel Cooper Lecture 1994 (Postal Forgeries of Milan 1857-58 see LP July 1994 and Ferchenbauer Handbook 2000 p 277), Article FFE 2004 about fakes of Austrian Italy.

**English:** Ceylon 1857-1871 Traditional, started 1976, Tapling Medal 1991 for LP May 1991 proving that the Ceylon 1d had been printed from two different plates by Perkins Bacon, (LG Korea 94, LG+SP Espana 2004, LG + Grand Prix Exposition Champion Class NABA Baden 2006, LG+SP Philanippon 2011). Ceylon Postal Stationery 1857-1964 (G+SP San Francisco 1997, LG London 2000, LG+SP Best in Class INDIPEX 2011), Ceylon Postal History 1757-1902 and a marcophilie collection of Ceylon 1815-1902 (partly shown 2012 in Perth/Scotland: LG+SP Best in Class and in Bangkok FIP 2013: G). Editing the Ceylon Pence Period section of the Stanley Gibbons (since 1995 together with members of the Ceylon Study Circle) and Scott Specialised 1840-1940 (since 2001). Article FFE 2008 and 2009 about overprinted Postal Stationery cards (cooperating with Alan Huggins). EDITION D'OR XXX 2012: Ceylon 1857-1871 (182 pages).

**Spanish:** Venezuela 1859-1877 Traditional, started 1968, (LG+SP Multilaterale 1998, G Madrid 2000 with 5 frames, Malaga 2006 LG 96 points with 8 frames, Melbourne 2013 LG+SP) also Venezuela Postal History, Airmail and Revenues Escuelas 1879-1880 (a research of the 90 C won the One frame competition at AMPHILEX 2002 and the 7 frame exhibit a LG at Kerkrade NL 2005, St Petersburg 2007 FIP G+SP+FEL 94p with 5 frames). Editing the Venezuela 1859-1880 section of Scott Specialised 1840-1940 (since 2001). Lecture with 160 page exhibition at the Collectors Club New York (2002). Article FFE 2002 about faked entires from Venezuela 1859-1872.

**French:** Postal History of Vietnam 1859-1975, started 1988 together with his wife Rita Lampart Kimmel who spent a few years of her life as a nurse in Vietnam.

**Italian:** Postal History of Lombardy-Venetia 1393-1866, Foreign mail from and to Lombardy-Venetia 1850-1870, Marcophilie Lombardy-Venetia (Handstamps used as Cancellations of stamps 1850-1870, research of period of use for catalogue Sassone), Postal History of the Valtellina 1480-1867 (G+F Moskow 1997, G Milano 1998, Golden Posthorn Sindelfingen 1999, Melbourne 2013 G) and Revenues of Lombardy-Venetia 1854-1866 (95 points Zimbra 05, LG 97 points NABA Baden 2006, Court of Honour WIPA 08).

**Mixed:** The Foreign Post Offices in Constantinopel (1442-1923), Registered mail from Hungary (1789-1900), The Electric Telegraph in Switzerland (1852-1886) (87 points Meyrin 05, 88p Zubra 07, LG NABA Stans 2012) and Postal History of Yunnan China (1900-1949) (91 points Zimbra 05)

Since 1972 **Expert** for classic stamps of Switzerland and the Austrian Empire, later also of Ceylon and Venezuela, member **AIEP,** BPP (1976-2011) and SBPV (1971-2011). Reference collections Switzerland 1843-1907 and Austrian Empire 1850-1918.

Since 1965 Swiss National Jury member, several times President of the Swiss Jury at national and multinational exhibitions: Basler Taube 1995, Bellinzonafil 2008, Lugano 2011, Multilaterale Chur 2011, Alpeadria Lugano 2014. **FIP-juror** for **traditional philately, postal history, postal stationery and literature**. Since ISRAEL '98 FIP team leader Postal History, since PRAGA 98 FIP team leader Traditional and since Washington 2006 FIP team leader Postal Stationery; Vice-President of the following international Juries: PRAGA 98, BANGKOK 2003, WIPA 08, ITALIA 2009, NORDIA 2010, ISTANBUL 2010; German National Jury member since 1976, APS Jury member since 1995, President of the Jury: Sindelfingen 1998, 2001, 2005 and 2006 and Milano 2014 (AISP-DASV) and as Senior Consultant to the Jury at NORDIA 2010.

1996-2005 **yearly seminars for jurors and exhibitors** have been organized by myself in cooperation with the Swiss Federation and members of the Swiss Postal History Society. My successor continues these yearly seminars since 2006.

1997-2006 **President and since 2008 Honorary member of the Swiss Postal History Society**. Fellow of the RPSL, President of the Ceylon Study Circle, deputy sheriff of the Arizona Philatelic Rangers, member of several Philatelic societies in Switzerland including the Consilium Philateliae Helveticae, Austria (Vindobona), Germany (DASV, Club München), Hungary (MAFITT 147), Italy (AISP 40), Monte Carlo, Buenos Aires, Russia and the USA (Collectors Club New York).

Delegate of Switzerland to the **FIP commissions** for Postal History (Commission Secretary 2000-2004, Chairman 2008-) and for Revenues (member of the Bureau 2004-2006 and Commission Secretary 2006-2008) as well as Fight against Forgeries (FIP Expert team Paris 2014, Philakorea 2014).

August 14, 2004, received the **APS Luff Award for Distinguished Philatelic Research.** Invited to sign the **Roll of Distinguished Philatelists** (RDP) on Oct 2, 2004. Obtained the **Prof. Brühl-medal** for contribution to Philately on Oct 30, 2005, the **KÖHLER Award** for services rendered as Philatelic Expert on April 21, 2007 and the **Prof.Weidlich-medal (DASV)** for promoting Postal History at the highest level on April 24, 2010. The Liechtenstein Federation offered the gobelet of the Principality for expert work (Liechtenstein up to 1918) during 40 years in 2011 and for helping Liechtenstein in FIP matters in 2013.