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Metro Expos Launch SEPAD.TWO September 18-20

One of the great old names in philately—SEPAD—is making a comeback, as Metropolitan Expositions LLC have announced plans to bring back the great regional show that many collectors remember with fondness.

“SEPAD” was an acronym used by the Associated Stamp Clubs of “South *E*astern *P*ennsylvania And *D*elaware” for the annual show that was held for many years in the Philadelphia area as well as in Atlantic City. Held annually in the Fall, it became the highlight of the year for collectors throughout the Mid-Atlantic states.

The name was later dropped in the late 1990s in favor of “Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition,” but many collectors and dealers still favored SEPAD, which has prompted the new show organizers to revive the concept as **SEPAD.TWO**.

The show will be held at the luxurious Park Ridge Hotel & Conference Center at Valley Forge, a Starwoods hotel property located at 480 N. Gulph Road, King of Prussia, Pa. The contract with the hotel has just been signed by Metro Expos and details are just being worked out for events and attractions—the primary draw for collectors being a bourse of more than 40 dealers.

Also on hand at the show will be representatives of the PNSE show. While PNSE could not be held in 2009, plans are underway to move the annual show from the Fall to the Spring, starting in 2010. The Metro Expo group looks forward to working with PNSE as well as other area clubs to promote stamp collecting throughout the SEPAD area, much the same as the original SEPAD served as gateway to the hobby for many collectors who are still active today.

The **SEPAD.TWO** organizers will be inviting the USPS and other postal administrations to participate. Other plans are under consideration and will be announced as agreements are closed. In the meantime, collectors are invited to visit <www.metroexpos.com> or contact Elaine Dunn, 603-424-7556, <ElaineDunn03@aol.com> for updates and news or to be placed on the mail/email list for further information.

Contracts are already being signed for dealer space and the bourse is expected to be a quick sellout. For additional information, including booth fees, contact John Nunes, 518-399-8395, <nunesnook@aol.com> or Dick Murphy, 508-393-9732, <DickMurphy@aol.com>.