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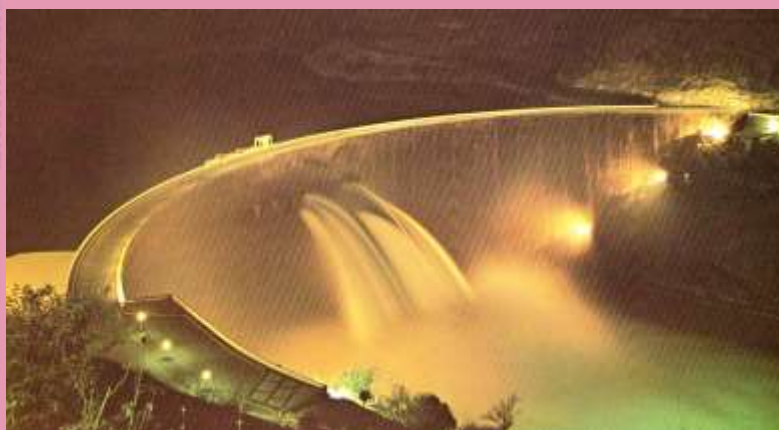


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Reports of RSC Meetings and Exhibitions



Bonn, Germany, 1-3 June, 2018

Jan U. Clauss writes about the first Continental European RSC Meeting 1-3 June 2018 in Bonn (Germany) which did not bring together as many Rhodesia experts as were booked: some friends had health problems and could not come. However, those who did show up had a splendid philatelic & cultural program in and around the former West German capital of Bonn. In the beginning we visited the **Archiv für Philatelie** being part of the Foundation of Museums for Post & Telecommunication (MSPT) in this country. Director Dr Andreas Hahn FRPSL and his team showed us some of his 850 albums which are said to represent the biggest collection of the world. We saw B.C.A., B.S.A.C., the two Rhodesias and Nyasaland collections as well as huge postal stationaries albums. We were without words as these collections are outstanding.

On Friday eve we visited the Cologne Cathedral - besides that of Reims in France and Milan in Italy it is perhaps the biggest Gothic monument worldwide. Near the Cathedral we joined Jan's Yugoslavia Working Group monthly meeting.

Saturday started with a visit to the **Consilium Philatelicum**, chaired by Wolfgang Maassen FRPSL, and we listened to a lecture on Third Reich propaganda stamps and cancellations. Afterwards, back in GSI European Academy Bonn - Conference Centre and hotel at the same time - there was still enough time to listen to the participants' short spontaneous lectures on their own collections: Wilfried Schrader had brought his from Zimbabwe (he said: It is stored in Freiburg Breisgau), and Johan Diesveld showed his unique collection of postal stationery. Jan Clauss tried to



On the Bridge at Remagen

impress his friends with his recent British acquisitions of B.S.A.C. ("Stamp forged, Overprint forged and Cancellation forged"), and Leo Maier as well as Stuart McLean promised to bring along their treasures the next time.

Sunday was the morning to look back to the Second World War and its aftermath: an impressive guided tour at the **House of Contemporary History** (HdG) gave the participants an insight into the country's economic resurrection after heavy destruction in 1944-45. Finally, **The Bridge at Remagen** - famous as it was the last intact bridge over the Rhine river in 1945 as well as due to the US-Film of John Guillermin in 1969.



From the left: Leo Maier, Eggolsheim (Germany), Jürgen Endemann RPSL, Bonn, Douglas Stuart McLean, Nerja (Spain; formerly from Lusaka), Dr Jan Ulrich Clauss RPSL, Bonn (host), Wilfried Schrader, Harare (Zimbabwe) and Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany), Ms Imme Hase, Museologist (AfP), Bonn, Dr Andreas Hahn FRPSL (Director AfP), Bonn, Johan Diesveld, Dinxperlo (Netherlands; formerly from Que Que) and Ms Katja Reuter, Museologist (AfP), Bonn

Melbourne - 23 June, 2018

Eighteen (five new to our regular group) gathered at this meeting held at Newman College on a very cold, but clear, Saturday. Following the meeting, a wine tasting took place - RSC President, **Bob Gibbs**, had kindly sent a couple of bottles from the Sonoma Valley, California. A BBQ lunch followed with a touch more wine consumption with the last departing as the sun set. Given the large number in attendance (see photograph below), we were treated to a feast of material.

Robin Droogleever brought to the meeting his stereoscope along with a number of images (mainly depicting scenes from the Anglo-Boer War). A stereoscope is a device for viewing a stereoscopic pair of separate images, depicting left-eye and right-eye views of the same scene, as a single three-dimensional image. Shown here is an image showing the Victoria Falls Bridge shortly after construction - it was produced by the Keystone View Company, USA.



David Bradley introduced us to an entirely new field of Rhodesia-linked philatelic collecting. He collects, amongst other areas, airmail (circa 1932) from Mozambique was franked with Mozambique or Mozambique Company stamps for international postage to Rhodesia, and additionally GV Northern or Southern Rhodesia stamps current in early 1932 paying onward airmail postage northward or less often southward on the initial Imperial Airways inland route. All

were intrigued by the depth and detail of his knowledge and research.

Richard Breckon, as is his custom, kindly distributed copies of an early map of Rhodesia and Nyasaland and also copies of *The Dominions Office and Colonial Office List for 1928* for Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. This had been compiled by Sir William H. Mercer, K.C.M.G. and A.J. Harding C.B.E. and G.E.J. Gent, D.S.O., M.C.

John Hutchings, from Brisbane, who was unable to be present, sent along three examples of the £1 Double Head for viewing. They are shown here.



Back: Robin Droogleever, Ken Scudder, James Gavin, Richard Breckon, Paul Peggie, John Shawley, Sean Burke, Tony van der Linden, Paul Siemers and Mick Ellingham. **Front:** Gary Brown, Terry Simpson, Tony van Rensburg, David Bradley, Adam Goulding, Gus Macmillan and Andrew Sheldon. Ronnie Winchester made a brief appearance at the meeting, but retired with a virus.