

ATA "TOPICAL TIDBITS" WINS MEDAL IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION



The American Topical Association won Second Place/Honorary Award Silver, with Special Prize, for its new series of philatelic youth materials, "Topical Tidbits," in an international philatelic literature competition. Palmares have been posted for PROMO4YOUTH, a special division of the International Philatelic Literature Exhibition (IPHLA) held in Mainz, Germany, Nov. 2-4.

"Topical Tidbits," ATA's online resource for youth, teachers and philatelic youth leaders, was one of eleven entries in the noncommercial division of the IPHLA PROMO4YOUTH. First Place/Gold was awarded to BdPH (Germany) Department of Education and Youth; Stamp Camp USA received Third Place/Bronze.

The full IPHLA Palmares and the Jury Report may be viewed at www.iphla.de. An English translation of the Jury Report is posted on the ATA website, www.americantopicalassn.org.

Interested collectors, youth and leaders can access all editions of "Topical Tidbits" (totaling 142 pages of stamp collecting activities during its first year) on the ATA website. The six modules currently available are: Penguins; Fun Foods; One World, Many Stamps; Summer Olympics; Stamp Collecting and Toys and Games. Websites for the other PROMO4YOUTH entries can be found at www.iphla.de/pdf/promo4youth.pdf. A rich array of youth materials is available on the websites.

"Topical Tidbits" is produced by ATA member Aimee Devine of Wisconsin. MaryAnn Bowman, also of Wisconsin, is the coordinator of ATA Youth Activities. ATA youth materials also include an "Introduction to Stamp Collecting" and dozens of topical album pages available on its website at www.americantopicalassn.org/youth.

One of ATA's 52 Study Units, Motivgruppe-Musik, an international music group, garnered several medals at the IPHLA competition. A Gold was awarded for its website www.motivgruppe-musik.de, a Vermeil for *Der Musikus* journal, and a Silver Bronze for its *Phila Musica 09* catalog.

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