



## **NORDIA 2026 FEATURES 700 EXHIBITION FRAMES**

The registration for Nordia 2026, to be held at Dipoli in Espoo, Finland, from May 8th to 10th, has ended.

A total of 111 exhibits in 655 exhibition frames have been registered for the Competitive Classes. All exhibits will be accepted to participate. Together with the exhibits invited to the Non-Competitive Classes, the total size of the exhibition will reach the planned target of 700 frames.

### **A celebration of Finnish philately**

Finnish philately forms the key part of the Nordia 2026 Competitive Classes. The host country will be represented by no less than 78 exhibits, which corresponds numerically to about 70 % of the entire exhibition.

Both Estonia and Norway will participate with eight exhibits each. Denmark contributes six exhibits, Sweden and Iceland four ones each. Also four foreign philatelic societies of Scandinavia collectors are traditionally entitled to participate. They will provide three exhibits.

The theme of the exhibition is the 170th anniversary of the Finnish postage stamps. It features exhibits presenting our classic philately, starting from the very first 1856 Oval issue. A highlight in the Honorary Class will be **Kai Nieminen's Classic Finland 1856-1875**, which won the Grand Prix Nordia 2025 last year in Sweden.

### **The main focus in Traditional philately and Postal history**

Four exhibits will compete in the Championship Class of Nordia 2026. They come from Finland, Sweden, Denmark and the United Kingdom. Each of them has been awarded at least two times with a Large Gold at Nordia, FEPA or FIP level exhibitions. These exhibits represent Traditional and Open philately.

The largest Competitive Classes of the exhibition will be Traditional philately, with 38 exhibits, and Postal history, with 32 exhibits. Open philately spurts to the third place with 12 entries. Interestingly, all the exhibits of the last mentioned class represent the host country.

In both of the Classes of Thematic philately and Postal stationery, seven exhibits are on display, in the Picture Postcard Class four ones, and in the Aerophilately Class three exhibits. Youth philately is represented by two exhibits, Revenues and the First Day philately by one each. The First Day Class will be included for the first time in any Nordia exhibition, initially with a status of an experimental class.

Beside the mentioned number of exhibits to be shown in frames, nine exhibits compete in the class of Philatelic literature.

The exhibitors will receive an official approval and instruction letter in mid-February. The exhibit list is scheduled to be published during March.

The Jury of Nordia 2026 will consist of 12 Jurors, two Apprentice Jurors, two Experts and a Jury secretary. The members of the Jury will be announced during February.

### **The Organizing Committee of NORDIA 2026**