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Dear BALPEX Invitee:

WELCOME TO BALPEX '26! New Date for this year! Popular Venue! Expanded Market! The International show in Boston in the Spring has played havoc with philatelic show schedules this year. With no GASS '26, we have moved BALPEX to Aug. 7th-9th, 2026. Due to the switch, we will be hosting the **American First Day Cover Society's AMERICOVER EXPO** this year, the **AAPE Youth Championship**, and the **Eire Philatelic Society Convention**. It is going to be a busy show! We are expecting 300+ frames of exhibits and several additional dealers. The venue will again be the BWI Airport Marriott Hotel, 1743 West Nursery Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090. It is located between Baltimore and Washington off I-295 (B-W Pkwy) just 5 minutes from BWI Airport and 5 minutes from the BWI AMTRAK/MARC station (Free hotel shuttles!). This allows easy access for your out-of-town customers as well as broader appeal to the Northern Virginia/Washington, DC collector community. The 2026 public show will run Friday, Aug. 7th' (10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.), Saturday (10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.), to Sunday, Aug. 9th (10 a.m.-3 p.m.). Dealer set-up will take place from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 7th. The United Postal Stationery Society (UPSS), American Topical Association (ATA), British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) and The German Philatelic Society (GPS Chapter 16) will have local or regional meetings at the show. **Please consider this when packing stock to bring to the show.** Also, advise your customers of the new show dates and venue. This year's booth fees will **NOT include** rooms at the BWI Marriott. Dealers can make their own reservations **or** work through the BALPEX Committee. See details and procedures on the Application. A tentative floor plan and booth price list is attached. We will endeavor to adjust tables to suit, but there are limitations and specific arrangements and sizes cannot be guaranteed. Attached are the BALPEX Regulations and Application Contract. Please review thoroughly. Respond as soon as possible since booth assignments will be on a first come/first served basis. Prior dealer attendees have first choice. We also offer locking storage cabinets and plexiglass table covers to aid dealers who fly to the show. There are opportunities for Dealer Ads and patrons in the BALPEX program. Your Contract will be acknowledged if accepted. Payment deadlines are on the Application and in the Regulations. The hotel contract requires upfront payment so adherence to our deadlines is required. For questions, or help, contact me at bwcasanova@msn.com. Office phone for messages: 410-442-2040, or, for high priority questions, **Cell: 443-904-1929**. Thanks for your attention and cooperation. Looking forward to seeing you at BALPEX '26!

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