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As you can see, we are looking for more articles on Ottoman and Turkish philatelics and forgeries.

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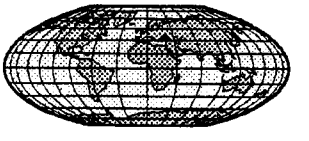
Announcement of Annual Meeting

Dear members.
Our third annual meeting will be held at BALPEX in Hunt Valley, Maryland, on Saturday 30 August. We do not have an exact reservation at this time, but we will probably meet at 2:00pm or 3:00pm. Details will be posted on our website as soon as they are available. <www.oneps.org>
Several Turkey/Ottoman and Middle East exhibits are planned, and this is your opportunity to exhibit, so please give this serious consideration. An entry form is enclosed with this issue.
At the conclusion of our meeting we will hold the annual OPAL Gordon Torrey memorial trophy competition, which is open to both OPAL and ONEPS members. To compete, you need only display one philatelic item acquired within the past year and explain it to the group. All those present then vote for their favorite item.
BALPEX runs from 29th to 31st of August, and the organizers have always produced an attractive and exciting regional show. Further information about it is available at www.balpex.org.

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