

## **RMS INSTA-POLL**

**“Should the *Collectors On-Line* page on the RMS web site list all collectors worldwide or just RMS members?”** (It’s currently open to all collectors worldwide)

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**YES:** 60

**NO:** 21

**NOT SURE:** 1

**NO PREFERENCE:** 1

### **Some of the ‘YES’ comments received:**

- World wide...everything today is about globalization, so time for the hobby to do the same
- I don't see why it hurts anything to list them. Some people might be interested
- I say keep up with listing all collectors. Matchcover people need all the contact they can get!
- It should list collectors World-Wide. In a world of diminishingly available covers, we need to distinguish between the organization with its specific set of participants, and the much-larger hobby that includes all phillumenists everywhere -- a much larger number, I suspect, and therefore a potential goldmine of covers.
- WW list of collectors is fine but maybe it should show who is an RMS member as well
- A collector is a collector. I might not consult the page, but if they add to and help the hobby, why not?
- I have used the site to get in touch with collectors in other countries a few times. .
- World-wide. Maybe some of them will join.
- It's difficult enough to find collectors that are willing to trade, so I don't see a reason to eliminate other potential traders, Vote to keep as is.
- Definitely worldwide. We have a small hobby that is not exactly growing. Why limit it!
- I think it benefits the whole hobby if it continues to list collectors world wide.
- Unionism instincts aside, the RMS website is of far greater value to RMS collectors if it lists more collectors, RMS or otherwise.
- It helps promote the hobby; it provides members and non-members a greater number of people to trade with.

### **Some of the ‘NO’ comments received:**

- I think it should list only those collectors who are RMS members. They should be willing to join RMS is they want to be listed.
- Just RMS members. But it’s not a big deal. If you’re willing to include them—go for it!
- We have an International Society...RMS. If those collectors outside the US are not members of our society they should be excluded.
- The RMS web site is paid for through the dues of its members and any advertising money generated. It should be for the exclusive use of its members.
- I feel that the web site should only include RMS members. Why give "free advertising" to non members?

*Based on comments received, I have added a disclaimer to the page that RMS is not endorsing any collectors listed, and I have indicated which collectors are RMS members.*