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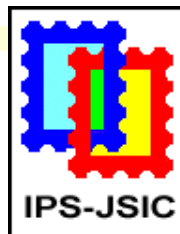
Editorial

Don't be surprised by the new presentation of this journal. You have been told several times that 2003 will be a year of big changes. Actually, you have also been told that there is a change of the fees' amount for this year. Therefore you are also entitled to receive much more for your money.

The booklet you have now in your hands is the first trial. It cannot be the final as, like for previous years, the February issue will remain a short journal, to allow more space for the enclosed Catalogue update. This new 12 pages presentation sample should at least give you the spirit of the new journal: new design, clearer structure and above all, use of characters that are readable by all of us. The three other journals of this year will look alike, but give you more information with more illustrations on 32 pages. Unfortunately, colors will only be available to those who will print the file directly from our members' web site.

The catalogue supplement VI, updated with the most recent information mainly coming from you, is slightly modified as well. The small characters remain the same, unfortunately; otherwise we would have 50 pages supplements and twice the postage costs. It is linked to the huge amount of information that has to be collected in these booklets. But other features helped to reduce the number of pages: three price columns are introduced and FDCs are described on the same line than the stamp. Moreover more information will be collected such as the number of stamps in a sheet, when available. Details of modifications are given in the introduction page of the catalogue supplement. This gives you also the spirit in which the new catalogue under preparation (expected mid 2004) will be printed.

At the same time our web site has been improved. The main public site contains now as previously the most recent information, however with limited details.



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**Catalogue update VI -
2003**

Only the three most recent years of new issues are available and access to the year 1998 and 1999 has been erased. The Members' site, only accessible with a password, shows the complete information set, with images embedded in the New Issue pages.

The most recent issues of this journal (2002 and 2003) are now also available as *.pdf* files, so you can get your own color printed version at your home. I must admit that we had some trouble at the beginning, but it seems that the present solution is satisfactory. We will try to add much more older pages (journal and new issues) as soon as time becomes available.

Let us come back to this issue. Although information is limited, the most important and most recent data are reported during this month, either in the journal or the supplement. It is already amazing to see the number of joint issues that have been announced by postal authorities for 2003. I hope this will not discourage those of you who entered this field of collection because it was narrow.

On top of that, you will find, as each year, the appraisal of our incomes and expenses, this time checked and approved by our auditors.

Pascal LeBlond provided information specific to the activities in North America and opens a new series. As vice-president in charge of the North

American Chapter he shows the road in how to use this journal for communicating news to US and Canadian members. In the future similar pages can be opened for other continents.

Finally you

will also be explained how you can participate in designating the most beautiful pair (or more) of stamps issued during the year 2002.

Please enjoy the new Joint stamp Issues presentation.

Richard Zimmermann



The most beautiful joint issue pairs of 2002

Very recently Pascal LeBlond suggested organizing a contest to designate the most beautiful pair of joint issues produced during the year 2002. This is an excellent idea and who else than our members are the most entitled to be the jury of this contest. Almost every country in the world is organizing such a selection among their own stamps, either via a philatelic journal or via the postal administration itself, asking their subscribers to help finding the nicest stamp issued in the previous year.

Therefore it is proposed to give you the opportunity to select on the basis of the Catalogue Supplement provided with this journal the most beautiful joint issues pairs produced during the year 2002. Unfortunately the Supplement is printed only in black and white, but the color images are anyway available either in your albums or on the society web site.

Tell us (RZ - *email and address on first page*) by mail or e-mail which three pairs (or more if several countries

are involved or stamps are issued) of joint issues you have found the most beautiful, using your own ranking order. All stamps (joint and twin issues) described in the Catalogue supplement VI under the chapter 2002 i.e. issued between January 1st and December 31st 2002, are potential candidates. Although reported, omnibus and common issues remain excluded from the contest. Each member has one ballot and answers must be given before March 31. There is no specific frame to fill in. Just send your choice in a mail or e-mail. There is also nothing to win for yourself, except more self-esteem in showing that you feel really part of our Society. Thanks in advance for participating.

The results will be published in the May issue and both administrations will be informed in the name of the Society. For us it will be another way to show that we exist and are interested in new and nice products from the postal administrations.

Society Life

New web site

At the beginning of this year I got the big surprise to discover a new web site dedicated to joint issues. Our friend Julio Casquero Junquera is the author of these very nice colorful pages listing all joint issues involving Spain.

It is entitled Spanish Joint Stamp issues and can be found under

<http://personal.telefonica.terra.es/web/jucas/>. Beside the illustrated list of Spain twin and joint issues you also will find a page showing the Europa CEPT stamps. This is an excellent and well-done job. Thank you very much Julio.

It happens that mainly Spanish collectors will visit the site of Julio. There are a lot of collectors that are collecting also joint issues related to their own countries, but who do not

want to extend to other countries. I started myself that way and decided only later to collect worldwide joint stamps. Therefore I suggested Julio to provide to the Spanish-speaking collectors also Spanish translated pages of his web site. This is the best way to extend the knowledge about this specific collecting area to other collectors.

I hope that the initiative of Julio will convince other members of our

society to provide also a specific page to the joint issues of their country, and preferentially in the local language. Our Society gathers today 96 members from 17 countries, which could mean 17 web pages and at least 12 different languages. Who volunteers to be the next to provide such an information page on the web? I can at least guarantee the link with the Society web site to these pages.

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Advertisement

David Tejedor Aragon (Parque San Benito II, Portal 6, Bajo B, 38206 La Laguna Tenerife, Spain; *e-mail:* dtejedor@ipna.csic.es) is selling or exchanging against other joint issues the omnibus issue commemorating the 18th birthday of Prince William. 4 stamps + souvenir sheet (which includes 5 stamps for each of the following 7 countries: Ascension Isl., British Virgin Isl., Cayman Isl., Falkland Isl., Fiji, South Georgia and Tristan da Cunha. All mint. Face value in dollars would be around \$34. The stamps have different designs although the souvenir sheets have an identical background. Please contact directly David

Don Birschel (1225 North 122nd St., Wauwatosa WI 53226, USA; *e-mail:*

deeb@execpc.com) needs the following stamps and hopes someone can help: 2001, 7 Aug, South Africa (Racism); 26 Sep, Armenia and Russia (Ivan Lazarev); 11 Oct, Slovakia (Bridge over the Danube); 12 Oct, Egypt (Masks); 2002, 11 Apr, Poland (Ignacy Domeyko); 23 Apr, Croatia (Vlaho Bukovac); 27 Jun, Malaysia (Birds); 12 Jul, Belgium and Portugal (Fila Kortijk); 18 Jul, Laos and Vietnam (Diplomatic Relations); 6 Aug, Thailand (Diplomatic Relations); 29 Aug, Kazakhstan and Russia (Birds); 30 Aug, Italy and UNO (World Heritage); 6 Sep, Kazakhstan and Ukraine (Beluga and Seal); 5 Oct, Sweden and Thailand (buildings); 12 Oct, China and Slovakia (Castles)

Budget 2002

As in the previous February journal issues, you will find here a summary of all incomes and expenses of the Society during the year 2002. This exercise is this year a little more complicated as the data are split between three persons and three sites, namely both treasurer Charles Feingersh and Christoph Kerschbaumer and the chairman. Secretary and Vice-presidents have not reported extra expenses this year.

Income (all figures are in Euros):

European Members (fee: 7.50 to 7.62 € depending on the exchange rate): 53
Non European Members (fee: 12.00 € - 1 US\$ was counted as 1 Euro): 40
Total: 93 members in 2002 - Total income for membership: 949.47 €
Extra income: Bank interest (C. Kerschbaumer): 2.43€ Total 951.90 €

This amount includes also the extra fees paid by the 10 members interested in the large size documents. Members who joined in December were integrated in the Society from January 1st, 2003 only and did not receive the 2002 package. The excess of payment sent by some members is reported to 2003 in deduction from the following year membership. Two members had to be excluded for non-payment of membership fees. Unfortunately, two members died during this year.

Expenses:

QR. Feb: with catalogue complement V; production costs 1.74 € each - total printing costs 167.04 € (supplementary printing costs for large size 9.36 €) - total postage fees 133.11 € - 96 sent; total: **309.51 €**

QR. May: production costs 0.87 € each - total printing costs 80.04 € (+ 8.35 € for large size) - total postage fees 91.71 € - 92 samples sent total: **180.10 €**

QR. Aug: production costs 0,75 € each - total printing costs 66.96 € (+ 8.95 € for large size) - total postage fees 98.91 € - 93 samples sent total: **174.82 €**

QR. Nov: production costs 0.75 € each - total printing costs 70.50 € (+ 8.03 € for large size) - total postage fees 93.63 € - 93 samples sent total: **172.16 €**

All members received the 4 issues of the Quarterly Reports, but the members who joined during the year received less than 4 packages as previous issues were sent together, this explaining the difference between postal fees totals.

Diverse: Advertising package containing a short description of the Society, a Membership form and a sample of the Quarterly Report, usually the one from May or August: (Amount sent: France 12, USA 1, Germany 6, Canada 1, China 1, Pakistan 1, Italy 1, Israel 1; total 25) and diverse mail (answers to requests, free advertising packages to philatelic journals and libraries, mail exchange with members, lost journals,...) total: **107.39 €**

Bank fees (R. Zimmermann - France: 1.80 €, C: Feingersh - USA: 0.00, (not reported); C. Kerschbaumer 58.59 € ! see below) total: **60.39 €**

Total expenses: 1004.37 €

This short list of expenses does not include all extra expenses such as stationery, printing ink, software and original printing costs, as well as costs for the web site update, telephone, catalogue, newspaper, etc. Moreover all samples of QR's and catalogue complements printed in advance are not accounted with the figures above. Details of expenses can be sent to any member who wishes to check these figures by himself.

The budget of the year 2002 shows a deficit of 52.47€. This was actually anticipated and resulted in the decision to increase the membership fees in 2003. One reason of increased expenses is due to the printing costs that have almost doubled. The production of journals is now performed

by a printer due to the large amount of samples to be handled. In 2003, as the number of pages of the journal will increase, it is expected that these costs will again increase. However, those extra costs have been budgeted for 2003 and included in the membership fee increase.

The unexpected expenses increase corresponds to the bank fees of our Italian account. We presently try to solve this problem, but in the meantime we have decided to close that account. So please, until further notice, do not send any more checks to our Italian treasurer.

These figures have been checked and approved by our Account Book Auditors Wolfgang Heinssen and Dominique Josse.



News From North America

Pascal LeBlond

This new section is intended to provide a North American perspective on joint issues. This means, for instance, that events easily accessible in the continent will be listed. Since the foundation of the society, the North American membership has increased steadily and today a third of the members live here (27 members in the United States, 5 in Canada). The Society is present in 14 American states and 3 Canadian provinces.

Situation in the United States

Following the controversy surrounding the Frida Kahlo issue for 2001, the United States Postal Service has not participated in a joint issue in 2002 and the programme of 2003 does not include one yet. According to the USPS (cited in the January 2003 issue of *Scott Stamp Monthly*), the Mexican Post pulled out of the Frida Kahlo joint issue project only a week before the day of issue without explanation.

There were some reports that the Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial issue could have been a joint issue with France, but this is unlikely since Paris is already committed to 4 joint issues this year.

The next likely joint issue involving the USA could well be the Champlain issue of 2004 in which Canada and France are already involved. The USPS is not officially committed yet, but let's hope for the best.

Situation in Canada

Canada participated in a joint issue with Hong Kong (China) in May 2002. It was the first Canadian joint issue since 1999. The stamps depict corals, a somewhat odd subject for Canada. Unfortunately, the only official document bearing stamps of both administrations is a first day cover with two stamps of each country but different ones. This reflects the current practice used in China.

In 2003, Canada Post is planning a joint issue with its Thailand counterpart to be released during the international philatelic exhibition to be held in Bangkok next October. According to information published in the January 2003 issue of *Scott Stamp Monthly*, the subject will be the maple and lantern trees.

With the news that there will be a joint issue in 2004 with France and perhaps the USA, Canada Post seems to have embarked on a yearly programme of joint issues. This is good news.

Philatelic shows near you

You may find the joint issue you are missing at one of these shows.

April 3-6 New York, New York
Spring Postage Stamp Mega Event,
American Stamp Dealers Association

New York City Show Piers,
Passenger Terminal

April 11-13 -Toronto, Ontario
Toronto National Postage Stamp
Show
Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition
Place

United States of America joint issues

In the November issue, Richard Zimmermann published a list of US joint issues. After reading it, I thought that it would be great to seek out comments from our North American members.

Hence, on November 23rd I sent an e-mail to each member living in the USA or Canada. I also enclosed a list of joint issues involving the postal administrations of British North America (the actual territory of Canada) for comments (to be dealt with in the next issue).

Corrections

Robert Bandel has kindly checked the dates of issue in the latest edition of the Scott catalogue.

1937: 150th Anniversary of U.S. Constitution

- Ecuador (9 and 22 February 1938)
- El Salvador (21 and 22 April 1938)
- Haiti (29 August 1938)
- Turkey (15 July 1939)

Are these really joint issues?

Among the members who answered my request for comments, none seemed to have reservations about any of the joint issues listed. I, myself, have some doubts about two.

1978: USA-Canada - CAPEX 78.

I checked the documentation available at the Canadian Postal Archives and found no mention of a joint issue. The subjects of both souvenir sheets are completely different (small animals versus classic stamps). I agree with Charles Feingersh that they were issued on the same day for the same philatelic exhibition. Furthermore, private dual first day covers featuring both souvenir sheets are available. But, history repeats itself in 1987 and 1996 when Canada Post and the USPS issued stamps for CAPEX 87 and 96. In these cases the US stamps are also different from the Canadian ones: animals versus post offices (87), prehistoric animals versus vehicles (96). These issues were also never officially announced as joint issues.

1992: USA-Canada - Alaska Highway

Once again, I checked the available documentation and found no mention of a joint issue. However, the Canada Post news release mentioned that: "a special joint Canada-U.S. cover featuring the Canadian and American Alaska Highway stamps will be introduced in Edmonton, Alberta on June 5 at Royal 92, the annual

convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada." This only means that the US stamp was affixed to some Canada Post first day covers and cancelled in Fairbanks, Alaska. The absence of co-operation between the two administrations explains why this issue is rightly not listed as a US joint issue in *Linn's World Stamp Almanac*.

The fact is that with the grace period of 30 days after the day of issue of each new US stamp, the possibilities of creating joint issues on first day

covers are almost limitless. For instance, in the latest issue of *First Days*, the journal of the American First Day Cover Society, they advertised a Chinese New Year joint issue first day cover with the US stamp and the Marshall Islands souvenir sheet. Should we consider this a joint issue? I would rather not; but then again the beauty of collecting is that one can collect whatever one wants.

In the next issue I will provide the possible new US joint issues submitted by our members.

New Issues

This section is not intended to give exhaustive information about all recent joint issues, as all this information is available in the supplement. However it appeared that the stamps issued in November and December 2002 deserve a special

attention with more detailed description. Most of them have been reported or discovered very recently and not even mentioned in our previous publications.

China - South Korea

On November 20, 2002 China and South Korea finally confirmed their participation in a joint issue. It took a while before we were able to get confirmation that designs of both countries are identical. The Chinese web site remains still very slow and sometimes difficult to access. On the other hand, it seems that since January 2003, the Chinese Post is now offering the possibility to buy their stamps on line, with payment with credit cards. I did not try yet if it really works.



The 2002 issue celebrates the year of people's exchange between the Republic of Korea and the People's

Republic of China. It shows Korea's martial art Taekwondo and China's martial art Wushu.

New Zealand - Vatican



We had also to wait until the date of issue before we could confirm that the stamps issued at the occasion of Christmas by New Zealand and the Vatican State were identical. The first day is November 21 and mixed first day covers are available. The stamp shows a Nativity scene, with crib.

South Korea - Vietnam

On 22 December 2002 South Korea and Vietnam celebrated the 10th anniversary of their diplomatic relationship. The stamp set was issued on 21 December by both countries. They depict two ancient pagodas. The One Pillar (Mot Cot) Pagoda in Hanoi (Vietnam), erected in 1049, is made of wood, has the shape of a square and stands on a stone pillar in a pond. Therefore it looks like a lotus flower standing out of the water. The Dabo Pagoda,

located east to the Daewoongjeon (Main Hall) of the Bulguk Temple in Gyeongju city (South Korea) is one of the typical pagodas in Korea and was built mid of the 8th century. It is 10.4 meter high, built of stone and listed as national cultural heritage of Korea.



Thanks to Julio Casquero, Friedrich Lorenz and Jürgen Lübke for providing some of the above mentioned information and illustrations.

A flavor of 2003 issues

The list of already known joint issues to be produced during the year 2003 is provided with the Catalogue Supplement VI. It is amazing how much stamp pairs have already been announced. Among them, Greenland presented in its 2003 stamp programme, the issue of stamps on March 12, 2003, jointly with Denmark with the theme "Expeditions in Greenland". Actually it must be understood that these stamps inaugurate an entirely new series



involving joint issues with a range of countries that have had historical or important expeditions in Greenland. Therefore several other joint issues involving Greenland have to be expected in the next years. The first issue with Denmark marks the great "Literary Expedition" of 1902-1904.

Several other countries have announced that they will enter in a regular production of joint issues, among them Belgium, China or France. We can add to this list all countries that



have produced regularly in the past ten years at least one joint issue, including Australia, Brazil, Denmark, Russia, Spain or the Vatican State. 2003 marks apparently the start of a new era in joint stamp issues collecting.

To give you a flavor of what is expected during the year 2003, you will find details of the stamp designs that have already been shown by several postal administrations. The stamps depicted on this page represent the Belgian stamps with the bells of Mechelen and Saint Petersburg to be issued on May 12, together with Russia,



the Austrian issue of the June 12, Salzach Bridge Oberndorf - Laufen, to be issued with Germany and

finally the water birds series from Hong Kong expected by September 6, together with Sweden.

Following the 2003 list, you will also find a few issues announced for the year 2004.