

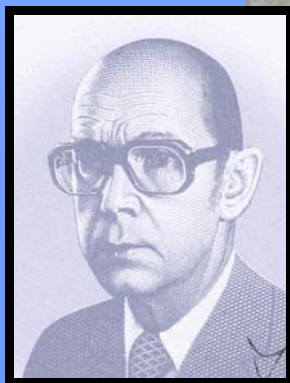


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Editorial

Dear Members,

The year 2005 will be remembered for the loss of two great Poles intimately linked to the world of joint issues: John Paul II and Czeslaw Slania. Both men were about the same age and originated from the same region of Poland. Both had achieved worldwide recognition in their respective field.

The death of Slania on 17 March 2005 will certainly be seen by many as the end of an era in philately. The fact that he has enjoyed working on joint issues is readily apparent when you consider his output in this particular field (see the article on p. 12). Nevertheless, the next generation of engravers is already at work doing an excellent job while promoting themselves on the internet: Martin Mörck (www.martinmorck.com) did the Canada-Greenland-Norway best joint issue of 2004 and Piotr Naszarkowski (<http://web.telia.com/~u87409794>) with the upcoming Sweden-United States joint issue (Greta Garbo).

The late Pope was himself the subject of a number of joint issues including one engraved by Slania on the occasion of his 80th birthday in May 2000 (Poland-Vatican). The triple joint issue (Italy-San Marino-Vatican) released in October 1998 during Italia '98 is even inscribed with a quote by the late Pope regarding the benefits of philately. His death on 2 April 2005 produced a shockwave throughout numerous postal administrations disrupting the stamp programs. So far only the Italy-Vatican joint issue has been postponed. Stanley Gibbons has added a new topical to its list called: John Paul II memorial. It already contains 16 stamps. Is a memorial joint issue in the works? Maybe, only time will tell. Will Deutsche Post use Pope Benedict XVI as abundantly as John Paul II was used by the Polish postal administration in joint issues?

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Best joint issue of 2004

The results of this year's contest are in and perhaps, for the first time in its short history, the winner succeeded by a sizeable margin (6,6%). The victory is even more impressive when only 1st place votes are considered (margin of 9,3%).

#	Joint Issues	1 st Place (%)	Overall score (%)
1	Canada-Greenland-Norway [T4]	28,1	19,7
2	Poland-Slovakia [T1]	18,8	13,1
3	China-Greece [T1]	9,4	9,8
4	Canada-France [T1]	12,5	7,1
5	Ireland-Sweden [T1]	6,3	7,1
6	China-Singapore [T1]	3,1	4,4
	India-Iran [T1]	3,1	4,4
8	Angola-Botswana-Malawi-Namibia-South Africa-Swaziland-Zambia-Zimbabwe [T1]		4,4
9	Belgium-Germany [C1]		3,8
10	Cyprus-Czech Republic-Estonia-Hungary-Latvia-Lithuania-Malta-Slovakia-Slovenia [T2]	6,3	3,3
11	Israel-Italy [T1]		3,3
12	Hong Kong-New Zealand [T1]	3,1	2,7
13	France-Great Britain [T1]		2,7
14	Italy-Thailand [T1]		2,2
15	France-Italy-United Nations [T3]	3,1	1,6
	Belgium-Romania [T1]	3,1	1,6
	China-Romania [T1]	3,1	1,6
18	Germany-Russia [T1]		1,6
	Austria-Hungary-Israel [T1]		1,6
20	Poland-Vatican [C1]		1,1
21	China-Spain [T1]		1,1
22	Fiji-Vanuatu [P1]		0,5
	IOC-Switzerland-United Nations [U1]		0,5
	Kazakhstan-Mongolia [T1]		0,5
	Total	100	99,7

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For the first time since the inception of the contest, the winner almost reached 20% of the overall score and obtained 28,1% of the 1st place votes.

How can these results be interpreted? Was the competition good enough? The Canada-Greenland-Norway team seems to have pleased voters by its original approach mixing labels and stamps in a souvenir sheet. I think that they only lacked an official mixed document in order to have become an outstanding joint issue. It is quite unfortunate that such a document was prepared by Canada Post but never saw the light of day. The great surprise of this year was the entry from

Poland-Slovakia. This joint issue was a late addition to both stamp programs. Third place was hotly contested between China-Greece and Canada-France. In fact, Canada-France obtained more 1st place votes than China-Greece.



Of the 32 joint issues eligible this year, only 24 received votes and just 12 1st place votes. For example, the France-Great Britain joint issue marking the centenary of the Entente cordiale had a low score, which may reflect the criticisms found in the British philatelic press.

On the other hand, I find it surprising that the first unique issue [U1] in years (IOC-Switzerland-United Nations) has done so poorly. What about the Belgium-France joint issue (Blake and Mortimer cartoon) that failed to register a single vote? I thought that the subject was quite appealing and had brought up fond childhood memories. I thought that Belgian and French members would have voted for

it. This brings us to the interesting question of national vote. In a vote like this, do members vote for their postal administration?

% of national vote in 1 st place vote	
Canada-Greenland-Norway	11,1%
China-Greece	33,3%
Canada-France	75,0%

I would suggest that for the next contest members should qualify their vote by providing us with their reason. Do they prefer this particular joint issue because the subject appeals to them, or they prefer engraved stamps, or they like the fact that dual official documents were available. Reasons such as these can help us identify trends in the small world of joint issues collecting and perhaps influence (a little) postal administrations in the way they do joint issues.

A quick look at the results over the first three years of the contest reveals a healthy balance between postal administrations (none have won the top honor twice) and continents (Asia and Europe have won thrice, North America once). The year 2005 looks to be a great year with the return of heavyweight contestants like Australia (not seen since 2002) and the United States (not seen since 2001) as well as rarely seen participants like Argentina, Denmark and Liechtenstein.

Winning postal administrations of this year have been informed as well as philatelic journals. The results have already been published in Great Britain, India and the Netherlands.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have participated. I hope that even more of our members will show up next year.

Society life

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NAPOSTA '05

Volker Dietze

Vom 2. bis 5. Juni 2005 findet im Congress-Centrum in Hannover (Deutschland) die Internationale Postwertzeichen-Ausstellung "NAPOSTA '05" statt.

Diese Briefmarkenausstellung ist nach der IBRA (Internationale Briefmarken Weltaus-

stellung) von 1999 die erste weitere große Briefmarkenausstellung in Deutschland. Die Ausstellung ist wie folgt geöffnet: 2. Juni, 15-20 Uhr; 3. Juni, 10-18 Uhr; 4. Juni, 10-17 Uhr und 5. Juni, 10-15 Uhr. Der Eintritt ist frei. Weitere Informationen sind unter www.naposta-05.de erhältlich.

Unsere Arbeitsgemeinschaft wird täglich zu den genannten Öffnungszeiten am Stand des BCH (Briefmarken Club Hannover von 1886 / unserem Sponsor), mit einem Ansprechpartner vertreten sein. Persönliche Kontaktaufnahme ist möglich und erwünscht.

Ausserdem wird der überarbeitete und lange erwartete "Briefmarken-Katalog der Gemeinschafts- und Freundschaftsausgaben" von Richard Zimmermann erstmalig präsentiert.

Leider, zu diesem Zeitpunkt ist es sehr wahrscheinlich, daß das Buch zu Kauf noch nicht angeboten werden kann, für Gründe die anderswo in diesem Heft erläutert sind.



The International Philatelic Exhibition "NAPOSTA '05" will take place at the

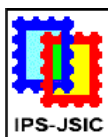
Congress Centrum Hanover (Germany) from June 2nd till June 5th, 2005.

This stamp fair is the largest stamp exhibition organized in Germany since the 1999 IBRA. The exhibition is open as follows: 2 June, 15h-20h; 3 June, 10h-18h; 4 June, 10h-17h and 5 June, 10h-15h. Admission is free. For further information go to www.naposta-05.de.

Our association will be represented daily at the BCH booth (Briefmarken Club Hannover von 1886, our sponsor), at the opening hours given above. Personal contacts with members are possible and wished.

Moreover, the new awaited and updated edition of the Catalogue of Joint Stamp Issues, from R. Zimmermann will be presented for the first time.

Unfortunately, at that time, it is highly unlikely that the book will be offered for purchase, for reasons presented elsewhere in this journal.



News about the catalogue

Richard Zimmermann

Many of our members regularly ask about the progress of the catalogue. I must admit that this is clearly a full-time job for a retired philatelist, which I am not (I mean retired). Compared to the 1997 catalogue, so far the number of pages has more than doubled. This is not only related to the addition of the 8 years of new joint issues that were produced in the meantime, but also to the improvement of

the Parallel and Concerted Issues section. I have also recently completed the Omnibus series section, that did not exist in the first edition and I have also been more detailed in a section that will help to explain why some stamps are refused as joint, the "Non-accepted Issues" section. I am now completing the tables of contents (countries and topics), which is quite a boring job, as you can imagine.

I already described in a previous Quarterly Report the new classification system and this one is now implemented throughout the whole catalogue.

The most time consuming part of the job was to translate the original book in English. I have recently sent per e-mail a "call for help" to all native-American members who would have the time and the courage to review chapters. I was amazed by the number of answers: within 24 hours I received more than 15 positive answers and since the beginning of April this reviewing job is performed by those members. Each of them received a package of about 30 pages to improve. A really big thanks to all of them.

The proportion of red corrections on each page told me that I still have a way to go to improve my mastery of the English language. On the other hand this exercise was really good for me as I discovered that I made systematically the same errors. I have to thank you all for having been so polite all these years when I wrote the journal in my Frenglish, but at the same time I have to blame you for not having told me. Now it is too late, as everything will be perfect as Pascal LeBlond writes and corrects everything (except this text) [Sorry! – Pascal].

The reviewers were told to use US English (sorry for the British purists, but I had more US reviewers at hand than British) and to limit their reviewing work of the language. So I will keep the entire responsibility for the philatelic content and you can only blame me if you find mistakes or omissions. Major mistakes were linked to the right use of small words such as "on", "at", "of", "in" or "by", which is usually the most difficult part of any language. I also discovered the real difference between synonyms such as

"manner" and "way" or "diverse" and "miscellaneous". I was told how to use the quotation marks when there is a period, a colon or a comma at the end of a phrase. And finally I understood that I shall have to change the order of the month, day and year in a date to be homogeneous through the whole book. I am glad that Word provides the tool "find-replace" to accelerate the correction process. This work was definitely tedious, boring and tiring, but absolutely necessary.

There are two other steps remaining before completing the work: checking all quotations and embedding the stamp images. Concerning this last point, I might need your help again, as I may not have all described stamps available for scanning. Roughly this will require probably another month, so I may have completed the work by end of May. At that stage I will have to decide if it will become a single book or if I will have to split it in two parts.

The number of pages will reach more than 600. I have already been approached by a philatelic printing house and depending on their conditions, they may take in charge this last part of the job and perhaps print it in colors (?).

I am traveling for my job a lot (several times a week), but this has also an advantage as the time spent in the planes and the trains can be used to continue working on this book.

Finally, as promised, I have great hope that the catalogue can be completed this year, and probably available by September (I hope earlier, but at a certain stage - the printing house - it is no longer under my control). This is the latest status and I hope that you still will remain patient.

New Issues Service

Anthony Raynaud

Dear Joint Issue stamps collectors, dear subscribers to the "New Issues Service",

As you have probably read in previous issues of this journal, I will replace Mr. Dietze to run the New Issues Service.

I will do my best and try to do it as well as Mr. Dietze did for the past years. Thanks a lot Volker for all the help you gave us to build up our collections!

The same rules will apply and I would like to remind you that pre-payment is necessary if you want me to carry on your subscription. Volker is still in charge of collecting the payments for the 1st half of 2005 and any subscribers who have not sent their pre-payment yet should do so as quickly as possible to avoid having their subscription closed.

More and more postal services are offering mailed or on-line newsletters and ordering forms that make the job easier; anyway, for many reasons, some issues have to be ordered from dealers (but at a higher price ...). For some other issues, the help of other members will be again highly appreciated. In advance, thanks to the people who helped Mr. Dietze in the past and if they are willing to carry on with me...

Help and good hints are always welcome, not only by providing stamps or covers but also by all kinds of information (unknown issues, non-described documents, etc.)

I will try to do this transition as smoothly as possible and no major changes should occur. I need some time to see "how it works" and if "adjustments" will be

necessary ... For example, from my personal wishes, I'm wondering if a new 'mixed souvenir card' (like the ones issued in Belgium, Israel or Hungary) category should not be created separately from the "other mixed document" category (which will then mainly include "large size" documents like the French "Document philatélique officiel" or the German ETB ...). Please write or e-mail me if you are interested by this proposal or if you have any comment.

I wish you to enjoy your stamp collecting hobby and I hope you will enjoy my first mail-out that should be done around September-October, this year.

With my best regards,

Anthony (dol7a@yahoo.fr).

Note: For those who have not yet benefited from this service offered by the Society and wish to know more, here are some "technical" details:

The Society, via Anthony Raynaud (Les Thiers - Le Mont, 74360 Abondance, France - Tel +33 450 732087), can provide the latest joint issues whenever possible at postal prices (plus small handling fees).

The available items will however be limited to joint issues with the same date of issue and the same design (type [T]) and sometimes including issues with the same design (type [C]). Joint issues with different designs and omnibus series as well as privately produced items will not be provided. It is also not possible to limit the request to a geographical subgroup (e.g.

Europe only), a topic or to exclude some countries.

Delivery of items will depend on the availability of the different issues, but will be performed at least two times a year. Stamps will be bought at the lowest possible price, i.e. postal values. However all postage, bank or customs fees will have to be added (from 5 to 30% depending on the country). An advance payment of about 50 US\$ or € per year per series of ordered items is requested (*example: 3 stamps, FDCs, mixed covers from each issue means 3 times 50 \$/€ advance payment*). This amount will be adjusted the second year depending on the estimated new issues to be produced. An invoice will be attached to each delivery.

Payment details: International postal money transfer (with all bank fees at your charge - note: this is not working in the USA and very expensive elsewhere);

Paypal to dol7a@yahoo.fr is now available (only in Euros - fees are about 3-4% of the total sent); **cash** in the mail, at your own risk, preferably in registered mail; **for EC members, money transfer** to Anthony RAYNAUD, using the following bank references: IBAN FR15 2004 1010 1703 4659 6T02 875 and BIC PSSTFRPPGRE; **for French members only, checks** from a French bank.

The ordering can be canceled at any time. However items already ordered at the level of the postal administrations on the day of cancellation will be delivered and must be paid. Excess of prepayment will be refunded. The New Issues Service has the right to refuse or exclude participants from this service.

For further information concerning this service, please contact Anthony directly (in English or French) at the address given above.



Exhibition of joint issues in France

Pierre-Louis Vergnaud exhibited his collection of joint issues at Saint-Just-le-Martel, near Limoges (France) during the "Fête du timbre" (stamp day) week-end of 26-27 February 2005.



The event was organized by the Association Philatélique Limousine.

Pierre-Louis explained that he: "was presenting the RCD as shown on the pictures, and around 50 sheets on joint issues respecting the typology we agreed on in our association, beginning with Siamese ones, joint issues, common issues, territorial or colonial issues and finally an anti-joint issue with the 1974 Cyprus anniversary of war (Greek and Turkish points of view). There was no jury, just visitors. I know by asking some of them



series of three stamps representing specific buildings, landscapes, artwork or items, one for each country. These stamps were always issued on 21 July except in 1979 when Turkey did it on 5 September.

Pierre-Louis has been able to assemble his collection with the help of Ehsan Mahmood, a fellow Pakistani member of the IPS-JSIC.

Thus, it only confirms that our Society is full of resources

that they have appreciated and have discovered the existence of joint issues. In this way, I think it was a success”.

RCD stands for Regional Cooperation for Development Pact among Iran, Pakistan and Turkey. The pact was signed in 1964 and each following anniversary (except for 1966-1968) was the occasion of a joint issue until 1979, in the form of



waiting to be of service. Let us hope that the example provided by Pierre-Louis will inspire other members to exhibit or write articles.



The recent election of the new board gives us the opportunity in this page to present the photographs of the people you are often in contact with but (for most of you or even we) have never had the chance to meet. These people are here to help you. Don't hesitate to contact them.

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- Volker Dietze (Kneippweg 7 D-30459 Hannover, GERMANY) offers for sale a large choice of mint stamps, single and mixed FDCs, mixed cards and souvenir/presentation packs at reasonable prices. Contact him directly by mail or email (Dietze-Volker@t-online.de) to get his list of items available.

- Mohammad Akram Naeem ("Sara House", 1 Tape Road, Lahore 54000, Pakistan, email: makramnaeem@hotmail.com) offers all the joint issues of Pakistan and some related issues of other countries of the region. He is looking for joint issues of Arab states, Mauritania, Maldives, Asian countries & some others.

- Michael Rehling, a new member, provided the Society with all the joint issues stamps he had in double for the last three years. They are offered for resale and for the profit of our Society (value between 70 and 80 €). Volker Dietze has added them to his own list of extra products regularly on sale. Stamps from Michael Rehling are listed with a "C". This list can be obtained directly from Volker Dietze.

I would like to thank Michael Rehling for his generosity towards our Society and I encourage every member to take a look at

this list. The item you have been looking for so long might be in there!

- The 2004 Canada-France IPS-JSIC first day cover is still available for € 3 (or US\$ 4) plus shipping (Europe € 1.50, elsewhere US\$ 3), or free if sent with the journal. Inventory is limited. Your purchase will help the IPS-JSIC financially.



- The editor kindly reminds members that he is always on the look out for articles to be published in *Joint Stamp Issues*. Preferences will be given to short articles (500 words), longer ones will also be considered. Images in JPEG format are also welcome. Articles in languages other than English will be translated so long as we can find a translator. So far, we can accept articles written in French.

For further information, check also the Society website under

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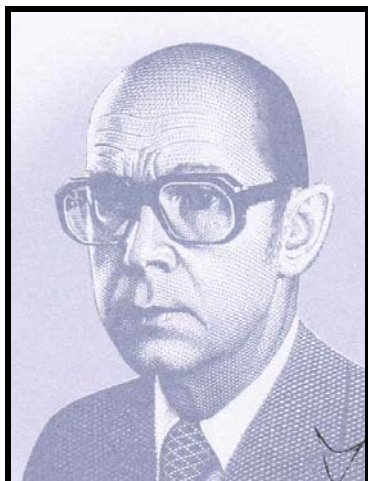
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Czeslaw Slania: Master of joint issues

Pascal LeBlond

Born on 22 October 1921 in Poland, Czeslaw Slania began engraving Polish stamps in 1950 before moving to Sweden in 1956. During his career, he engraved more than a thousand stamps for 32 postal administrations. His willingness to work for different postal administrations enabled him to become the artist directly associated with the most joint issues through a remarkable span of almost 50 years, before passing away on 17 March 2005. This article will summarize his achievements in the field of joint issues.



His first encounter with a joint issue project was with the engraving of the two Swedish stamps for the Europa series of 1960. In 1969, he engraved the pair of stamps of both Denmark and Iceland for the Scandinavian joint issue celebrating a century of postal cooperation (Denmark-Finland-Iceland-Norway-Sweden).

We have to wait until 1983 to see him engrave all the stamps involved in a joint issue (Sweden-United States). His last joint issue was released in 2003 (Hong Kong-Sweden: water birds) for which he engraved both sets of stamps from Hong

Kong and Sweden. According to the USPS, quoted by the Virtual Stamp Club (www.virtualstampclub.com), Slania was supposed to engrave the Swedish stamp of the upcoming Greta Garbo joint issue with the United States. However, he was too ill to work and the job was given to Piotr Naszarkowski.

In all, Slania engraved 109 stamps related to joint issues (roughly 10% of his total output) forming a representative collection of the subjects engraved by Slania throughout his career. Such a collection also allows the opportunity to compare his style to that of other engravers based on identical designs. For example, the Australia-Sweden joint issue of 2001 allows a comparison between Slania and Lars Sjööblom.

It is worth noting that his interest in joint issues is almost always connected to the Scandinavian countries and Poland. The exception is the Monaco-United States joint issue in honor of Grace Kelly, Princess of Monaco. During his career, he engraved five different types of joint issues (T1, T2, C1, P1 and TD), the twin issues [T1] being the most frequent with 21 examples.

For more information on Slania, go to the excellent website maintained by Danish collector Ann Mette Heindorff at www.xs4all.nl/~pkv/slania. The last stamps engraved by Slania were issued by the United Nations on 4 February 2005 to mark the 60th anniversary of the United Nations. They were released merely a month and a half before his death.

1. Twin issues [T1, T2]

1960 (19 September) **EUROPA – 18 postal administrations** [T2]. Slania engraved both Swedish stamps.

1969 (28 February) **Denmark – Finland – Iceland – Norway – Sweden**: Centenary of postal cooperation. Identical stamps [T1]. Slania engraved the stamps of Denmark and Iceland.

1969 (28 April) **EUROPA – 25 postal administrations** [T2]. Slania engraved the Danish stamp.

1983 (24 March) **Sweden – United States**: 200th anniversary of diplomatic relations. Identical stamps [T1]. Slania engraved both stamps.

1985 (21 May) **Denmark – Sweden**: 900th anniversary of King Knut IV's gift to Lund cathedral. Identical stamps (2) [T1]. Slania engraved both pairs of stamps.

1992 (3 October) **Estonia – Latvia – Lithuania – Sweden**: Protection of nature on the coast of the Baltic Sea, birds. Identical stamps (4) [T1]. Slania engraved only the stamps depicting the black-tailed godwit (*Limosa limosa*) for each postal administration.

1992 (27 November) **Russia – Sweden**: Christmas, Russian icons. Identical stamps (4) [T1]. Slania engraved only two of the Swedish stamps: the Holy Mother from Don and the Archangel Gabriel.

1993 (24 March) **Monaco – United States**: Princess Grace of Monaco (1929-1982). Identical stamps [T1]. Slania engraved both stamps.

1994 (18 March) **France – Sweden**: Cultural cooperation. Two identical stamps

out of six [T1]. Slania engraved five of the six Swedish stamps and one French stamp: Banquet for Gustavus III at the Trianon. The Swedish stamp not engraved by him represents the Swedish and French flags.

1995 (9 November) **Germany – Sweden**: Centenary of the Nobel Prize Fund. Identical stamps [T1]. Slania engraved both identical stamps: Alfred Nobel and his testament.

1997 (23 April) **Czech Republic – Germany – Hungary – Poland – Vatican**: St. Adalbert (956-997). Identical stamps [T1]. Slania only engraved the Polish stamp.

1997 (9 May) **China – Sweden**: Pheasants. Identical stamps (2) [T1]. Slania engraved both pairs of stamps.

1997 (13 November) **Sweden – Switzerland**: Alfred Nobel and Paul Karrer, Nobel Prize for chemistry in 1937. Identical stamps (2) [T1]. Slania engraved both pairs of stamps.

1998 (3 October) **Poland – Sweden**: Sigismund (1566-1632), King of Poland and Sweden. Identical stamps [T1]. Slania engraved both stamps.



1999 (12 August) **Singapore – Sweden**: Butterflies. Identical stamps (4) [T1]. Slania engraved both sets of stamps.

1999 (30 September) **Belgium – Sweden**: Belgian Nobel prize winners for peace. Identical stamps (2) [T1]. Slania engraved both pairs of stamps.

1999 (17 October) **France – Poland**: Frederic Chopin. Identical stamps [T1]. Slania engraved the Polish stamp.

2000 (9 May) **Poland – Vatican**: 80th birthday of Pope John Paul II. Identical stamps (3) [T1]. Slania engraved both sets of stamps.

2001 (22 March) **Sweden – United States**: Nobel Prize centenary. Identical stamps [T1]. Slania engraved both identical stamps representing the portrait of Alfred Nobel.

2001 (16 August) **Australia – Sweden**: Daniel Solander (1733-1782), botanist with James Cook in Australia. Identical stamps (2) [T1]. Slania engraved the Australian stamps.

2002 (5 October) **Sweden – Thailand**: Royal palaces. Identical stamps (2) [T1]. Slania engraved both pairs of stamps.

2003 (20 March) **Spain – Sweden**: Spanish Nobel Prize winners in medicine. Identical stamps (2) [T1]. Slania engraved both pairs of stamps.

2003 (4 October) **Hong Kong – Sweden**: Water birds. Identical stamps (4) [T1]. Slania engraved both sets of stamps.



2. Concerted issues [C1]

1984 (2 April) **EUROPA – 33 postal administrations**. Slania engraved both stamps of Faeroe Islands.

3. Parallel issues [P1]

1963 (14 May) **Denmark – West Germany**: Launch of a direct sea link by ferry-boat between both countries. Different stamps. Slania engraved the Danish stamp.

1983 (24 March) **Denmark – Finland – Iceland – Norway – Sweden**: NORDEN '83, tourism in Scandinavia. Different stamps. Slania engraved both Danish stamps.

4. Territorial issues [TD]

1963 (21 November) **Denmark – Greenland**: 50th anniversary of Niels Bohr's atomic theory. Identical stamps (2). Slania engraved both pairs of stamps.

1967 (10 June) **Denmark – Greenland**: Wedding of Princess Margrethe and Count Henri de Monpezat. Identical stamps. Slania engraved both stamps.

1968 (12 September) **Denmark – Greenland**: Help to the children of Greenland. Identical stamps. Slania engraved both stamps.

1973 (18 October) **Denmark – Greenland**: Help to the victims of the Heimaey disaster (Iceland). Identical stamps. Slania engraved both stamps.

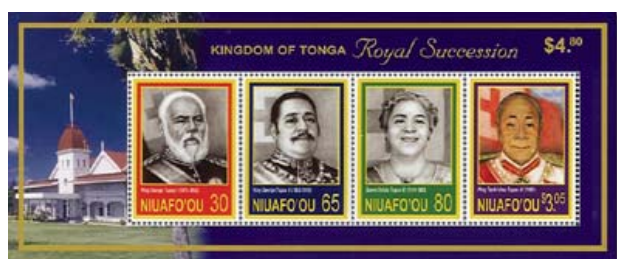
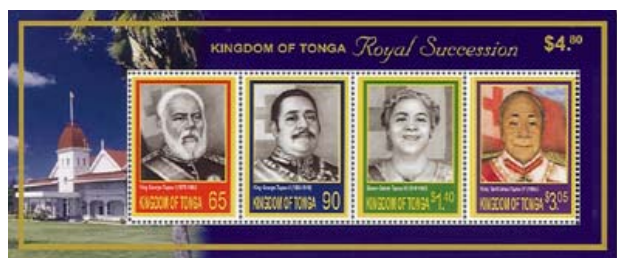
Recent issues

Iran-Ukraine (2004)

Hamid Reza Ebrahimi provided us with an image of a first day cover for the Iran-Ukraine joint issue. Since the official day of issue of the Iranian stamps is 6 March 2005, while the Ukrainian stamps were issued on 30 November 2004, this joint issue could no longer be listed as [T1]. It should be considered as [C1].

Niuafo'ou-Tonga (2004)

Information regarding two territorial twin issues [TD] released in 2004 has been available only recently.



Title: **Kingdom of Tonga, royal succession**
 Date of issue: 7 July 2004
 Denomination: 65¢, 90¢, \$1.40, \$3.05
 Layout: 4 stamps, 1 souvenir sheet
 Designer: Stamps Business, New Zealand Post
 Printer: Southern Colour Print, Dunedin, New Zealand
 Perforation: 14
 Process: Lithography

Stamps are illustrated with portraits of the monarchs who succeeded themselves on the throne: King George Tupou (1875-1893), King George Tupou II (1893-1918), Queen Salote Tupou III (1918-1965) and King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV (1965-).



Title: **Christmas**
 Date of issue: 10 November 2004
 Denomination: 15¢, 90¢, \$1.20, \$2.60 (Niuafo'ou)
 65¢, 80¢, \$1.20, \$2.50 (Tonga)
 Layout: 4 stamps
 Designer: Marten Coombe, Watermark Limited, New Zealand
 Printer: Southern Colour Print, Dunedin, New Zealand
 Perforation: 13.2
 Process: Lithography

The designer, Marten Coombe, treated the same subjects (Mary and baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph on the way to Bethlehem, the Archangel and the shepherds, the three Kings) in different manners while keeping the same style.

No dual documents are known for these Niuafo'ou-Tonga joint issues.

Argentina-Thailand (2005)

To mark the 50th anniversary of their diplomatic relations, Argentina and Thailand released a twin issue [T1] featuring their national dances: tango and Ram Klong Yao.

Title: **50 years of bilateral relations
Argentina-Thailand**
Date of issue: 2 February 2005 (Thailand)
5 February 2005 (Argentina)
Denomination: 2 x 75c (Argentina)
2 x 3.00 baht (Thailand)
Layout: 2 stamps
Designer: Leandro Dopacio (Argentina)
Parichart Tassanathep, Thailand
Post Company Limited
Printer: Letra Viva S.A., Buenos Aires
(Argentina)
Thai British Security Printing Public
Company Limited (Thailand)
Perforation: 14 (Argentina)
Process: Lithography
Quantity: 208,000 stamps and 3000 first day
covers (Argentina)

Correo Argentino prepared a dual souvenir card featuring both pairs of stamps first day canceled together with the following text in Spanish and English.

Ram Klong Yao

Near the end of the eighteenth century, the Siamese army was on a campaign to win back Siam's historic capital, Ayuthaya, ruled at the time by the Burmese. Throughout the siege, the Burmese army danced and sang to the beat of long drums. The Siamese troops were enchanted by their foes' lively custom and set out to imitate it.

The long drum dance, or Ram Klong Yao, goes hand in hand with the Thai Songkran festivities, which take place in summer and serve to bring in the New Year. The celebration, which lures people of all ages, is carried out in the central square. Long drums and other percussion instruments lead participants through a myriad of song and dance routines.



The Tango

Much like the city that spawned the dance form, the tango was shaped by a set of men and circumstances riddled in controversy. Nobody knows precisely where the term "tango" came from. The following, however, is undeniable: the tango originally belonged to the "compadritos", perhaps best described as suave hooligans from the city's backstreets. It was a marginal musical form that was played and danced in brothels and other socially unacceptable venues. The latter may explain why the first tango lyrics were rather crude in nature. The tango's emblematic instrument, the accordion-like bandoneon, made it to Argentina from Central Europe, where it was created to make up for the lack of organs in Lutheran churches. The romantic lyrics, which came about much later and became known as the sung-tango, would not have

made it to the limelight if it had not been for Carlos Gardel, who earned international acclaim, during the twenties' and thirties'.

Denmark-Germany (2005)

The 50th anniversary of the Bonn-Copenhagen declarations was marked by the release of a twin issue [T1]. In 1985, the subject had already been treated as a joint issue. This time, instead of showing a map, the designer played with both flags.

Post Danmark has produced a souvenir card featuring both stamps first day canceled over a spectacular view provided by NASA (see cover of this journal). A brief text in Danish and German is printed on the back of the card. This card is still available from Post Danmark at www.stamps.postdanmark.dk.

Artworks not selected for this joint issue can be seen at <http://www.briefmarken-archiv.de/brd/01/2005/a050302.htm>.

Title: **The Copenhagen-Bonn declarations, 1955-2005**
 Date of issue: 2 March 2005 (Denmark)
 3 March 2005 (Germany)
 Denomination: 6.50 DKK (Denmark)
 0,55 € (Germany)
 Layout: 1 stamp
 Designer: Angela Kühn, Hamburg
 Printer: Post Danmark A/S
 Bundesdruckerei GmbH, Berlin
 Perforation: 13 (Denmark)
 Process: Lithography

Denmark-Malta (2005)

Post Danmark was busy in March with the issuance of a second twin issue [T1] on the same day (2 March), this time with Malta in honor of the 200th birthday of Hans Christian Andersen, the well-known Danish writer of fairy tales. At first, it was not clear

if it was indeed a joint issue since it is not mentioned as such on Post Danmark's website. Furthermore many postal administrations are taking part in the bicentennial by issuing stamps on their own. Bettina Sroka, Post Danmark, kindly confirmed to us that it is indeed a joint issue with Malta. According to Malta Post, Andersen spent one day in Malta in 1841.

Title: **Hans Christian Andersen, 1805-2005**
 Date of issue: 2 March 2005 (Denmark)
 3 March 2005 (Malta)
 Denomination: 4.50 DKK, 5.50 DKK, 6.50 DKK, 7.50 DKK (Denmark)
 7c, 22c, 60c, 75c (Malta)
 Layout: 4 stamps
 4.50 DKK (pane of 8 and central label, pane of 25)
 5.50 DKK (pane of 8 and central label, pane of 50, booklet of 10 and label)
 6.50 DKK (pane of 50)
 7.50 DKK (pane of 50)
 Pane of 10 (Malta)
 Designer: Mette Mourier, Eric Mourier
 Engraver: Lars Sjööblom
 Printer: Post Danmark A/S (Denmark)
 Printex Limited (Malta)
 Perforation: 13 (Denmark)
 13.6 x 14 (Malta)
 Process: Steel engraving (4.50 DKK), steel engraving and lithography (Denmark)
 Lithography (Malta)
 Watermark: Maltese cross (Malta)



The four stamps depict a portrait of Hans Christian Andersen, the artist, the writer and the traveller. The 4.50 DKK stamp (and its Maltese equivalent) reproduces a portrait of Andersen taken by Thora Hallager in 1869. Contrary to the Danish

stamp, the background of the Maltese stamp is filled with an unknown manuscript instead of Andersen's signature.



The 5.50 DKK stamp shows a paper cut entitled: "Plasterer / clown with tray with buildings on it" created by Andersen together with his own pair of scissors. Both items are on display at the Hans Christian Andersen Museum in Odense.



The 6.50 DKK stamp features one of the illustrations drawn by Louis Moe in 1925 for "The Ugly Duckling" together with Andersen's own pen and inkwell. The background reproduces an excerpt of the first page of the manuscript for his autobiography "The Fairy Tale of my Life" published in 1855.

Finally, the 7.50 DKK stamp depicts Andersen's drawing of the Casino dell' Orologio at the Villa Borghese in Rome where he was staying at Christmas in 1833. Also featured on the stamp are his Moroccan travelling boots. Both items are on display at the Andersen Museum in Odense.



No dual official document exists for this joint issue suggesting that an agreement was reached too late to allow the production of this type of document. To learn more about the festivities surrounding Andersen's bicentennial, go to www.hca2005.com.

Austria-Liechtenstein (2005)

On 7 March 2005, the neighboring countries of Austria and Liechtenstein released a twin issue [T1] on the occasion of the reopening of the Liechtenstein Museum in Vienna. The masterpiece "Venus in front of a mirror" by Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640)

Title:	Liechtenstein Museum, Vienna
Date of issue:	7 March 2005
Denomination:	1,25 € (Austria) 2,20 CHF (Liechtenstein)
Layout:	1 stamp (pane of 8)
Designer:	Wolfgang Seidel, St. Martin am Wöllmissberg
Engraver:	Wolfgang Seidel, St. Martin am Wöllmissberg
Printer:	Österreichische Staatsdruckerei GmbH, Vienna
Perforation:	13.25 x 13.5 (Liechtenstein)
Process:	Steel engraving and photogravure
Quantity:	1,100,000 (Austria)

Österreichische Post AG offers two official first day covers: one cancelled in Vienna and the other one in Feldkirch. Both Austrian cancellations reproduce details of the painting and were designed by Adolf

Tuma. A folder contains two cards affixed with blocks of four stamps first day cancelled in Austria and in Liechtenstein.



The postal service of Liechtenstein offers a dual first day cover as well as a dual maximum card depicting the Hercules room of the Liechtenstein Museum. Both dual first day cover and dual maximum card are still available from the postal service of Liechtenstein at www.pwz.li. To learn more about the collection of the Liechtenstein Museum, go to www.liechtensteinmuseum.at.

New Caledonia - Wallis and Futuna (2005)

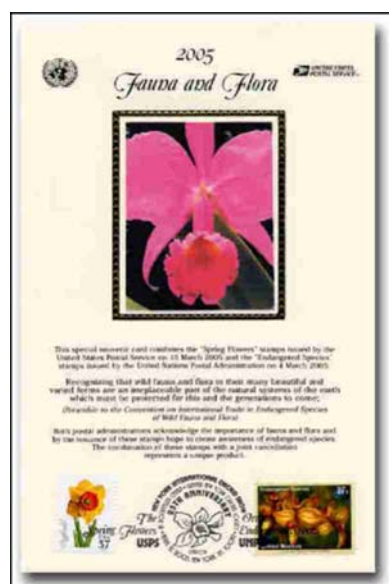


Information is still difficult to find regarding this joint issue. What we know so far is that it celebrates the 20th anniversary of Alliance Champlain and the 10th anniversary of the French language and Francophonie week and international day of Francophonie.

Title: **Francophonie, sharing of cultures**
 Date of issue: 17 March 2005 (New Caledonia)
 19 March 2005 (Wallis and Futuna)
 Denomination: 135 FCFP (New Caledonia)
 Layout: 1 stamp (New Caledonia)
 2 stamps (Wallis and Futuna)
 Designer: Sébastien Lesire (New Caledonia)
 Printer: Imprimerie des timbres-poste et valeurs fiduciaires, Périgueux, France
 Process : Lithography

United Nations - United States (2005)

To mark the 25th anniversary of the New York International Orchid Show held at the Rockefeller Center between 12 and 17 April 2005, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) and the United States Postal Service (USPS) have produced a souvenir card featuring a joint cancellation [JC].



It is the second time in two years that both postal administrations collaborate in a joint cancellation. This time a 37¢ UNPA stamp from the endangered species series (Orchids) issued on 3 March 2005 was

used together with a 37¢ USPS stamp from the spring flowers series issued on 15 March 2005. The souvenir card is still available from the UNPA for US\$5 at www.un.org/Depts/UNPA/index.html.

Belarus-Russia (2005)

This twin issue [T1] was released on 15 April 2005 and celebrates nature found at the border between the two countries, namely the hydrographic basin of the Sozh River.



Title: **Nature**
 Date of issue: 15 April 2005
 Denomination: 2 x 500 BYR, 2 x 1000 BYR (Belarus)
 4 x 5.00 (Russia)
 Layout: 4 stamps (souvenir sheet)
 Designer: Petr A. Zhilichkin, Moscow
 Printer: Publishing Centre "Marka" (Belarus)
 Publishing and Trading Center "MARKA" (Russia)
 Perforation: 12 x 12.5 (Russia)
 Process: Lithography
 Quantity: 30,000 (Belarus)
 100,000 (Russia)

Four animals are distinguished on the souvenir sheet: greater spotted eagle (*Aquila clanga*), beaver (*Castor fiber*), dark crimson underwing (*Catocala sponsa*) and badger (*Meles meles*).

First day cancellations were respectively designed by Shamil Khairulin (Belarus) and L. Mikhalevsky (Russia). A limited number of Belarus booklets (1000) were printed following a design by Alexander Mityanin. Unfortunately, no dual documents are known.

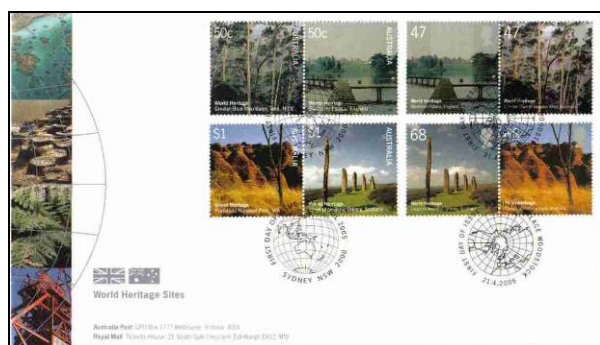
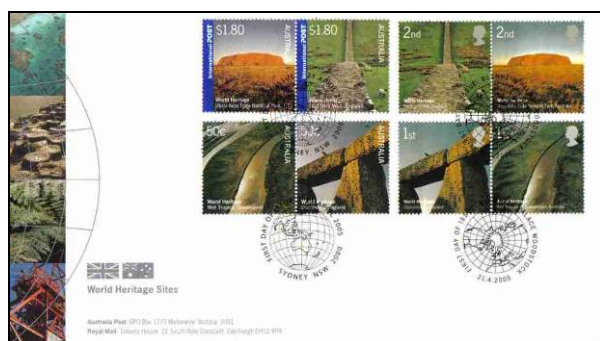
Australia-Great Britain (2005)

On the occasion of the Pacific Explorer stamp exhibition held in Sydney, Australia Post and Royal Mail have released, on 21 April 2005, a massive twin issue [T1] dedicated to UNESCO's world heritage sites and marking the 300th anniversary of the start of the construction of Blenheim Palace.

Four stamps depict natural heritage sites located in Australia while the other four show cultural heritage sites from Great Britain. Photographer Peter Marlow took about 40 pictures of each site.

- Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Northern Territory (1981)
- Wet Tropics of Queensland (1987)
- Greater Blue Mountains Area, New South Wales (2000)
- Purnululu National Park, Western Australia (2003)
- Stonehenge, Wiltshire, England (1986)
- Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire, England (1987)
- Hadrian's Wall, North of England (1987)
- Heart of Neolithic Orkney, Orkney Islands, Scotland (1999)

Title: World heritage sites
Date of issue: 21 April 2005
Denomination: 4 x 50c, 2 x \$1, 2 x \$1.80 (Australia)
 2 x 1st, 2 x 2nd, 2 x 47p, 2 x 68p (Great Britain)
Layout: 8 stamps (se-tenant pairs)
 Pane of 20 (Australia)
 Pane of 30 (Great Britain)
Designer: Jason Godfrey, Godfrey Design, UK
 and Beth McKinlay, Australia Post Design Studio
Photographer: Peter Marlow, Magnum Photos
Printer: SNP Sprint (Australia)
 Joh. Enschedé Security Print, Haarlem, Netherlands (Great Britain)
Perforation: 14.28 (Australia)
 14.5 (Great Britain)
Process: Lithography



An excellent study of this issue is found at www.norphil.co.uk/2005/whs.htm with an illustrated list of all related British pictorial cancellations including the two first day cancellations of Tallents House, Edinburgh and Blenheim Palace, Woodstock.

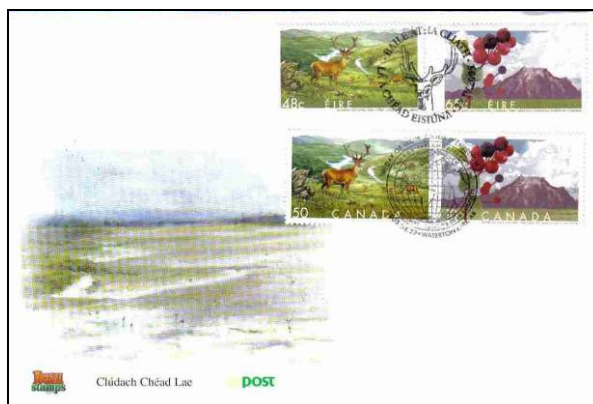
A number of dual documents are available from both postal administrations: a set of joint first day covers; a joint pack and a

coin cover featuring a 50 pence piece from the Royal Mint and a 50 cent coin from the Australian Mint.

Canada-Ireland (2005)

Curiously, the UNESCO is also honored by a second twin issue [T1] in two days. This time, Canada Post and An Post marked World Earth Day (22 April 2005) with stamps showcasing two Biosphere Reserves. To learn more, go to www.unesco.org/mab/wnbr.htm.

Title: Biosphere Reserves
Date of issue: 22 April 2005
Denomination: 2 x 50¢, \$1.00 (Canada)
 48c, 65c, 1.13 € (Ireland)
 4 x 5.00 (Russia)
Layout: 2 stamps, souvenir sheet
 Pane of 16
Designer: Xerxes Irani, nonfiction studios inc., Calgary
Illustrator: Jeff Spokes
 Finbarr O'Connor
Printer: Lowe Martin Company Inc. (Canada)
 Cartor Security Printing, France (Ireland)
Perforation: 13+ (Canada)
 14 x 15 (Ireland)
Process: Lithography
Quantity: 5,400,000 (Canada)
 705,000 (Ireland)



Both postal administrations issued souvenir sheets and joint first day covers. The Irish souvenir sheet is available on a first day

cover, which is not the case for the Canadian one. The following is found on a card inside the Irish first day cover.

Joint Issue – Canada & Ireland – Biospheres

On 22 April 2005, An Post in association with Canada Post issued two stamps to coincide with World Earth Day. The issue, which is the first collaboration between An Post and Canada Post, comprises two stamps featuring a Biosphere Reserve from each country. First designated by UNESCO in 1970, Biosphere Reserves symbolize the synergy between conservation of living environments and the promotion of sustainable development.

Ireland has two Biosphere Reserves, Killarney National Park in Co. Kerry and Bull Island in Dublin. Killarney National Park is featured on the Irish stamp, which highlights the fauna of the area represented by a magnificent Red Deer stag in his summer coat.

The Biosphere Reserve depicted on the Canadian stamp is Waterton Lakes National Park, and focuses on the flora of the park, namely the Saskatoon berry.

The illustration on the first day cover is an oil painting of Bull Island by Dr. Thomas Ryan, RHA. The miniature sheet and Irish stamp were illustrated by Finbarr O'Connor, while the Canadian stamp was designed by nonfiction studios inc.

Omnibus issues (2005)

So far, two omnibus issues have been released both under the supervision of the Crown Agents. Collectors should know that other postal administrations could be added to these issues in the months ahead. Therefore, these omnibus issues will be dealt with in detail in the next installment of this journal.

So far, 12 postal administrations (Ascension, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Indian Ocean Territories, Cayman, Gibraltar, Jamaica, Kiribati, Nauru, St. Helena, St. Lucia, Tristan da Cunha) are

participating in the **200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar**. Dates of issue are already spread from January to June. The issue is designed by John Batchelor and is usually made of six stamps and one souvenir sheet. The unique feature about this issue is that an identical stamp depicting H.M.S. Victory, released by each administration, contains small parts of the actual timber of Nelson's flag ship. This technological achievement was done by Cartor, the French printer.



A second omnibus issue is entitled: **"The Route to Victory"** and marks the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. Six postal administrations (British Indian Ocean Territories, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, St. Helena, Solomon Islands) are planning to participate with dates of issue ranging from April to June. Designed by Ross Watton and printed by BDT, the issue is usually made of ten stamps and one souvenir sheet.



Upcoming issues

Only new information is provided here. For a complete list of forthcoming joint issues, please visit the IPS-JSIC website at <http://rzimmerm.club.fr/latest.htm>.

The death of John Paul II created a lot of difficulty for the Vatican 2005 stamp program. The **Italy-Vatican** joint issue scheduled for 18 March, then for 5 April, has been postponed by both postal administrations. Finally, it will be released on 9 June.



On 4 May 2005, a **Czech Republic-France** joint issue will be released to commemorate the battle of Austerlitz in 1805. Appropriately, both identical stamps reproduce the portrait of French Emperor Napoléon, as this was his most important victory. At least one dual document is known: the French *document philatélique* features both stamps first day cancelled.



The Europa theme for 2005 is gastronomy and **Portugal** and its dependencies of **Azores** and **Madeira** took this opportunity to release on 5 May similar stamps and souvenir sheets. These stamps share the same denomination, designer, photograph, chef (!) and printer.



Much controversy surrounds the upcoming **Germany-Israel** joint issue related to the 40th anniversary of the diplomatic relationship between both countries. Initially scheduled for 12 May, Deutsche Post stated in a press release dated 1 May 2005 that the joint issue had been postponed. An article, published in the *Jerusalem Post* of 22 December 2004, shed some light on the problem. The project was initiated in Germany and the original concept representing flags of both countries was also designed in Germany. The Israeli Ministerial Committee on Ceremonies and Symbols had already unanimously approved the design in December 2004. However, groups representing survivors of the Holocaust were not consulted. Some of them are organizing a campaign against this project. On 9 May 2005, Arie Olewski, of the Israel Philatelic Service, told us that a joint issue with Germany is still planned for this year. However, the most recent issue of the

German philatelic journal *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*, DBZ dated 13 May 2005, states that the joint issue will **not** be issued this year for political reasons (subject). Let us hope that these two countries will come to an agreement for the 50th anniversary of their relationship.

Preliminary images of the **China-Liechtenstein** joint issue planned for 18 May have been released by the postal service of Liechtenstein. Both pairs of stamps will be identical and will depict floral paintings: one by Ambrosius Bosschaert the Elder (1573-1621) and the other by Chen Hongshou (1588-1652). A dual first day cover and dual maximum card will be available from Liechtenstein.



More information has been released regarding the upcoming **Norway-Sweden** joint issue planned for 27 May.



The issue is made up of two stamps in a souvenir sheet depicting two views of the new Svinesund Bridge, which will connect both countries over the Ide Fjord starting on 10 June 2005. It will be the world's

largest single-arched bridge. To learn more about this project, go to www.byv.kth.se/svinesund/bridge.htm. Unfortunately, it seems that the only dual document will be a folder prepared by Sweden Post.

The **Germany-Vatican** joint issue dedicated to the 20th World Youth Day is still scheduled for 2 June 2005 despite delays at the Vatican. Here is a preliminary sketch of the approved design by Andreas Voß-Acker. Other artworks can be seen at www.briefmarken-archiv.de/brd/01/2005/a050603.htm.



A late addition has been made to the 2005 Russian stamp program in the way of a **North Korea-Russia** joint issue with a fauna subject scheduled for 1 June 2005. The two Russian stamps are separated by a label featuring both flags. The stamps depict a sable (*Martes zibellina*) of the weasel family and a Siberian tiger (*Pantera tigris altaica*).



Hong Kong Post has released images of the forthcoming **China-Hong Kong-Macao** joint issue commemorating the 600th anniversary of Zheng He's maritime expedition. However, the Macao 2005 stamp program reveals that this issue is now planned for December 2005 while China and Hong Kong are keeping 28 June as the day of issue.



According to www.siamstamp.com, a **China-Thailand** joint issue will be released on 1 July 2005 to mark 30 years of diplomatic relations. So far, this information has not been corroborated by China National Philatelic Corporation. The circular Thai stamps will depict panda bears.



The **France-Vatican** joint issue will be released in September and not in June as previously thought.

A **Bosnia-Qatar** joint issue entitled: "International friendship of cities: Sarajevo-Doha" is scheduled for 30 June according to the Bosnia (Sarajevo) 2005 stamp program.

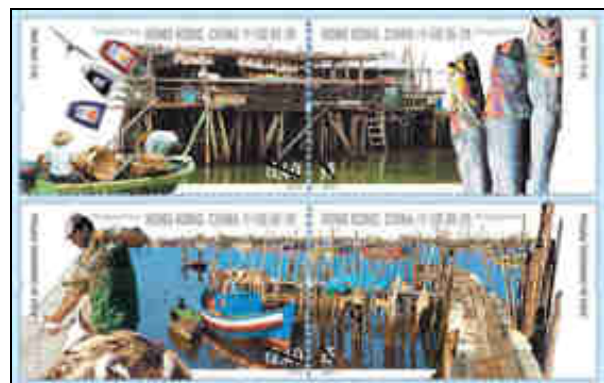
Brazil has postponed until June its stamp marking the Year of Brazil in France. There is no word yet about a possible French counterpart.

Slovakia is no longer planning a joint issue for September.

The USPS has revealed a preliminary image of the Greta Garbo stamp engraved by Piotr Naszarkowski for the **Sweden-United States** joint issue on 23 September.



The **Hong Kong-Portugal** joint issue has also been rescheduled. Both postal administrations have agreed to release it on 18 October.



Correos (Spanish postal administration) has revised its 2005 stamp program and rescheduled the **Iran-Spain** joint issue to 28 September.

Eesti Post (Estonian postal administration) provided more information regarding the upcoming **Estonia-Kazakhstan** joint issue. It will be released on 19 October and will depict hunting dogs.

A triple **Bosnian** joint issue (Sarajevo, Croatian and Serbian postal administrations) is scheduled for 21 November to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords. For more information about the accords, go to the following website www.state.gov/www/regions/eur/bosnia/bosagree.html.

It is now unlikely that a **North Korea-South Korea** joint issue will be released in 2005, as reported in the last journal, considering the political situation in the peninsula.

What looks like an upcoming omnibus issue is scheduled for 1 June 2005 and, so far, concerns only two postal administrations: **Fiji** and **Jamaica**. The subject is the 50th anniversary of the Europa series (in 2006). Both sets of stamps have been designed by Derek Miller and printed by BDT International Security. Fiji will release four stamps and one souvenir sheet while Jamaica will release only three stamps and one souvenir sheet.



2006 Philatelic programs

The French official journal has published the 2006 French stamp program on 24 February 2005. Two joint issues are planned: **Argentina-France** and **France-United Nations**. Since exact dates and subjects were not provided, maybe our French members will be able to give us some clues.

Royal Mail has announced that a **Great Britain-United States** joint issue is planned for January 2006. The subject will be children's book illustrations.

Deutsche Post has announced the dates of issue for its 2006 stamp program. The tentative joint issues would be released on 8 June (**Germany-United States**), 13 July (**Germany-Netherlands**) and 10 August (**Germany-Sweden**).

Austrian Post revealed, in the May issue of *Post.Philatelic*, that it will release two more joint issues in 2006: An **Austria-Hong Kong** joint issue on fireworks is planned for August 2006 and an **Austria-China** joint issue on musical instruments is scheduled for 22 September 2006.

La Poste (Belgium) also announced its 2006 stamp program. Two joint issues are planned: A **Belgium-Denmark-Netherlands** joint issue will be released on 7 August 2006 while a **Belgium-Guatemala** joint issue dedicated to Santo Tomas will be available on 25 September 2006. The triple joint issue will celebrate the artistic avant-garde movement known as COBRA. The name is based on the hometowns of its members: Copenhagen, Brussels and Amsterdam.

Omnibus and joint issues: a UPU perspective

In 1999, the Universal Postal Union (UPU) published *The Guide for the Development of Philately* for the benefit of postal administrations.

Omnibus and joint issues are mentioned and these passages are quoted in full due to the important perspective they shed on our hobby.

Omnibus Issues

One area of strength is the design, production and marketing of omnibus issues. Such issues comprise stamps from several countries (up to 30 or more is not unusual) with a common theme. It might be a Coronation, or the anniversary of the death of a well-known personality; the subjects are boundless.

The advantage of such issues is twofold: firstly, they provide economy of scale in design, printing and marketing, and secondly, they promote important cross-linkages between postal administrations. A person may only collect a few of the countries participating, but the issue may stimulate interest in other countries.

Omnibus issues are also useful in attracting thematic collectors or other hobbyists. For example, a multiple issue of Christopher Columbus may attract collectors of explorers, ships, and famous

people, as well as people interested in navigation, history and exploration who do not normally collect postage stamps.

To some extent, omnibus issues are the precursors of joint issues...

Joint Issues

In the previous chapter we talked about omnibus issues, which have been around since the 1930's. Joint issues are different in that they are commonly bilateral agreements to issue postage stamps of a common theme (and usually a common design).

The purpose is to try and stimulate the collection of postage stamps of each country in the other country. For each postal administration, the mail order (or standing order) list of customers is close to unique, and, therefore, being able to get at least one of your issues into the hands of this completely different list of collectors is extremely attractive.

Joint issues have been pursued by large postal administrations with large mailing lists where there is mutual benefit to each party. Smaller administrations have more difficulty arranging joint issues, but they should pursue the concept, because at worst, it may merely (say) double the return from a single issue, to at best, adding a significant number of new collectors to the new issue distribution list.

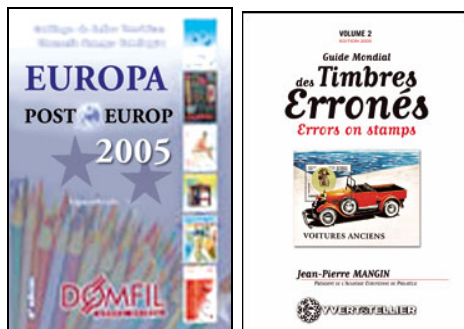


In the news

Our Society was the object of an article in a recent edition of *Canadian Stamp News* (8 March 2005, p. 8-9). Entitled: "International club high on joint issues", the article is based on an interview with

yours truly, Pascal LeBlond. We have obtained permission to reproduce this article on our website for the benefit of our members and the general public as well.

New publications



A number of catalogues, relevant to joint issues, have or will be published in 2005.

Domfil has published the 6th edition of its catalogue "Europa CEPT Posteurop" which lists 3194 stamps in 448 pages. Written in Spanish and English, this catalogue

provides values in € and US\$ together with catalogue numbers from Domfil, Yvert et Tellier, Scott, Michel and Unificato. Price: 40 €. Domfil has also announced the publication, in 2005, of the second edition of its catalogue "America-UPAEP".

Finally, Yvert et Tellier has published volume 2 of Jean-Pierre Mangin's "Guide mondial des timbres erronés, Errors on stamps". Price: 29 €.

Members who have access to these catalogues are invited to submit short reviews for publication.



Discoveries

Nahum Shereshevsky informed us of a curious philatelic item recently sold on Ebay. It is related to the Herzl joint issue (Austria-Hungary-Israel) of 2004 and features four Israeli stamps, three Hungarian and three Austrian. Marilyn Clark, of Australia Post, kindly informed us that it is not an official Australian product. She wrote that: "Our Personalised Stamp Service is available to all individuals who may wish to produce their own personalized sheets of stamps. We have a number of basic stamp design sheets available that can have a personalised tab (i.e. a photo or logo specific to the customer) or alternately the customer can arrange for the full sheet (the stamp remains the same) to be designed to their specifications". Hence, Australia did not

participate in this joint issue. However, collectors will have to be aware that stamps can be reproduced on labels as in this case.



Canadian and British North America joint issues

The following listing collects all Siamese (several countries on a same stamp), twin (same date, same design), concerted (same design and different issuing date) and parallel (same issuing date and different design) stamp issues involving Canada, as well as the colonies of British North America, which are now part of Canada. First issue dates reported in front of each entry are those corresponding to the most common date. Dates for stamps issued at a different date are indicated behind the country's name. The word "Identical" stands for same design with almost the same shape, the same colors, while the word "Similar" means same basic design but slightly modified by local designers.

1. Unique issues [U1]

1860 **British Columbia – Vancouver Island:** Queen Victoria. One unique stamp. First issue for both postal administrations.

2. Siamese issues [S2]

1999 (19 March) **Australia – Canada:** The *Marco Polo* (ship). Two different stamps part of the same souvenir sheet. The Australian stamp was previously issued on 15 January 1998. Official dual FDC by Canada Post and Australia Post.



3. Twin issues [T1, T4]

1851 (1 September) **Nova Scotia – New Brunswick** (6 September): Crown and floral emblems. Identical stamps (3). First issue for both postal administrations.

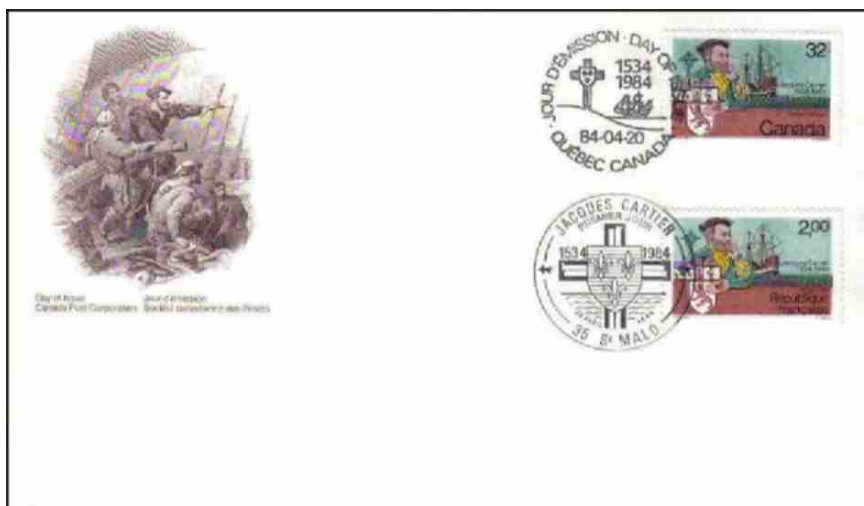
1959 (26 June) **Canada – United States:** Opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Identical stamps. Private dual FDC.

1976 (1 June) **Canada – United States:** United States Bicentennial. Identical stamps. Private dual FDC.

1984 (20 April) **Canada – France:** Jacques Cartier, 1534-1984. Identical stamps. Official dual FDC by Canada Post. Official dual *document philatélique* by La Poste.

1990 (2 March) **Canada – China** (3 March): Norman Bethune. Identical stamps (2). Official dual FDCs by Canada Post and China National Philatelic Corporation.

1997 (24 June) **Canada – Italy:** Cabot's Voyage, 1497. Identical stamps. Official dual FDC by Canada Post.



2002 (19 May) **Canada – Hong Kong:** Corals. Identical stamps (4). Official dual FDC by Canada Post (only two different stamps from each postal administration).

2003 (4 October) **Canada – Thailand:** National emblems (trees). Identical stamps (2). Official dual FDC by Canada Post (only one different stamp from each postal administration).

2004 (26 March) **Canada – Greenland – Norway:** Otto Sverdrup, 1854-1930. Each postal administration has issued an identical souvenir sheet which contains three vignettes. Canada and Norway selected the portrait of Sverdrup as a stamp [T4]. Norway also selected the ship. Greenland selected the rowboat [P1]. An official triple FDC was planned by Canada Post but never released.

2004 (26 June) **Canada – France:** Pierre Dugua de Mons, 1604. Identical stamps. Official dual FDC by Canada Post. Official dual *document philatélique* by La Poste.

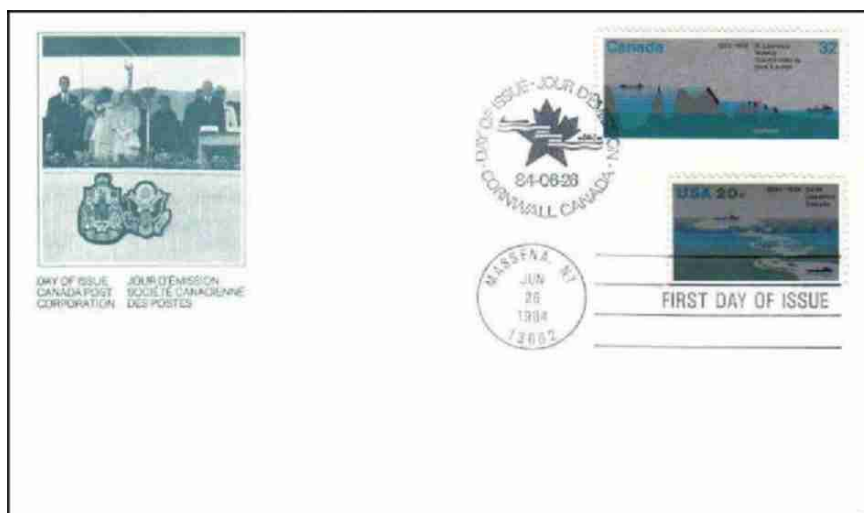
2005 (22 April) **Canada – Ireland:** Biosphere reserves. Identical stamps (2). Official dual FDCs by Canada Post and An Post.

4. Parallel issues [P1, P2]

1977 (4 August) **Canada – United States:** Peace Bridge, 1927-1977. Different stamps. Private

dual FDC.

1984 (26 June) **Canada – United States:** St. Lawrence Seaway, 1959-1984. Different stamps by same designer. Official dual FDC by Canada Post.



1995 (15 August) **Canada – Mexico:** Migratory wildlife. Different stamps (4) [P2].

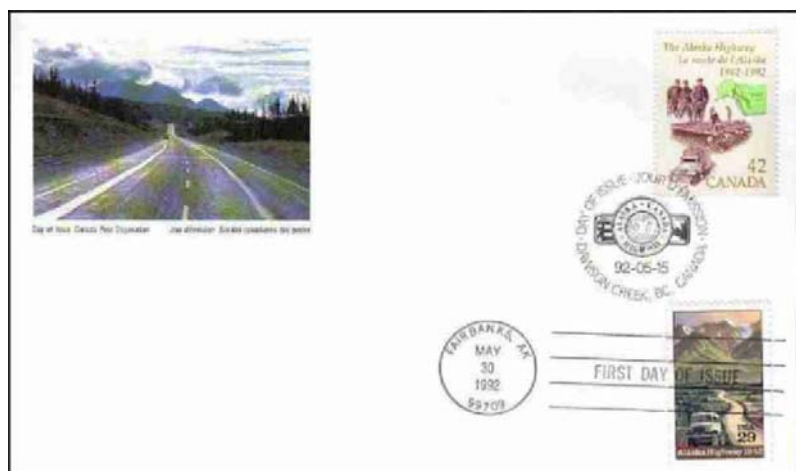
5. Delayed joint issues [D1]

1992 (15 May) **Canada – United States** (30 May): The Alaska Highway, 1942-1992.

Different stamps. Official dual FDC by Canada Post.

6. Colonial issues [TT]

1935 (6 May) **Antigua – Ascension –**



Bahamas – Barbados – Basutoland (4 May) – Bechuanaland (4 May) – Bermuda – British Guyana – British Honduras – Cayman – Ceylan – Cyprus – Dominica (5 May) – Falkland (7 May) – Fiji – Gambia – Gibraltar – Gilbert and Ellis – Gold Coast – Grenada – Hong Kong – Jamaica – Kenya Uganda Tanganyika (7 May) – Leeward – Malaysia (Straits Settlements Malaya-Malacca) – Malta – Maurice – Montserrat – Newfoundland – Nigeria – Northern Rhodesia – Nyassaland – Saint Helena – Saint Kitts-Nevis – Saint Lucia – Saint Vincent – Seychelles – Sierra Leone – Solomon – Somaliland – Swaziland (4 May) – Trinidad – Turks – Virgin: Silver jubilee of King George V. Identical stamps (4).

1937 (12 May) **Aden – Antigua – Ascension (19 May) – Bahamas – Barbados (14 May) – Basutoland (2 May) – Bechuanaland – Bermuda (14 May) – British Guyana – British**

Honduras – Cayman (13 May) – Ceylan – Cyprus – Dominica – Falkland – Fiji – Gambia – Gibraltar – Gilbert and Ellis – Gold Coast – Grenada – Hong Kong – Jamaica – Kenya – Leeward – Malaysia (Straits Settlements Malaya-Malacca) – Malta – Maurice – Montserrat – Newfoundland – Nigeria – Northern Rhodesia – Nyassaland – Saint Helena (19 May) – Saint Kitts-Nevis – Saint Lucia – Saint Vincent – Seychelles – Sierra Leone – Solomon (13 May) – Somaliland (13 May) – Swaziland – Trinidad – Turks – Virgin: Coronation of King George VI. Identical stamps (3).

It is not known, at this time, why Newfoundland did not participate in the following omnibus issues prior to its incorporation into Canada on 1 April 1949: Victory (1946) and Silver wedding jubilee of King George VI (1948).

7. False joint issues [FJ]

1946 (22 March) **Canada – Norway:** Little Norway. A stamp was to be issued in Canada for use by Norwegian soldiers stationed in Canada. The stamp was never issued but the printer, Canadian Bank Note Company, provided a variant for Norway in 1946. The stamp is available from Norway Post.

1978 (10 June) **Canada – United States:** CAPEX '78 International Philatelic Exhibition. Both postal administrations issued a souvenir sheet on the same date in Toronto, but with different subjects. No agreement exists between the two postal administrations although private dual FDCs were made.