

Editorial

Dear Members,

Snow finally arrived in Eastern Canada after the New Year together with some amazingly cold temperatures like -39°C (with the wind chill factor)! In these extreme conditions, stamp collecting is indeed a very enjoyable hobby.

I recently asked Anthony Raynaud, who is in charge of the New Issues Service, to provide me with a list of the most difficult joint issues to obtain in 2006. Considering that 59 postal administrations were involved in at least one joint issue during the past year, we can appreciate the difficulty of Anthony's job.

1st place: Italy-San Marino (April 5th, 2006)

The San Marino souvenir sheet was the most difficult item to obtain because it was sold out prior to the day of issue! According to Richard Zimmermann, most of the 150,000 souvenir sheets printed were acquired by a single stamp dealer.

2nd place: Order of Malta-San Marino (June 19th, 2006)

It seems that the postal administration of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta did not anticipate the interest of philatelists for this joint issue since a mere 35,000 stamps were printed.

3rd place: Argentina-France (June 24th, 2006)

Correo Argentino has been unable to fulfill foreign orders for quite some time now. Luckily, Anthony is helped by a reliable Argentinean philatelist.

Hopefully, these postal administrations will learn from their 2006 experiences and implement the necessary changes in order to meet the demand from philatelists. If postal administrations need to increase their revenues, philatelists need to be able to acquire philatelic products in a timely manner and at their original retail prices.

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Other European and North-	
American members:	€ 16,00
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The best joint issue of 2006

The start of the New Year brings back our annual Best Joint Issue award. Following last year's edition, in which Sweden and the United States grabbed the coveted title, our Society gained valuable exposure in these countries.

Hence, you have once again the opportunity to select the best joint issue of 2006 with the help of the Catalogue Supplement I provided with this journal. This supplement lists all the joint issues released during 2006. However, since the Supplement is printed in black and white, color illustrations can be found on our website or you can check your very own collection for the real thing.

2006 was a very productive year. No less than 59 postal administrations are eligible this year. 13 of these have released more than one joint issue. Austria was the most prolific with four joint issues. Twin issues were enormously popular in 2006 (26) as well as Siamese issues (4).

Tell us, at jointissues@yahoo.com or send a postcard to Pascal LeBlond (address on page 2), which three joint issues you find the best, using your own criteria and ranking order. The first one on your list will get 3 points, the second 2 and the third 1 point. The winner will be the one totalizing the most points.

As for last year, it would be very useful if voters could qualify in a few words the reasoning behind their vote. This will help us identify trends in the small world of joint issues and perhaps influence postal administrations in the way they do joint issues.



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All stamps described in the Catalogue Supplement I under the heading 2006 (i.e. issued between 1 January and 31 December 2006) are candidates. The choice has to be made between unique (U1), Siamese (S1-2), twin (T1-4), parallel (P1) and concerted (C1-2) issues. Although listed, common issues (omnibus and territorial) are excluded from this contest. Each member has one ballot, which must be received **before 31 March 2007**. There is no specific form to fill. Just send your three choices in an email or on a postcard.

This year, the first member able to identify the top three joint issues of the year in the right order will receive **a free membership for 2008** (a value of up to 17 EUR / 21 USD). If no one is able to identify the top three, the closest submission will succeed. In case of a tie, the earliest vote received will win.

The results will be published in the May issue and the winning postal administrations will be contacted by the Society. This award will hopefully attract new members and interest postal administrations around the world.

Society life

Financial statement 2006

As you will read on pages 6-7, the Society is in good financial health. The following table summarizes the situation.

2006 Revenues and Expenses		
Revenues		1,715.17
2006 Fees	1.681.00	
Previous year fees	19.50	
Miscellaneous	14.97	
Expenses		-1,562.26
QR February	-501.08	
QR May	-281.48	
QR August	-274.53	
QR November	-251.47	
	-1,308.56	
Miscellaneous	-253.70	
Surplus		152.91
Accumulated surplus (2005)		299.45
Accumulated surplus (2006)		452.36

Election Year

This is an early reminder that there will be an election in 2007 to renew the executive board. I wish we could attract enough candidates to hold a vote for each post on the executive board.

New name

We will start using our new name as soon as the Society is registered in France. We expect that this will be done by May.

Printing and distribution

Iranian member Hamid Reza Ebrahimi has volunteered to take charge of the printing and distribution of the journal. Tests are underway regarding printing quality. If all goes well, you will receive the next journal (May) directly from Iran! Based on estimates, this change will generate substantial savings for the Society.

Articles requested

A few members have expressed interest in writing for the journal. The editor will soon contact them to discuss it further. **Articles are always welcomed.**

Cross-reference chart available

Roland Montagne has created an Excel file cross-referencing the joint issue numbers found in Richard Zimmermann's *Catalogue* (2006) and those of the French stamp catalogue of Yvert & Tellier. The file is available directly from Roland Montagne at lccerem@hotmail.fr.



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Membership fees 2007

It is also time to call for membership fees for the year 2007 (for those who have not paid yet). The fees remain unchanged for 2007. **Since we are in a transitional period between the old and the new name of the Society, please make your payment in the name of the treasurer. Those who do not pay in time will not receive the next journal.**

European (EU and Switzerland) members:	12.00 €
North American and other-European Members:	16.00 € or 20.00 US\$
Other countries:	17.00 € or 21.00 US\$
On-line-only Member:	8.00 €/US\$

Payment can be made to either treasurer.

The European treasurer (R. Zimmermann) accepts payments in cash in Euros or US\$, as well as French checks in Euros (written to the credit of RZ), international bank transfers (if bank fees are paid at your end). For Europe EC, (payments to the order of RZ) it is also possible to use the transfer codes IBAN FR 51 2004 1010 1245 5058 6E03 373 and BIC PSSTFRPPSCE at La Poste Bank. Credit cards are not accepted, sorry, but payment from all over the world can be done via Paypal under the address rzimmerm@club-internet.fr. Please add US\$ 1.30 or Euros 1.00 to cover Paypal fees. The North American treasurer (C. Feingersh) accepts payments in US\$ only, in cash, US checks (US banks only, written to the credit of CF) or transfer on a US bank (but in this case make sure that the bank fees are paid at your end).

Departures

Due to unpaid fees in 2006 we are obliged to exclude from our Society the following members:

Don BIRSCHER, Sajid DAYA, Jim FINN, David HUFFINE, Michel JOURDAN, Alfred LA SALA, Adriano MONTALDO, Pamela SEVIER, Yefei SUN, Bernd WIEGMANN and Yan WU.

Jean François GIRARDIN has also decided not to renew its membership for 2007.

Please remove these names from your members list.

Financial Statement 2006

Richard Zimmermann

A summary of all the 2006 incomes and expenses of the Society is provided in this short report. Expenses from members of the board, if any, have been accounted for in the general expenses list.

In the following calculations, the US\$ currency rate was established at a yearly average of 1.30 US\$ for 1.00 € (this ratio began in January at around 1.23 and reached the level of 1.33 by December)

Revenues (all figures are in Euros):

Online only Members (fees: 6.15 to 8.00 € depending on the currency rate):	19
European Members (fees: 12.00 €):	57
Non European Members (fees: 15.38 to 18.25 €):	50
Total: 126 members in 2006 - Total income for membership fees including first entrance fee (2.87 to 3.00 € - 11 new members)	1681.00 €
Extra income: Extra gifts to the Society (<i>Thanks to A. Paddock, H. Cuijpers, P. LeBlond</i>)	14.67 €
Late membership payment from 2005	19.50 €

Total 1715.17 €

This year payment via Paypal was accepted. Paypal fees are already deduced when exact membership fee is taken into account. The excess of payment sent by some members is reported to 2007 in deduction from the normal membership fee. Eleven members had to be excluded for non-payment of membership fees, but received the February 2006 report. One member officially resigned by the end of the year 2006. Four free samples of each journal had to be provided as legal deposit to Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa and Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales du Québec in Montréal.

Expenses:

QR. Feb: with catalogue supplement IX; production costs journal: 0.33€, supplement 1.22 € each - total printing costs 257.40 € - total postage fees 143.23 € + extra sending 9.80€ = 410.43 € + total US re-mailing costs 90.65 € - 122 journals and 141 catalogue supplements sent **total: 501.08 €**

Following previous years' successes, we continued to re-mail US journals with the help of Tim O'Shea. The whole package of North American journals was sent to Tim, who re-mailed individual covers at local rate. A quick comparison shows that for the year 2006 we saved 163.05 €. Even if the US postage rate increased by January 1, 2006, this still makes a lot of sense. Thanks a lot, Tim.

QR. May: production costs 1.10 € each - total printing costs 126.50 € + total postage fees 113.60 € + extra sending 1.81€ = 241.91 € + total US re-mailing costs 39.57 € - 115 samples sent **total: 281.48 €**

QR. Aug: production costs 1.15 € each - total printing costs 129.95 € -

total postage fees 94.74 € + extra sending 0.72€ = 225.41 € + total US re-mailing costs 49.12 € - 113 samples sent	total: 274.53 €
QR. Nov: production costs 1.15 € each - total printing costs 121.90 € - total postage fees 87.46 € (no extra sending) = 209.36 € + total US re-mailing costs 42.11 € - 115 samples sent	total: 251.47 €
<i>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 fee totals.</i>	
Miscellaneous: Advertising packages (containing a short description of the Society, a Membership form and a sample of the Quarterly Report, usually the one from May or August), diverse mails (answers to requests, free advertising packages to philatelic journals and libraries, mail exchange with members, lost journals,...), stationary and printer ink, bank fees	total: 253.70 €
<u>Total expenses: 1562.26 €</u>	

Accumulated surplus (2005)	299.45 €
Accumulated surplus (2006)	<u>452.36 €</u>

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

The budget of the year 2006 shows again a surplus of 152.91€ which added to the surplus of last year makes a total of 452.36€. Apparently we found the way to stay in equilibrium with our expenses and this could remain so, if the Euro currency does not continue to grow compared to the US\$. We have to keep the same presentation for the journal (same number of pages, same quality of printing), but we can now also increase the number of pages by 4 or 8 (if some members wish to write regularly larger articles). This improvement of the budget was obtained as a consequence of the following actions:

- faster exclusion of members for non-payment of membership fees
- reduction of the postage costs (re-mailing to North American members - funnily the surplus of this year corresponds exactly to the savings obtained by re-mailing)
- lower printing costs (however a double page of the journal did cost this year € 0.055 corresponding to a slight increase compared to the 0.05c from last year)
- there was a slight increase for postage costs in France for mail sent to France and Europe, but on the other side, a decrease when sent to all other countries

As a consequence, basic membership fees will again remain unchanged for this year.

We found a provider that could host our web site at no cost with much more available space. So the expected budget for this entry was not needed. Any comment or any suggestions for improvement are welcome. **These figures have been checked and approved by our Account Book Auditors Wolfgang Heinssen and Dominique Josse.**

Recent issues

Belgium-Denmark

CoBra, a short-lived avant-garde artistic group (1948-1951) is the subject of a twin issue [T1] between Belgium and Denmark. CoBra stands for Copenhagen, Brussels and Amsterdam, the cities from which the founding members originated. The group was created in Paris in reaction to the French Surrealists. When first announced, the twin was supposed to include the Netherlands as well.

Layout: 4.75, 5.50, 7.00 & 8.00 DKK (DK)
Souvenir sheet of 2 (BE)
Booklet of 10 (0.52 EUR)(BE)
Pane of 40 (1 design each)(DK)
Booklet of 10 (4.75 DKK)(DK)

Artist: Pierre Alechinsky, Asger Jorn, Else Alfelt (DK only), Egill Jacobsen (DK only)

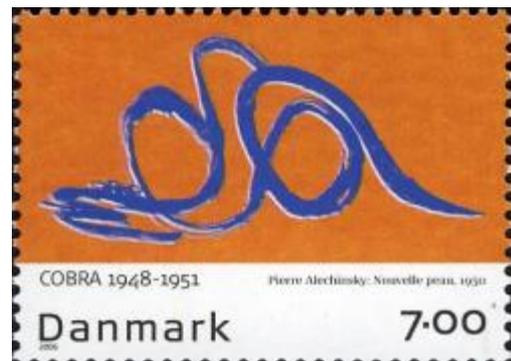
Designer: Myriam Voz & Thierry Martin (BE)
Printer: Imprimerie du Timbre (BE)
Post Danmark A/S (DK)

Perforation: 11.5 (BE)
Process: Photogravure (BE)
Lithography (DK)



The CoBra style is spontaneous and experimental, unconcerned with rules and found its inspiration in folk art, Nordic mythology and children's drawings.

Only two of the four paintings are reproduced by both postal administrations: Belgian Pierre Alechinsky's *Nouvelle peau* (1950) and Dane Asger Jorn's *Uden title* (1951).



In addition, Post Danmark released two more stamps featuring artworks of other Danish members of CoBra: Else Alfelt's *Nattens Landskab* (1950) and Egill Jacobsen's *Olivenspiseren* (1951).



Title: **CoBra**
Date of issue: 10 November 2006 (DK)
17 November 2006 (BE)
Denomination: 0.46 & 0.70 EUR (BE)

Both postal administrations offer a dual souvenir card featuring both pairs of identical stamps. Both cards are identical in size and were created by Belgian designer Jean Libert. The only differences are the logos of the postal administrations on the top front and the texts on the back: French and Dutch for Belgium and Danish and English for Denmark. Finally, the Belgian card has a barcode in the lower left corner of the back while the Danish card has only an inventory number.



Bulgaria-Romania

On January 1st, 2007, Bulgaria and Romania became the 26th and 27th members of the European Union. To mark this event, both countries released a twin issue [T1] on November 29th, 2006.



The stamp showing a stylized European ballot box was done by Sorin Târlean, a

Romanian designer. The other stamp is the work of a Bulgarian designer: Svetlin Balezdrov.



An interesting aspect of the accession treaty is the adoption of a third alphabet by the European Union since the Cyrillic alphabet is used in Bulgaria. The other two alphabets are Latin and Greek. Bulgaria is planning to adopt the Euro currency in 2010, Romania in 2014.



Title:	Bulgaria and Romania together in the European Union
Date of issue:	29 November 2006
Denomination:	0.55 & 1.50 BGL (BG) 0.50 & 2.10 RON (RO)
Layout:	Pane of 2 (BG) Pane of 36, pane of 8 with 1 label (RO)
Designer:	Svetlin Balezdrov & Sorin Târlea
Process:	Lithography (RO)
Quantity:	1,020,152 stamps (RO) 570 dual first day covers (RO)



An official dual first day cover is available from Romfilatelia, but only 570 were produced!



Austria-Ukraine

The UNESCO World Heritage List is again the source of another joint issue. This time, the historic centre of the Western Ukrainian city of Lviv is depicted on a twin issue [T1] with Austria. The city (Lemberg in German) was part of the Austrian empire between 1772 and 1918. The rich urban layout, dating back to the Middle Ages, has miraculously survived the two world wars of the last century.

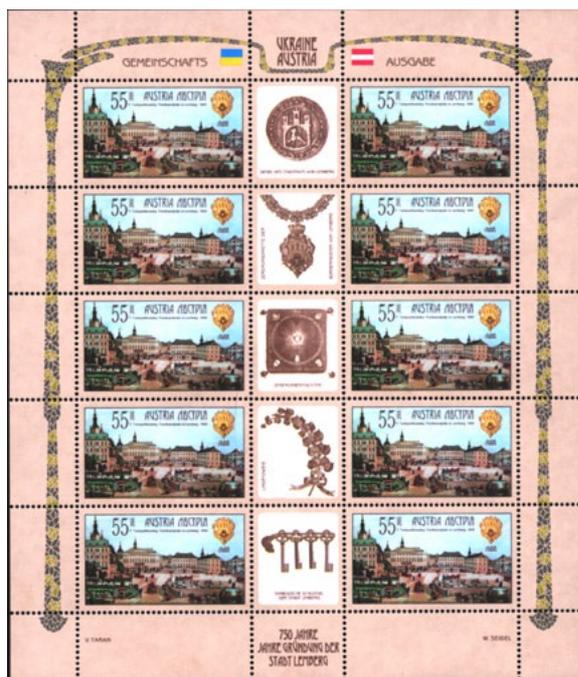
The stamps are based on a painting by Theophil Chyshkovskii of Ferdinand Square in 1840 (now known as Mickiewicz Square). The painting is in the Lviv Historical Museum.



Both stamps were engraved and printed in Austria, but the layout was made by a Ukrainian designer: Volodymyr Taran. He most recently designed the new International Reply Coupon for the Universal Postal Union.

Title:	750th anniversary of the foundation of Lviv
Date of issue:	1 December 2006
Denomination:	0.55 EUR (AT) 3.50 UAH (UA)
Layout:	Pane of 10 with 5 labels
Artist:	Theophil Tschyschkowskyj
Designer:	Volodymyr Taran
Engraver:	Wolfgang Seidel
Printer:	Österreichische Staatsdruckerei GmbH, Vienna
Perforation:	13.5 (AT) 14 x 13.5 (UA)
Process:	Photogravure and steel engraving
Quantity:	1,200,000 (AT) 500,000 (UA)

Both panes show the same five labels depicting artifacts from the Lviv Historical Museum. These are, starting from the top: seal of the city (14th century), mayor's ceremonial chain (1892), ceremonial pillow (1827), ceremonial branch of linden (before 1900) and the symbolic keys of the city (18th century).



the subject of a parallel issue [P1] between the two countries and Australia which provided funding for the construction. The construction of the second bridge was funded by Japan but this country did not take part in the twin issue.

It is interesting to note that flags of the three countries involved are only reproduced on the Lao stamps. The Thai stamps show only one flag per stamp (Lao or Thai but no Japanese). In 1994, the three flags (Australia, Laos and Thailand) were reproduced on all stamps. The reason for the absence of the Japanese stamp is unknown since the Japan Bank for International Cooperation provided loans to Laos and Thailand for this project.

No official dual documents are known for this joint issue.

Laos-Thailand

The inauguration of a second Friendship Bridge over the Mekong River between Laos and Thailand on December 20 is the subject of a twin issue [T1].



Title: **Inauguration of the second Friendship Bridge between Laos and Thailand**

Date of issue: 20 December 2006

Denomination: 2 x 3.00 THB (TH)
2 x 7500 LAK (LA)

Layout: Pane of 25 (LA)

Printer: Vietnam (LA)

Quantity: 100,000 stamps (LA)
200 fdc (LA)

The 1.6-kilometer bridge links the Lao province of Savannakhet with the Mukdahan province in Thailand. The first Friendship Bridge between the two countries was opened in 1994 linking the Lao capital Vientiane to the province of Nong Khai in Thailand. At the time, it was

Both bridges include a changeover to accommodate the right-hand traffic in Laos and the left-hand traffic in Thailand. A dual presentation pack is offered by Thailand Post. It includes a pair of mint Thai stamps and a pair of cancelled to order Lao stamps. No official dual first day documents are known for this joint issue.

Upcoming issues

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

Preliminary images of the **Austria-Liechtenstein** (March 5) and **Belgium-Czech Republic** (March 26) joint issues are now available.



A **France-Lebanon** joint issue was recently added to the French stamp program. The **Brunei-Malaysia** joint issue initially scheduled for 2006 will be released on February 6 and will show unique marine life of the South China Sea.



The Year of Armenia in France is apparently the subject of the delayed **Armenia-France** joint issue now scheduled for March. Traditional wedding costumes will be the subject of the **Korea-Singapore** issue planned for March 30.

A **Greece-Ireland** joint issue, commemorating the archaeological discovery of the tomb of St Cyril in Rome, will be released on June 6. CTT (Portugal) announced three joint issues for 2007: **Peru-Portugal** (August 10), **Morocco-Portugal** (September 24) and **Iran-Portugal** (October 16). The two joint issues involving Luxembourg will be released on September 3: **Belgium-Luxembourg** and **Luxembourg-Romania**.



The **North Korea-Russia** joint issue has been delayed to September 6. The **Greece-Spain** joint issue is now planned for September 13. Finland Post confirmed that the **Finland-Hong Kong** joint issue will be released on November 2. Greenland Post announced that the **France-Greenland** joint issue will be released on November 8. It will commemorate the achievements of French explorers Paul-Émile Victor and Jean-Baptiste Charcot. The centenary of Swedish author Astrid Lindgren will be the subject of a **Germany-Sweden** joint issue on November 8.

2008 and beyond

The preliminary 2008 stamp program of Deutsche Post includes a **Germany-Vatican** joint issue for Christmas.