

**International Labor Organization Governing Body Sessions  
Away from Geneva, 1927-1938**

**Scope**

The exhibit documents the postal history of the ILO Governing Body Sessions held away from Geneva during the period 1927-1938. This will be done by showing Service Mail from these sessions.

**History**

The Governing Body is the executive body of the ILO, usually meeting several times a year. Most sessions are held in Geneva, where the ILO Office is located. During the period 1927-1938, seven sessions were held away from Geneva. The importance of these meetings is shown by the fact that special stamps were issued for four of the sessions and all of them used special postmarks.

**Conference Arrangements**

Each of these sessions was organized that the host government, as follows:

- 37th, Berlin, 1927, held at the German Labor Ministry, Innenhof, Berlin NW 40, Scharnhorststr. 35
- 42nd, Warsaw, 1928, held at the Polish Prime Minister's Palace
- 48th, Paris, 1930, held at the Conseil d'Etat (State Council), Palais Royale
- 50th, Brussels, 1930, held at the Palais de la Nation
- 60th, Madrid, 1932, held at the Spanish Ministry of Labor
- 81st, Prague, 1937, held at the Ministry of Social Welfare
- 85th, London, 1938, held at Burlington House

**Conference Stamps**



Germany Sc.#363-65, 10 Oct. 1927



France Sc. #256-57, 23 Apr. 1930



Belgium Sc. #222-24, 5 Oct. 1930



Czechoslovakia Sc. #236-38, 6 Oct. 1937

**Conference Postmarks**



Berlin, 1927



Warsaw, 1928



Paris, 1930



Brussels, 1930



Madrid, 1932



Prague, 1937



London, 1938

### **Special Features** *(highlighted in dark blue)*

37th Session, Berlin:

Session mail using ILO Berlin Office corner card. (Page 2) **Rarely seen.**

Official session post card.(Page 3) **Rarely seen.**

42nd Session, Warsaw:

Piece of ILO-Geneva corner card cover mailed from session. (Page 4) **Rare.**

48th Session, Paris:

Session registered mail to Uruguay, (Page 5) **Uncommon.**

60th Session, Madrid:

Small session corner card cover. (Page 8) **Session mail very uncommon.**

#10 session corner card registered cover (Page 8) **Rare registry postmark**

81st Session, Prague:

Session corner card cover. (Page 9) **Rarely seen.**

85th Session, London:

Session mail using ILO-Geneva corner card. (Page 10) **Rare.**

### **Original Research**

I was Conference Contributor to Gaines Catalog, author of the UN Conference Study, 1981-83 and author of the UN Conference Catalog, 2011-13 (on-line, continued to be updated). I have written several articles on ILO Conferences for the Journal of the UN Philatelists.

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