

Exhibit Synopsis

Ninth Universal Postal Congress, London, England,  
May 10-June 28, 1929

**Scope**

The exhibit documents the postal history of the 1929 London UPU Congress, including the Meeting of the 1929 Preparatory Commission in Paris. This will be done by showing Service Mail to and from the meetings and their Secretariats.

**History**

Since its founding in 1874, the UPU had held Congresses about every 5 years, except for the World War I years. The Congress is the main governing body of UPU, and makes many decisions about the carrying of International Mail. The resulting convention is signed by the delegates and ratified by their countries.

**Conference Arrangements**

The Congress was held in Burlington Gardens, W.1, London. There was a special conference post office. The secretariat provided conference stationery, which was used by most of the delegations. Some delegations, the United States in particular, also printed their own special corner card stationery.

**Corner Cards**



Preparatory Commission, Type 1



On back,  
9mm dia



Preparatory Commission, Type 2



On back,  
19mm dia



Congress, Type 1, Embossed on back flap,  
128x103mm crème or gray envelope  
Nothing on front



Congress, Type 2  
127x103mm envelope  
CC: 39x20mm  
4 rows of text



On back,  
17x20mm



Congress, Type 3A  
230x105mm envelope  
CC: 58x24mm  
3 rows of text



On back,  
22x26mm



Congress, Type 3B  
230x151mm envelope  
CC: 60x25mm  
Lines longer



On back  
25x27mm



Congress, Type 3C  
277x206 mm envelope  
CC: 60x29mm  
Lines still longer

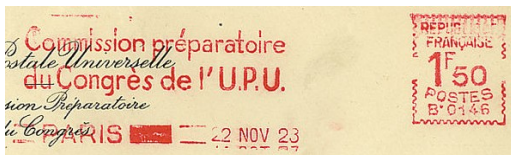


On back  
33x39mm



Congress, United States Delegation  
153x91mm envelope

**Meters**

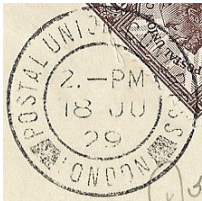


Preparatory Commission, HAVAS-B Meter used on all mail, sometimes without slogan



Congress, Neopost Demonstration, not used on Congress mail. Only example observed

## Cancels



Type 1-Double Circle  
Used on most of Congress  
mail



Type 2-Single Circle  
Used on parcels



Type 3-Oval  
Used on Registered mail

## Registry Label



Label used  
On Registered mail

## Cachets



Preparatory Commission,  
Dispatching Mark



Congress, Cachet 1  
Observed on cover,  
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Congress, Cachet 2  
Only observed on favor item  
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Congress, Cachet 3  
Only observed on favor item  
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## Special Features in Exhibit (bordered in dark blue)

Page 1: Havas meter A1461 on unmailed Preparatory Commission cover. Only record of this meter #.

Neopost meter with Congress slogan, only example recorded

Page 3: Preparatory Commission, Corner Card rarely observed

Page 5: Air mail usage on crème cover, rare usage

Page 9: Registry receipt for packet, rarely seen

Rare use of Congress mailing label and Oval Congress cachet

Page 12: Uncommon use of United States Delegation Corner Card

## 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, and Editor of the Journal of United Nations Philatelists. I have written several articles on the UPU Congresses for the Journal of the United Nations Philatelists. Among other findings, I have identified a number of Congress Corner Card types that were previously unknown, and discovered the unique Neopost meter with the Congress slogan and the unique meter number used experimentally (?) at the Paris Preparatory Commission.

## Delegations

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## Destinations

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France (Pages 2, 7)

Italy (Pages 6, 7)

Netherlands (Page 5)

Sweden (Pages 3, 4, 12)

Switzerland (Pages 2, 3, 4, 6, 8)

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