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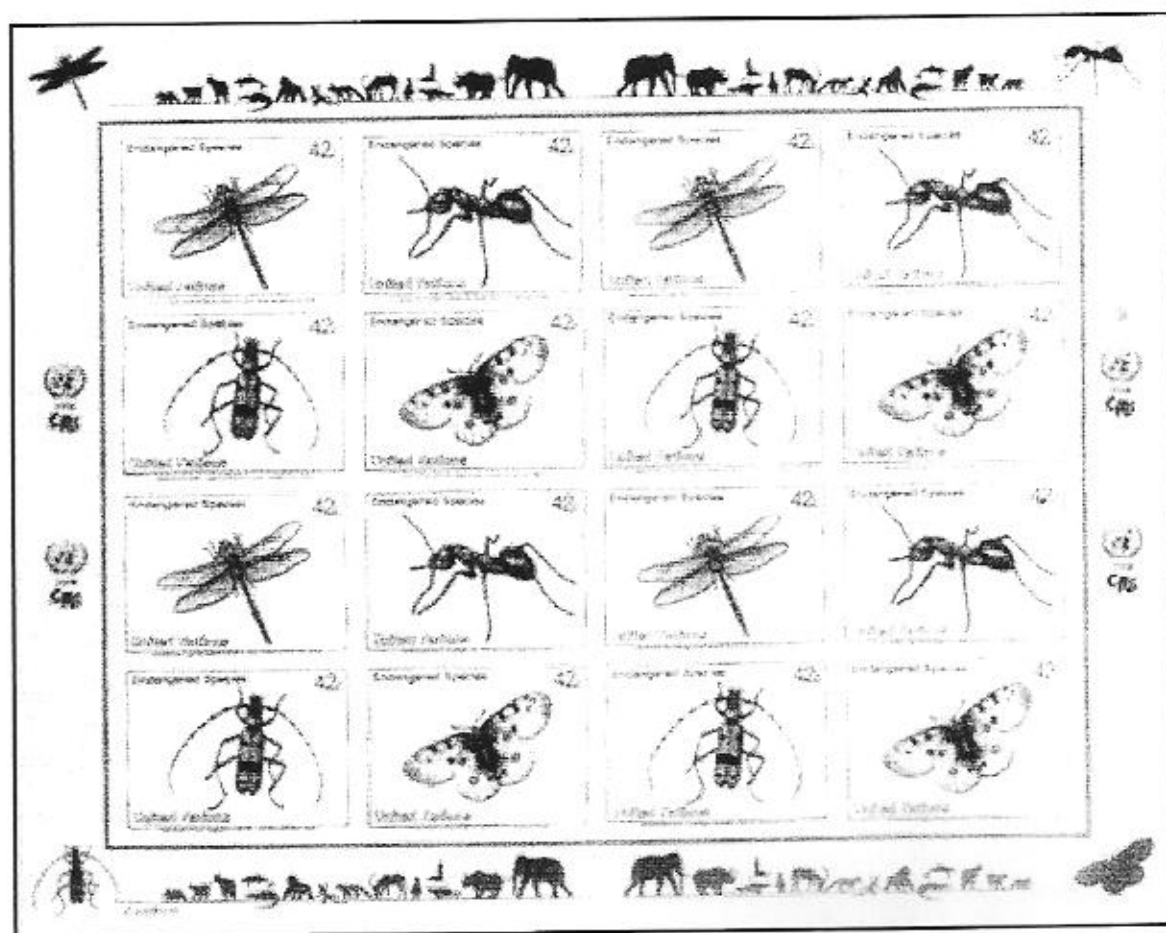
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Front cover: 2009 UNNY Endangered Species sheet. **Back cover:** 2009 UN Geneva and Vienna Endangered Species sheets.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

A LOOK BACK AT THE COST OF UNPA PRODUCTS IN 2008

The last installment of United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) shipments for my subscription account always includes collection folders of stamps issued by the offices in New York, Geneva and Vienna. In 2008 the New York collection folder cost \$14.18; the Geneva folder, \$26.21; the Vienna folder, \$30.30. Ouch! For reference you can turn to page 2 of this issue to find the complete list of UNPA stamps with Scott catalogue numbers for 2008. Note that the prices above and below for items in Swiss francs (Geneva) and euros (Vienna) will vary with the exchange rate.

What did the folders contain? The New York folder contained a 41¢ Remembrance and Beyond commemorative (UNNY #948), two Disabled Persons stamps (UNNY #960-1) costing \$1.36, a set of Olympic stamps including two singles and a souvenir sheet (UNNY #962-4) costing \$2.61, two Poverty stamps (UNNY #966-7) at \$1.36 and two blocks of four stamps for Climate Change (UNNY #968-7a-d) at \$5.44. The total face value for the UNNY singles is \$11.18. Apparently the UNPA charges \$3 for the folder and the mounts that are included with the UNNY collection.

Notice that the annual collection does not include the Endangered Species set nor the Coin and Flag series set. The 2008 collection folder with the twelve Endangered Species stamps for the three offices costs \$13.75. The 2008 collection folder with twenty-four coin and flag stamps for the three offices costs \$22.41.

If you want personalized sheets, you will have to pay \$14.95 for the UNNY generic sheet of twenty 42¢ stamps (UNNY #954-8), \$14.95 for the UNNY generic sheet of ten 94¢ stamps (UNNY #959), \$14.95 for the Beijing special event sheet with ten 94¢ stamps (UNNY #965), \$14.95 for the Essen

special event sheet with ten €0.65 stamps and \$34.05 for the WIPA special event sheet with ten €1.40 stamps. Note that according to the January 5, 2009 issue of *Linn's Stamp News* (page 36), Scott has deleted the catalogue number for the Essen personalized sheet because it was never sold at the UNPA Vienna office. It was sold only at Essen Germany and to people who subscribe to receive personalized sheets.

If you want to buy the prestige booklets for the Climate Change issues, you will have to pay \$9.00 for the UNNY issue, \$9.76 for the Geneva issue and \$12.13 for the Vienna issue.

If you want to include the new UNNY stationery items (two 42¢ envelopes and a 94¢ air letter), you will have to pay \$2.04. There is a 13¢ charge included for each envelope.

In summary, one each of the above items would cost:

UNNY Annual Collection	\$14.18
UN Geneva Annual Collection	\$26.21
UN Vienna Annual Collection	\$30.30
Endangered Species Collection	\$13.75
Coin and Flag Collection	\$22.41
Five Personalized sheets	\$93.85
Prestige Booklets	\$30.89
UNNY Stationery	<u>\$2.04</u>
Total	\$233.63

If you are not fortunate enough to be able to buy your stamps directly over the counter in New York or at a UNPA stand at some show, you will have to pay at least \$3 handling fee for each of the six shipments. For the last shipment of the year, the value exceeded \$100. As a result the UNPA charged me \$12.10 in addition to the \$3 handling fee.

Clearly collecting all UNPA new products is not a hobby for children. And maybe not for retirees on social security.

SCOTT CATALOGUE NUMBERS OF 2008 UNITED NATIONS STAMPS

- January 27** **Remembrance and Beyond (joint UN-Israel issue)**
 41¢, F.s. 0,85, € 0,65
 New York 948, Geneva 479, Vienna 412
- January 28** **Vienna Definitives**
 € 0,10, € 0,15, € 0,65, € 1,40
 Vienna 413-6
- March 6** **Endangered Species**
 41¢, F.s. 1,00, € 0,65
 New York 949-52, Geneva 480-3, Vienna 417-20
- April 18** **Souvenir Cover - Pope visits UN/NY**
 1 stamp × 90¢
 New York 939
- May 8** **Coin and Flag Series**
 41¢, F.s. 0,85, € 0,65
 New York 953a-h, Geneva 484a-h, Vienna 421a-h
Personalized Sheet for Essen Exhibition
 € 0,65
 Vienna - Uncatalogued by Scott due to lack of proof that sheet was sold at UNVienna.
- May 12** **2008 UNNY Generic Personalized Sheets**
 42¢, 94¢
 New York 954-8, 959
Revalued New York Postal Stationery
 42¢ standard and legal-sized pre-stamped envelopes and 94¢ air letter
 New York U26-7, UC27
- June 6** **Convention on the Rights of Disabled Persons**
 42¢, 94¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,80, € 0,55, € 1,40
 New York 960-1, Geneva 485-6, Vienna 427-8
- August 8** **Sport for Peace - Games of the XXIX Olympics, Beijing China**
 42¢, 94¢, \$1.25, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,80, F.s. 3,00, € 0,65, € 1,30, 2×€ 2,10
 New York 962-4, Geneva 487-9, Vienna 429-31a
Beijing Personalized Stamp Sheet
 94¢
 New York 965
- September 18** **We Can End Poverty**
 42¢, 94¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,80, € 0,65, € 0,75,
 New York 966-7, Geneva 490-1, Vienna 432-3
WIPA 2008 Personalized Stamp Sheet
 € 1,40
 Vienna - Uncatalogued by Scott.
- October 23** **International Year of Planet Earth (Climate Change)**
 42¢, 94¢, F.s. 1,20, F.s. 1,80, € 0,65, € 1,15
 New York 968-9a-d, Geneva 492-3a-d, Vienna 434-5a-d
 {3 Prestige Booklets with 12×(27¢, 42¢, F.s. 0,35, F.s. 0,50, € 0,30, € 0,35)}
 New York 970a-t, Geneva 494a-x, Vienna 436a-x

2009 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of March 1, 2009 but subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.)
See the UNPA World Wide Web Site at <<http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA>>

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| February 6 | 100th Anniversary U Thant
94¢, F.s. 1,30, € 1,15
(3 sheets of 20 stamps)
New York Definitives
1¢, 9¢, 10¢,
(3 sheets of 20 stamps) |
| April 16 | Endangered Species
42¢, F.s. 1,00, € 0,65
(3 sheets of 16 stamps with 4 blocks of 4 se-tenant stamps.)
Set of 3 maximum cards and 2009 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder
FDC with Silk Cachet |
| May 7 | World Heritage - Germany
42¢, 94¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,65, € 1,40
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
Three Prestige Booklets
{3 Prestige Booklets with 12x(27¢, 42¢, F.s. 0,20, F.s. 0,50, € 0,30, € 0,35)}
Postal Stationery for Geneva and Vienna
Personalized Sheet (Vienna) - IBRA in Essen
(sheet of 10 stamps with se-tenant labels) |
| June 5 | Personalized Sheets (New York)
(sheets of 20 stamps - 44¢ domestic, 10 stamps - 98¢ international)
Revalued Postal Stationery for New York
44¢ (42¢ + 2¢) prestamped envelopes (regular and legal), 98¢ (94¢ + 4¢) airletter sheet |
| August 6 | Economic and Social Council
44¢, 98¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,80, € 0,55, € 0,75 and a souvenir card
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
Personalized Sheet (Vienna) - UNPA Vienna 30th Anniversary
(pane of 10 stamps with se-tenant labels) |
| September 25 | UN Millennium Goals
44¢, F.s. 1,80, € 1,15
(3 panes of 8 designs) |
| October 2 | NY Definitive - International Day of Non-Violence
\$1
(1 sheet of 20 stamps)
Personalized Sheet (Geneva) - UNPA Geneva 40th Anniversary
(pane of 10 stamps with se-tenant labels) |
| October 8 | Indigenous People
44¢, F.s. 1,30, € 0,65
(3 panes of 8 designs)
2009 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna) |
| January 2 | 2009 SLOGAN CANCELLATION
United for Peace (continuation of 2007, 2008 slogan) |

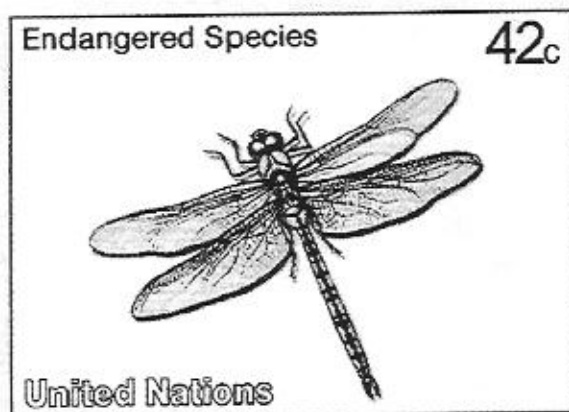
THE 2009 UNITED NATIONS ENDANGERED SPECIES SERIES

By Richard Powers

On April 16th of this year the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued its seventeenth set of twelve stamps depicting endangered species of insects and arachnids. The purpose of these stamps is to publicize the work of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), which was signed in Washington, D. C. on March 3, 1971. As of 1998 the convention had a membership of 139 nations. The Government of Switzerland serves as the depositary of the Convention.

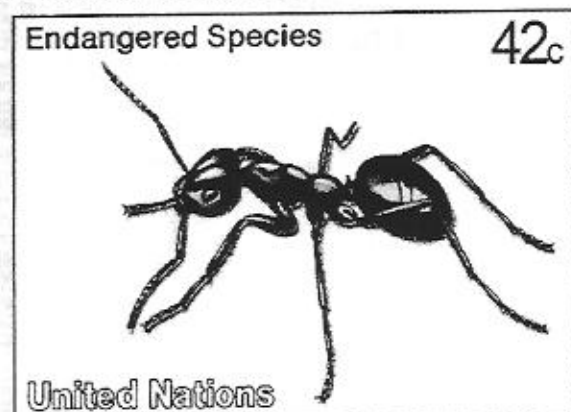
The aim of the Convention is to ensure that international commerce does not threaten the survival of species of wild animals and plants in recognition of the fact that unrestricted exploitation is the second major threat to the survival of some species, the first being the destruction of their habitat. For this purpose, species of wild animals and plants are listed in three appendices to the Convention. Appendix I concerns species where international trade is prohibited except under exceptional circumstances. Appendix II handles species where trade is controlled. Appendix III lists species where international trade is restricted from certain countries.

The 2009 Endangered Species

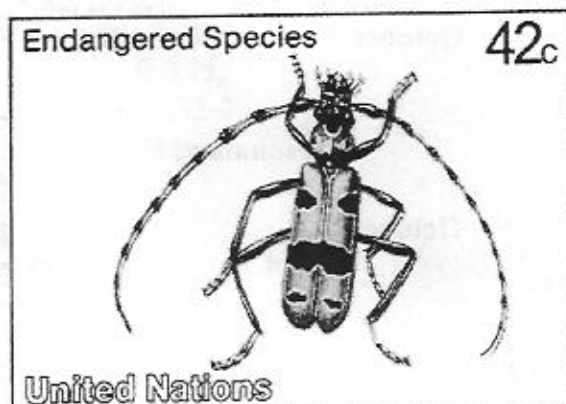


Odonata Aeshnidae: The Emperor Dragonfly is one of the largest European dragonflies with a length of 8 cm and a wingspan of 11 cm. It is found in Europe from Portugal to Germany in

the north and extends eastwards to Central Asia and is also known in North Africa and the Middle East. It breeds in a range of aquatic habitats such as large ponds, canals, slow-flowing rivers, lakes and flooded gravel pits. Many dragonflies are vulnerable to water pollution and loss of habitat by infilling of ponds and drainage of water bodies.



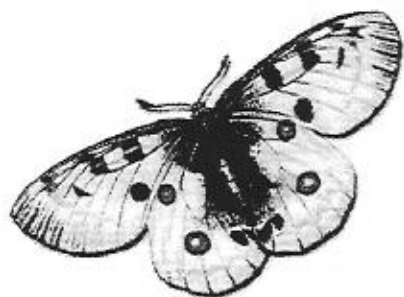
Hymenoptera Formicidae: The Southern wood ant is found in southern England in both coniferous and broadleaf broken woodland and park land. They measure 8 to 10 mm in length and are generally reddish in color. Nests of these ants are large, conspicuous dome-shaped edifices, usually situated in sunny woodland clearings. Although the reasons for its decline are not fully understood, it is thought that loss of woodland habitat and unsuitable management practices leading to overgrowth of sunny areas, as well as disturbance by humans and livestock, may be involved.



Coleoptera Cerambycidae: The rosalia longicorn is one of the most striking and elegant of all beetles, with its beautiful steely blue-grey coloration and large, dominating black spots. It can be found from Northern Africa across Europe and the Middle East to the Russian Federation. It lives in deciduous forests where there is a reasonable amount of sunlight. It is largely threatened by habitat loss and destruction due to changes in methods of forest maintenance.

Endangered Species

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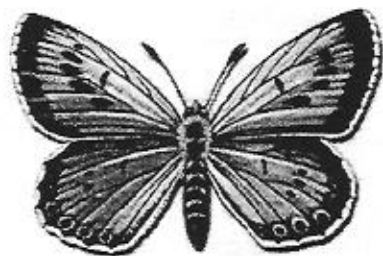


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Lepidoptera Papilionidae: The mainly white Apollo butterfly is decorated with large black spots on the fore wings and red eyespots on the hind wings. It is found throughout Europe and into Central Asia, where it inhabits mountain meadows and pastures up to 2000 meters. It has long been prized by collectors. Laws exist to protect it. It is listed in Appendix II.

Espèces menacées d'extinction

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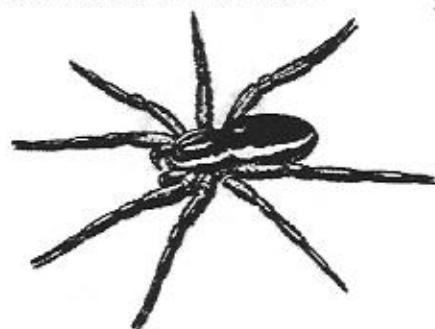
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Lepidoptera Lycaenidae: The large blue butterfly has a black outer margin and black flashes in the upper wing. It is widely distributed throughout Europe and some parts of Asia

and likes south-facing hillsides with close-cropped underutilized pasture. The main reason for its decline is loss of habitat for its primary food source, the red ant.

Espèces menacées d'extinction

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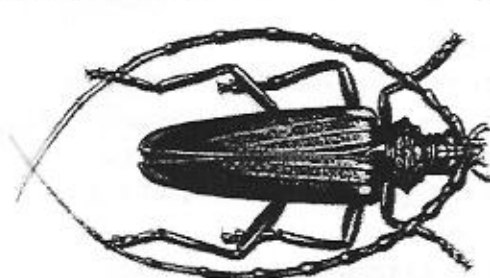


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Araneae Pisauridae: The dark brown fen raft spider is one of Europe's largest, most beautiful and rarest spiders. It is largely aquatic and depends on the presence of standing or slow-moving water. It frequents fens and grazing marshes in lowland areas. Its extreme rarity is likely due to the massive loss of lowland wetlands, which have been developed for agriculture and development.

Espèces menacées d'extinction

\$1.00



Nations Unies

Coleoptera Cerambycidae: The cerambyx longicorn has an elongated, thin body with long antennae. It is found throughout Europe and Northern Africa and lives in deadwood of living veteran oak trees and occasionally chestnut trees. It is listed as vulnerable due to loss of habitat.

Odonata Coenagrionidae: The southern damselfly is found in western Europe and northwest Africa and is mainly centered on the western

Espèces menacées d'extinction

€1,00



Nations Unies

Mediterranean. Its natural habitats are rivers and freshwater springs. Reasons for the decline include a decrease in grazing levels resulting in a loss of the open habitat needed at breeding sites. It is classified as nearly threatened.

Gefährdete Arten

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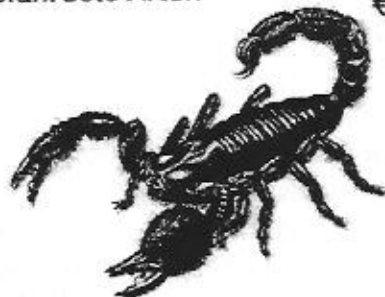


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Lepidoptera Papilionidae: Ralph Brook's birdwing is a dramatically patterned butterfly found in Malaysia, Borneo and Sumatra. It inhabits sandy banks of rivers and hot springs within tropical rainforest. It is threatened by habitat loss, as rainforests are removed for agriculture and urbanization.

Gefährdete Arten

€0,65



Vereinte Nationen

Scorpiones Scorpionidae: The emperor scorpion is the largest but not the longest scorpion. It is found in many parts of Africa and inhabits both tropical forests and open savannahs. It burrows beneath soils and hides beneath rocks and debris. It is listed in Appendix II.

Gefährdete Arten

€0,65



Vereinte Nationen

Coleoptera Carabidae: The blue ground beetle is found throughout Europe, where it is known to be in decline and is associated with damp, rotten moss-covered wood in mature beech and oak woodland. Its decline is attributed to the loss of appropriate woodland conditions.

Gefährdete Arten

€0,65



Vereinte Nationen

Araneae Theraphosidae: The Mexican redknee tarantula is usually black with bright red knees and is covered with tiny hairs. It lives along the Pacific coast of Mexico and in southern United States in scrublands and deserts. Its home is a burrow in the ground lined with its silk. This species is the most popular captive species in the world and prior to 1985 was collected in the thousands. It was then listed in Appendix II. Now habitat loss is its major threat.

KFOR MULTINATIONAL BRIGADE SOUTHWEST IN KOSOVO

By Richard Powers

I recently came across a picture postcard issued in cooperation with a German-Italian brigade of KFOR, the multinational peacekeeping group (Kosovo Force) consisting of NATO members. This postcard shows on the picture side (Figure 1) the logo of the "KFOR Multinational Brigade Southwest" superimposed on a photo taken in the city of Prizren in Kosovo including the Sinan-Pascha Mosque, the largest mosque in Yugoslavia built in 1615 with an old Turkish bridge in the foreground.

On the address side of the card (Figure 2) is a € 0.10 UNMIK (United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo) tied by a cancel from Prizren postmarked October 25, 2003. The stamp (Scott #11) is the low value of a five-stamp "Peace in Kosovo" series and properly pays the postcard tariff within Kosovo. In addition one can find the blue origin cachet of the "KFOR Multinational Brigade Southwest", which features the four pronged NATO symbol superimposed on a map of Kosovo.

After military operations had ceased in 1999, the Kosovo force (KFOR) received from the Security Council the assignment of insuring a multi-ethnic, peaceful, just and democratic environment and to foster autonomous self-determination. The territorial integrity of Serbia (to which Kosovo and Montenegro traditionally belonged) was to be observed. Mon-

tenegro peacefully separated from Serbia in 2006 and Kosovo declared itself to be independent in 2008.

The German Defensive Force has been in Kosovo since June 12, 1999. There have been as many as 3700 German military on assignment. In November 2001 one formed a joint German-Italian "Multinational Brigade Southwest". The main headquarters has been established in the city of Prizren.



Figure 1: View of the Sinan-Pascha Mosque in Prizren, Kosovo with the Insignia of the KFOR Multinational Brigade Southwest, which is headquartered there.



Figure 2: 2003 postcard from KFOR Multinational Brigade Southwest Field Camp in Prizren, Kosovo bearing UNMIK stamp #11.

PHILATELICALLY YOURS FROM VIENNA: 2007 - 2008

By Richard Powers

On January 17, 2009 I received a shipment of special covers with "Sonderstempel" (special cancellations) on specially prepared cacheted envelopes issued by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in Vienna during the previous twelve months. These included special items issued between November 4, 2007 and April 20, 2008. This year's shipment of three covers cost \$7.38 plus a \$3.00 mailing fee, for which I received € 2.06 in CTO-cancelled UN Vienna stamps, one with a first day cancel. Below is a summary of the covers which I received.

On November 4, 2007 the UNPA issued a commemorative cover (Figure 1) for a Dealer and Collector Get-together in Stockerau. The cover bears a special UN-Vienna cancel which features an astronaut on the Moon and ties the 2007 € 0,65 UNPA Austrian Space for Humanity (Scott # A409). The cachet shows a sketch of an American space vehicle.

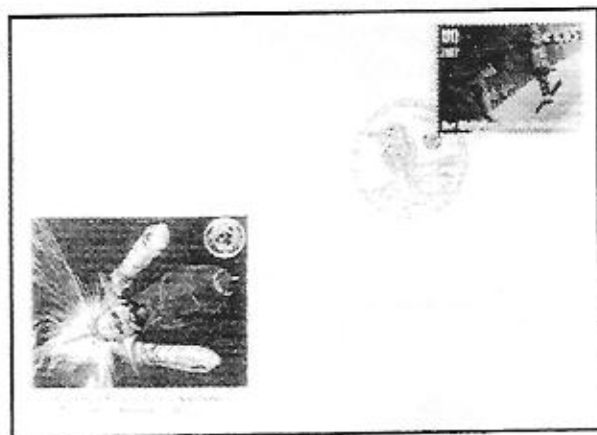


Figure 1: Cover honoring the 2007 Dealer and Collector Meeting in Stockerau.

On December 7, 2007 the UNPA released a special cover (Figure 2) honoring its participation at NUMPHIL 2007 in Vienna. The special UN-Vienna cancel features a pair of soccer player legs competing for the ball. The cover bears a € 0,07 and 0,58 stamps from the 2002 definitive series (A302 and A304). The cachet honors the 2008 European Soccer Tournament.

Once more the UNPA in Vienna was invited

to set up a special post office in Ebreichsdorf, Austria on April 20, 2008 on the occasion of a major stamp swap day organized by the Ebreichsdorf Stamp Collectors' Association. A cover (Figure 3) has a special UN-Vienna cachet portraying the park entrance with the castle in the background. The cover bears the 2008 € 0,65 definitive stamp (A415) with a special cancellation portraying the Rathaus.

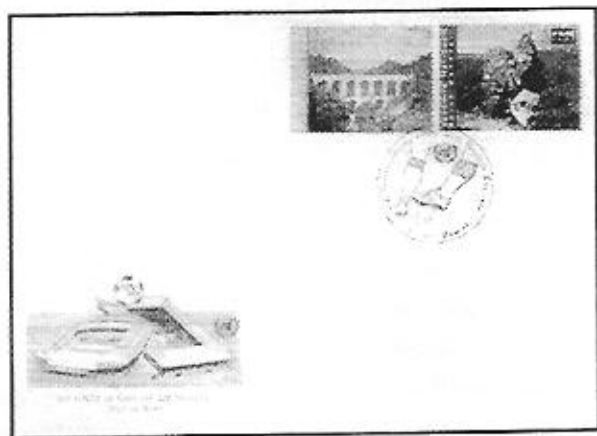


Figure 2: Cover honoring NUMIPHIL 2007.

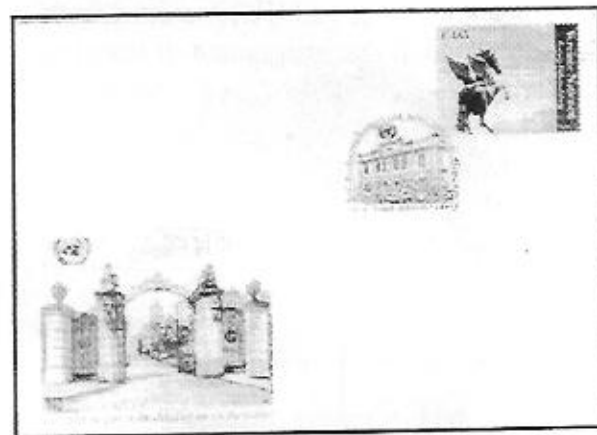


Figure 3: Cover honoring the UNPA visit to Ebreichsdorf on April 20, 2008.

None of these covers were available from the UNPA in New York. The only way to purchase them is to order each item in advance or to set up a customer account for Sonderstempel items. The account can be set up by sending a check (U.S. checks are welcome) or by paying with a credit card (Visa or MasterCard) to the UNPA in Vienna.

THREE 1986 WFUNA "MAXIMUM" FIRST DAY COVERS

By Richard Powers

In 1986 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) commemorated the 40th anniversary of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) by issuing mini-sheets containing four stamps for use at UN headquarters in New York, Geneva and Vienna (Scott # UNNY 493a,b,c, d, UN Geneva 150 a,b,c,d and UN Vienna 66a,b,c,d). Figure 1 shows a UNPA FDC of the New York mini-sheet. The designs of the four stamps was based on cachets commissioned by WFUNA for the FDCs that it had prepared.

The cachet for UNNY 493a was designed by the American artist Edith Hibbel in 1983 for the WFUNA FDCs for the World Food Program commemoratives (UNNY 396, UN Geneva 116, UN Vienna 33-4). The cachet for 493b was designed by the Spanish artist Salvador Dali for the 1966 WFUNA commemoratives. The cachet for 493c was designed by the American artist Dong Kingman for the 1984 World Food Day commemoratives. The cachet for 493d was designed by the Ameri-

can artist Chaim Gross for the 1984 International Population Conference.

In contrast to the original WFUNA cachets, the UNPA cachet (Figure 1) and the corresponding WFUNA cachet (Figure 2) for the 40th Anniversary stamps are quite simple. Figure 3 shows the FDC with the original cachet by Edith Hibbel. Unfortunately these cachets were not in general available for use for the anniversary stamp UNNY 493a except for a few unserved covers that had been squirreled away. Figure 4 shows a FDC of the Hibbel stamp with a matching Hibbel cachet. As Ms Hibbel participated in the first day ceremony, an enterprising collector was able to get her signature to make a FDC with a "Maximum" amount of concordance. Figure 5 shows an FDC of the Kingman stamp with matching cachet and designer autograph. Figure 6 shows an FDC of the Gross stamp with matching cachet and designer autograph.

In 1986 several dealers specializing in UN philately made considerable efforts to round

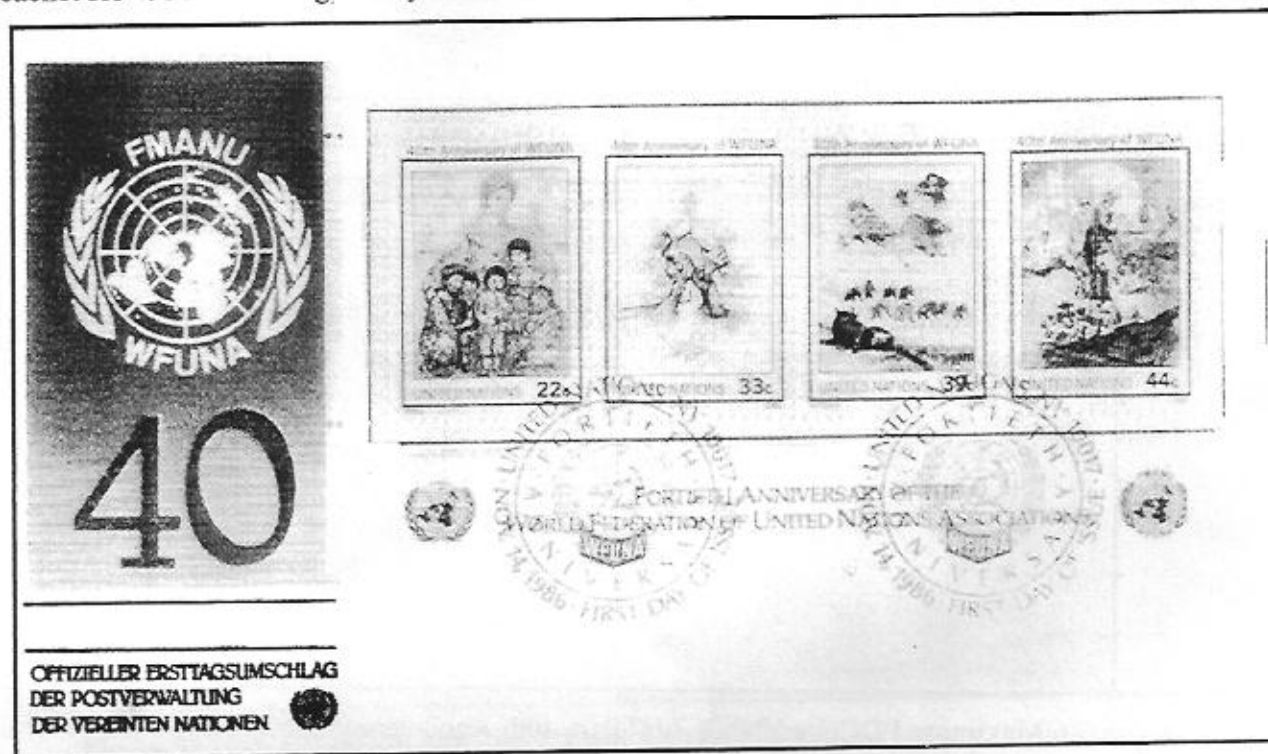


Figure 1: 1986 UNPA FDC of the UNNY Mini-sheet Honoring the WFUNA 40th Anniversary.
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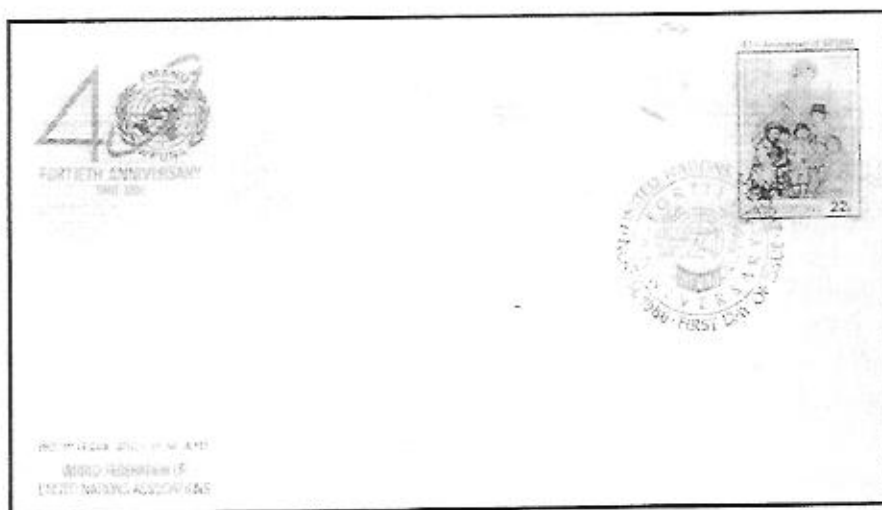


Figure 2: 1986 WFUNA FDC for UNNY WFUNA 40th Anniversary Hibel stamp.



Figure 3: 1983 WFUNA FDC for UNNY World Food Program with Edna Hibel cachet.

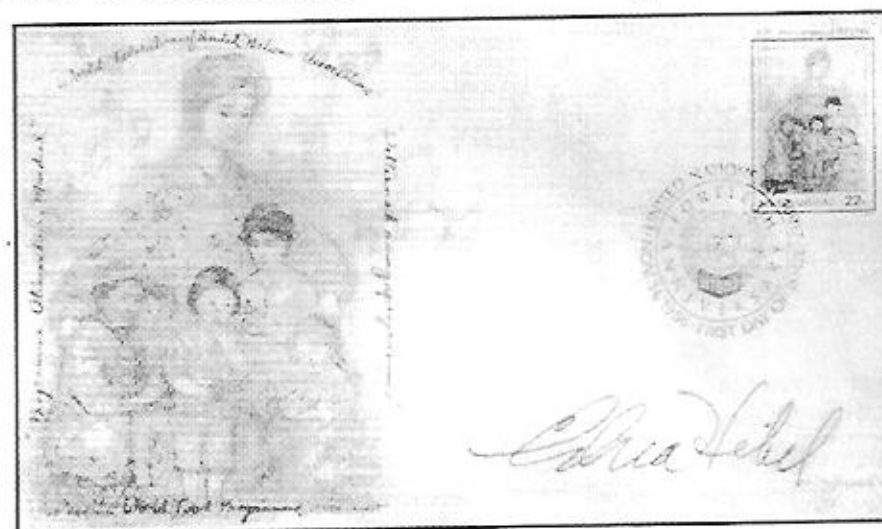


Figure 4: 1986 Maximum FDC for UNNY WFUNA 40th Anniversary Hibel stamp with matching 1983 WFUNA cachet and signature of the artist.

up the earlier cachets in order to produce Maximum FDCs for the other nine stamps. It

would be interesting to know how many other matching FDCs still exist for this issue.

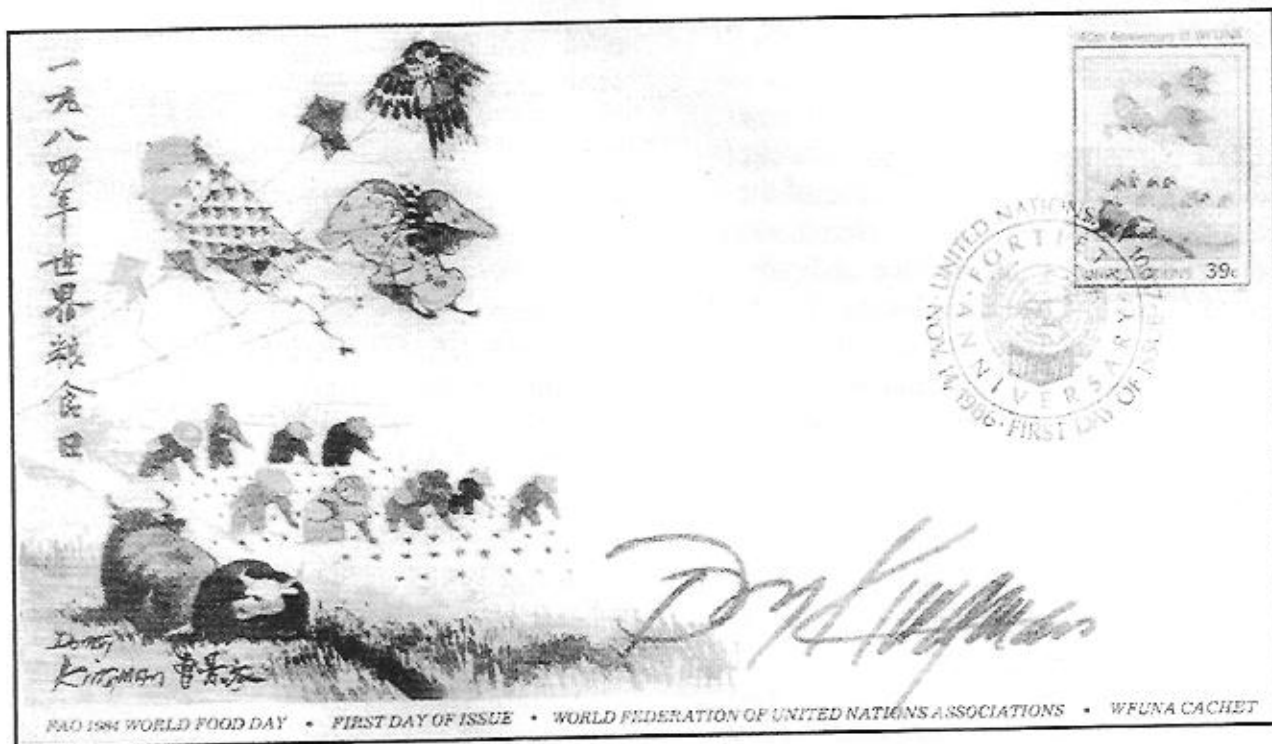


Figure 5: 1986 Maximum FDC for UNNY WFUNA 40th Anniversary Kingman stamp with matching 1984 WFUNA cachet and signature of the artist.



Figure 5: 1986 Maximum FDC for UNNY WFUNA 40th Anniversary Gross stamp with matching 1984 WFUNA cachet autographed by the artist.

1940 GUATEMALAN HEALTH SERVICE COMMUNIQUÉ TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

By Richard Powers

In the October 1997 issue of the *Journal* (page 7) I published an article on philatelic documentation of the Health Programs of the League of Nations. Of particular interest was the activity of the League Service of Epidemiological Intelligence and Public Health Statistics, whose mandate was to collect data from all signatories of the International Health Convention of 1926 involving certain diseases.

I recently came across the interesting cover shown in Figure 1, which demonstrates this activity. It was sent by the Guatemalan Public Health Service (Sanidad Publica) to

the Epidemiological Service of the League of Nations in Geneva. The cover bears two green 3-centavos Guatemalan triangular official stamps (Scott #08) tied to the cover with a "Porte Official" (Official Postage) postmarked on November 16, 1940. Underneath the cancellation in the upper right-hand corner is a green origin cachet of the "Direccion General" of the "Sanidad Publica" of Guatemala. Presumably this cover at one time contained information relating to Guatemala's international obligations to supply epidemiological intelligence.

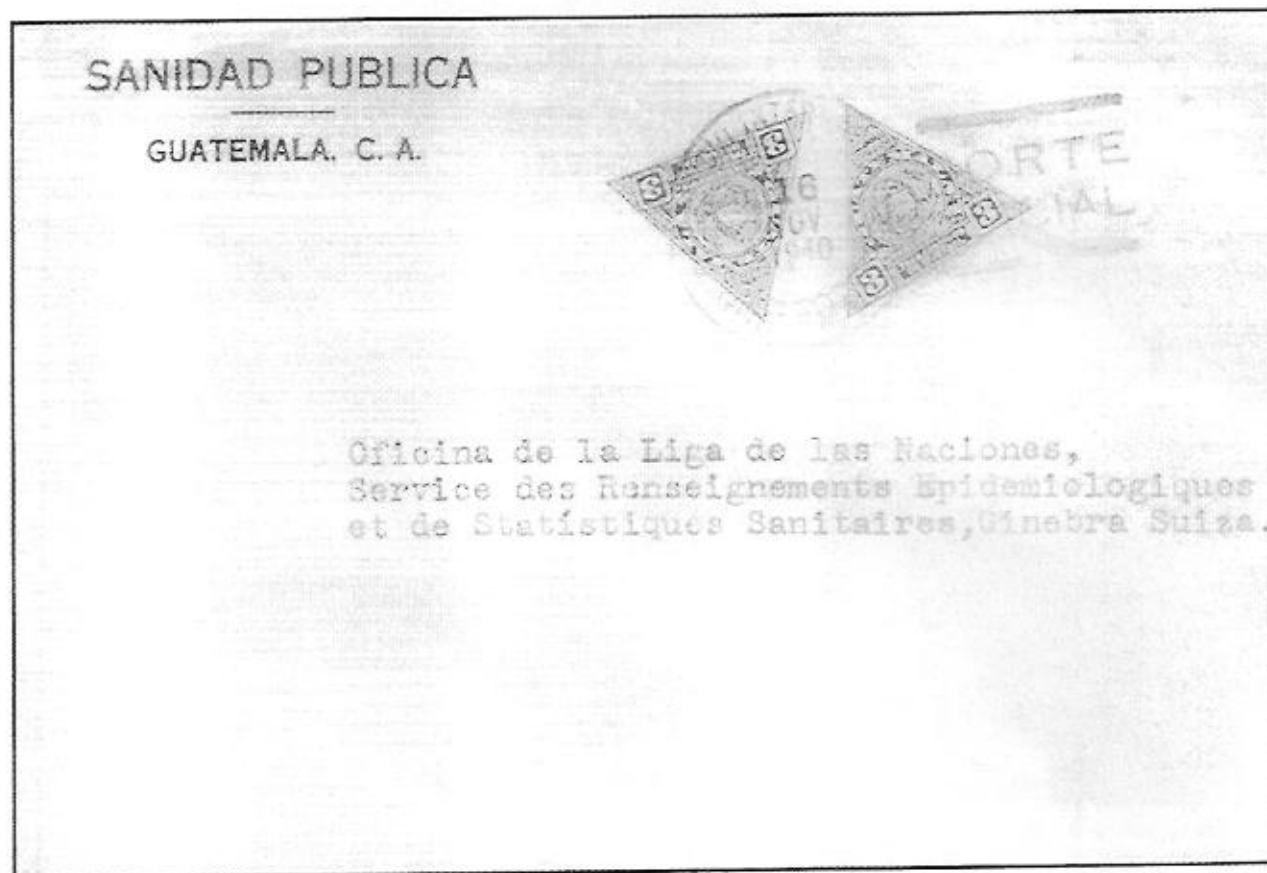


Figure 1: 1940 service cover from the Guatemalan Public Health Service to the Epidemiological Intelligence Service of the League of Nations in Geneva.

POSTAGE DUE ON A UN SERVICE COVER TO THE UPU

By Richard Powers

In the August 2005 issue of the *Journal* I wrote an article (page 16) about a couple of UNPA covers, which were sent in 1967 from UNNY to Philadelphia, where they were forwarded to Frankfurt, Germany via New York, where they were charged postage due for the difference between the domestic rate (6¢) and the international surface rate (11¢ and later 13¢).

I have recently come across a more complicated underpaid UN service air mail cover. The cover (Figure 1) was sent from the Office of the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) located in United Nations House in Seoul, Korea. The destination was the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in Bern, Switzerland. The letter apparently went by pouch mail to UN headquarters in New York, where it acquired a 13¢ "Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons" (Gaines UNNY #41) meter cancel dated August 4, 1975. According to the *Scott 1993 Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps*, effective March 2, 1974 the domestic air mail rate was 13¢ per ounce.

Apparently the cover was mistakenly canceled when the machine was set up for domestic air mail. At the time the international air mail rate was 26¢ per half ounce. Thus the UN had underfranked the letter by 13¢.

In the lower right-hand corner of the cover is a postage due notation consisting of a circle containing a T and the amount 26 centimes. When I first visited Switzerland in 1967, a US dollar could buy four Swiss francs. By the time I was working in Switzerland in 1979, the rate of exchange had sunk close to two francs per dollar. Thus the postage due of 26 centimes appears to cover the underpayment of 13¢.

What makes this cover interesting is that the UPU is responsible for administering international payments between two national post offices. In this case the UPU, a UN agency was imposing postage due on a letter to itself from UNNY headquarters, which had underpaid the postage on a cover from the UNDP in Korea. Actually, it was the United States Post Office, which handles the transfer of mail for the UNNY, which had been underpaid.

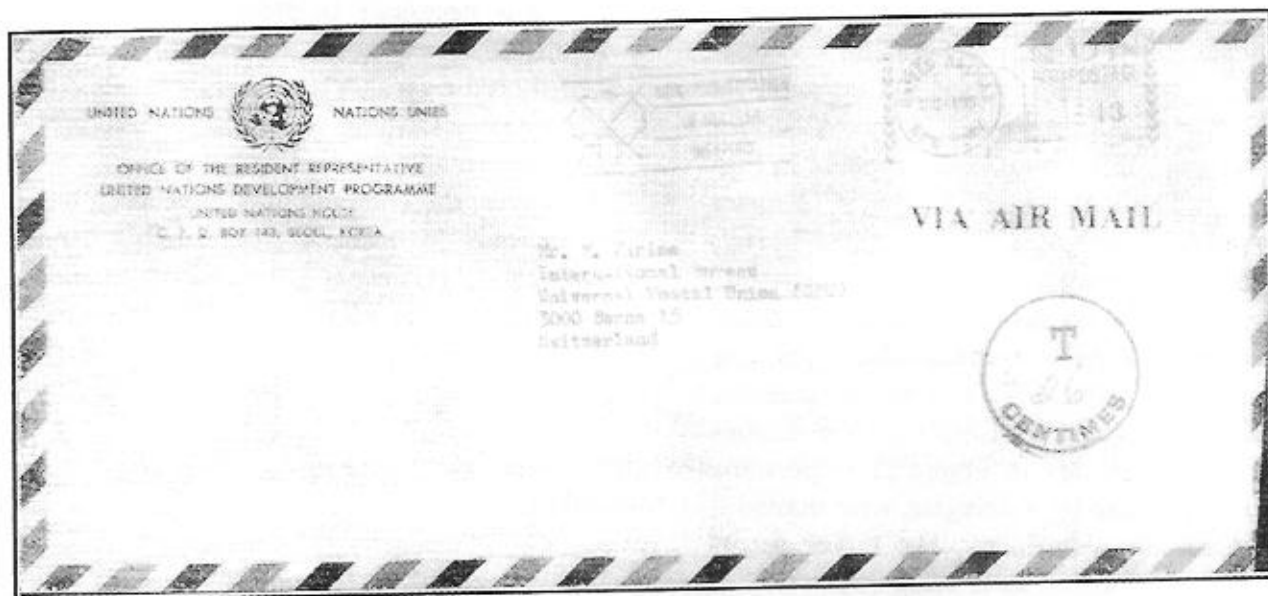


Figure 1: 1975 underpaid UNDP cover from Korea to the UPU with 26 centimes postage due.

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC CONGRESS

By Richard Powers

The first International Oceanographic Congress was held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from August 31st to September 12th in 1959. It was organized by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) with the co-sponsorship of UNESCO and the Special Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU). At this Congress 1200 scientists from 50 countries presented 500 scientific papers. Information concerning this conference can be found in the July 1959 issue of *Science*, Vol. 130, Issue 3370, p. 257-259.

The purpose of the Congress was to provide a common meeting ground for all sciences concerned with the oceans and the organisms contained in them. The Congress was devoted to the fundamentals of the marine sciences rather than to their applications.

I suspect that the participation of UNESCO and the use of the United Nations Secretariat in New York as venue for the Congress was undoubtedly related to the establishment two years later of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. A service cover from this Commission appears in Figure 1. The cover bears a UNESCO meter cancel (Gaines Slogan #26, Machine T1762) dated July 28, 1986.

There was no special conference cancel prepared for this Congress. However, the presence of UNESCO can be documented with the cover on UNESCO service stationery which appears in Figure 2. I presume that it was sent by a delegate, who mailed it to Arlington, Virginia. The cover seems highly overfranked as it bears 25¢ worth of stamps, which I suspect were bought at the United Nations Postal Administration

(UNPA) counter in a packet of current definitives costing 25¢. At the time the domestic air mail rate was 7¢ compared to 4¢ for standard first class mail. Since a 5¢ air mail stamp (Scott #C6) was applied in the upper right corner, the letter should have gone by air mail. There is no indication that the letter contained more than one sheet of letter-sized paper.

The reason that I believe that the sender was a participant stems from the contents of the cover. It is a one-page set of instructions prepared by the "Conferences Control" in September 1957. It is entitled "Notes of Particular Interest to the Chairman" and is a list of suggestions and information relating to the use of the microphone system in the conference room, which would produce the best results from the simultaneous interpretation and sound equipment available.

The information sheet also deals with matters of protocol. Apparently it was important, when calling upon a representative to speak, that the chairman mention the Member State when recognizing the speaker. This was necessary in order to enable the technician operating the sound equipment to switch on the speaker's microphone. Practical issues concerning simultaneous interpretation of remarks are also included.

However, the contents may have been enclosed only to insure a clean legible hand roller cancel (Gaines R.1b) on the six stamps and happened to be easily available to the sender. The crystal clear cancel dated September 2, 1959 proudly proclaims the slogan:

"PEACE JUSTICE SECURITY FOR ALL".

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Figure 1: 1986 service cover from the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission at UNESCO headquarters in Paris to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. For other Oceanographic Organizations associated with the League of Nations and the United Nations see the article in the December 1995 issue of the *Journal* beginning page 4.



Figure 2: 1959 cover on UNESCO stationery from First International Oceanographic Congress at United Nations Headquarters in New York which took place from August 30th through September 12th.

INTERNATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC CONGRESSES

New York -1959 and Moscow – 1966

By B. Clement, Jr.

UNESCO sponsored two International Oceanographic Congresses (IOC) in cooperation with the Special Committee on Oceanic Research of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU). The first of these was held at UN Headquarters in New York August 31 to September 12, 1959. Figure 1 shows a privately cacheted cover honoring the opening of that congress, on August 31, 1959. A second cover, shown in Figure 2, was mailed from the congress with a UN New York corner card cover on September 2, 1959 to the same private party as that on the UNESCO cover in the previous article.

The Second International Oceanographic Congress was held in Moscow, USSR May 30 to June 9, 1966. The USSR issued a special stamp (Scott #3150) on February 23, 1966, honoring this congress. Figure 3 shows a cover mailed from the congress, franked with the special stamp, and post-marked with a special congress cancel.



Figure 3: 1966 cover from the 2nd International Oceanographic Congress in Moscow.

These meetings continued, under the name "Joint Oceanographic Assembly". Under that name, meetings were held as follows:

Tokyo, Japan September 13-25, 1970

Edinburgh, Scotland September 13-24, 1976
Halifax, NS, Canada August 2-3, 1982

Acapulco, Mexico August 23-31, 1988

UNESCO has continued to be active in this area, through its Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), which has organized these joint assemblies. Two other conferences held by the IOC are shown in Figures 4 and 5. Figure 4 shows a postcard mailed January 12, 1971 from Malta with a postmark "Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Conference".

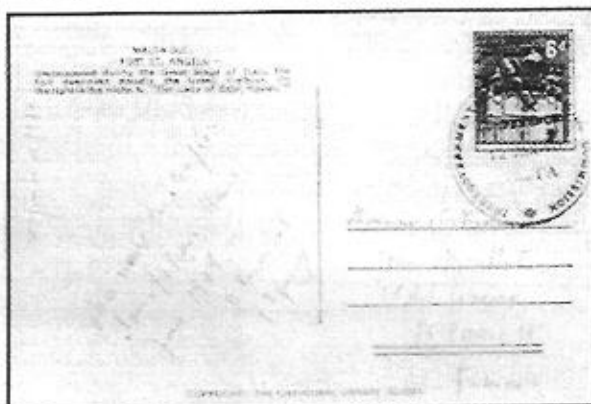


Figure 4: Card from 1971 IOC Conference.

Figure 5 shows a UNESCO-Paris corner card cover with an "Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission" origin cachet, and an Antwerp, Belgium meter cancel on December 14, 1974, sent to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). A similar cover is known dated December 3, 1974, sent to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Little is known about either of these IOC meetings.

What can you add to the story?

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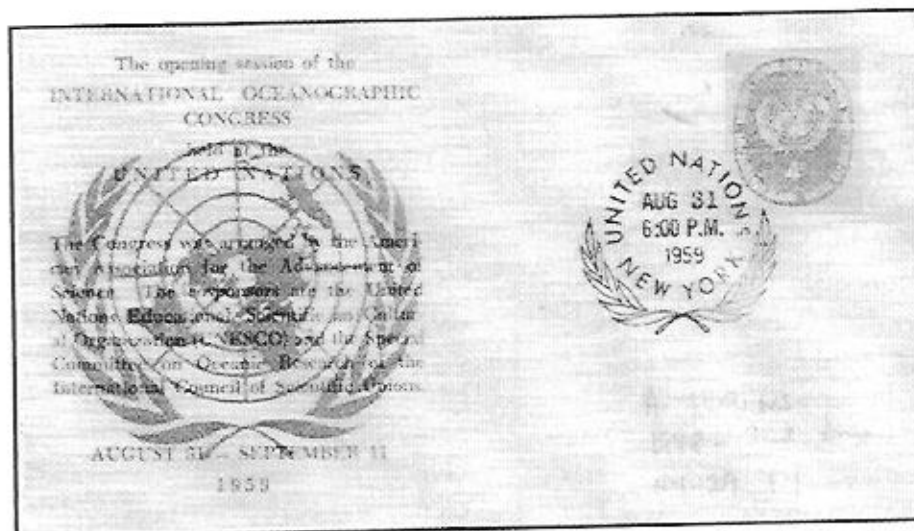


Figure 1: Privately cacheted cover noting the opening of the 1st Congress in New York.

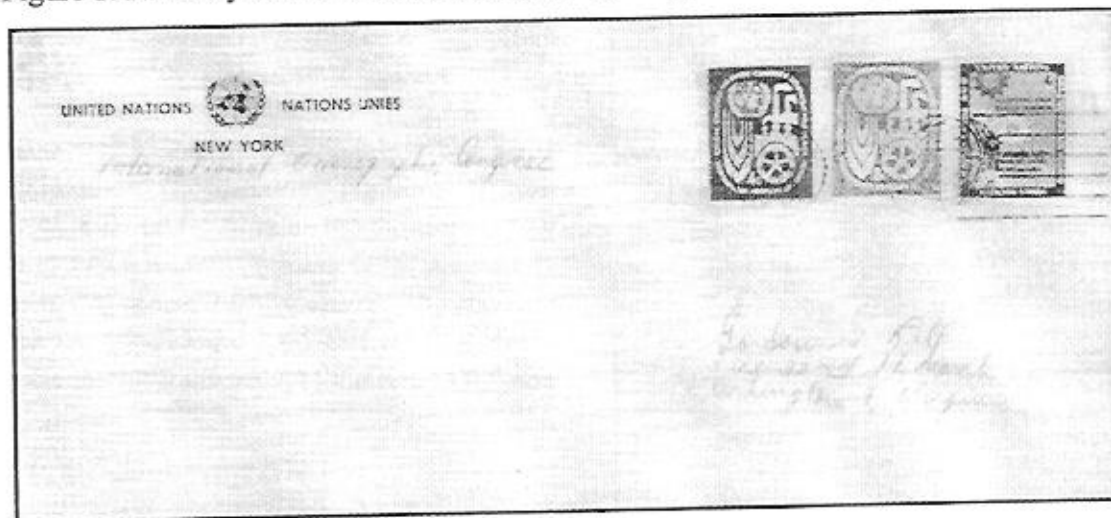


Figure 2: UN cover mailed from Congress on September 2, 1959.



Figure 5: 1974 IOC service cover mailed from Antwerp

ICAO AIRPORT AND AIR NAVIGATION CONFERENCE

Montreal, September 2008

By Albert Pelsser and B. Clement, Jr.

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) sponsored a conference in Montreal September 15-20, 2008, the Conference on the Economics of Airports and Air Navigation Services (CEANS). In conjunction with that conference, the ICAO Staff Association, in cooperation with Canada Post, prepared a special cachet cover with a special conference postmark. The special cover is shown in Figure 1. The special postmark is illustrated in Figure 2.



Figure 2: 2008 CEANS conference cancel.

This conference is a follow-up to a conference with the same name held in Montreal June 19-28, 2006. That conference used the acronym "ANSCONF". That conference led to changing ICAO's policies on charges for airport and air navigation services. This latest conference was to learn from this experience and to further refine the policies. Overall the objective is to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of airports and air navigation services, while ensuring the safe, secure, efficient and sustainable development of civil aviation.

The postage stamp used on the envelope was issued by Canada Post on January 15, 2008 and was the third in its Celebration series. It is a non-denominated 52-cent fireworks permanent stamp. The design includes the inscription *Canada!*. The exclamation mark to the word Canada (a first for Canada Post) ties into the concept of celebration and to underscore excitement.



Figure 1: Special cover honoring the 2008 CEANS in Montreal, Canada.

CCITT STUDY GROUP MEETINGS IN LISBON, 1967

By B. Clement, Jr.

Contrary to the listing in the ITU section of Gaines (Page 1242), there was not one, but two different CCITT Study Group meetings held in Lisbon, Portugal in 1967. Gaines actually lists one meeting and gives the dates for the other. Gaines catalog rarely made such errors. Since Gaines is out-of-print, we must correct this in these pages.

The International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee (CCITT) existed from 1956, when it was formed from a merger of CCIT and CCIF, until 1992, when ITU underwent a major reorganization. Meetings were held of three of its Study Groups in Lisbon in 1967, as follows:

Study Groups V (Protection against dangers and disturbances of electromagnetic origin) and VI (Outside plant) met in Lisbon April 3-21, 1967.

Study Group XV (Transmission systems) met in Lisbon in September, 1967. The actual dates are not known, but would include September 24-26, 1967.

Figures 1 and 2 show the special postmarks used at these two CCITT meetings.



Figure 1: Conference cancel for CCITT Study Groups V and VI.



Figure 2: Conference cancel for CCITT Study Group XV.

Figures 3 and 4 illustrate covers from the meet-

ings. Each cover has a corner card of the Portugal Postmaster-General (Correio Mor), which is part of the CTT, the Postal and Telecommunications Administration, which is the agency which represents Portugal to the ITU.

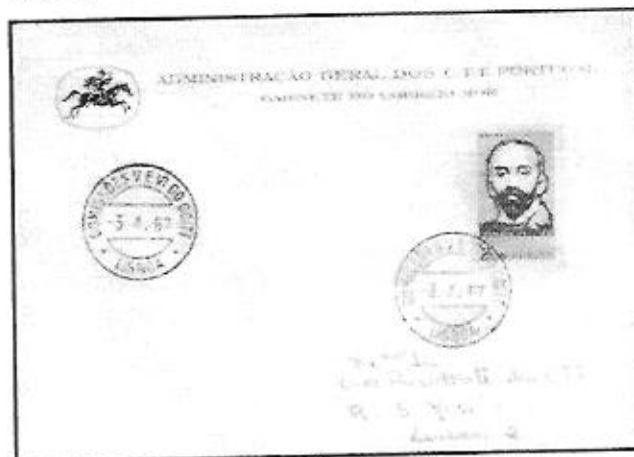


Figure 3: 1967 cover bearing the CCITT conference cancel for Study Groups V and VI.



Figure 3: 1967 cover bearing the CCITT conference cancel for Study Group XV.

If you have some UN postal history that is unlisted or "mis-listed" in Gaines, please let us know.

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ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE

Antalya, Turkey, 2006

By B. Clement, Jr.

The supreme governing body of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) is its Plenipotentiary Conference. Currently, this body meets every four years. The first ITU Plenipotentiary Conference was held in Paris, France in 1865. The latest Plenipotentiary Conference, the 17th, was held in Antalya, Turkey November 6-24, 2006. ITU used the acronym PP-06 to designate this conference.

Turkey issued two stamps (Scott #3028-29) on the first day of the conference November 6, 2006. Figure 1 shows a FDC of these stamps. The postmark, enlarged in Figure 2, appears to be a conference post office



Figure 2: An apparent 2006 ITU plenipotentiary conference cancel from PP-06 in Antalya, Turkey.

cancel, there being no indication of "First Day" in the Turkish text.

Bulgaria issued a special stamped envelope to honor the conference on November 15, 2006, as seen in Figure 3. The oval postmark used has the same conference symbol, a globe and "PP 06", as does the Turkish postmark.

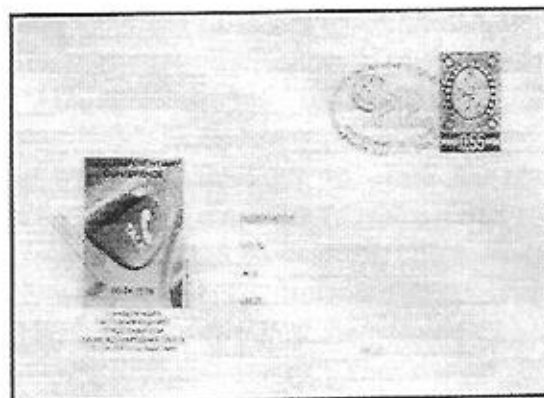


Figure 3: Bulgarian stamped envelope issued in honor of PP-06.

The next ITU Plenipotentiary Conference will be held in Vera Cruz, Mexico October 4-20, 2010. ITU calls this conference PP-10.

Reference

www.itu.int/plenipotentiary/



Figure 1: Turkish PTT FDC honoring the 2006 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-06).

WORLD CONGRESSES ON SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK:

ADDENDUM

By B. Clement, Jr.

An article on the World Congress on Safety and Health at Work in the June 2008 issue of the *Journal* (page 8) told of eighteen such congresses being held every three years since 1955. In that article, special cancels were identified for three of these:

3rd. Paris, France May 22-27, 1961
5th. Zagreb, Yugoslavia July 2-9, 1967
14th. Madrid, Spain April 22-26, 1996

Another such special cancel has now been found, for the 9th World Congress on the Prevention of Occupational Accidents and Diseases, held in Amsterdam, Netherlands, May 6-9, 1980. A special cachet cover for the congress is shown in Figure 1. Figure 2 shows an enlarged image of the special cancel. The congress was held in the Amsterdam Con-

gress Center, and the regular cancel for the center also appears on the cover.



Figure 2: 1980 special cancel commemorating the 9th World Congress on Safety at Work in Amsterdam.

There are probably special postmarks used for some of the other congresses, that have not yet been identified as such by UN collectors. Please help us to find them.

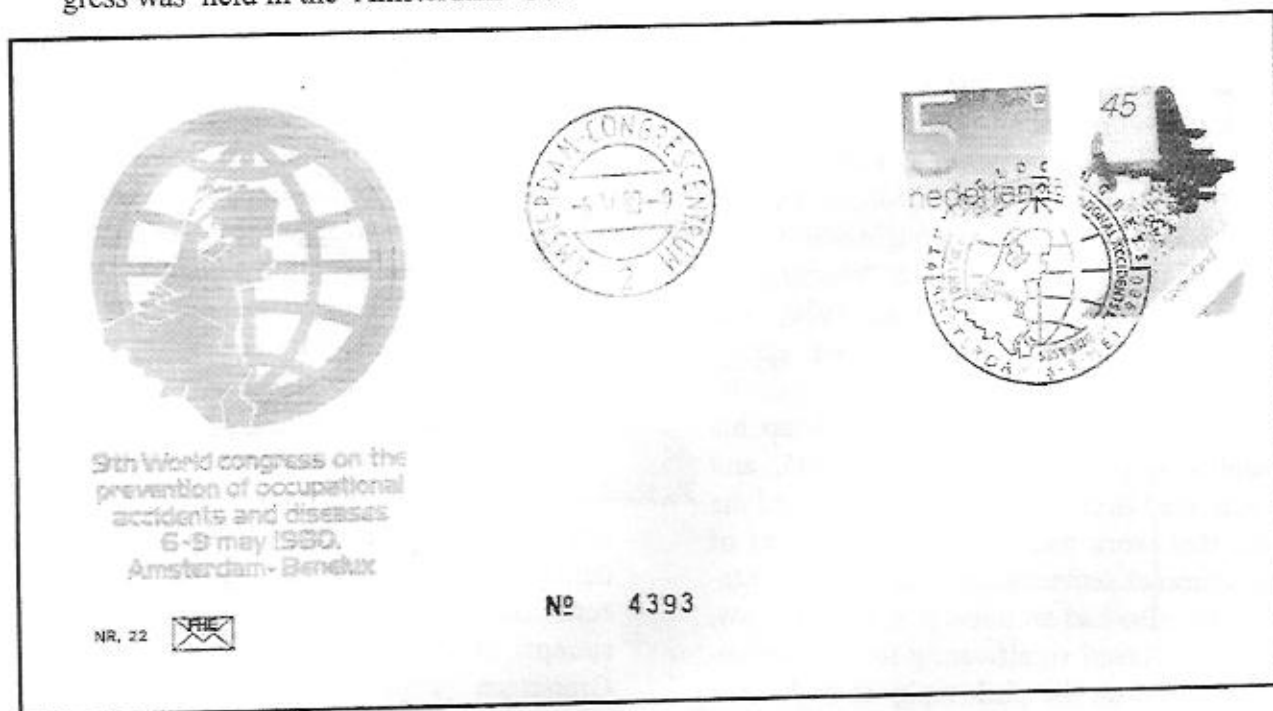


Figure 1: Special 1980 cover commemorating the 9th World Congress on the Prevention of Occupational Accidents and Diseases in Amsterdam

ANOTHER COVER FROM THE COMMISSION PÉNITENTIAIRE INTERNATIONALE

By Michael Krejci

In the August 2008 issue of the *UNP Journal* (p. 12), R. Powers published an article about a cover from the International Penal and Prison Commission. His cover on official stationery was sent in 1932, after the Commission had changed its name.

Illustrated here is an earlier cover from March 26, 1925, showing the former name, the Commission Pénitenciaire International (International Prison Commission). The cover (Figure 1) originates with the same correspondent, Professor Jan Simon Van der Aa, and has both the professor's corner card and a wax seal on the reverse (Figure 2).

Jan Simon van der Aa was born in Hornhuizen, the Netherlands, on July 25, 1865. He completed his law studies in 1890, and in 1892 he became an inspector for the Dutch government's Prison Discipline and Education Commission. In 1898 he was appointed a delegate by the government to the International Prison Commission. From 1910 to 1938 he oversaw the publication of the proceedings of the International Congresses conducted by the Commission. Consequently, his name appears as editor on the multiple volumes that were published at the conclusion of the four Congresses which took place during his tenure: Washington, 1910; London, 1925; Prague, 1930; and Berlin, 1935. (There were seven earlier Congresses.)

Dr. van der Aa (Figure 3) took up his professorship in Groningen in 1906, and specialized in criminal law. He promoted the idea that work and education were part of the criminal sentence, leading to rehabilitation. He also had an interest in juvenile law, and contributed significantly to its development based on the philosophy that children should be treated as children under the law. From 1908 to 1926 he chaired the Pro Juventute Association in Groningen.



Figure 3: Dr. Jan Simon van der Aa.

When a permanent office for the Commission was established in 1926, a year after the cover described in this article was posted, Dr. van der Aa left his professorship in Groningen and settled in Bern, Switzerland, to devote himself exclusively to the secretariat of the Permanent Bureau of the International Penal and Prison Commission.

The cover was mailed to Mr. Fredrik Woxen, chief of the administration of prisons in Norway. At the time of the sixth Congress in Brussels in 1900, Mr. Woxen was the treasurer for the International Prison Commission. Whether he remained so at the time of the ninth Congress in London in 1925 is unknown to me. We can speculate though that, since the ninth Congress began on August 3, 1925, the communication sent by Dr. van der Aa to Mr. Woxen on March 26 of that same year likely concerned the organization of the upcoming Congress.

The cover is official stationery from the Commission Pénitenciaire Internationale franked with 10ct and 35ct Netherlands definitives (Scott #151 and 157). They are canceled with a Groningen circular date stamp: 26.III.1925. In addition to the Groningen registry label, there is a rubberstamp impression "Recommandé." in purple ink, as well as an origin cachet from the Commission. The reverse of the cover

purple ink, as well as an origin cachet from the Commission. The reverse of the cover shows an Oslo slogan machine receiving cancel of 28.III.25. A rough translation of the slogan is "Encourage Norwegian Work."

Sixty-five years ago Dr. J. Simon van der Aa died in Lausanne, Switzerland on February 24, 1944. His work continues to this day through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, part of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

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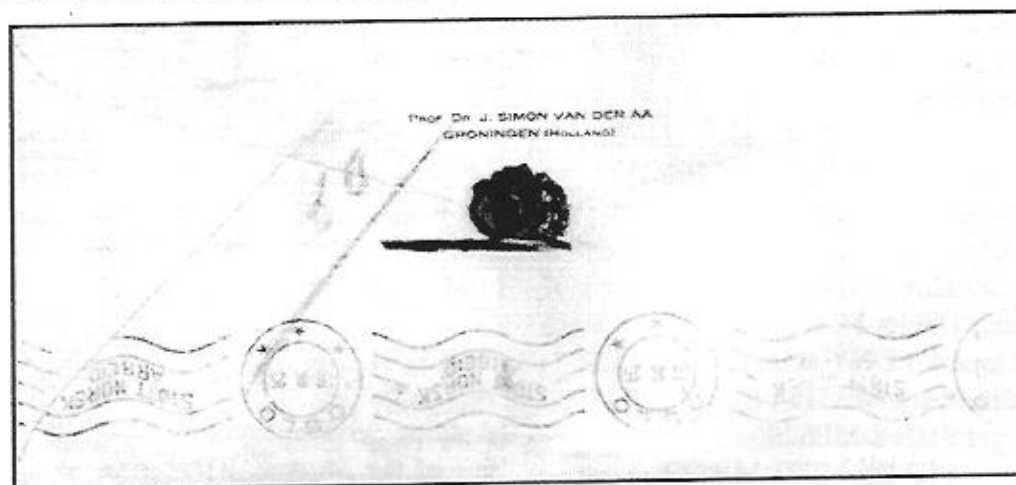


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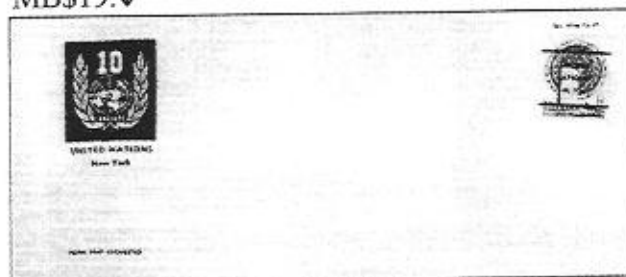
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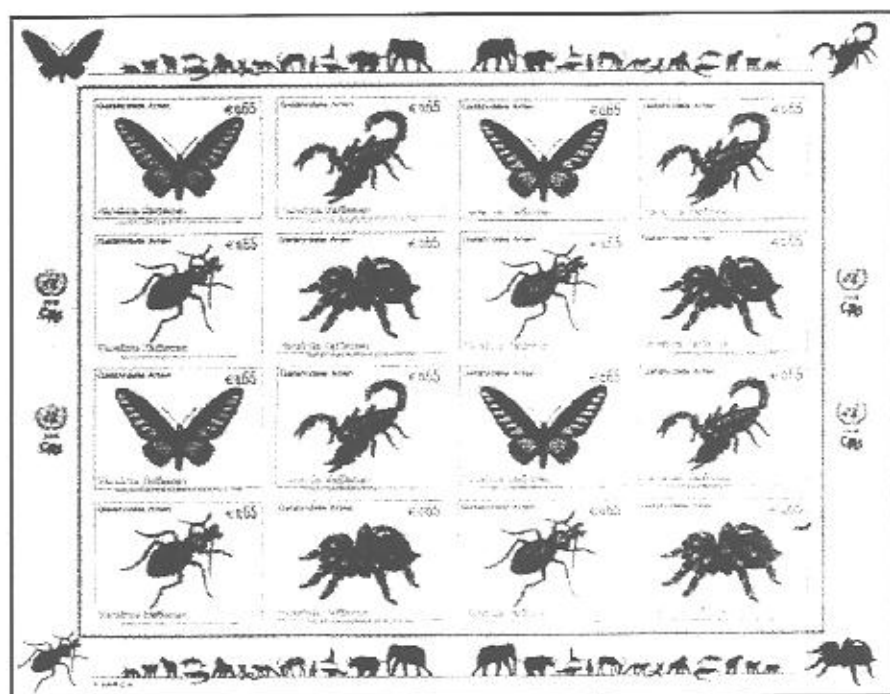
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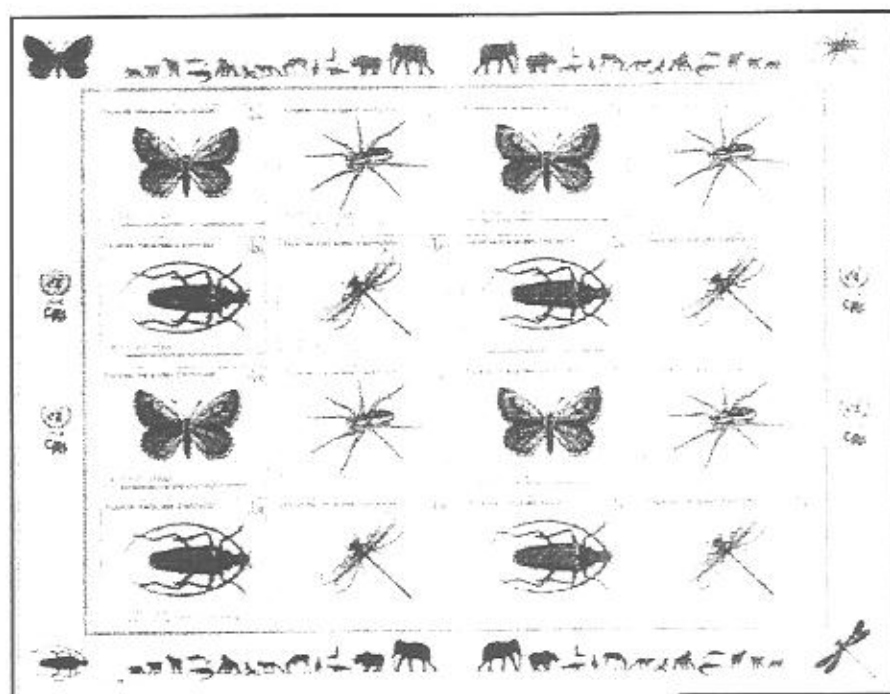
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