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Rear cover: Souvenir sheets issued by the UNPA honoring the UN 60th Anniversary.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

2005 - INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PHYSICS

In 2002 the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) declared the year 2005 to be the World Year of Physics. This year was chosen to celebrate the centennial of Albert Einstein's "miraculous year" of 1905. This was the year when he published his special theory of relativity, as well as his explanations of the photoelectric effect and of Brownian motion. In 1921 he received the Nobel prize for his work on the photoelectric effect. But undoubtedly he is best known for his work on special relativity, which led to the development of modern physics. Who has not heard of $E = mc^2$? This equation correlates the nuclear energy locked away in the mass of any atom. With this work in mind **Time Magazine** declared Einstein to be the Person of the 20th Century on the cover of its last issue in 1999.

In 2003 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) reaffirmed the IUPAP declaration. On June 10th the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 2005 as the International Year of Physics. By tradition only the UNGA is entitled to name an International Year. The years 2003 and 2004 were the International Years of Freshwater and Rice, respectively.

The UNGA resolution was co-sponsored by Lesotho, Monaco, France, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Portugal, St. Kitts and Nevis and Croatia. It was passed by acclamation. The effort was led by the representatives of Lesotho and Monaco, both of whom are physicists. Efforts to obtain US co-sponsorship were frustrated by general State Department policy. In a letter to Bruce Alberts, President of the National Academy of Sciences, Kim R. Holmes, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, "we have established a general practice of not encour-

aging the UNGA, to designate and celebrate the anniversary of historical events...We seek to have them focus their limited time and resources on the priority issues currently before them."

The text of the UN resolution is as follows:

- The General Assembly of United Nations,
- Recognizing that physics provides a significant basis for the development of the understanding of nature,
 - Noting that physics and its applications are the basis of many of today's technological advances,
 - Convinced that education in physics provides men and women with the tools to build the scientific infrastructure essential for development,
 - Being aware that the year 2005 is the centenary of seminal scientific discoveries of Albert Einstein which are the basis of modern physics,
 - 1. Welcomes the proclamation of 2005 as the International Year of Physics by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,
 - 2. Invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to organize activities celebrating 2005 as the International Year of Physics, collaborating with physics societies and groups throughout the world, including in the developing countries,
 - 3. Declares the year 2005 the International Year of Physics.

It remains to be seen how the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) and/or UNESCO will react to this declaration. In 2003 the UNPA issued six stamps honoring the International Year of Freshwater.

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

By Richard Powers

This year marks the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. October 24th is traditionally celebrated as United Nations Day. In 1945 fifty-one nations founded this organization to preserve peace through international cooperation and collective security. In this year representatives of fifty nations drew up the United Nations Charter in San Francisco at the UN Conference on International Organization. These delegates deliberated over the principles, which had been worked out by the representatives of China, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and the United States during the meetings in Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C. from August until October 1944. The Charter was signed by the representatives of fifty nations on June 26, 1945. Poland, not present at the conference, soon after signed the Charter and became one of the original fifty-one Member States. The UN was officially founded on October 24, 1945, when the Charter had been approved by the Governments of China, France, the Soviet Union, Great Britain, the USA and a majority of the other signatory states. Today there are 191 Member States of the UN.

Philatelic Remembrances

Beginning with the UN tenth anniversary in 1955 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) has issued at least two stamps and a souvenir sheet every five years to commemorate the founding of the United Nations. The first set is Scott UNNY #35-38.

On February 4, 2005 the UNPA commemorated the Sixtieth Anniversary of the UN by issuing three stamps and three souvenir sheets, one each for use at its three offices: New York, Geneva and Vienna. The designs of four of these items, appear on the covers of this issue. The theme of these six items is the UN General Assembly, whose Assembly Hall at UN Headquarters in New

York is pictured on all six items. The denominations for the single stamps (souvenir sheets) are for New York 80¢ (\$1.00), Geneva S.f. 1,30 (3,00) and Vienna € 0,55 (2,10).

The stamp designs were engraved by world-famous Czeslaw Slania (Sweden), who was born in Poland in 1921. As of October 2004 Mr. Slania has engraved the designs of 1070 stamps for numerous countries. In 1986 he engraved the designs for the six UN stamps: "Philately - The International Hobby" (UNNY #473-4, Geneva #146-7, Vienna #62-3). These engravings reappeared on the 1997 UN series "Tribute to Philately" (UNNY #714-5, Geneva #312-3, Vienna #228-9).

New UN Vienna Definitive

On the same day the UNPA issued a new hologram stamp in the Vienna definitive series with a denomination of € 0,75. The stamp shows the Vienna International Centre (UNO-City) and appears in Figure 1. The hologram image has not scanned well. It bears the legend: Gruss von den Vereinten Nationen (Greetings from the United Nations).

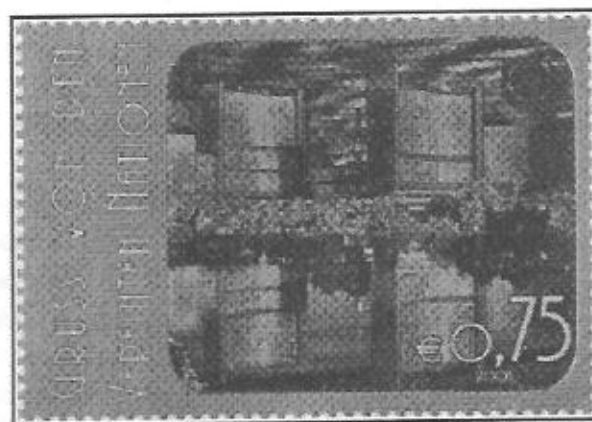


Figure 1: New € 0,75 Vienna definitive.

This is the second UN stamp issued with a hologram. The first was released for use at UN headquarters in New York in March 2003 (UNNY #839) and pictures the headquarters buildings in New York.

2004 UNP MEETING AT CHICAGOPEX

2004 UNP BOARD MEETING

By B. Clement, Jr.

The UNP Board held an unofficial meeting on November 20th at Chicagopex. A quorum was not available. Attending were Board Members Tony Dewey, Clem Clement and Dick Powers. Publicity chairman Steven Scheibner, Jack Mayer and Ben Cohen were also present.

The Club budget was discussed. With last year's dues increase and more auction income, our balance sheet has stabilized.

Plans were discussed for future Annual Meetings of UNP. The following is the schedule for the next four years:

2005 NOJEX, Secaucus, NJ May 28-30

2006 Washington 2006 May

2007 Probably SANDICAL, San Diego, CA

2008 APS Stampshow, Hartford, CT

Plans for future UNP Monographs were discussed. After discussions with the printer, a method of reducing printing costs was found. The second half of the "Receiving Mark" monograph will be published in 2005. Possibilities for future monographs were explored.

The survey on UN-related service stamps from France, Switzerland and the Netherlands indicates a desire that the Club organize bulk purchases. UNP needs a member-manager for such a service.

The Club also needs a replacement for our Archivist, Ray Ward, who would like someone to take over this job.

2004 UNP ANNUAL MEETING

By B. Clement, Jr.

The Annual Meeting of UNP was held in conjunction with Chicagopex 2004 on November 20th. Members from California, Connecticut, Illinois, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania and Washington attended.

The meeting opened with introductions with each member mentioning his special interests in United Nations philately. This was followed by a program of presentations by three members.

UNP President Tony Dewey presented some first issue surprises and treasures from the Greg Manning UN Archive sale. Tony's study showed that things were not always what they seemed in the auction.

UNP Secretary Clem Clement gave a talk on UN diplomatic pouch tags. These tags are used to send pouches between UN offices. Interesting embossed seals, origin cachets and airline labels were shown.

Journal Editor Dick Powers showed some fascinating covers telling the story of the Atlantic Charter meeting between Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1941), the San Francisco conference (1945), the Preparatory Commission in London (1945) and the First Sessions of the UN General Assembly in London and New York (1946).

The photograph below shows the UNP Club booth, which was situated just outside the main entrance to Chicagopex. Standing (left) are Tony Dewey and Clem Clement. Seated is Jack Mayer.



Tony, Jack and Clem at the UNP Booth.

AWARDS WON BY UNP MEMBERS AT CHICAGOPEX

By Anthony Dewey

At the Annual Meeting of the UNP, held in conjunction with Chicagopex 2004, five members presented six exhibits comprising twenty-nine frames of United Nations material. This handful of U.N. exhibits fared well winning the following show medals: two Gold, two Vermeil, one Silver and one Bronze. In addition, three of these exhibits won special awards.

The UNP President's Award went to founding member Jack Mayer for a new exhibit, "The Chagall Window". This beautiful five-frame exhibit shows in great detail the design, development, production and use of the souvenir sheet (UNNY #179) and single stamp (UNNY #180) depicting the window designed by Marc Chagall to commemorate the late Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld. Jack includes preliminary layout sketches, as well as essays and proofs of the sheet and stamp. Jack also won a Chicagopex Vermeil medal and a UNP Gold medal. Figure 1 below shows Jack standing in front of his exhibit.



Figure 1: Jack Mayer and his "Chagall Window" Exhibit.

David J. Simmons' exhibit "The United Nations in the Middle East" won the Arleigh Gaines Memorial Research Award, sponsored by World Forum Philatelist. This is only the second time that David has shown his exhibit at the national level, winning Sil-

ver medals both times. The exhibit also earned a UNP Silver medal.

The exhibits of three members won special awards. The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor, for excellence in presentation, went to Fran Adams' one-frame thematic exhibit "The Founding of the United Nations. A nex exhibit "Peacekeeping on Stamps" by Arthur Graf won the First Place medal of the American Topical Association. Tony Dewey's recently re-written exhibit "First U.N. Issue 1951" received the Medal of Excellence (1940-1980) of the American Philatelic Society.

A table summarizing all of the awards received for exhibits submitted by UNP-members is shown on the next page (Table I).

Call for Exhibits for NOJEX

The next UNP Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with NOJEX, which will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 28-30, 2005. The show sponsored by the North Jersey Federation of Stamp Clubs, will be headquartered at the Crowne Plaza - Meadowlands, Two Harmon Plaza, Secaucus, New Jersey.

The exhibition prospectus and application are available from the show contact Robert G. Rose, P.O. Box 1945, Morristown, NJ 07962. Mr. Rose can also be reached by telephone at (973) 955-8070 or via e-mail at rrose@pitnethardin.com. These documents are also available from UNP Exhibit Chair Tony Dewey. (See inside back cover of this issue of the *Journal* for contact information). The prospectus also appears on the back pages of the mailing sheet accompanying this issue. Note that the deadline for submitting applications is April 15, 2005.

TABLE I: SUMMARY OF AWARDS TO UNP-MEMBERS AT CHICAGOPEX

Exhibit Title	Exhibitor	Awards
The Chagall Window	Jack Mayer	UNP Gold UNP President's Award Chicagopex Gold
The United Nations in the Middle East	David J. Simmons	Arleigh Gaines Memorial Research Award UNP Silver Chicagopex Silver
First U.N. Issue 1951	Anthony Dewey	APS Award of Excellence (1940-80) UNP Gold Chicagopex Gold
Service of Intellectual Aid to Prisoners of War	Anthony Dewey	UNP Gold Chicagopex Gold (One Frame)
The Founding of the United Nations	Francis Adams	UNP Silver AAPE Award of Honor Chicagopex Vermeil (One Frame)
Peacekeeping on Stamps	Arthur Graf	UNP Bronze Chicagopex Bronze

CATALOGUE OF ICAO STAMPS

UNP-member Albert Pelsser has been working several years collecting information regarding stamps commemorating the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) with headquarters in Montreal. He has now collected this information in the form of the *Catalogue of ICAO Stamps*, which provides a source of current reference for philatelic material pertaining to the ICAO. It includes any stamp or souvenir sheet relating to the Organization, whether in the form of the Organization's full name or the ICAO logo or its acronym.

The catalogue is organized by date of issue. In addition to details concerning the issue, it contains a full description of each stamp. The richness of this catalogue lies in the many historical notes included in the text, either related to the ICAO or to air events or records. At the end of the catalogue one can also find telephone cards, coins and date cancellations issued to commemorate ICAO anniversaries.

The color catalogue of over 260 pages is available on mini CD-ROM in PDF format and in a printed paper copy in black and white. Both are available for Can\$20.00 or US\$16.00. Interested persons can place their order by sending a check to the following address:

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Those wishing to be kept up-to-date on future editions of the catalogue should provide an e-mail address with their order. Any queries may be sent to the following e-mail address: sitomaps@hotmail.com.

The author plans to update this catalogue as suggestions for improvement are received. First day covers, meter stamp slogans, commemorative covers, assembly covers and covers related to conferences and meetings will be included in one of the future editions.

SURCHARGED POSTAL CARDS RELEASED AT GENEVA

By Duane E. Lamers

On September 21, 2004 the United Nations Postal Administration Geneva released surcharged versions of three postal cards originally released earlier. New postal rates for envelopes and postal cards were set by the Swiss PTT effective January 1, 2004.

The F.s. 0,70 card (Scott UX-13) for non-priority domestic use (Figure 1) has been surcharged to meet the new tariff of F.s. 0, 85 (UX-16). The F.s. 0,90 card (UX-8) is now valued (Figure 2) at F.s. 1,00 (UX-17).



Figure 1: UX-13 with 15-centime surcharge with cancel of first day of use.



Figure 2: UX-8 with 10-centime surcharge with cancel of first day of use.

This is the domestic rate for priority or "A" mail. F.s. 1,20 is now the tariff for non-priority or "B" mail to Europe. The F.s. 1,10 card (UX-14) has been surcharged to cover this category (UX-18) (Figure 3). These

rates apply both to postal cards and to envelopes weighing up to 20 grams.



Figure 3: UX-14 with 10-centime surcharge with cancel of first day of use.

The design of the surcharge is identical to designs used on previous emissions: a rose colored border surrounding the numerical value of the rate increase. It appears that stock from the original printings of these cards has been reissued. There are no detectable differences in natural or ultraviolet light between original and surcharged specimens.

We note that two years ago Geneva issued an "A" rate postal card (UX-15), imprinted with this designation, to cover what at that time was the F.s. 1,30 tariff for such cards to Europe. It appears this card continues to serve this function (Figure 4).

Now comes the intriguing question. What did Geneva do regarding postal cards in the nine months between new rates taking effect and the date of issuance of surcharged items? Staff at Geneva state that, during this period, customers were required to affix additional postage to the cards in order to use them, a procedure that once was considered a violation of postal regulations. Perhaps customers are now allowed to affix postage stamps themselves. None of this explains the delay in issuing surcharged cards, however.

Collectors of postally used stationery might find it useful to note that UX-8, UX-13 and UX-14 have as their last day of validity as



Figure 4: UX-15 priority rate international postal card.

issued on December 31, 2003. This date is subject to change for all but UX-13, which bears postage of F.s. 0,70, a rate likely gone forever, given the steady rise in tariffs over the years. It is possible, however, that UX-8 and UX-14 could again become valid if F.s. 0,90 or F.s. 1,10 ever become rates for a more limited use. This has happened in the past for certain items released by Geneva, most recently for UX-12, issued early in 1996. This was the F.s. 0,80 postal card that was surcharged to bring it to F.s. 1,10 in value. That card became valid again as issued in 1998 when the "B" rate to Europe beyond Switzerland rose to this point.

Thus, we can now say that the last day of use for UX-12 is December 31, 2003, as it is for the three items that are the subject of this article. This marks a second "death" for UX-12, but another resurrection is not out of the question.

TAIWAN ISSUES A INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY STAMP WITH DESIGN REJECTED BY THE UNPA

Richard Powers

On page 14 of the October 2004 issue of *The Journal* was an item which mentioned

that the design of F.s. 1,20 of the "General Assembly - My Dream for Peace One Day" set had been changed. The originally announced design by Chih-yuan Yang of Taiwan was replaced by a design by Amanda Nunez. The latter design appeared on the stamp which was issued September 13, 2004. The original design, which pictured the flag of the Republic of China (Taiwan), apparently caused the Peoples Republic of China to object.

As a result, Taiwan's Chunghwa Post decided to issue its own "2004 International Day of Peace" postage stamp, featuring the painting of Chih-yuan Yang on the same day that the UNPA issued its revised F.s. "My Dream of Peace" stamp. This stamp appears in Figure 1 (right). The denomination is NTD\$15, which corresponds to about 45¢. For comparison the design rejected by the UNPA appears to the left in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Stamp (right) of the Chunghwa Post using the International Day of Peace design (left) rejected by the UNPA.

The design of the stamp portrays a sea of fire. A man wearing armor is shooting what appears to be a handheld rocket from a helicopter door. Beneath the helicopter are soldiers returning fire from a tank. A giant dove of peace symbolically transports two children away from war. At the bottom children stand happily hand in hand, while colorful flags from different countries circle the globe, expressing the preciousness of freedom and peace and symbolizing the sublime goal of "universal brotherhood".

THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION OF THE IAEA

By Richard Powers

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) serves as the world's international governmental forum for scientific and technical cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear technology. It was established as an autonomous organization under the United Nations in 1957.

The Agency's genesis was United States President Dwight David Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" address to the United Nations General Assembly on December 8, 1953. These ideas helped to shape the IAEA Statute, which eighty-one nations approved unanimously on October 26, 1956. The Agency came into existence on July 29, 1957.

A Preparatory Commission was esta-

blished (in the Annex to the Statute) to organize the first session of the General Conference, which took place in Vienna October 1-31, 1957. The Commission was to remain in existence from the time the Statute was signed until the General Conference had convened and a Board of Governors had been selected.

Figure 1 shows a cover with a General Conference cancel of October 7, 1957 on the stationery of the IAEA Preliminary Commission, whose corner card appears on the rear side of the cover, which was addressed to Geneva, Switzerland. This is the first such cover that I have come across.

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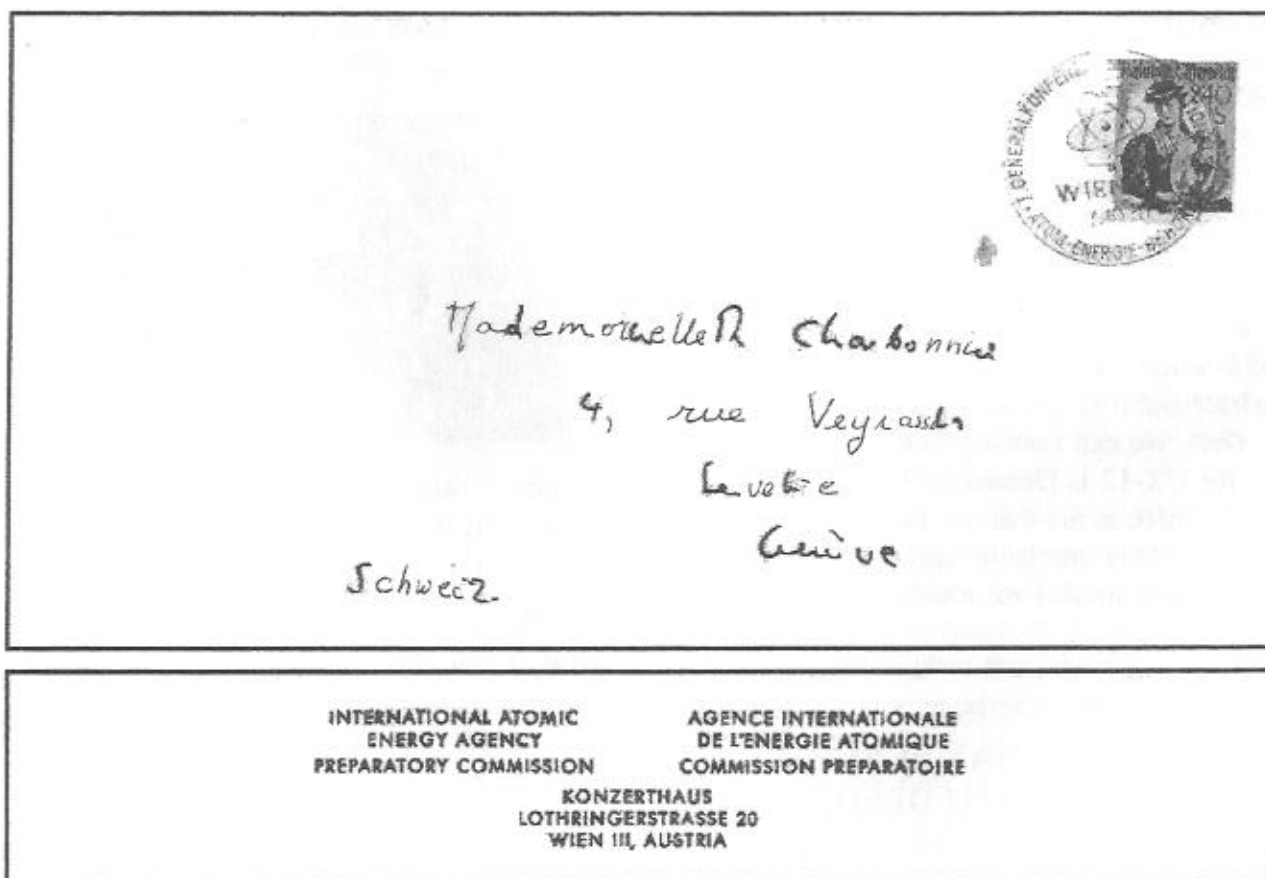


Figure 1: First IAEA General Conference Cancel (on front side above) with corner card of the Preparatory Commission of the International Atomic Energy Agency (on back side below) on cover addressed to Geneva, Switzerland.

28th SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

By B. Clement, Jr.

The 28th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee was held in Suzhou, China from June 28 to July 7, 2004. Over seven hundred delegates from States Parties, Advisory Bodies and non-governmental organizations participated. Twenty-nine cultural sites and five natural sites were added to the World Heritage List, bringing the total number of sites inscribed to 788 of which 611 are cultural, 154 are natural and 23 are mixed.

China issued a special cover honoring the session and shown in Figure 1. A special cancel for the meeting appears in Figure 2 and was used on this cover.



Figure 2: Special cancel for World Heritage Committee Session in Suzhou, China.

The World Heritage Committee results from the 1972 World Heritage Convention. [Editor's Note: More about the World Heritage Convention can be found on page 3 of the December 1997 issue of the *Journal*.] The Committee has met annually since its adoption. The only other session, that I know of, that was honored philatelically was the 5th session, held in Sydney, Australia in October 1981. Australia issued a stamped envelope for that meeting. Perhaps there are others which have been overlooked. A few past sessions noted are as follows:

- 16th - Santa Fe, New Mexico,
December 1992
- 22nd - Kyoto, Japan
November-December 1998
- 23rd - Marrakesh, Morocco
November-December 1999
- 24th - Cairns, Australia
November-December 2000
- 26th - Budapest, Hungary
June 2002

The 29th session of the Committee will be held in Durban, South Africa in July 2005.

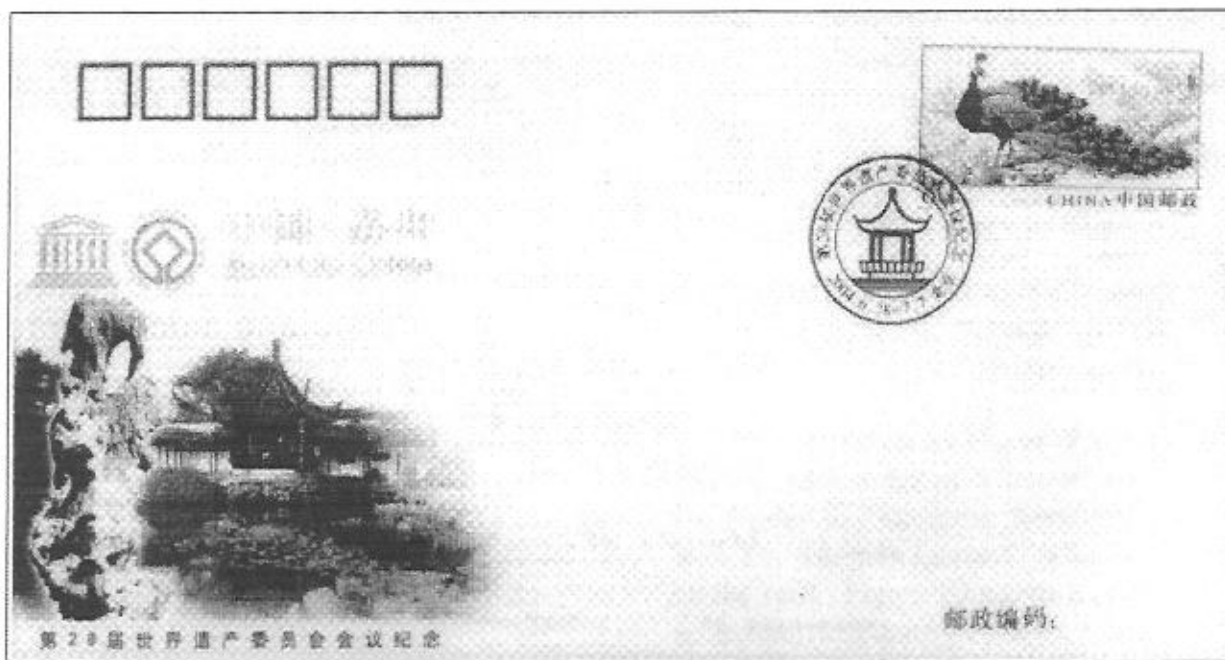


Figure 1: Special cover honoring the 2004 World Heritage Session in Suzhou, China

TWENTY-THIRD UNIVERSAL POSTAL CONGRESS: Bucharest 2004

By B. Clement, Jr.

The twenty-third Universal Postal Congress was held in Bucharest, Romania in the Palace of Parliament Building September 14 to October 5, 2004. As is usual with a Universal Union (UPU) congress, there is much postal history to find and to document. Surely more information will come to light, but it is time to make a start.

Some of the more important business conducted at the Congress is as follows:

1. Edouard Dayan of the French Post was elected Director-General and Huang of the Chinese Post was elected Deputy Director-General.
2. A new UPU body, the Consultative Committee, was created to give postal users a voice in UPU activities. It will meet twice a year during Council of Administration and Postal Operations Council meetings.
3. Future UPU congresses will be held every four years rather than every five years. The next congress will be held in Nairobi, Kenya in 2008.

Official mail from the Congress is shown in Figure 1. The cover bears the Congress

corner card, which includes the Congress logo. The cover has no stamps, but instead has a blue-boxed imprint "Taxe Perçu" (Postage Paid). The postmark has the word "Oficiul" and the abbreviation "OF", both apparently meaning for Official use only (delegates and staff). Also note the small letter "d", which is the cancel letter.

Figure 2 shows the four cancel letters observed to date: "a", "b", "c" and "d". It is not known if additional cancels were used.



Figure 2: Congress cancels bearing letters.

Figure 3 shows a registered letter mailed from the Congress post office. Note that a



Figure 1: Service cover from the 2004 UPU Congress in Bucharest.

special registry label was used at the Congress for mail leaving Romania. This cover is franked with three congress stamps. Unfortunately they were not canceled. Figure 4, shows the registration receipt, apparently generated automatically along with the label as they bear the same registration number. The receipt is postmarked with the "c" cancel.



Figure 3: Registered letter from Congress.



Figure 4: Receipt for Registered Mailing.

In addition to the lettered cancels, a larger pictorial cancel, shown in Figure 5, was used at the congress post office. Figure



Figure 5: Pictorial Congress Cancel.

6 shows a stamped envelope mailed with three impressions of congress cancel "b" as well as one impression of the large cancel.



Figure 6: Stamped envelope bearing both types of cancels.

At least eight different stamps were issued by Romania for the Congress. The first two, issued February 20, 2004 are shown in Figure 7. The second set of six, shown in Figure 8, were issued September 6, 2004. These six stamps have "stamp-on-stamp" designs showing stamps issued for the UPU Congresses in Lausanne, Rio de Janeiro, Washington, Seoul, Beijing and Bucharest.



Figure 7: Stamps issued in February 2004.

At least five different postal cards were issued bearing stamp vignettes for the UPU Congress. These are shown in Figures 9 through 13.

The illustration in Figure 9 shows "The Famous Monastery of Voronet" and invites the reader to "Discover Romania together with Dr. Thomas Leavey", who is pictured on the card. Figure 10 shows a post horn in an envelope. Figure 11 shows a dove carrying a letter. Figure 12 shows the Palace of



Figure 8: Set of 6 Congress stamps issued in September 2004.

Parliament, where the Congress was held. Figure 13 pays homage to Dr. Leavey by the European Philatelic Academy.

A philatelic exhibition EFIRO 2004 (Expozita Filatelica Româna), was held in Con-



Figure 9: Postal card showing Dr. Leavey visiting the Monastery of Voronet.



Figure 10: Postal card with Post Horn in an Envelope.



Figure 11: Postal card with Dove and Letter
stantin Brancusi Hall in the Palace of
Parliament in connection with the Congress.
The show lasted from September 16-30,



Figure 12: Postal card showing the Palace of Parliament.



Figure 13: Postal Card Mentioning Homage from the European Academy of Philately.



Figure 14: EFIRO Postal card.



Figure 15: A selection of commemorative cancels used during EFIRO 2004.

2004. Figure 14 shows a postal card, which mentions both the UPU Congress and EFIRO 2004. Many postal cards and stamped envelopes were issued for EFIRO. A different postmark was used each day at EFIRO 2004 but none seem to make any mention of the Congress. A selection of these cancels appear below in Figure 15.

If you have anything to add about the postal history of this UPU Congress, please let me know. By pooling our information, we can together make a more complete story.

AN UPDATE ON UN ACTIVITIES IN EAST TIMOR

By Richard Powers

It has been more than five years since a referendum (August 30, 1999) was held to decide the future of East Timor. Today it is a full member of the United Nations.

The *Journal* has been following developments. J.-L. Emmenegger first mentioned United Nations activity in East Timor in the October 1999 issue (page 11) announcing the creation of a peacekeeping mission UNAMET (United Nations Assistance Mission in East Timor, which began to arrive in May 1999. He followed that up with a short historical article in the February 2000 issue (page 6). In September 1999 the first military units of the International Force in East Timor (INTERFET) arrived. In October 1999 the Security Council established the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) to assume a trusteeship over East Timor and to move towards independence in two or three years.

In the June 2000 issue (page 3) it was reported that on April 29, 2000 UNTAET issued two stamps (Scott Timor #350-1) for use in East Timor: one for domestic service (10c) and one for international service (50c). Figure 1 shows an "official" first day cover, which I believe was prepared by the Portuguese Post Office, which had printed the stamps.

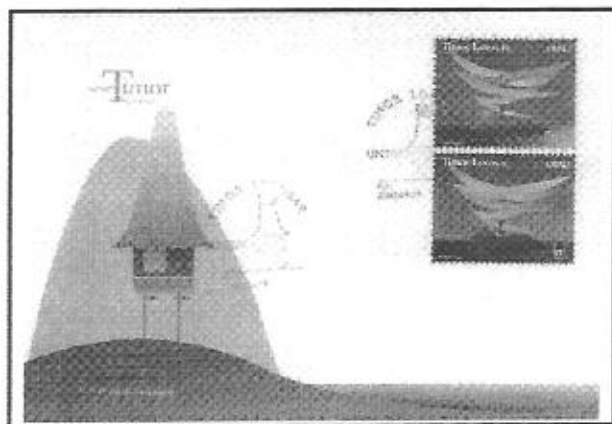


Figure 1: 2000 FDC of UNTAET stamps.

In the February 2001 issue (page 8) Jean-Louis was able to share with members

two UNTAET covers bearing the international stamp (Timor #351) that had been mailed in April and May 2000. He followed that up in the August 2001 issue (page 19) with an illustration of the UNTAET corner card used at headquarters in Dili, East Timor.

In the June 2002 issue (page 2) an article appeared, announcing the six new UNPA stamps (Scott UNNY# 822-3, Geneva 390-1, Vienna 312-3) which were issued on May 20, 2002, the first day of full independence for East Timor. This article also provided historical background information.

In the meantime United Nations activities in East Timor have become more civilian in nature. Figure 2 shows an official cover from the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISSET) sent to Geneva, Switzerland on July 7, 2003 from Dili. It bears five domestic UNTAET stamps, which was equivalent in denomination to one international stamp. Often UNMISSET mail is handled by the UNMISSET Pouch Unit, which is based in Darwin, Australia.

Figure 3 shows a service cover sent by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which is doing business at the UN Agency House in Dili, East Timor. The cover bears a 50c East Timorese stamp postmarked on October 8(?), 2003. Often UN mail from East Timor travels by pouch via the UNTAET Pouch Unit based in Darwin. Figure 4 shows the receiving cancel dated November 14, 2003 at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in Geneva.

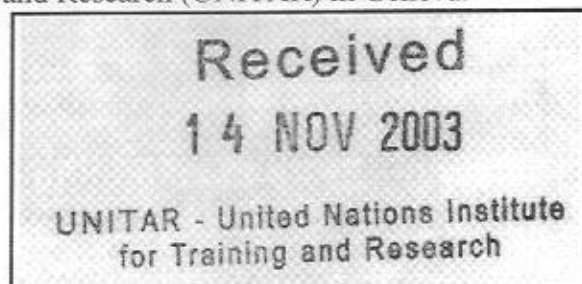


Figure 4: UNITAR Receiving Cancel in Geneva.



Figure 2: July 2003 UNMISET cover bearing UNTAET domestic stamps mailed to Switzerland.

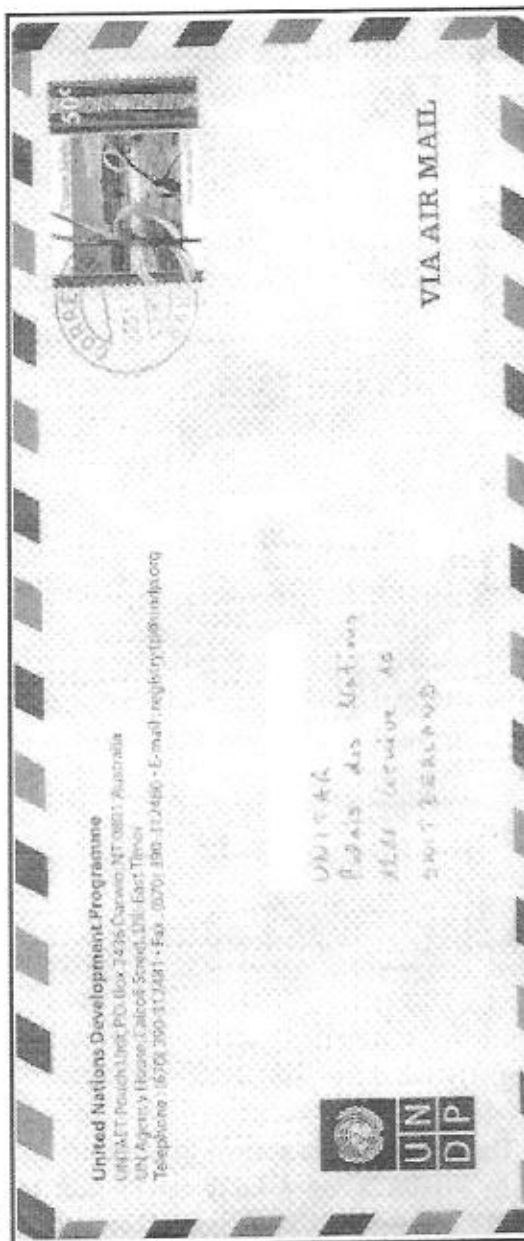


Figure 3: November 2003 UNDP cover with East Timorese stamps.

CONFERENCE DISCOVERIES: UPU, ILO, FAO, WTO

By B. Clement, Jr.

UPU

A session of the Executive and Liaison Committee (ELC) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) was held in Lucerne, Switzerland May 3-14, 1954. It has long been documented that the conference postal station used a special cancel and a special registry label. These are listed as 1954/1 in Gaines catalog (page 1204) and are shown in Figure 1. Newly discovered is the registry label shown in Figure 2. The label is larger and does not have an "R" and is missing the

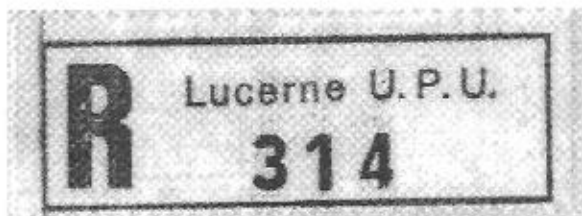


Figure 1: Conference cancel and special registry label from the ELC meeting.

box. The new label is shown in use on the cover in Figure 3, on a large cover sent to the UPU in Bern. This large label was probably provided for use on parcels.

It is presumed that this large registry label is rare. Dick Powers reported finding such a label probably from the 1965 ITU Conference in Montreux in the October 2002 issue of the Journal (page 21).

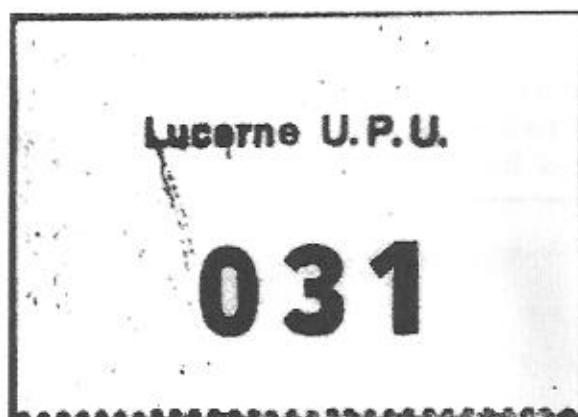


Figure 2: Newly found label from the 1954 ELC meeting of the UPU in Lucerne.

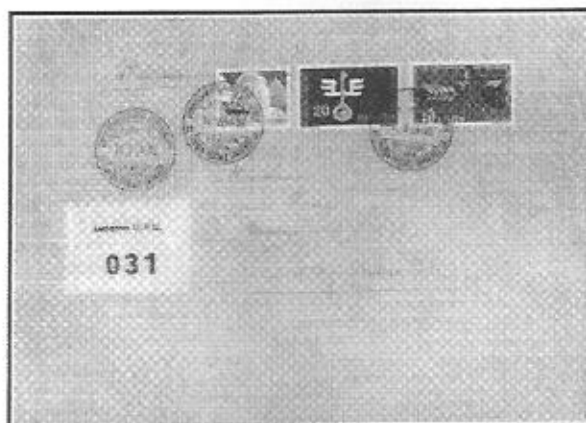


Figure 3: 1954 cover bearing Lucerne ELC meeting cancel and special registry label.

ILO

The Sixth Session of the African Advisory Committee of the International Labor Organization (ILO) was held in Lomé, Togo December 1-12, 1975. Illustrated in Figure 4 is a philatelic cover from that conference. The cover is postmarked on the first day of the conference and bears two hand-stamped conference cachets. The circular cachet is in violet-black; the rectangular box cachet is in black. These cachets were previously unknown to the UN philatelic community.



Figure 4: 1975 cover bearing cachets of the African Advisory Committee meeting in Lomé, Togo.

FAO

The Sixth Session of the Latin American Forestry Commission of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) was held in Antigua, Guatemala November 4-15, 1958.

New to UN collectors is the cover shown in Figure 5. The cover has the printed corner card of the conference, including the symbols of the FAO and the coat of arms of Antigua. The cover is franked with Guatemalan stamps and was postmarked in Antigua November 13, 1958. The letter was sent



Figure 5: 1958 Conference cover from the Sixth Meeting of the Latin American Forestry Commission in Antigua, Guatemala.

to the Director of the Forestry Division of the FAO in Rome. It was backstamped in Rome on November 17th.

WTO

The Fifth World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference was held in Cancun, Mexico. September 10-14, 2003. UNP Member Jean-Louis Emmenegger was able to obtain a cover with the logo of the Conference Organizing Committee, which appears in Figure 6. The cover was mailed in May 2004, some seven months after the actual conference.



Figure 6: Logo of the WTO Conference Organizing Committee in Cancun.

Maybe you have a UN conference item that does not seem to be documented in either the Gaines Catalog or in the UNP *Journal*. Please let us know about it.

ICAO CONFERENCE DISCOVERY

By B. Clement, Jr.

Recently I saw the cover with a May 7, 1946 postmark, illustrated in Figure 1, for sale and decided to research what it was, and whether it was connected to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). I am happy to report that indeed it is from an early Provisional ICAO (PICAO) conference held in Paris April 24th through May 15th. This is actually catalogued by Gaines on page 1420 as 1946/2 and is mistakenly listed as Dublin, Ireland, rather than Paris. (I had provided the original listings to Gaines, and he apparently made a typo as he compiled them.)



Figure: 1946 cover from PICAO Conference in Paris.

The Gaines listing calls this conference the "European-Mediterranean Regional Air Navigation Meeting". However, the name actually used for the meeting was "European-Mediterranean Route Service Conference", which is closer to the translated "Aerial Routes Conference" used in the postmark.

The following is from early ICAO history found on the web¹:

...the situation in post-war Europe was marked by the fact that no coherent

navigation aids structure was available, that the ground-ground and air-ground communication systems were...insufficient or not available at all. The same also applied to the North Atlantic, which constituted the vital link between Europe and the North American subcontinent.

Urgent action appeared therefore required and it was for this reason that PICAO convened the first regional meeting dealing with the North Atlantic in March 1946 (the North Atlantic Route Service Conference in Dublin) and the second in April 1946 (European-Mediterranean Route Service Conference in Paris). In both meetings efforts were made to establish a route pattern to be used by international civil aviation and to determine the ground services and facilities which were required to allow a safe expeditious flow of air traffic.

I made some more interesting discoveries when I entered the search "Conference Routes Aeriennes" in Google. First I found another cover for sale with a postmark of April 25, 1946. Secondly I found a listing of French special cancels. This lists cancels by year and city² or by city and year³. Dates and cancel types are given, but there are not too many illustrations. For this particular cancel, the dates are listed as "April-May 1946". So now I have listings for a lot of French special cancels to research for a UN connection. My work never ends!

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TWELFTH WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS - Quebec 2003

By B. Clement, Jr.

In the June 2004 issue of the *Journal*, I mentioned that the Twelfth World Forestry Congress (WFC) was held in Quebec, Canada, September 21-28, 2003. I noted that no postal history had been found. Although no cancels, cachets, corner cards or the like have yet been located, a letter sheet (Figure 1) was issued by Romania honoring the Congress.

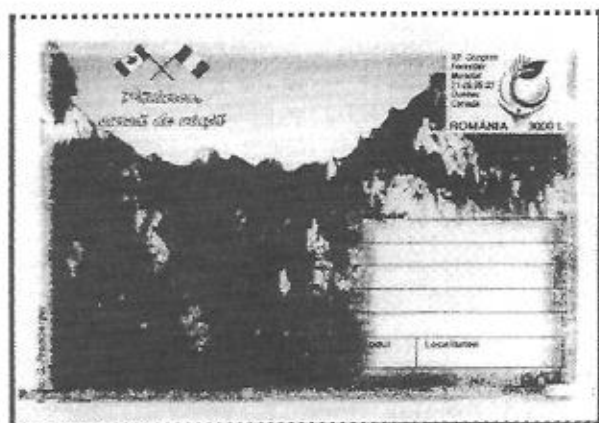


Figure 1: Letter Sheet for Twelfth WFC.

Romania may make it a habit of honoring WFCs with the issuance of letter sheets. Figure 2 shows a Romanian letter sheet honoring the Eighth World Forestry Congress held in Djakarta, Indonesia, October 16-28, 1978.



Figure 2: Letter Sheet for Eighth WFC.

Since postal stationery is less popular than stamps, perhaps there are other such items unknown to UN collectors.

ECE SEMINAR - Prague 1966

By B. Clement, Jr.

The UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) held a Symposium on Heating and Air Conditioning of Home Developments in Prague, Czechoslovakia September 26-30, 1966. Gaines lists the special meeting cancel as 1966/1 on page 1499 (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Special Cancel for ECE-Symposium

Newly discovered is a cover (Figure 2) with the corner card of the Czech Organizing Committee for this Symposium. The cover is franked with a Prague meter dated September 9, 1966. The meter is from the "Ministerstvo Hornictví" or "Ministry of Mining".



Figure 2: Meter cover from ECE Symposium.

UN conference specialists are always on the lookout for non-philatelic mail bearing the corner card of a UN conference. Such covers add to our knowledge of UN conference history. What do you have? Please share it with us.

AN UNOFFICIAL BLUE CARD FROM HEIDENHEIM

By Peter Hoffman

I recently was the high bidder for an interesting Blue Card in a UNP auction. It bears a cachet associated with a Festival of Youth in Heidenheim in the Federal Republic of Germany. It was produced by the UNO-Interessengruppe (United Nations Specialists). The picture and address sides appear in Figures 1 and 2, respectively. According to former UNP-member Charles Smith, it is an unofficial blue card.

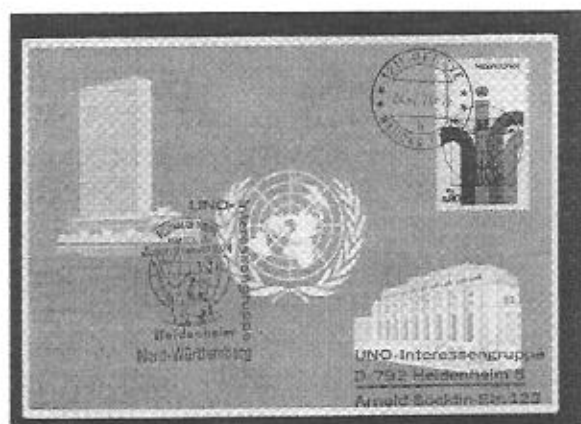


Figure 1: Unofficial blue card bearing club cachet honoring the UN at Heidenheim, Germany. The UN Geneva stamp was canceled July 24, 1974.



Figure 2: Address side of unofficial blue with German legend in upper left corner identifying the picture side as displaying the UN Headquarters in Geneva and New York.

He informed me that in the early days of the Geneva show imprint program, the United Nations Postal Administration in Geneva (UNPA) sold blank blue cards, often of the same type as was sold or given out at the preceding exhibition. [Editor's Note: According to Gaines, p. 835, this blue card is a type 1 card with a type D legend (in German), and was used at INTERNABA in Basel, Switzerland June 7-16, 1974 and at LUBRIA in Ludwigshafen in the Federal Republic of Germany September 13-15, 1974.] It was his belief that a collector acquired a number of the blank type 1D cards, took them to the Heidenheim Youth Festival and had the UN Collectors Group (UNO-Interessen Gruppe in Heidenheim) apply a rubber stamped cachet at the lower left sometime during the time interval from May 22nd through June 7, 1974. The UNPA did not attend this show and this cachet is not an official imprint. Then the cards were taken to the Geneva UN post office, where UN stamps (Scott UN Geneva # 24 (picture side) and #22 and #2 (address side)) were affixed, addressed and left to be canceled on July 24th and returned via the mail stream back to the club. Although unofficial, they are a nice tie-in to official blue cards where the UNPA Geneva was present.

[Editor's Note: In an article in the December 1980 issue of the *Journal* (p. 31) Charles Smith shows two other Heidenheim covers produced by the same group for (a) a United Nations philatelic exhibition from September 21-23, 1973 and (b) for IHEIBA 1975 with a German commemorative postmark of September 13, 1975. According to the Lindner Catalog, 6th Edition, the 1973 cachet was authorized by the UNPA in Geneva as was an earlier cachet used in November 4-13, 1967 by the same group.]

THE ILO AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FORCED LABOR

By J.-L. Emmenegger and Richard Powers



Figure 1: 1955 cover on service stationery of the I.L.O. Ad Hoc Committee on Forced Labor.

Recently an early United Nations cover has turned up in Europe which has an interesting corner card. It bears a single 25¢ airmail (Scott C4) stamp tied by both a hand cancel and a machine cancel of the United Nations Post Office in New York dated August 26, 195(2?). The sender has crossed out most of the corner card leaving only the first line:

U.N.O. - O.N.U.

The size of the envelope as well as the acronym U.N.O. suggests that the stationery had originated in Europe, probably in Geneva. Although the sender has written in a private address in New York City, he has not crossed out the reference to the United Nations, suggesting that he had left-over stationery from a European assignment. The crossed-out corner card reads:

**I.L.O. - O.I.T
Ad Hoc Commission
for Forced Labour**

Comité Spécial du Travail Forcé

Neither one of us is familiar with the specific task or the seat of operations of this commission. In its 29th draft resolution approved in 1930, the International Labor Organization recommended that "forced or compulsory labor for Natives in colonial territories should be abolished".

In the wake of World War II, the existence of forced labor camps in Germany and the Soviet Union is well documented. Commercial mail in the United States from attorneys working in the field of "German pensions and Forced Labor" has been observed.

Nor is forced labor just a phenomenon of war or dictatorships. Numerous cases of illegal aliens from China and Latin America being forced to labor under lock and key have been discovered recently in California.

Perhaps some reader can supply further information on this commission.

RECENT METER SLOGANS FROM THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION

By Jack Mayer and Richard Powers

We report two new formats of Pitney-Bowes meter cancels and several new slogans used by the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome. The last update appeared in the August 1997 (page 17) issue of the *Journal*, which included slogans from 1994-5. This was in turn an update of the Gaines Catalog, whose last update is 1992.

Figure 1 shows a slogan in Arabic dated February 1, 2001 with a five-digit denomination in Italian lire. The slogan appears similar to that honoring the World Food Summit in Rome in 1996, which appears in Figure 4 in the above mentioned *Journal* article. The machine identification reads vertically from bottom to top as follows: PB B 936 T 6330161. Cancels from this machine (without slogan) as early as August 7, 2000 have been observed.

Figure 2 shows a second slogan in Arabic dated March 1, 2002 with three wavy lines preceding a four-digit denomination in euros. Presumably the change in currency took place on or about January 1, 2002. Help in deciphering this slogans in Arabic would be appreciated.

A meter cancel without any slogan from this machine has been observed on March 20, 2002.

Figure 3 shows a slogan in French dated December 20, 2002 with three wavy lines

preceding a four-digit denomination in euros. The machine identification reads vertically from top to bottom as follows: PBE 1363360205. Note that the seven digits 1363360 following the three letters PBE are smaller than the digits 205, which complete the identification. It is of interest to note that a machine identified by Mayer as PB 205 has been used intermittently from 1967 through 1992 according to the Gaines' listings. An English version of this slogan reading "World Food Day 2002 - Water - Source of Food Security" has been observed for this machine on February 14, 2003. This slogan is also known on the PB B machine on September 2, 2002.

Figure 4 shows a slogan in French dated January 27, 2004 using the PBE machine. The English version of this slogan reads "World Food Day 2003 - International Alliance Against Hunger" and has been observed on the PB B machine on May 5, 2004. This slogan has been observed in Spanish on the PBE machine on June 15, 2004.

Figure 5 shows a slogan in Spanish dated July 13, 2004 on the PBE machine. The English version reads "World Food Day 2004 - Biodiversity for Food Security" and has been observed on the PB B machine dated August 17, 2004.

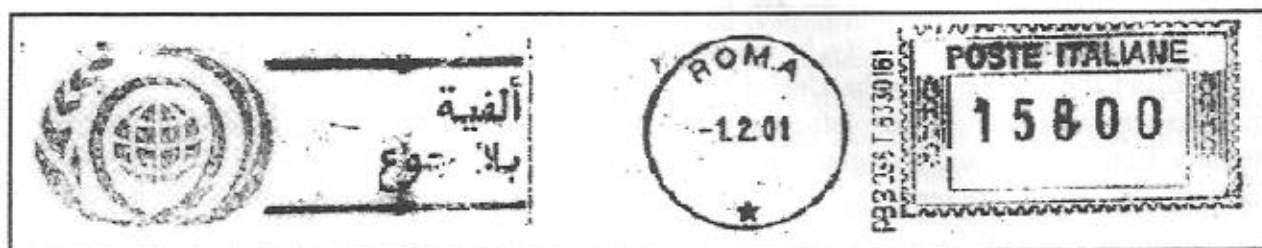


Figure 1: Arabic slogan with denomination in Italian lire dated February 1, 2001 on PB B machine.

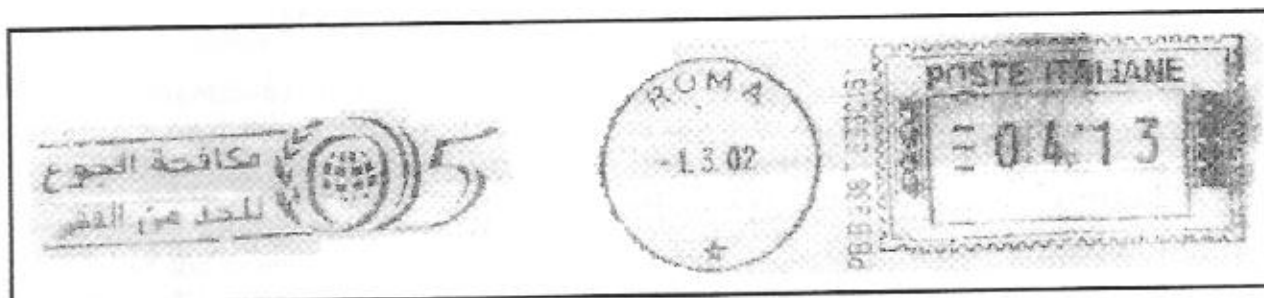


Figure 2: Arabic slogan with denomination in euros dated March 1, 2002.

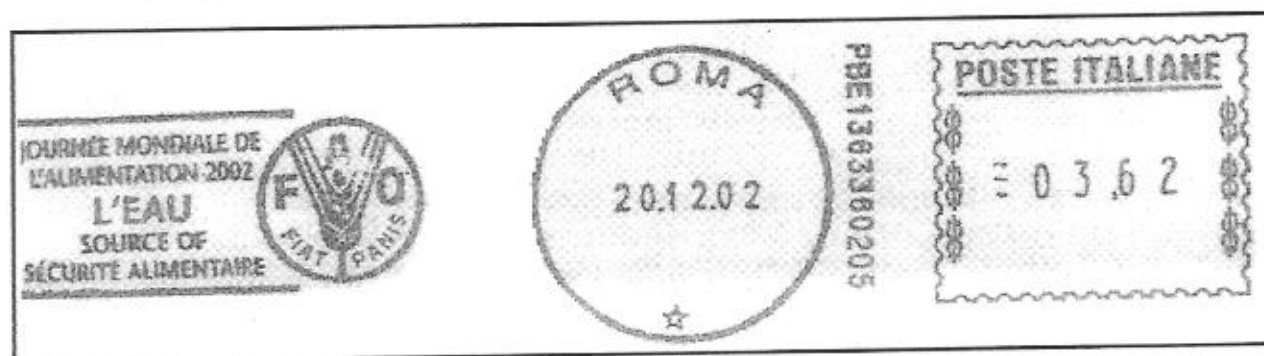


Figure 3: 2002 French slogan (Water - Source of Food Security) on PBE machine.

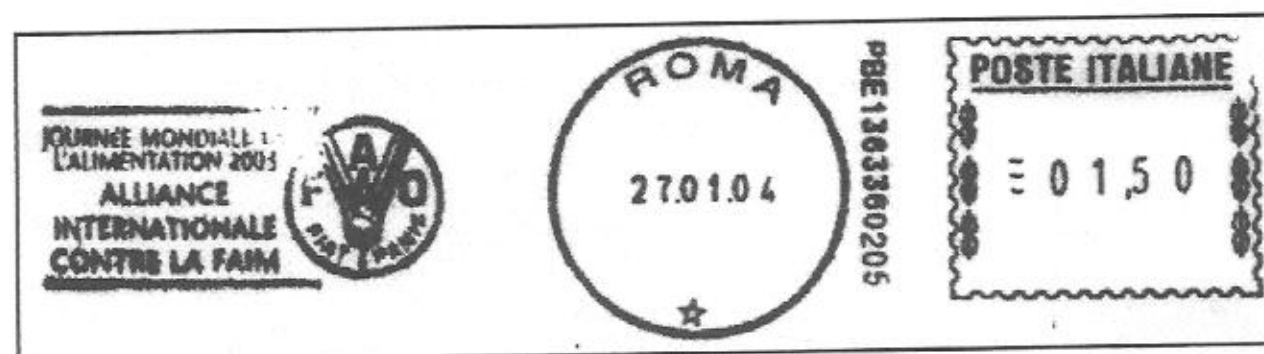


Figure 4: 2004 French slogan (International Alliance Against Hunger).

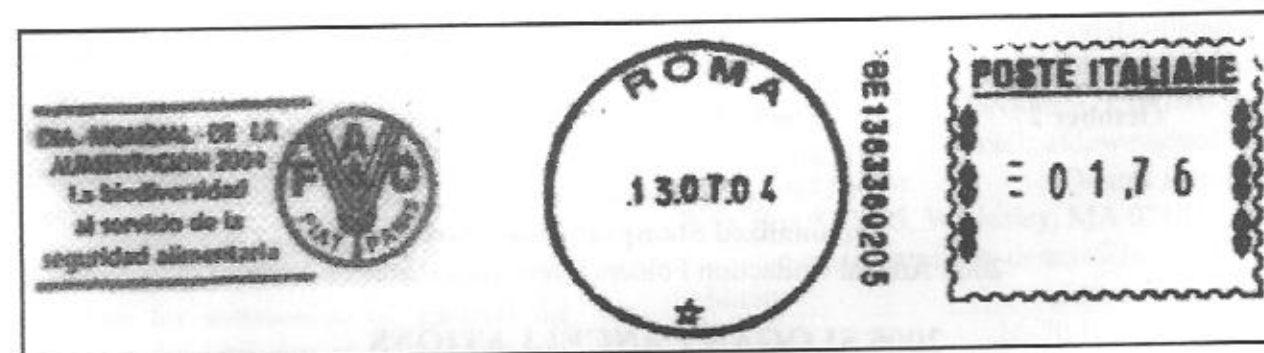


Figure 5: 2004 Spanish slogan (Biodiversity for Food Security).

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(As of January 1, 2005 but subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.)

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February 4 Celebrating the Sixtieth Anniversary of the UN

80¢, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55

(3 Sheets of 20 stamps)

Souvenir Sheets \$1.00, F.s. 3,00, € 2,10

Vienna Definitive (Hologram)

€ 0,75

(1 sheet of 20 stamps)

March 3 Endangered Species (Orchids)

37¢, F.s. 1,00, € 0,55

(3 Sheets of 16 stamps with 4 blocks of 4 se-tenant stamps.)

Set of 3 maximum cards and 2005 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder

FDC with Silk Cachet

April 21 Nature's Wisdom

37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 0,75

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Souvenir Card

June 3 International Year of Sports (Joint issue with Swiss Post)

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(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

August 4 World Heritage - Egypt

37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 0,75

(6 Sheets of 20 stamps)

{3 Prestige Booklets with 12x(23¢, 37¢, F.s. 0,20, F.s. 0,50, € 0,25, € 0,30)}

September 21 My Dream for Peace One Day (2nd series out of 3)

37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 1,00

(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

October 27 World Food Day (October 16th)

37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 1,25

(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

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