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Dear JSI collectors,

When opening this booklet, don't be afraid by the number of pages related to the "Society Life". From time to time it is necessary to provide new rules and tools for a better collaboration and this is now the case. In the last August journal you have been proposed a series of rule modifications and we were expecting (or not) critics. We got only further recommendations and approval mails, meaning that there was no opposition at all to these proposals. As a fact everything that was suggested three months ago can today be considered as accepted. Therefore you will find all the details in these first pages:

- first of all, we have to congratulate Abdul Latif Rashad and Dominique Josse who become members of the Board, respectively as Vice-President for Asia and Account Book Auditor
 - the modification of the journal structure, mainly impacting the size of characters and hence the number of pages was accepted with the consequence of a modification of the future membership fees
 - the budget modification was also approved, including the new membership fees for 2003
- As a consequence by-laws will also have to be updated and details are given below.

The proposal for the increase of membership fees was done in parallel with a proposal of reduction of fees for those who do not want to get the printed version of the journal. This was made possible for on-line-only-members if all this printed information was made also accessible on the web. This is now the case after a long gestation. Those members who have given their e-mail address have normally all got their personal

password to access the specific and new Members' Site pages. They found there plenty of new (and older) information that is supposed to replace or complement your journal. If some of you did not get their personal password to access this site, just send me an e-mail. A detailed description of the content of this second site is given in the following pages as information for those who do not have access to Internet.

Stamps should not be forgotten even if the Society Life is important at a certain stage. When going through the New Issues pages you will be astonished how many new joint stamp series appeared in the past couple of months, among which a series that have not been announced yet. You will even discover countries that are seldom involved in joint issues. It seems that we will again enter in a record year. The list of stamps announced for issuing in 2003 is increasing dramatically as well. A country such as France has already announced three joint issues in its official 2003 philatelic program!

The Scandinavian countries joint issues list published in the August journal was well appreciated, even if one major issue was missing (Czech Republic, Slovakia and Sweden, artist representation of a chair). As promised, you will find in this journal the updated list for issues involving the United States. In the forthcoming journals other large countries will be reported and France, as well as Germany are already under preparation. If you have a special interest in a specific country, just tell me and we will add it in the priority list. These country based reference lists will be published at a rhythm of one or two per journal issue. However as they will probably be ready earlier, they will be made available at that time on the Members' Site pages. The web pages reporting these lists will be updated regularly.

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I hope you will enjoy again this issue and I now expect from you more input in terms of information pages that can be opened on the Members' Site and may be reproduced in your journal.

Thanks to Wilfried Berger, Julio Casquero, Volker Dietze, Charles Feingersh, Alfredo Guidato, Pascal LeBlond, Jürgen Lübke, Rindert Paalman, Pallopraksa Pollapai, A. Latif Rashad and Anthony Raynaud (and probably others I am forgetting) for providing information published in this issue.

SOCIETY LIFE

The recent requests of modification proposals in our Society all-day business were made outside the scope of our actual by-laws. It becomes urgent to modify these texts in order to continue working in a more "legal" way. It appeared first very difficult to stay with the statement that all decisions have to be made in the frame of a "Members General Meeting" organized at least every three years. Several decisions have to be made in between, and the chances to gather at a same place more than half a dozen members are close to zero.

Virtual Members Meetings

Therefore the first general modification proposed to improve of working way for the society corresponds to the modification of the definition of the "Members General Meetings".

Section 9 is proposed to be modified as follow:

(1) As the worldwide distribution of all members does not allow a real meeting gathering more than 5% of the total members without involving considerable travel costs, it must be considered that these Members General Meetings can only be organized in a "virtual" form, i.e. without meeting at a same place. They will be called ("Virtual") Members Meetings.

(2) If necessary, Extraordinary Members General Meetings can also be organized in a "virtual" way.

(3) Participation is also accepted in all written form, including electronic mail form.

(4) The Members Meeting takes places 4 times a year and topics, announcements, information, discussions are gathered in the "Society Life" section of the Society Journal "Joint Stamp Issues". All questions and requests to the Members from the Executive or from the Members to the Executive regarding a proposed policy or procedure change will have to be

reported in this journal. Comments from all Members have to be reported in the next issue of the journal. Following a request from the President, previously approved as a request by the Executive, written comments from all Members have to be sent back to the President at least four weeks before the next issue of the journal.

(4) Each Member of the "Society" (except free Members) has franchise; i.e. also right to approve or disapprove a proposal from the Executive published in the Society Journal.

(5) Decisions following a request published in the Society Journal are adopted if no Member disapproves the proposal in the time between first publication and 4 weeks before publication of the next journal. In the case in which there is at least one written opposition, this proposal must be submitted to all Members for a vote. This vote is organized by the President and/or the Secretary, it uses the postal and electronic way and results are published in the next journal. Decisions are made by a majority of voters, unless stated otherwise in these by-laws. In the case of equal numbers of ballots, the proposal is rejected. For proposals concerning the modification of the by-laws, two thirds of the votes are required.

The mission of the Members Meeting remains unchanged compared to the previous Members General Meeting. However some precision concerning the election of the Board has to be given:

Every three years the Members Meeting must include the Election of the Committee Members. To the contrary of all other decision processes, the election of the Committee Members can only take place via the postal way process (individual mail to all Members), but the preparation of this process uses the Journal and Web Site as announcement supports.

Absence of contestation means approval

Society Journal

Following the preceding proposal, the Society Journal becomes an important tool supporting these "Virtual" Members Meetings. Therefore this tool, as well as the Society Web Site has to be described in the by-laws in a new section:

(1) The Society is in contact with its Members via two information tools
 - the Society Journal, entitled "Joint Stamp Issues" published four times a year (February, May, August and November)

- the Society Web Site, separated in two sub parts, one open to the public, the other one reserved to Member's only ("Members' site") and accessible only with Members Number and confidential code

(2) These two media give information about Joint Issues in general and about related Societies.

(3) A special page entitled "Society Life" gives information about the Society (New Members, Members cancellation, addresses, exchange of mails,) and decisions that should be taken by the Members General Meeting (see below). This information is published both in the printed form (journal) and on the Web in the special pages of the "Members' site.

As a summary, this means that all proposals from now (actually, if approved this way) will be published in this journal first, and approved if absence of contestation before publication of the next issue of the journal. Actually as we anticipated a general approval of these new rules, we already used it in the August journal issue concerning the nomination of a new vice president and a new book account auditor, as well as concerning the 2003 membership fees (see below). This text is actually also submitted to the initial rules and should go through a normal Members General Meeting. We anticipated an impossibility to organize such a meeting within the next 6 months and propose to continue with the process supposed to be adopted now. Any contest at that stage will

oblige us to freeze the process and to demonstrate that the organization of such a meeting is quite impossible. So let us continue this way.

Several other small changes in the by-laws are also proposed. These modifications are necessary as they are linked with proposals already made in August and not yet approved in the by-laws. For example we have to confirm the structure of the Board and the addition of new members, as well as the way of working together.

(1) The Committee is constituted by the following Members:

- a) the President
- b) up to five Vice Presidents, one for each main region (Europe, North America, Asia, South America, and Africa). If necessary other positions of Vice presidents can be opened
- c) two treasurers, one being responsible for all payments and expenses in Euros, the other being responsible for all payments and expenses in US dollars
- d) the Secretary

(5b) The Treasurers, the President and the Secretary are authorized to open Bank accounts at the name of the Society to help for a better exchange of money between Members and the Society (reduction of bank fees for members). Once per year, Account Book Auditors control incomes and expenses.

(8) Account Book Auditors are elected for three years. Re-election is allowed.

As stated above these modifications are subjected to approval by all Members. In absence of contest by January 15 (4 weeks before publication of the next journal), these modifications will be considered as approved and by-laws will be modified accordingly.

There are several other smaller modifications to be introduced in the by-laws, particularly those governing the Reference State for jurisdiction. Presently our by-laws follow the German laws that are different from other European countries. This does not present a big threat as long as there are no difficulties between members or as long as the French government does not want to have this Society based in France. This is just to remind you that the major part

of the activity and the President's location is in France. It would be easier at a certain stage to fulfill French regulations. We are trying to get all this information and if the process of substitution is easy, it will be proposed by February 2003 to modify also Section 1 of our by-laws. As an example of complexity, I just want you to know that France does not recognize "virtual" societies.

Therefore it is also proposed to republish the modified by-laws when all modifications can be introduced in the text all together. Anyway, following the above-described new process, the final version of the by-laws will have to be approved by all Members as well.

Journal design

The proposal made in August issue concerning the new design of the 2003 issues and resulting in an increase of the number of pages did bring only positive comments. Nobody found the idea so bad that he preferred to stay with the same character size or an abridged version of the journal. Therefore, in absence of any contestation, we consider that this proposal is approved.

The February issue will be a small issue as usually because it is sent with the catalogue update. However it will already show you the new cover design, the new type and size of characters and the improved structure. It will be limited to 8 pages (instead of 4).

At the same time the large size journal will disappear to the benefit of this doubled pages journal. However, the catalogue update will keep the small characters, as it is not our intent to produce a 1000 page catalogue. By the way, the new catalogue is under progress and could be ready by 2004. This will feature a new classification system (separation in two parts, one with stamps showing the same design and one gathering all other joint issue stamps), the introduction of all new issues described since 1997 and of course, full text in English. There will be also a small modification of the presentation of each entry that will be found already in the catalogue update to be presented next February.

The May "Joint Stamp Issues" journal will be the first complete one showing the new design.

Membership fees

It is probably because our membership fees are very low compared to other philatelic Societies that the proposal to increase them did not lead to negative reaction. As described above and following our August proposal and new rules, in absence of negative input, the proposal of increasing membership fees is accepted. I got only support from members in that matter. All of those who did write to me understood the financial difficulties we could encounter next year compared to the amount of work. Therefore, concerning the 2003 membership fees, the following new rules and tariff will be applied:

1. Each new member joining after January 1, 2003 pays a unique entrance fee of 3.00 Euros. This amount is supposed to cover the first information package. However members leaving the Society or excluded because of non-payment of yearly fees, will have to pay this entrance fee again if they want to come back as member to the Society.

2. The basic fee for all members will be 8.00 Euros, independently of their geographic location. This includes the printed catalogue update sent in February and a free-access to all information available on-line (Members' site confidential code). This membership fee is called on-line-only-member fee.

3. For those who want to get the printed version of the journal on top of their access to the Society web site or because they do not have access to internet will have to pay the following:

- European (EEC) members: 12.00 €
- North American and other European members: 16.00 €
- Other countries: 17.00 €

Actually the word EEC is linked to the postal rates applied for mail sent from France to different countries. For example, the European membership fee level will be applied to non-EEC countries such as Switzerland as the postal rates are identical. For Turkey, Slovenia and Israel, or North African countries such as Morocco or Algeria, the North American fee level (16.00€) will be applied. In case of doubt just ask before. In any case, those having paid in advance for 2003 will be told individually how much they still have

to pay as complement or how much will be reported to 2004 if they have paid too much.

As today the ratio between Euro and US\$ stays close to 1, all these fees can be paid in US\$ with the same figures. We will reconsider these figures next year only if the ratio between the two currencies changes by more than 10% (in either direction).

The following is just a reminder about the way of payment. We have two treasurers (Charles Feingersh and Christoph Kerschbaumer) that are officially accepting payments respectively in US Dollars and Euros. The bank fees (fees for checks mainly) between European Banks are supposed to drop by mid 2003. This will considerably facilitate the exchange of money and from that time, Christoph will be able to cash all checks coming from the EEC without additional costs. In the meantime we try to facilitate your fee payments and propose to you to choose among one of the following possibility:

- Christoph Kerschbaumer (Italy) takes cash (€), postal money orders (€) or checks/money transfer (€), on his own name or the IPS-JSIC) from Italian banks only
- Charles Feingersh (USA) takes cash (US\$), postal money orders (US\$) or checks/money transfer (US\$, on his own name or the IPS-JSIC) from US banks only
- Volker Dietze (Germany) takes cash (€), postal money orders (€) or checks/money transfer (€, on his name only) from German banks only

- Richard Zimmermann (France) takes cash (€, US\$ or GBE), postal money orders (€) or checks/money transfer (€, preferentially on his own name as we want to close by end of 2003 the Society bank account opened in France at the time at which we did not have treasurers) from French banks only.

If you have multiple choices, always prefer one of both treasurers.

New board members

Following the proposal made in August's journal, I am glad to announce the nomination of two new board members:

Abdul Latif Rashad (51-A New Shalimar Town, Gulshan Ravi, Lahore 54500, Pakistan; e-mail: stamps@brain.net.pk) takes the position of Vice President for Asia



Dominique Josse (187/22 Boulevard Charles de Gaulle, 92700 COLOMBES,

France) becomes the new Account Book Auditor in replacement of the late Mr. Schramm.



Welcome and congratulation to both of them!

Web site

The Members' site is now open for all Members in good standing order with their membership fees (see detailed description below). Take a look. Make comments and proposals for improvement.

This was again an unusual long "Society Life" page. However it demonstrates also that the Society is "alive" and that the structure has to be adapted to the continuously growing number of members. Thanks for your continuous help and support.

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New members and Addresses

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Gert ACHAUER (051/99) has also decided to stop collecting joint issues by end of the year. Please remove his address from your list.

MEMBERS' WEBSITE

The Members' site has been announced for a long time and some of you had already understood that it would never come. Wrong! At the time of printing this issue, normally all members in good standing orders with their fees and having given a personal e-mail address have been informed individually and have now access to these new pages using a confidential code.

Some of you have been asked to test the new site and to check for errors or bad links. Most of you came back with proposals for improvements and suggestions for supplementary

Just send me either the completed page or the text with or without images you want to insert. Each member can have his own private page hosted on this site, with however the limitation that it will be accessible only to the other members.

For those who do not have access (yet) to these pages here is just a list of available new data:

1. The full text of the journals: presently in html text (may be in the future in .pdf) and showing up to now only the 2002 February to November issues. The site is

such as the latest journal issue, members will be informed individually. The text available on line corresponds exactly to the text printed in the journal, including images. A printed version in color can therefore be obtained by each of you. The link to the page with information about joint issue related sites are active. However as these pages will not be modified the links will not be updated and might eventually die.

2. As in the public domain site, you will find the yearly issues of joint stamps, however as requested with embedded images. So, with these



pages. Almost everything is now possible; it is just a matter of time. Those of you who want to use this site for personal pages (with topics related to joint issues of course, including advertisement, are welcome.

supposed to host all previous issue since number 1. Moreover, the latest issue is put on the site before you get the printed version in your mailbox. As soon as new information is added to the site,

pages you will be able to print a full year of issues illustrated with the stamps. From 2003 on, the older pages will be removed from the public site and we will keep only the last two full years and the

current year accessible to the non-members. This means that in 2003 the years 2001 and 2002, as well as the current 2003 stamp list will be presented to the public. Of course all previous years will remain accessible to the members on the Members' Site. However, due to the huge amount of work, it is not our intention to publish the whole catalogue (years before 1997) on the Members' Site pages.

3. Pages related to specific issues and published up to now in the journal under the title "Monographs". The texts are the same as the ones published in the journals, but to the contrary to those appearing in the journal pages, these monographs will be updated if new information appears.
4. List of joint issues per country. We publish on a separate page the list of stamps published in the journal, but as for Monographs, these specific pages will be maintained updated. Up to now you will find the list of joint stamps involving Scandinavian countries (published in August 2002 and already updated) and the United States (published also in this journal issue). The lists of stamps involving France, then Germany, are under preparation and will be put on the site as soon as ready. This series of country list will be updated faster in terms of new countries to be introduced than it is

possible to publish in the journal. Therefore if you have specific wishes concerning the next countries to be added, just tell me and we change the list of priority.

5. List of members with full address (for those who accepted the publication of it) updated regularly. In a near future we will also introduce the e-mail addresses for a direct link and keep them updated. This confirms the importance of providing the address modifications to us as soon as possible.
6. Official texts from the Board concerning the Society and informative for all of you. It contains for example recent proposals on by-law modifications and fees increase.

This is just a beginning. Beside the proposal of personal web pages hosted on this site, there is also the possibility to create an advertising section, which could contain the list of items you are looking for or ready to sell. These advertisements could be made available for other members for an undetermined time, just by keeping them regularly updated via the webmaster. If you want already to propose a list of material (buy, sell or exchange) just send me an e-mail and we start the page.

Among the (small) problems that appeared during the checking of the

site, one seemed to be more problematic. It is not so easy to print a full page of the journal for example without losing a few characters on the right side of the page. We try to fix this problem. In the meantime, however the solution is easy at your level: either you print in landscape mode, or you reduce the overall size of the printing by a factor of 10% (if your printer is equipped).

Finally, it is really easy for me to block the access of individuals to this site at any time, but it is also easy for you to distribute your own access code and password to any other non-member. We urge you to keep this code as much as possible as confidential and to use it only for your own purpose. It is difficult for us to control at distance the use you are making with this confidential information, but it is anyway as difficult to control the number of copies of the journal made outside of the Society. Therefore the only limitation we can put on this system is to trust on your respect of these rules, and, regularly to reattribute new passwords. If you have lost your access code or if you are not happy with it, just send an e-mail.

Please enjoy this new tool and don't hesitate to propose new ideas for information pages.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This section is intended to allow discussions between members or to provide general comments about your society, the reports or joint issues in general

● **Philswiss:** Addresses

Friedrich Lorenz was the first to react on the request of Eric Chan asking for addresses of dealers producing specific material for joint issues collecting (special sheets, information pages and of course, stamps). Three dealer addresses were obtained and all of them directly contacted. Up to now only two of them did answer to our request for more information.

Philswiss was confirmed as providing this type of material. This company can be contacted under three addresses:

- Philswiss, Postfach 50, CH-4613 Rickenbach (Switzerland).
- Philswiss Postfach 1640, DE-79574 Weil am Rhein (Germany);
- Philswiss, Postfach 666, AT-6960 Wolfurt Bahnhof (Austria).

The head offices are located in Switzerland.

Philswiss as of 1994 used to supply on subscription privately made or sometimes official mixed covers of joint issues. They are supplied monthly on a fairly regular basis. The covers are supplied on a special album sheet.

Hermann E. Sieger, Venusberg 32-34, 73545 Lorch/Wttbg. also supplied sets of mint joint issues and special album sheets with descriptions. We had no confirmation that it is still the case. However we know that joint issue stamps can be obtained at this address.

Briefmarken Haller GmbH, Dorfstrasse 38, D-85258 Ebersbach publishes the Haller Journal which features a special section dedicated to Joint Issues. They offer stamps and FDCs and also supply these on subscription. They also have a rather large stock list of recent twin issues and corresponding FDCs.

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NEW ISSUES

Latest issues

Twin issues

Julio Casquero provided complementary information about the South American 100th anniversary of the Pan-American Health Organization (OPS - *Organización Panamericana de la Salud*) series and provided pictures of the stamps. Beside **Honduras** and **Peru**, **Costa Rica** produced also a stamp under two different forms, either isolated (released **8** or **23 April 2002**) or an identical stamp embedded in a bloc of four (released apparently **5 July 2002**). Later we learned that **Bolivia** is also involved in this issue (**24 April 2002**). The stamps show the figure "100" in which the first zero represents the world.



On **August 29, 2002**, **Kazakhstan** issued a twin pairs together with **Russia** and featuring rare birds. The set-tenant stamps show the Great Black-headed Gull (*Larus ichthyaeus pallas*) and the Demoiselle Crane (*Anthropoides virgo*). Stamps are available also as miniature sheets containing 4 pairs of stamps.

The joint issue between **Italy** and the **United Nations (Geneva)** issued on **August 30, 2002** consists in a pair of stamps showing the Tower of Pisa and the Aeolian Sea (see *August Joint Stamp Issues*). Actually this series must include also the two other offices



of the **United Nations, Vienna and New York**. Each of these offices released a different pair of stamps (Geneva issued the two stamps identical to the Italian stamps), but all three offices produced a booklet each containing 6 sheetlets of 4 stamps, among them the two stamps from the joint issue. The denominations of these stamps are



lower than the ones in sheets. A special folder containing the mixed first day cover was also proposed. For details see the "Concentrate" section.

Kazakhstan and **Ukraine** issued jointly a pair of set-tenant stamps representing endangered species. These stamps feature the Caspian Seal (*Phoca caspica*) and the Black Sea White Sturgeon (*Huso huso ponticus*) and where released on **September 6, 2002**. Ukraine stamps where produced in sheets of 8 pairs and in booklets of 4 pairs. Only 7,000 booklets have been produced.

The sperm whales series issued on **September 18, 2002** by **Norfolk** and **New**

Caledonia is finally a twin issue in form of a triptych, with the same style as the New Caledonian stamps issued in 2001 jointly with Vanuatu. FDCs are proposed by both postal administrations but up to now mixed FDCs have not been seen. The triptych contains two stamps showing whales, separated by a central vignette. A



minisheet of these stamps contains 5 triptychs, i.e. 10 stamps.

Sweden and Thailand released as scheduled on **October 5, 2002** a twin issue showing palaces from both countries. One stamp depicts the Dusit Maha Prasat Throne Hall and the other one shows the Stockholm Royal Castle (Kungliga Slottet). Swedish stamps are as usual sold se-tenant in booklets. Mixed FDCs are of course available.

Slovakia and China produced

together a pair of identical se-tenant stamps showing castles. These stamps were released on **October 12, 2002**. Slovakia's postal administration (Pofis) proposes on its web site maxi cards with the Slovak stamps.

Joint issues

On **July 18, 2002**, both Vietnam and Laos issued a stamp to commemorate their 25th anniversary of friendship and cooperation treaty as well as the 40th anniversary of

diplomatic relations. Vietnam issued one value showing the two nation's flags making up the wings of a dove, symbolizing the peaceful coexistence, behind the Khue Van Pavilion and Thap Luang, two cultural monuments of the two nations. Laos issued two stamps, one representing a music instrument, the other showing two political personalities. It is to mention that the Laos pair was printed only at 2,000 samples (see illustrations on next page).

The joint issue related to the Fishing agreement in the North Atlantic and involving **Denmark**, the **Faeroes Islands** and **Greenland** could be considered as a twin issue although the design of all stamps appear on a common souvenir sheet on which are printed country name and that are perforated only for the designated country. Nevertheless it is a nice joint issue series released on **23 September** (Faeroe), **25 September** (Denmark) and **21 October 2002** (Greenland). Designs are available on the web pages of each country. Greenland details even the biology of both animals represented on their stamps (Greenland shark and Redfish) and gives recipes to accommodate them (see illustration on next page).



A joint issue between **Hungary** and **Turkey** is supposed to be released before end of this year, but we have no further information up to now. The situation is the same concerning another expected series supposed to involve **Bulgaria** and **Ukraine**. If some of you gets information about the stamps of one of those four countries, please contact RZ.

On the contrary it looks that **Brazil** and **Cuba** cancelled their common project to issue stamps about dances.





Reprint



The **United States** Hanukkah stamp issued initially on 22 October 1996 with a denomination of 32¢ and later with increasing values (8 October 1999, 33¢, 19 October 2001, 34¢),

was reissued on **October 10, 2002** with a value of 37¢.

2003

On **May 10, 2003**, **Hong Kong** will commemorate the opening of the Marine Life Center established by the World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong (WWF) in Hoi Ha Wan Marine Park with a booklet containing 2 stamp sheetlets. It adopts the beautiful design of "Hong Kong China - Canada Joint Issue on corals" special stamps released in 2002.

Canada Post Corporation announced a joint issue with **Thailand** featuring national plants, timed to coincide with an international stamp show in Thailand in **October 2003**.

During the same month, **Hong Kong** and **Sweden** intend to produce four stamps each representing water birds. Obviously, the famous Swedish engraver Slania will produce these stamps. Images of the Chinese stamps can be seen on the web under www.hongkongpoststamps.com/hkpost/archives/issue05d.htm.

In the very recently released official stamp program for the first half-year 2003 in **France**, there is a mention about a joint issue with **Ivory Coast**, without more details. However due to the most recent political situation of this country and the civilian war, this postal cooperation could be highly jeopardized.

In the same French philatelic program joint issues with **India** and **Slovakia** are confirmed without more details about the dates of issue.



The recently published **German** philatelic program shows a joint issue with **Austria** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Salzbach Bridge. These stamps will be issued on **12 June 2003**. In the same program, we discovered the existence of a stamp to be issued on 16 January 2003 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the French German cooperation. Surprisingly there is not such a stamp known to be released by France at the same date. In the past France and Germany used to commemorate together this anniversary with the issue

of a common stamp. This happened in the past in 1973 (22 January) and 1988 (14 January).

During the Amphilex Philatelic exhibition in Amsterdam, Rindert Paalman learned about a joint issue to be produced in 2003 involving **Switzerland** and the **Geneva Office of the United Nations**, topic water. Exact date of issue is not yet known.

The official 2003 philatelic program for **China** was published very recently on the newly improved Chinese Postal

Administration web site. It announces a joint issue with **Iran** (**5 April 2003**, 2 stamps, Clock tower and Mosque) and another with **Hungary** (**2 September 2003**, 2 stamps, Art of books). To the contrary of what was heard recently, there is no mention of a joint issue involving Croatia and the Croatian postal administration confirmed that no joint issue is planned with China in 2003.

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Publications - Articles

It came just a big surprise when we discovered the Editorial of the French first philatelic journal "Timbres Magazine". In a one-page article entitled "Les émissions conjointes ont le vent en poupe (*Joint issues are forging ahead*)", the chief editor Gauthier Toulemonde mentioned the three joint issues that will be part of the 2003 French philatelic program. He described the advantages of collecting joint issues and based his talk on data taken from the "Zimmermann Catalogue" (!!). Thanks to him for such a nice praise. We hope that this could be a start for collaboration in an article to be written together in this journal at the occasion of one of these three French joint issues (Ivory Coast, India, Slovakia). Mr. Toulemonde was of course contacted with this idea in mind. If it works you will be informed.

Remember that each of you can at any time propose our help for an article about joint issues to be published in the local philatelic journal. If an editor is interested, I can provide all material necessary for that purpose. This year it resulted in this nice 10-pages article published by Fabio Bonacina in the Italian journal Cronaca Filatelica.

Caught in the 'Net'

Detailed information about the most recent Vietnamese stamp issued jointly with Laos can be found under http://home.vnn.vn/tem_vn/english/new_stamp/2002/892_VietLao.html. Actually this site is interesting for those who are looking for information about Vietnamese stamps in general.

The information about the September 6, 2002 joint issue between Ukraine and Kazakhstan (Seal and Sturgeon) can be found under

<http://home.nestor.minsk.by/fsunews/kazakhi/2002/kz392-3.html>, [.../ukraine/2002/ua530-1.html](http://ukraine/2002/ua530-1.html) and [.../ukraine/2002/ua5430-1bt.html](http://ukraine/2002/ua5430-1bt.html).

Information and pictures of stamps related to the Russia Kazakhstan joint issue from August 29, 2002 (Birds) is available under <http://home.nestor.minsk.by/fsunews/russia/2002/ru1008-9.html>, [.../russia/2002/ru1008-9sh.html](http://russia/2002/ru1008-9sh.html) and [.../kazakhi/2002/kz390-1.html](http://kazakhi/2002/kz390-1.html).

The ship Marco Polo, having been the basis of the Canada Australian Siamese issue in 1999, has its own web site with of course also links to pages related to the stamps. The whole story of the ship can be found under http://new-brunswick.net/marco_polo/story/index.html. The article is entitled: "The story of the Marco Polo, the fastest ship in the world".

New Issues Service

Almost all new twin issues can be provided at face value plus handling i.e. postal fees from the "New Issues Service" of the Society. For those who want to join this service, please contact directly **Volker Dietze, Kneippweg 7, D-30459 HANNOVER, Germany** or e-mail Dietze-Volker@t-online.de.

I just want to remind that this service works on the basis of a yearly subscription. Volker cannot provide specific single stamps, not even stamps from a specific country, as it is already difficult to manage this activity. He is doing a great job, but should not be bothered with individual's requests for very recent issues. All requests have to be known by him before stamps are ordered, i.e. before they are issued. Thanks for taking this remark in account. This will avoid a lot of mail exchanges and limit unnecessary costs. On the other hand Volker is like all of us collecting joint issues and sells older owned stamps. But this is independent from the New Issues Service he is providing to the Society.

CONCENTRATES

Cancelled joint issue project

eBay becomes a really interesting tool not only to sell and buy philatelic material, but also to collect new and original information. By beginning of October, an unknown item was proposed for sale (#13847861899). It was entitled "Rare proof Georgia Ukraine joint issue" and corresponds to one of the 5 samples of a rejected design for an issue actually released by December 19, 2001, under another form and supposed to show the poet and painter Taras Shevshenko of Ukraine and Georgian poet Akakii Tseretelli. Actually this copy shows Davnia Guraiushvili (1705-1792) - *no guarantee concerning the spelling* - instead of Tseretelli. The proof shows both Ukrainian and Georgian stamps and was rejected by the Ukrainian administration who thought that the stamps were too bright. The initial sale's price was fixed at US\$ 50,- and found no buyer.



This was true for all examples that were provided, except in one case that was an omission. I am really sorry for that. On October 5, 1996, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Sweden released stamps dedicated to Andre Nemes and representing a special chair. I still cannot explain why this one was omitted in my list. This mistake was corrected in the on-line list now available on our web site. I hope the list of US stamps published in this issue will not show such a major error.

Correction

In the previous journal, an updated and exhaustive list of joint issues involving Scandinavian countries was provided. Several readers reacted on this list claimed they know also other issues that should be included. Unfortunately all examples that were proposed could not be taken in account, as they in each case did not fit with our definition of joint issue. Actually most of them were non-design matching pairs of Aland/Finland or Greenland/Denmark stamps. Even with identical issue dates, these pairs remain territorial issues and in this category we keep only identical design stamps.

Special folder

At the occasion of the Riccione Philatelic exhibition

"Fiera del Francobollo 2002" held on 30 August 2002, Italy issued also two stamps identical to the United Nations Geneva stamps from the World Heritage series dedicated this year to Italy. These stamps were described in our previous journal. We learned that Italy produced a special 6-pages folder containing both mint pairs of stamps, as well as two covers and two cards bearing the stamps first day cancelled as both pairs from the same country and mixed cards. These folders are still on sale for the price of 20 Euros.

Postal stationery

From Germany I received several samples of postal stationery bearing one of the previous stamp involved in a joint issue series. Thanks to Wilfried



Berger who provided me with a special Philatelia cover, dated September 9, 2002, and showing the German soccer player stamp from the world championship series. This cover was issued at the occasion of the Leipzig Philatelic and Numismatic exhibition held between September 20 and 22, 2002. Actually, the first day issue date of this cover is September 5, 2002. The card mentions also that Leipzig will be one of the towns where the 2006 world soccer championship will be played.

At the occasion of another philatelic exhibition (Sindelfingen, Germany, 25-27 October 2002),

another cover showing on the left side ladies from the Black Forest area was issued, with the Europa "2001 stars" stamps on the upper right corner.

Also by 22 November 2002 a cover bearing the 2000 Europa stamp will be issued during the Berlin Stamp Days. This cover is illustrated with older stamps from the German Democratic Republic era.

Anthony Raynaud continues to provide all information about French overprinted postal stationery bearing a stamp involved in a joint issue (Magritte topic and soccer world championship). The number of known

different items reached 150. Anthony provided a list of all these envelopes and we will compile all this information in order to write a specific article to be published in this journal during next year. For those who do not want to wait that long, please contact directly Anthony who will provide you with all necessary information and who is also interested in getting some of the rare items he could not find himself. A want list is also available at his address, Les Thiers, Le Mont, 74360 Abondance, France.



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• Anthony Raynaud, Les Thiers, Le Mont, 74360 Abondance, France, can provide several French local stationery items bearing joint issue stamps (Magritte, Tinguely, Soccer 02) in exchange of similar items. He would like also to exchange worldwide joint issue stamps and FDCs.

• R: Zimmermann is collecting all data (copies, scans, ...) about philatelic items (first days, mixed covers, maxi cards, stationery, cancellations,...) produced by postal administrations related to the 2002 world soccer championship joint issue involving Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany, Italy and Uruguay and issued in April - May 2002.

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COUNTRIES' UPDATE

United States of America Joint Issues


The following listing collects all twin (same date, same design) and joint (same design and different issuing date or same issuing date and different design) stamp issues involving the United States of America. This country has never issued in the past a Siamese stamp (same stamp for several countries or stamps from both countries linked together). Common issues (only common topic without officially being recognized by postal administrations) have not been reported. First issue dates reported in front of each entry are those corresponding to the US stamps. If the partner country issued a stamp at a different date, this is indicated behind the country's name. The word "Identical" stands for same design with almost same shape, same colors, while the word "Similar" means same basic design but slightly modified by local designers. The abbreviations "dFDC" or "mFDC" stand for dual (respectively mixed) first day covers (bearing all joint stamps respectively first day cancelled from their originating countries). This was mentioned when known and the list may not be complete.

Twin Issues (same design and same date of issue)

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| 1959 (26 Jun) | Canada - Saint Lawrence seaway; one stamp each, identical, dFDC | each, among which one stamp identical, dFDC. At the occasion of the philatelic exhibition Ameripex'86, the United Nations issued a special folder containing both strips described above, and 2 stamps from each office on the same topic, all of them cancelled from May 22, 1986. |
| 1960 (16 Sep) | Mexico (15 Sep) - 150 th anniversary of the independence of Mexico; one stamp each, similar; Mexico issued in parallel a series of 5 complementary stamps, dFDC | 1986 (24 May) Italy - Francesco Vigo; one postal card (stationery) each, identical |
| 1965 (28 Aug) | Spain - 400 th anniversary of the foundation of Saint Agustin in Florida and first permanent settlement on the North American continent; one stamp each, identical, dFDC | 1986 (4 Jul) France - Centenary of the Statue of Liberty, New York; one stamp each, identical, dFDC; France has also issued postal stationery items (postal cards) with the same design (issued 14 Jul) |
| 1975 (15 Jul) | Soviet Union - Apollo - Soyuz common space flight; two identical stamps each; The Soviet Union produced also two complementary stamps and a souvenir sheet. Two postal stationery items (covers), illustrated on the left side with the design of the stamps, and showing respectively printing dates (not first day issue dates) of May 5, 1975 and May 23, 1975 were released previously around the same time when was issued another stamp announcing the event (8 May 1975) | |
| 1976 (1 Jun) | Canada - Independence bicentenary, Benjamin Franklin; one stamp each, identical, dFDC | |
| 1981 (14 Oct) | Ireland (29 Sep) - 150 th anniversary of the death of James Hoban; one stamp for Ireland, two identical stamps for USA (18 and 20¢), dFDC | |
| 1982 (20 Apr) | Netherlands - 200 th anniversary of diplomatic relationship; two stamps for the Netherlands, one for USA, identical, dFDC | |
| 1983 (24 Mar) | Sweden - 200 th anniversary of diplomatic relationship; one stamp each, identical, dFDC | |
| 1983 (29 Apr) | West Germany - 300 th anniversary of the arrival of the first German immigrants, ship "Concord"; one stamp each, identical, dFDC | |
| 1984 (6 Jun) | Ireland - 100 th birthday of the tenor John McCormack; one stamp each, identical, dFDC | |
| 1986 (23 Jan) | Sweden - Philatelic exhibition Stockholmia '86; one booklet of 4 stamps se-tenant | |



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| 1987 (17 Jul) | Morocco - 200 th anniversary of diplomatic relationship; one stamp each, similar, dFDC | |
| 1988 (26 Jan) | Australia - Bicentenary of the colonization of Australia; one stamp each, identical, different size, dFDC | |
| 1988 (29 Mar) | Finland - Sweden - New Sweden, 350 th anniversary of the arrival of the first Finnish immigrants in America; one stamp each, Finnish and Swedish stamps are identical, US stamp is similar, mFDC; Sweden issued a booklet of 6 different stamps among which the above mentioned stamp | |
| 1990 (28 Sep) | Marshall - Micronesia - 4 th anniversary of the treaty between the three countries; one stamp identical for all three countries; a second stamp identical for Micronesia | |

- and the United States; Micronesia issued a third stamp, mFDC; stamps from Micronesia and United States have been issued se-tenant; Marshall and Micronesia identical stamps were re-issued respectively on 21 Oct 1996 and 3 Nov 1996, with different denominations
- 1990 (3 Oct) **Soviet Union** - Marine mammals; bloc of four stamps each, identical, dFDC
- 1991 (22 Feb) **Switzerland** - 700th anniversary of the foundation of the Helvetica Confederation; one stamp each, identical, dFDC
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- 1991 (22 May) **Soviet Union** - 10th anniversary of the death of William Saroyan; one stamp each, identical, dFDC
- 1992 (24 Apr) **Italy** - 500th anniversary of the discovery of America; bloc of four stamps each, identical, dFDC
- 1992 (22 May) **Italy - Portugal - Spain** - 500th anniversary of the discovery of America; series of 6 souvenir sheets each, identical, mFDC
- 1992 (29 May) **Russia** - Space cooperation; bloc of four stamps each, identical, different in size, dFDC
- 1993 (24 Mar) **Monaco** - Grace Kelly, Princess of Monaco; one stamp each, identical, dFDC
- 1994 (9 Oct) **China** - Cranes; pair of se-tenant stamps each, identical, dFDC
- 1995 (29 Sep) **Palau** - First anniversary of the independence of Palau; one stamp each, identical; Palau issued in parallel a bloc of four other different stamps, dFDC
- 1996 (22 Oct) **Israel** - Hanukkah - one stamp each, identical, dFDC; issue of a new denomination stamp (33¢) for the US on 8 Oct 1999, another (34¢) on 19 Oct 2001 and recently a 37¢ on 10 Oct 2002.
- 1998 (16 Apr) **Mexico** - Cinco de Mayo - one stamp each, identical, different size, dFDC; second stamp issued by the US on 27 Apr 1999 with different denomination (33¢ instead of 32¢)
- 1999 (26 Feb) **Ireland** - Immigration - one stamp each, identical, dFDC
- 2001 (22 Mar) **Sweden** - Centenary of the Nobel Prize; one identical stamp, dFDC. Sweden issued a booklet containing also three other stamps showing medals
- 2001 (21 Jun) **Mexico** - Frida Kahlo - one stamp each, similar, dFDC (private)
- 2004 (Jul) **Canada - France** - Arrival of Champlain to North America

Joint Issues (same design but different date of issue, i.e. more than a week divergence)

No example

Joint Issues (same date of issue, but different design)

- 1937 (17 Sep) **France, Nicaragua** - 150th anniversary of United States of America's constitution - This issue was produced following an appeal made by the US festivities commission. Only the three countries mentioned above issued one or several stamps at the suggested date. However the following countries did also issue stamp at this occasion: **Brazil** (2 Dec 1937), **China** (4 Jul 1939), **Dominican Republic** (22 Feb 1938), **Equator** (8 Feb 1938), **Guatemala** (10 Jan 1938), **Haiti** (29 Aug 1939), **Honduras** (6 Oct 1937), **Ireland** (1 Mar 1939), **Panama** (7 Dec 1938), **Poland** (17 Mar 1938), **Salvador** (22 Apr 1938), **Spain** (1 Jun 1938) and **Turkey** (20 Jul 1939). The United States issued also stamps on 21 Jun 1938 and 30 Apr 1939 to complete the first issue
- 1939 (15 Aug) **Panama - Panama Canal** - 25th anniversary of the opening of the canal; USA issued a single stamp showing President Roosevelt and General Goethals, while the two other countries issued respectively 17 and 18 stamps that were later also overprinted (Panama - 12 Aug 1940 and 1942), dFDC
- (US stamp and one stamp from Panama Canal)
- 1960 (28 Sep) **Japan** (27 Sep) - 100th anniversary of commercial and friendship treaty; USA one stamp; Japan issued a souvenir sheet that contains two stamps previously issued on 17 May 1960
- 1964 (21 Nov) **Italy** - Inauguration of the Verrazzano Bridge in New York; USA one stamp, Italy two stamps
- 1969 (16 Jul) **Mexico - Portugal - Spain** - Bicentenary of the town of San Diego, arrival of Spanish missionaries in California; one stamp per country except Portugal (3) and Spain (2). The Mexican stamp was supposed to represent Junipero Serra, the founder of San Diego, like the US stamp; unfortunately, only after the release, it was discovered that it represents Father Francisco Palou, a collaborator of Junipero Serra. The Portuguese stamps show a text on the reverse gummed side of the stamps.
- 1977 (4 Aug) **Canada** - Peace Bridge; one stamp each, dFDC
- 1978 (10 Jun) **Canada** - Capex'78; one souvenir sheet each, containing 3 stamps for Canada, 8 stamps for USA; dFDC.

- Although the first day of the US miniature sheet was June 10, 1978, in Toronto, these stamps were made available at postal offices in the United States only from 28 August 1978 on.
- 1980 (11 Jul) **France** (12 Jul) - 200th anniversary of the arrival of Rochambeau at Newport; one stamp for France, one postal card (entire) for the US, dFDC (French stamp affixed on the US card)
- 1980 (13 Oct) **Italy** (18 Oct) - 250th birthday of Filippo Mazzei; one stamp each, dFDC
- 1982 (12 Oct) **Spain** - ESPAMER' 82, philatelic exhibition at San Juan, Porto Rico, one stamp each, dFDC
- 1983 (2 Sep) **France** - Independence bicentenary, treaty of Versailles and Paris; one stamp each, dFDC
- 1984 (26 Jun) **Canada** - 25th anniversary of the St Lawrence treaty; one stamp each, dFDC
- 1989 (14 Jul) **France** - Bicentenary of the French Revolution; three se-tenant stamps for France, one stamp for the US, dFDC; the French stamps had been issued previously as individual stamps from sheets respectively on 18 Mar, 22 Apr and 27 May; **Saint Pierre and Miquelon** issued identical stamps respectively on 22 Mar, 3 May and 17 Jun. **Monaco** issued also a souvenir sheet at the same period (7 Jul) showing the three same subjects.
- 1989 (12 Oct) UPAEP issue (Local art) involving 22 North and South American countries, among which 13 issued their stamp at the same date of 12 October (**Bolivia - Brazil - Chile - Costa Rica - Cuba - Dominican Republic - Mexico - Nicaragua - Panama - Peru - Salvador - Surinam - United States**) - different design
- 1990 (12 Oct) UPAEP issue (Nature) involving 22 North and South American countries, among which 8 issued their stamp at the same date of 12 October (**Bolivia - Brazil - Chile - Colombia - Cuba - Nicaragua - Panama - United States**) - different design
- 1991 (12 Oct) UPAEP issue (Discovery of the continent) involving 21 North and South American countries, among which 5 issued their stamp at the same date of 12 October (**Bolivia - Brazil - Cuba - Nicaragua - United States**) - different design - This was the last participation of the United States to the UPAEP issues
- 1992 (30 May) **Canada** (15 May) - 50th anniversary of the Alaska Highway; one stamp each, dFDC
- 1995 (26 Jun) **United Nations (Geneva, New York and Vienna)** - 50th anniversary of the United Nations Organization; two identical stamps for the UNO offices, one stamp for the US, different; dFDC between the USA and the UNO office of New York
- 1996 (2 Oct) **Mexico** - Endangered species; sheet of 15 different stamps for the United States, sheet of 24 different stamps for Mexico, dFDC

False joint issues

The following list of stamps was build up on the basis of the most frequent requests to integrate such stamps in the above lists. Explanation for not including them as joint issues is given for each pair. Of course this list is not exhaustive.

- 1959 (1 Apr) several countries including **Belgium** (3 Apr), **Canada** (2 Apr), **France** (12 Dec), **Italy** (4 Apr), **Luxembourg** (3 Apr), **Netherlands** (3 Apr), **Turkey** (4 Apr) - 10th anniversary of the creation of the NATO - actually only non concerted issue (anniversary) with different designs, except for Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands that are considered as a twin issue
- 1961 (10 Oct) **People's Republic of China - China (Taiwan)** - 50th anniversary of the Chinese Republic and of the revolution of 1911. This issue as being a joint issue is doubtful, knowing the political situation of these three countries at that time. Proofs are missing, this issue is therefore not definitely classified.
- 1976 (1 Jan) **Penrhyn** (20 May) - United States independence; use of the same painting to commemorate the same event (The Spirit of 76, Archibald Willard); later another painting, The Delaware River crossing from Emmanuel Leutze was also used by both countries (Penrhyn, 20 May, USA, 29 May)
- 1977 (20 May) **France** (4 Jun) - Crossing of the Atlantic by Charles Lindberg; common issue, but not joint; private mixed covers from a flight New York - Le Bourget with complementary French stamp exist.
- 1985 (22 Aug) **Spain** (12 Oct 1984) - Junipero Serra - Different dates, different design
- 1997 (4 Jun) **Germany** (9 Jun) - Marshall plan anniversary (5 Jun 1947) - design different, absence of agreement between countries, mixed FDCs available but only private origin
- 2001 (29 Sep) **Italy** - Enrico Fermi - design different, absence of agreement between countries, mixed FDCs available but only private origin

At the occasion of philatelic exhibitions, the US postal administration is used to produce mixed documents with stamps from the guest or the host country. In almost all cases these documents are reprints from older stamps. Unless the stamps have been specifically issued at this occasion, these documents are not considered as joint issues.

STAMPS AND ART - ART AND STAMPS

The publication of the two illustrated first day covers from Wild Horse prompted Barry Newton, editor of the journal First Days, to send me a series of other examples of nice cachets produced by members of the American First Day Cover Society with joint issue. This side gives an opportunity to collectors and artist to have their artwork published in this page. We did it already with some nice items produced by Rita Drach. We propose here to continue this series but to limit ourselves to dual illustrated covers of "true" joint issues. If you have nice original material don't hesitate to send copies for publication.

Today we present two items produced with the 26 February 1999 Irish-US twin issue related to Irish immigration. Cachet are from Lorraine Bailey, made by photocopy, then cut and folded into an envelope. Reverse sides of the covers are illustrated as well. Lorraine loves history and finds great facts and illustrations to go on her covers.

