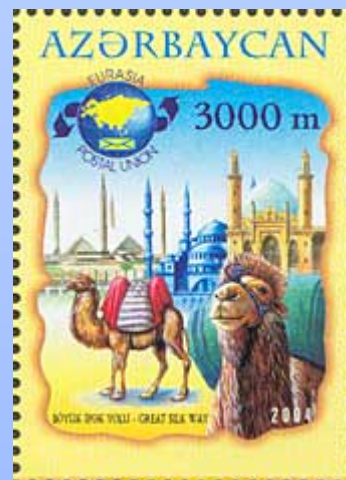




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Editorial

Dear Members,

The year 2005 marks a new chapter in the short history of our Society. Since no members objected to the candidates presented in the last journal, the new board (list in frame at right) has been elected. Congratulations to all! As the new President and Editor of our award-winning journal, I feel honored and challenged to follow in the footsteps of Richard Zimmermann.

Dr. Erich Haas, Director of philately at the Austrian Post said recently that: "joint issues are a new international trend." The IPS-JSIC has been monitoring this philatelic trend for the past six years. Postal administrations and major philatelic publications are noticing our work. Our "Best Joint Issue of the Year" award is coveted. But, are joint issues becoming too trendy? A look at the staggering number of joint issues already announced for 2005 can be scary. For example, the Vatican will take part in no less than four (4) joint issues this year! Is this too much of a good thing?

2005 will be marked by three major events: the results of our "Best Joint Issue of 2004" vote, the publication of the long-awaited second edition of Richard Zimmermann's *Catalogue of Joint Issues* and the participation of our journal in an international competition of philatelic publications to be held in Canada. These events will surely attract new members to our Society.

Finally, the year 2004 ended with a natural disaster of historic proportion in the Indian Ocean. More than 200,000 people have lost their lives. Luckily, all our members living in the area or vacationing there are safe. Out of this tragedy, people and countries all over the world are cooperating to help the survivors and reconstruct shattered communities. Cooperation between countries is what brought us together in this Society. Cooperation is what will bring back normal life to the shores of the Indian Ocean.

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Society Life

A few changes

You will notice a few changes in the layout of your Journal. Comments are welcomed! Furthermore, the address of our website has been simplified to <http://rzimmerm.club.fr>. Finally, the Journal has obtained two International Standard Serial Numbers (ISSN), one for the printed version and one for the online version.

The best joint issue of 2004

Once again, the start of a new year brings back our annual "Best Joint Issue" award. Following last year's edition, in which France and India grabbed the coveted title, our Society gained exposure especially in India where we now have new members.

Hence, you have once again the opportunity to select the best joint issue of 2004 with the help of the Catalogue supplement VIII provided with this journal. This supplement lists all the joint issues released during 2004. However, since the Supplement is printed in black and white, color illustrations can be found on our website or you can check your very own collection for the real thing.

Tell us, at jointissues@yahoo.com or send a postcard to Pascal LeBlond (address on page 2), which three joint issues you find the best, using your own criteria and ranking order. The first one in your list will get 3 points, the second 2 and the third 1 point. The winner will be the one totalizing the most points.

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Supplement:

**Catalogue supplement VIII -
2005**

All stamps described in the Catalogue supplement VIII under the heading 2004 (i.e. issued between 1 January and 31 December 2004) are candidates. Following the new classification, the choice has to be made between unique (U1), Siamese (S1-2), twin (T1-4), parallel (P1) and concerted (C1-2) issues. Although listed, common issues (omnibus and territorial) are excluded from this contest. Each member has one ballot, which must be received before 31 March 2005. There is no specific form to fill. Just send your three choices in an email or on a postcard. There is also nothing to win, just the satisfaction of being involved in the Society. Thanks in advance for your participation.

The results will be published in the May issue and the winning postal administrations will be contacted by the Society. This award will certainly attract new members and interest postal administrations around the world.

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Horst Warnecke (Germany)

Charles Adcock (United States)
Gilbert Gauvin (France)
Luca Pellegrini (Italy)
Robert Pinet (Canada)
Pallopraksa Pollapai (Thailand)
Richard Scheller (United States)
Charles Tappe (United States)
Armen Tashschian (United States)

Due to unpaid fees in 2004, we are obliged to exclude from our Society the following members:

Please remove these names from your members list.



Advertisements

First IPS-JSIC FDC still available

The 2004 Canada-France IPS-JSIC first day cover is still available for   3 (or US\$ 4) plus shipping (Europe   1.50, elsewhere US\$ 3), or free if sent with the journal. Inventory is limited. Your purchase will help the IPS-JSIC financially.

- Sajid Daya (402 Hill Queen, Pali Hill, Pali Mala Road, Bandra (W), Bombay 400050, INDIA - E-mail: sajiddaya@yahoo.com) can provide any of the recent Indian joint issues as long as they are still available from India Post.



For further information, check also the Society web site under

<http://rzimmerm.club.fr>

Direct access to the members' site (with password):

<http://membres.lycos.fr/jointissues/>

Financial statement 2004

Richard Zimmermann

A summary of all the income and expenses of the Society during the year 2004 is provided in this short report. Expenses from Secretary, Treasurers and Vice-presidents, if any, have been accounted in the general expenses list.

In the following calculations, the US\$ currency rate was counted at a yearly average of 1.30 US\$ for 1.00 € (this ratio began in January at around 1.25 and reached the level of 1.33 by December)

Income (all figures are in Euros):

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|---|-----------|
| Online only Members (fees: 6.34 to 8.00 € depending on the exchange rate): | 10 |
| European Members (fees: 12.00 €): | 58 |
| Non European Members (fees: 13.01 to 17.00 €): | 50 |
| Total: 118 members in 2004 - Total income for membership fees including first entrance fee (2.61 to 3.00 € - 13 new members) | 1463.05 € |
| Extra income: Extra gifts to the Society (<i>Thanks to R. Ambrose, J. Belanger, H. Cuijpers, B. Hauttecoeur, W. Kluge, R. Kuchler, J. Lübke, C. Mengoulis and J. Wilkinson</i> - from 0.50 to 10.70 €) | 29.84 € |
| Late membership payment from 2003 | 27.00 € |
| Extra income from "Dugua FDCs" (9 x 0.72 €) | 6.48 € |
| Production cost for Dugua FDCs were 2.28 €. These items are sold at 3.00 €, so profit per item is 0.78€ (we only take the profit into account here) | |

Total 1526.37 €

Members who joined in December were integrated into the Society as of January 1st, 2005 only and did not receive the 2004 package, however their first entry fees are accounted for in 2004. The excess of payment sent by some members is transferred to 2005 in deduction from the normal membership fee. Nine members had to be excluded for non-payment of membership fees, but received the February 2004 report.

Expenses:

QR. Feb: with catalogue complement VII; production costs 2.60 € each - total printing costs 327.60 € - total postage fees 264.27 € - 126 sent; total: **591.87 €**

From May 2004 on, we experienced the re-mailing of North American journals with the help of Tim O'Shea. The whole package of journals was sent to Tim, who re-mailed individual covers at local rate. A quick comparison shows that for the year 2004 we saved 109.74 € which obviously demonstrates that we have to continue this way. Thanks a lot, Tim.

QR. May: production costs 1.26 € each - total printing costs 132.30 € + total postage fees 116.68 € = 248.98 € + total US re-mailing costs 32.16 € - 105 samples sent total: **281.14 €**

QR. Aug: production costs 1.26 € each - total printing costs 128.52 € - total postage fees 95.04 € = 223.56 € + total US re-mailing costs 36.13 € - 102 samples sent total: **259.69 €**

QR. Nov: production costs 1.28 € each - total printing costs 131.84 € -
total postage fees 100.70 € = 232.54 € + total US re-mailing costs
35.58 € - 103 samples sent total: **268.12 €**

All members received the 4 issues of the journal, but the members who joined during the year received less than 4 packages as previous issues were sent together, this explaining the difference between postal fees totals.

Diverse: Advertising packages (containing a short description of the Society, a Membership form and a sample of the journal, usually the one from May or August), diverse mails (answers to requests, free advertising packages to philatelic journals and libraries, mail exchange with members, lost journals,...), bank fees

total: **133.97 €**

Total expenses: **1534.79 €**

Reminder: Surplus from 2003

53.14 €

Difference: Surplus (deficit) for 2004

44.72 €

This short list of expenses does not include all extra expenses such as stationery, printing ink, software and original printing costs, as well as costs for the web site update, telephone, catalogues, newspapers, etc. Moreover all samples of QR's and catalogue complements printed in advance, as well as the remaining "Dugua" mixed FDCs are not accounted with the figures provided above. Details of expenses can be sent to any member who wishes to check these figures himself.

The financial statement for the year 2004 shows again a small surplus of 44.72 €. Apparently we reached a kind of equilibrium and we are confident to stay within the same budget for the next year if we keep the same presentation for the journal (same number of pages, same quality of printing) and above all, if the Euro currency does not continue to grow compared to the US\$. Improvement of the budget will also be reached by the following actions:

- increasing of the number of members and faster exclusion of members for non-payment of membership fees
- reduction of the postage costs (re-mailing to North American members)

As a consequence, basic membership fees can remain unchanged for the following year, for those members paying in Euros. We integrated in the last membership fees the impact of the currency exchange rate for members paying in US\$ (see November issue of this journal). Any serious and realistic proposal to reduce general costs will result in reduction of membership fees. Unfortunately we already know that the postage costs will increase in France by March 2005, but we have no idea by how much. We do not think that it should impact the membership fees, at least not in the year 2005.

These figures have been checked and approved by our Account Book Auditors Wolfgang Heinssen and Dominique Josse.

New Issues

Recent issues

Ehsan Mahmood reported a joint issue dedicated to the legendary Silk Road linking China and Turkey. Four postal administrations regrouped under the Eurasia Postal Union have participated in this joint issue (**Azerbaijan-Pakistan-Turkey-Turkish Cyprus**). All stamps are different, except for the Eurasia Postal Union logo, and were issued on 7 June.

The last months of 2004 were rich in new joint issues. One of them is the hitherto unknown **Andorra (French) - Andorra (Spanish)** joint issue released on 25 October to mark the introduction of the postal code in Andorra. Since both stamps were issued by different postal administrations, it is a twin issue [T1].

Iran was particularly busy in November with the release of two joint issues: **Iran-Venezuela** and **Iran-Ukraine**. The stamps issued with Venezuela showed mountains of the respective countries: Mount Damavand (Iran) and Mount Bolivar (Venezuela). The Iranian stamps were issued 12 days after those of Venezuela probably to coincide with the official visit of the President of Venezuela (Hugo Chavez) to Iran on 28 November.

The other Iranian joint issue was released with Ukraine and marks the successful joint venture in producing the aircraft Iran-140 which is based on the Antonov-140. Both postal administrations seem to have issued their stamps on 30 November although it is not (yet?) mentioned on the website of Irpost.

Kazakhstan was also very productive with two joint issues: **Kazakhstan-Tajikistan** and **Kazakhstan-Mongolia**. The joint

issue with Tajikistan was released on 14 October (no date yet for Tajikistan) and presents national musical instruments: "Adyrna", a stringed instrument made of wood and skin and known in Kazakhstan as a "Pipe of deer" and "Gizhak", a Tajik stringed instrument made of Indian nut tree wood and serpent's skin.

On 30 December, the Kazakh joint issue with Mongolia reproduces female headwear of both countries. It is worth noting that both Kazakh joint issues were printed in Beijing.

Upcoming issues

An **Argentina-Thailand** joint issue will be released on 2 February according to www.siamstamp.com. It will mark 50 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries and a preliminary image of the Thai stamps reveals that the theme is dances (Tango for Argentina?).



The website also mentioned that three other joint issues involving Thailand are planned for 2005: China-Thailand (1 July), Norway-Thailand (30 November) and Iran-Thailand (no date). These joint issues are not found in the 2005 stamp programs of either China or Norway. We will have to wait and see.

The Austrian stamp of the **Austria-Liechtenstein** joint issue of 7 March will feature the painting "Venus in front of the mirror" by Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640). The painting is part of the House of Liechtenstein art collection housed in the Liechtenstein Museum in the Grand Palace in Vienna. Österreichische Post AG also announced a joint issue per year with Liechtenstein for the next five years!



Poste italiane is scheduling an **Italy-Vatican** joint issue for 18 March to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the ratification of the agreement modifying the concordat between the two countries.

Royal Mail has released preliminary images of the **Great Britain-Australia** joint issue scheduled for 21 April during Pacific Explorer 2005 World Stamp Expo in Sydney. The stamps will be printed by Enschedé in the Netherlands in four horizontal se-tenant pairs: one British world heritage site with an Australian one. All eight stamps are based on photographs by Peter Marlowe. The four British sites selected are: Hadrian's Wall, Stonehenge, Blenheim Palace and Neolithic Orkney. The choice of Australian sites has not yet been completed, but it will be of natural sites by opposition to the British heritage sites.



Posten (Swedish postal administration) has revealed the design of its stamp for the joint issue with Norway to be released on 27 May. The stamp, designed by Enzo Finger, was engraved by Lars Sjööblom and Sverre Morken. It depicts a bridge.



Posten also showed its design for the Greta Garbo joint issue with the United States. The stamp was designed by Gustav Malmfors based on a photograph taken by Clarence Sinclair Bull during the filming of the movie "As You Desire Me" in 1932. The engraving was done by Piotr Naszarkowski and Lars Sjööblom. Mr. Naszarkowski kindly confirmed to us that he has also engraved the American stamp.

Both stamps will be released on 23 September in Los Angeles and Stockholm.

La Poste (Belgium) has confirmed the **Belgium-Turkey** joint issue for 20 June depicting carpets and tapestry. Turkey Post will release its stamps on 22 June. The **Belgium-Singapore** joint issue scheduled for 12 September is no longer listed in the Belgium 2005 stamp program although it is still listed as such by Singapore Post.



Slovakia is planning a joint issue for 14 September possibly with **Austria**.

The Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau is planning a **Gibraltar-Isle of Man** joint issue for 21 October to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar.

Ms. Carolina Gómez-Zarzuela Irigoyen, manager of international affairs at the Direccion de Filatelia of Correos (Spanish postal administration) kindly informed us that there will be an **Iran-Spain** joint issue on gardens in November. If other postal administrations would do the same, our job of reporting upcoming joint issues would be greatly facilitated.

A triple joint issue (**Iran-Syria-Turkey**) is scheduled for 21 November according to

Turkey Post. The subject is: "Our cultural assets".

Swiss Post announced a **Switzerland-IOC** (International Olympic Committee) joint issue for 22 November in honor of the 2006 Winter Olympic Games to be held in Turin, Italy.

An **Estonia-Kazakhstan** joint issue has been placed in the 2005 Kazakhstan stamp program.

Briefmarken Spiegel listed a few more joint issues which were, up to now, unknown to us, in its January 2005 issue featuring its annual *Jahresvorschau : Neues aus Euroland* (Yearly preview : new stamps from Europe) where over 40 2005 stamp programs are listed. Hence, **Malta** will take part in a joint issue in August. Also, a **Cyprus-India** joint issue is apparently planned for June. However, a Czech Republic-Israel joint issue scheduled for 20 January did not happen when only the Czech stamp was issued in honor of Peter Ginz.

2005 is the Year of Brazil in France. For the occasion, a Brazilian stamp will be issued in March simultaneously in Brazil and France. This sounds like a possible unannounced joint issue with France. Only time will tell.

On 23 December 2004, Korea Post announced that it was looking to release a joint issue with North Korea in 2005 to mark either the 5th anniversary of the inter-Korean summit or the 60th anniversary of the liberation from Japan. However, a recent look at the South Korea 2005 stamp program shows no sign of any joint issue.

Crown Agents has revealed that an omnibus series will be released in 2005 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar.

Regarding joint issues already announced in this publication or on our website, additional information has been made available.

- **Denmark-Germany:** The Danish stamp will be issued on 2 March; one day before the German one.
- **Czech Republic-France:** The Czech Republic will issue stamps marking the 200th anniversary of the battle of Austerlitz on 4 May, but without mentioning that it will be a joint issue with France.
- **Germany-Israel:** The German stamp will be issued on 12 May, but without mentioning that it will be a joint issue with Israel.
- **China-Hong Kong-Macao:** The day of issue will be 28 June. Interestingly, Singapore is also planning a stamp issue (29 June) on the 600th anniversary of Zheng He's maritime expedition. Will it be part of the Chinese joint issue?

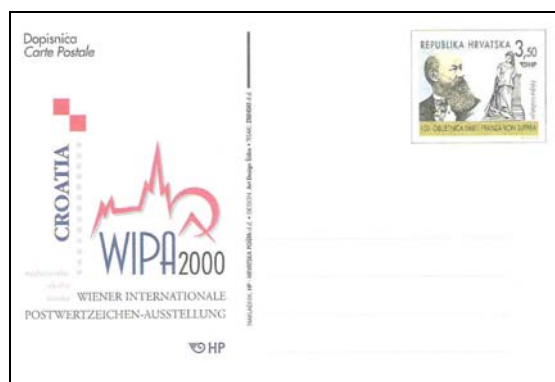
- **Norway-Sweden:** Norway Post will release a "parallel issue" with Sweden on 27 May to commemorate the centenary of the dissolution of the Union.
- **Austria-Ukraine:** This issue is not mentioned in the 2005 Austria stamp program, only in Ukraine's.

On 18 January 2005, the German federal ministry of finance announced the German stamp program for 2006. No less than three joint issues are planned but two of these are qualified as possible ("evtl." in German). These are: a joint issue with the **Netherlands** to commemorate the 400th birthday of Rembrandt and a joint issue with the **United States** to mark the 200th birthday of Johann August Roebling who was the chief engineer of the Brooklyn Bridge in New York. The only certain joint issue at this stage is with **Sweden** on the occasion of the 650th anniversary of the Hanseatic League.



Discoveries

Nahum Shereshevsky informed us of another previously unknown Croatian postcard similar to the one published in our last edition. This time the Franz von Suppé joint issue with Austria (1995) was reused as the imprint on the occasion of the international philatelic exhibition WIPA 2000 held in Vienna.



Nahum also mentioned a Russian booklet of the 2003 Iran-Russia joint issue. It seems to be another non-official booklet as

it is apparently not listed in stamp catalogues (Scott among others).

Norbert Krommer has verified the dates of issue of the omnibus issue commemorating the 100th cricket test match which was mentioned in our last number: Anguilla (5 May) - Antigua and Barbuda (26 June) - Dominica (21 June) - Grenada (15 May) - Guyana (15 May) - Montserrat (5 May) - Nevis (10 June) - Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (26 June). Since the dates of issue are really different, this issue is now listed as [CO].

Royal Mail and Isle of Man Post released a special joint cover featuring the six 2004 British Christmas stamps together with the five 2003 IOM Christmas stamps. Both

sets of stamps were designed by Raymond Briggs and are not cancelled with their respective first day postmarks, but with similar commemorative postmarks. Could this be a new class of joint issues?



In the news

Timbres Magazine (December 2004) announced the results of the 54th Grands Prix de l'Art philatélique (Awards of philatelic art). The most beautiful French stamp is the France-India joint issue while the most beautiful European stamp is the China-Greece joint issue. Joint issues are definitely trendy!

The Oak Park Stamp Club of the Detroit area devoted half of their December newsletter to publicize our Society. Thanks to Nathan Peiss, editor of its journal, now also one of our new members.

Steven Schweon wrote an article entitled "This Joint is Swinging!" in the December issue of *Global Stamp News*. His quest to learn more about joint issues lead him to the ATA (American Topical Association) and the IPS-JSIC.

Richard Zimmermann received information from Leon Hai of Xabusiness (a Chinese stamp dealer) that China Post is selling since May 2004 an album of 30 pages containing the 24 joint issues to which China participated including the corresponding foreign stamps. A convenient list of Chinese joint issues (in English) is maintained by Xabusines (<http://www.xabusiness.com/china-joint-issues-stamps.htm>). Leon Hai also mentioned a little-known China Post press release about of "Best Joint Issue of 2003" award where Chinese stamps finished second (Hong Kong) and third.

Hamid Reza Ebrahimi has started a group on Yahoo! dedicated to joint issues (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jointstampissuecollectors/>).