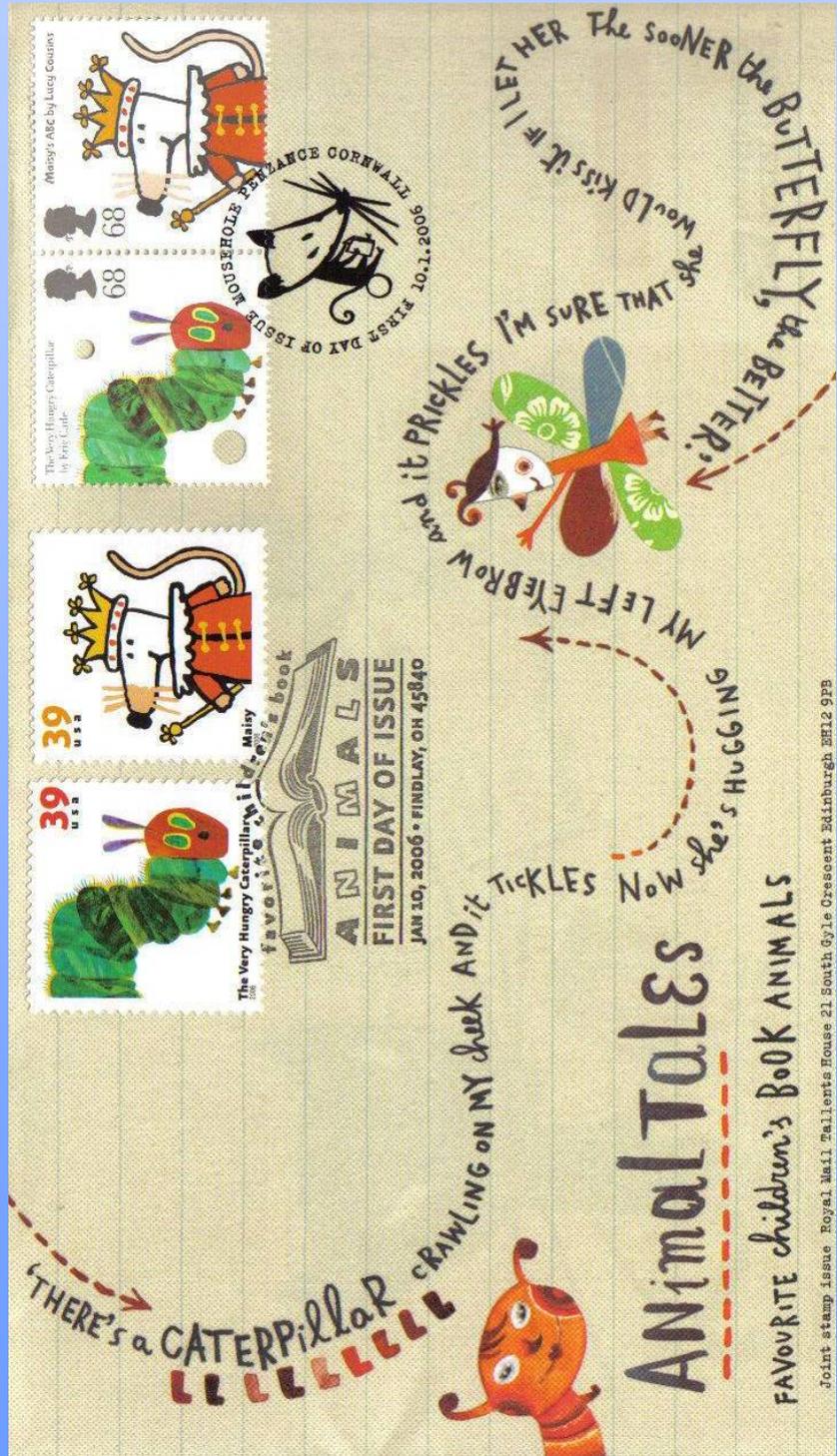


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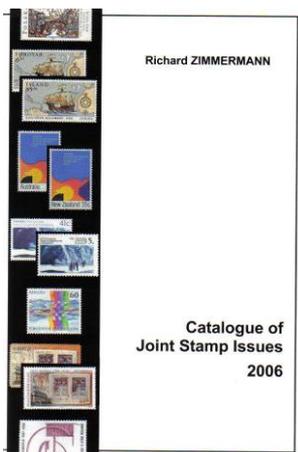
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Editorial

Dear Members,

The Chinese Year of the Dog is starting (January 29th) on a high note for collectors of joint issues: the long-awaited second edition of Richard Zimmermann's *Catalogue of Joint Stamp Issues* is finally available!

The backbone of this second edition is the new classification system which was already in use in the annual catalogue supplements. Contrary to the first edition which listed the issues in chronological order, the second edition lists them first by category then by date of issue. Hence, if you are only interested in twin issues, you will find them together instead of having to browse through the entire catalogue. The catalogue is approximately the same format as the first edition: 21 x 15 cm. The number of pages has, on the other hand, skyrocketed from 334 to 732! Its perfect binding and glossy cover will no doubt withstand heavy use better than the first edition. Two indexes complete the catalogue (countries and topics). A nice touch is the mention of the first three winners of our Best Joint Issue award (2002-2004).



English-speaking collectors now have at their disposal an essential tool for the enjoyment of their stamp collection. Richard Zimmermann merits our warmest thanks for having brought to fruition this monumental endeavor.

Pascal LeBlond



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The best joint issue of 2005

The start of the New Year brings back our annual Best Joint Issue award. Following last year's edition, in which Canada, Greenland and Norway grabbed the coveted title, our Society gained valuable exposure in these countries.

Hence, you have once again the opportunity to select the best joint issue of 2005 with the help of the Catalogue Supplement IX provided with this journal. This supplement lists all the joint issues released during 2005. 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.

2005 was a very productive year. No less than 46 postal administrations are eligible this year. Twelve of these have released more than one joint issue. Amazingly, Vatican was the most prolific with four joint issues. Twin issues [T1] were enormously popular in 2005. One Siamese issue [S2] has been released.

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 on your list will get 3 points, the second 2 and the third 1 point. The winner will be the one totalizing the most points.

This year, it would be very useful if voters could qualify in a few words the reasoning behind their vote. This will help us identify trends in the small world of joint issues and perhaps influence postal administrations in the way they do joint issues.

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All stamps described in the Catalogue supplement IX under the heading 2005 (i.e. issued between 1 January and 31 December 2005) 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 2006**. 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 hopefully attract new members and interest postal administrations around the world.

Society life

New Member

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In the news

- Norbert Krommer informed us that Jim Manton won a Vermeil award at the 2006 Stamp Show in Brantford, Ontario on January 14th. His 8-frame exhibit is entitled Joint Issues on Fauna from Around the World. It will be exhibited again on March 18th at OXPEX 2006 in Woodstock, Ontario. Congratulations!

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Departures

Due to unpaid fees in 2005, we are obliged to exclude from our Society the following members:

Robert BANDEL, Kathryn FOLLKIE, Alfredo GUIDATO, Georg HALLER, Yann LAVAL, Donald SABO, Oscar WOLLESEN.

The following members have decided not to renew their membership for 2006:

Michel BOIRON, Harry SKALLERUP.

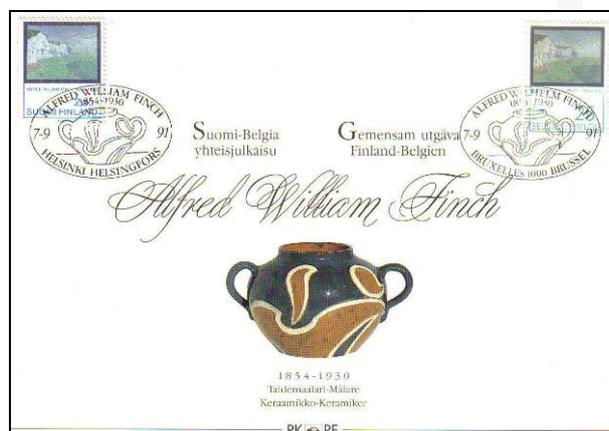
Please remove these names from your members list.

- In January 2005, the USPS started using digital color postmarks alongside the traditional black ones. These color postmarks are, so far, only available on uncached USPS first day covers. Their first use on a joint issue was last October in honor of Greta Garbo. They are quite appealing (the large star is yellow and the text is blue).



- The Albert Finch joint issue of 1991 (Belgium-Finland) is well-known by collectors mainly because it is the most expensive of the Belgian souvenir cards (valued at up to 160 EUR!). Recently, an almost identical souvenir card was seen on Ebay. Contrary to the Belgian card with texts in Dutch and French, the new card

has texts in Finnish and Swedish. It is presumably an official document from the Finnish Post.



Membership fees 2006

It is also time to call for membership fees for the year 2006 (for those who have not paid yet). The fees remain unchanged for 2006.

European (EU and Switzerland) members:	12.00 €
North American and other-European Members:	16.00 € or 20.00 US\$
Other countries:	17.00 € or 21.00 US\$
On-line-only Member:	8.00 €/US\$

Payment can be made to either treasurer.

The European treasurer (R. Zimmermann) accepts payments in cash in Euros or US\$, as well as French checks in Euros (written to the credit of RZ), international bank transfers (if bank fees are paid at your end). For Europe EC, (payments to the order of RZ) it is also possible to use the transfer codes IBAN FR 51 2004 1010 1245 5058 6E03 373 and BIC PSSTFRPPSCE at La Poste Bank. Credit cards are not accepted, sorry, but payment from all over the world can be done via Paypal under the address zimmerm@club-internet.fr. Please add US\$ 1.30 or Euros 1.00 to cover Paypal fees. The North American treasurer (C. Feingersh) accepts payments in US\$ only, in cash, US checks (US banks only, written to the credit of CF) or transfer on a US bank (but in this case make sure that the bank fees are paid at your end).

For further information, check the Society website at

<http://rzimmerm.club.fr>

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

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

Financial statement 2005

Richard Zimmermann

A summary of all the 2005 revenues and expenses of the Society is provided in this short report. Expenses from members of the board, 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 1.20 US\$ for 1.00 € (this ratio began in January at around 1.32 and reached the level of 1.19 by December)

Revenues (all figures are in Euros):

Online only Members (fees: 6.02 to 8.00 € depending on the currency rate):	16
European Members (fees: 12.00 €):	59
Non European Members (fees: 12.30 to 19.00 €):	54
Total: 129 members in 2005 - Total income for membership fees including first entrance fee (2.87 to 3.00 € - 15 new members)	1686.48 €
Extra revenues: Extra gifts to the Society (<i>Thanks to W. Kluge, J. Lübke, F. van Arkel and J. Wilkinson</i> - from 1.00 to 2.50 €)	6.50 €
Late membership payment from 2004	24.00 €
Extra revenues from "Dugua FDCs" (only excess taken in account)	2.74 €

Total 1719.72 €

The surplus of payment sent by some members is transferred to 2006 in deduction from the normal membership fee. Eight members had to be excluded for non-payment of membership fees, but received the February 2005 report. Two members resigned by the end of the year 2005.

Expenses:

QR. Feb: with catalogue supplement VIII; production costs journal: 0.50€, supplement 1.18 € each - total printing costs 220.98 € - total postage fees 134.05 € + extra sending 0.98€ = 356.01 € + total US re-mailing costs 69.09 € - 121 journals and 136 catalogue supplements sent total: **425.10 €**

Following last year's success, we continued the re-mailing of US journals with the help of Tim O'Shea. The whole package of North American journals was sent to Tim, who re-mailed individual covers at local rate. A quick comparison shows that for the year 2005 we saved 210.48 € which obviously demonstrates that we have to continue this way. Even with the US postage rate increase of January 2006, this still makes a lot of sense. Thanks a lot, Tim.

QR. May: production costs 1.01 € each - total printing costs 115.14 € + total postage fees 110.12 € + extra sending 1.83€ = 227.09 € + total US re-mailing costs 38.44 € - 114 samples sent total: **265.53 €**

QR. Aug: production costs 1.01 € each - total printing costs 116.15 € - total postage fees 96.44 € + extra sending 0.49€ = 213.08 € + total US re-mailing costs 41.54 € - 115 samples sent total: **254.62 €**

QR. Nov: production costs 1.01 € each - total printing costs 116.15 € - total postage fees 92.80 € + extra sending 0.70€ = 209.65 € + total US re-mailing costs 51.25 € - 115 samples sent
total: **260.90 €**

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, which explains the difference between postal fee totals.

Varia: 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), various mailings (answers to requests, free advertising packages to philatelic journals and libraries, mail exchange with members, lost journals, etc), stationary and printer ink, bank fees
total: **258.84 €**

Total expenses: **1464.99 €**

Reminder: Surplus from 2004

44.72 €

Difference (surplus for 2005)

299.45 €

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

The financial statement for the year 2005 shows for the first time a large surplus of 299.45 €. Apparently we found the way to stay in equilibrium with our expenses and this could stay so, if the Euro currency does not continue to grow compared to the US\$. We have to keep the same presentation for the journal (same number of pages, same quality of printing), but we can now also increase the number of pages by 4 or 8 (if some members wish to write regularly larger articles). This improvement was obtained as a consequence of the following actions:

- faster exclusion of members for non-payment of membership fees
- reduction of the postage costs (re-mailing to North American members)
- lower printing costs (a double page of the journal did cost this year € 0.05 instead of € 0.065, which represents 23% savings only in printing costs)

As a consequence, basic membership fees will again remain unchanged for this year.

On the other hand, we have to spend this money for the benefit of our members. One suggestion is to rebuild the web site on an official authorized (with toll) provider site that will give access to a unique site including the membership site, without losing time in watching advertisement pages. Anybody interested to do this work? Any comments on that or suggestions for another improvement are welcome.

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

Recent issues

Germany-Israel

The long-awaited joint issue between Germany and Israel [T1] was finally released on 3 November 2005.

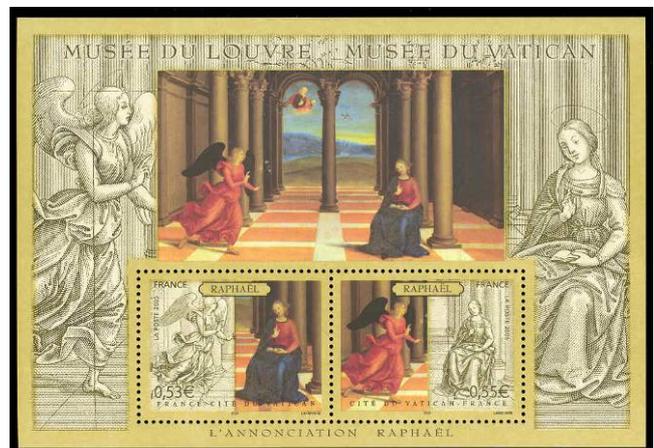


Title:	40th anniversary of diplomatic relations with Israel
Date of issue:	3 November 2005
City:	Berlin (Germany) Jerusalem (Israel)
Denomination:	0.55 EUR (Germany) 2.10 ILS (Israel)
Layout:	Pane of 10
Designer:	Stefan Klein, Olaf Neumann
Printer:	Bundesdruckerei GmbH, Berlin (Germany)
Process:	Lithography

France-Vatican

The *Annunciation* by Raphael (Raffaello Sanzio, 1483-1520), the master painter from the Italian Renaissance, is the subject of the joint issue [T1] between France and the Vatican. The painting is part of the *Crowning of the Virgin* predella dating back to 1502-1504. The artwork belongs to the Vatican Museums while the preliminary sketch is preserved at the Louvre Museum in Paris. The original idea of this joint issue is to juxtapose both sketch (steel engraving) and painting (lithography) in order to appreciate every detail of this masterpiece. The major difference between the painting and the sketch resides in the landscape in the background. On the sketch (not visible on the souvenir sheet) there are constructions which are no longer visible on the painting.

A small typographical error affects the French souvenir sheet. The inscription *Musée du Vatican* should have been in the plural form (*Musées*) to conform to the Italian inscription *Musei vaticani* on the Vatican souvenir sheet. The painting is in the *Pinacoteca* (Art Gallery), one of the four Vatican museums.



Title: **The great museums of the world: the Vatican museums and the Louvre museum**

Date of issue: 10 November 2005

City: Paris (France)
Vatican

Denomination: 0.53, 0.55 EUR (France)
0.60, 1.00, 2 x 1.40 EUR (Vatican)

Layout: Souvenir sheet of 2 (France)
Pane of 10, souvenir sheet of 2 (Vatican)

Artist: Raffaello Santi (Raphael)

Designer: Jean-Paul Cousin

Engraver: Jacky Larrivière

Printer: Imprimerie des timbres-poste et des valeurs fiduciaires, Périgueux, France

Perforation: 13 (Vatican)

Process: Steel engraving and lithography

Quantity: 550 000 stamps, 225 000 souvenir sheets (Vatican)

La Poste (France) offers its *document philatélique* featuring both souvenir sheets first day cancelled by their respective postal administrations.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

The 10th anniversary of the Dayton agreement is the subject of a joint issue [C1] between the three postal administrations of Bosnia (Sarajevo, Croat and Serb). So far, the Croat stamp has not been seen.



Title: **10th anniversary of the Dayton accord**

Date of issue: 21 November 2005 (Serb)
31 January 2006 (Sarajevo)

Denomination: 1.50 BAM

Layout: Pane of 8 stamps with 1 label (Serb)

Designer: Radimir Bojanic, Nadezda Skocajic

Printer: Forum, Novi Sad (Serb)

Perforation: 13.75 (Serb)

Process: Lithography

Quantity: 30 000 stamps (Serb)

The Dayton agreement put an end to the fighting between Serbs, Croats and Muslims. An inter-entity boundary was established between the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Bosnian Serb Republic.

IOC-Switzerland

Once again the Olympic Games are the occasion of a joint issue between the IOC (International Olympic Committee), based in Lausanne, and Switzerland. This time both stamps show winter sports that will be played in Turin in 2006: hockey (IOC) and curling (Switzerland). The IOC service stamp can only be used at the IOC headquarters in Lausanne.

Contrary to past joint issues between IOC and Switzerland, no official dual documents are available this time.



Title: **XX Olympic Winter Games 2006**
 Date of issue: 22 November 2005
 City: Lausanne
 Denomination: 1.30 CHF (IOC)
 1.00 CHF (Switzerland)
 Layout: Pane of 6
 Designer: Karin Fanger Schiesser
 Printer: Bagel Security-Print, Düsseldorf (IOC)
 Österreichische Staatsdruckerei GmbH, Vienna (Switzerland)
 Perforation: 13.5 x 13.25 (IOC)
 13.75 (Switzerland)
 Process: Lithography

Official dual documents are available from Swiss Post.

Title: **Papal Swiss Guards, 1506-2006**
 Date of issue: 22 November 2005
 City: Lucerne (Switzerland)
 Vatican
 Denomination: 0.85, 1.00 CHF (Switzerland)
 0.62, 0.80 EUR (Vatican)
 Layout: 2 panes of 6
 Designer: Rudolf Mirer
 Printer: Österreichische Staatsdruckerei GmbH, Vienna
 Perforation: 13.75 (Switzerland)
 14 (Vatican)
 Process: Lithography
 Quantity: 1 800 000 stamps (Vatican)

Switzerland-Vatican

To mark the 500th anniversary of the Papal Swiss Guards, Switzerland and Vatican released a joint issue [T1] designed by a former member of the famous military unit, Rudolf Mirer. 22 January 1506 is considered the birthday since the first Papal Swiss Guards arrived in Rome on that day.

Great Britain-United States

This colourful joint issue [T1] celebrates the centenary of the publication of *The Tale of Mr. Jeremy Fisher* by Beatrix Potter. Unfortunately, only two of each set of eight stamps are identical (Maisy and Very Hungry Caterpillar).



This is the second time in as many years that Royal Mail took part in an eight-stamp joint issue. The stamp featuring the Very Hungry Caterpillar is the first British stamp with holes. These are not found on the identical American stamp.

Title: **Animal tales** (Great Britain)
Favorite children's book animals (United States)

Date of issue: 10 January 2006
 City: Mousehole, Penzance, Cornwall (Great Britain)

Denomination: Findlay, OH (United States)
 2 x 1st (0.30), 2 x 2nd (0.21), 2 x
 0.42, 2 x 0.68 GBP (Great Britain)
 8 x 0.39 USD (United States)

Layout: 4 panes of 30 (Great Britain)
 Pane of 16 (United States)

Designer: Rose Design (Great Britain)
 Derry Noyes (United States)

Modeler: Donald H. Woo (United States)

Artist: Eric Carle (Very Hungry
 Caterpillar), Lucy Cousins (Maisy)
 [Great Britain only]
 Quentin Blake (Enormous
 Crocodile), Peggy Fortnum
 (Paddington Bear), Mick Inkpen
 (Kipper), Satoshi Kitamura (Boots),
 Helen Oxenbury (White Rabbit),
 Beatrix Potter (Jeremy Fisher),
 [United States only]
 Ian Falconer (Olivia), Theodor
 Geisel (Fox in Socks), Leo Lionni
 (Frederick), Margret and H.A. Rey
 (Curious George), Maurice Sendak
 (Wild Thing), Garth Williams
 (Wilbur)

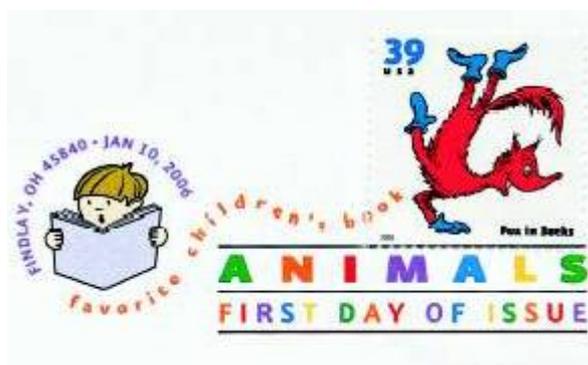
Printer: De La Rue Security Print,
 Dunstable (Great Britain)
 Sennett Security Products (United
 States)

Perforation: 14.5 (Great Britain)

Process: Lithography (Great Britain)
 Gravure (United States)

Quantity: 192 000 000 stamps (United
 States)

The American first-day ceremony was held appropriately in Findlay, Ohio, at the Mazza Museum International Art from Picture Books. Mousehole, pronounced "Mowzel", is a Cornish coastal village.



A digital color postmark is available from the USPS (see this journal's cover for the

traditional postmark), but only on official uncached first day covers. The USPS is, so far, the only postal administration using this technology. Only the traditional black postmark was used on the official dual first day cover prepared by Royal Mail. USPS did not produce its own dual first day cover.

Armenia-Russia

2006 will be the Year of Armenia in Russia. 2005 was the Year of Russia in Armenia. However, only the event of 2006 is celebrated by a joint issue [T1].



Both stamps represent the monument *Eternal Friendship* by sculptor Fridrikh Sogoyan.

Title: **Year of the Republic of Armenia in the Russian Federation**

Date of issue: 22 January 2006

Denomination: 10.00 RUB (Russia)

Layout: Pane of 30 (Russia)

Designer: R. Komsa (Russia)

Printer: Publishing and Trading Center "MARKA" (Russia)

Perforation: 11.5 (Russia)

Process: Lithography (Russia)

Quantity: 200 000 (Russia)

Upcoming issues

Only new information is provided here. For a complete list of forthcoming joint issues, please visit the IPS-JSIC website at <http://rzimmerm.club.fr/latest.htm>.

Three joint issues involving India (with Cyprus, Mongolia and Oman) and scheduled for late 2005 have been delayed to 2006. The subject of the **Cyprus-India** joint issue is folklore dances. On February 11th, an **Iran-Thailand** joint issue will mark 50 years of diplomatic relations.



A second **Austria-Liechtenstein** joint issue featuring a painting from the Liechtenstein Museum in Vienna will be released on March 6th. The subject is the painting *Lost in Her Dreams* by Friedrich von Amerling (1803-1887).



A **Hungary-Romania** joint issue on famous composers is planned for March

16th although the Romanian stamp program places it in June without claiming it to be a joint issue. The same program reveals an **Egypt-Romania** joint issue for April.

April will also see the release of the **Italy-San Marino** joint issue marking the philatelic exhibition *Le due Repubbliche*. On May 4th, a **Finland-Sweden** joint issue will show the Suomenlinna Fortress (Sveaborg in Swedish) near Helsinki.

Two joint issues will be released in June: **Order of Malta-San Marino** and **France-United Nations** (June 17th). The **Portugal-Spain** joint issue on Iberian bridges will be released on September 14th.



The **Germany-Sweden** joint issue marking the 650th anniversary of the Hanseatic League has been confirmed by Posten (Sweden) for September 7th.

The **Austria-Ukraine** joint issue marking the 750th anniversary of the city of Lemberg is now planned for October 1st according to Austria Post.

A **Brunei-Malaysia** joint issue is scheduled for December 21st. However, information from Brunei suggests that it will be an ASEAN omnibus issue with stamps from the 10 member countries.