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EUROPA STAMPS



1. Steve Luster, ESU President, Editor of the Europa News and General Chairman of Washington 2006 smiling as the show and EUROPEX open. 2 & 4. ESU members at a Unit dinner. 3. Unit member Richard Dick regaling Unit members with tales of yore. 5. Steve Luster at the end of the show, waving goodbye to another successful EUROPEX. 6 & 7. Montage of ESU meeting. Photographs courtesy of Harriet Epstein, friend.(1) and Dana Roper, Unit Treasurer (the rest).

NEW ISSUES**50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
EUROPA STAMPS****MOLDOVA -**

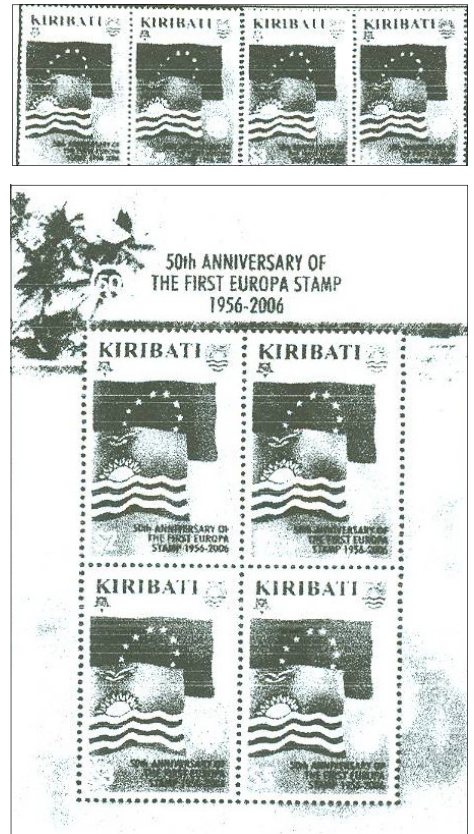
CUBA - It looks like there are sheets of 40 stamps both perforated and imperforate.

**CHAD -****MALTA -**

MONGOLIA - sheet of 9 and 6 souvenir sheets of 2 stamps each.



SAINT HELENA - Also in souvenir sheets of 4 stamps of the same value.

**KIRIBATI -****LATVIA -****ESTONIA -**

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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EUROPA STAMPS

SAMOA -



PERU -



JAMAICA -



GAMBIA -



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NEW ISSUES (continued)



BOSNIA-SARAJEVO -



BOSNIA-MOSTAR -



EUROPA 2006

LATVIA -



ESTONIA -



FRANCE -



SERBIA-MONTENEGRO -



BELARUS -



stamps in sheets



booklets

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LITHUANIA -

1.70LT - Wheelchair racing.



1.70LT - Wheelchair dancing.



Day of Issue: Printing **Format:** Quantity: **Other Items:** No other information available at this time.

GEORGIA/ABKHAZIA - Set of 2 stamps printed in sheets of 10 stamps.

10.00 & 20.00 Integration as seen by children.

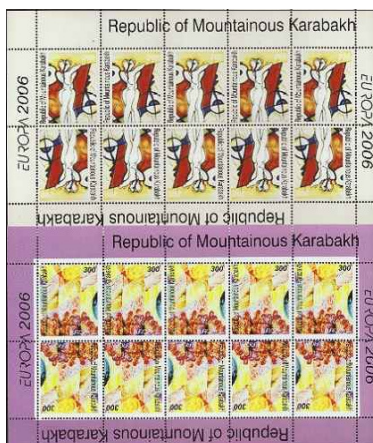


Day of Issue: Printing **Format:** Quantity: **Other Items:** No other information available at this time.

NEW ISSUES (continued)

ARMENIA/KARABAKH - Set of 2 stamps printed tete-beche, in sheets of 10 stamps.

300 & ??? - Integration as seen by children.



Day of Issue: Printing **Format:** Quantity: **Other Items:** No other information available at this time.

MOLDOVA - Set of 2 stamps printed in sheets of 10 stamps.

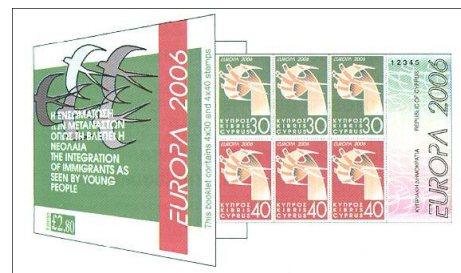
A & B - Integration as seen by children.



Day of Issue: Printing **Format:** Quantity: **Other Items:** No other information available at this time.

CYPRUS -

30 & 40 cents. Stylized hand.



Day of Issue: May 4, 2006. **Designer:** Sakis Vasiliou. **Printing:** Multicolored, lithographed, on unwatermarked paper by Alex. Matsoukas, S.A., Graphic Arts, in sheets of 20 stamps. **Format:** 27mm x 40mm. **Quantity:** 120,000 each value. **Other Items:** 27,000 booklets and 9,000 FDCs.

SERBIA -

250 & 350 - 2 tete-beche stamps with planets, space, & a circle of children holding hands around a world globe.



Day of Issue: Printing **Format:** Quantity: **Other Items:** No other information available at this time.

GERMANY -

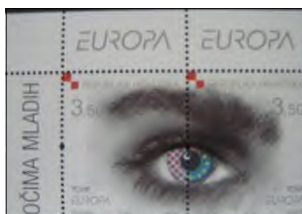
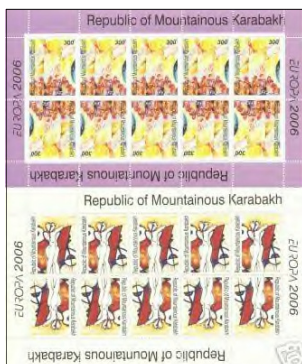
0.55€ - Zippered jacket with words extolling integration.



Day of Issue: May 4, 2006. **Designer:** Irmgard Hesse. **Printing:** Multicolored, offset, on white, fluorescent postage stamp paper DP2, by Giesecke & Devrient, GmbH. **Format:** 46mm x 27.32mm. **Quantity:** Not given. **Other Items:** No other information available.

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EUROPA 2006**SWITZERLAND -****TURKISH CYPRUS -****CROATIA -****NGORNO-KARABAKH -****TRANSNISTRIA -****NEW ISSUES (continued)****CZECH REPUBLIC -****GREECE -****MALTA -****SLOVENIA -****???****???****FINLAND -****PORTUGAL -****PORTUGAL, AZORES & MADEIRA -****POLAND -**

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SERBIA - Stamps and a booklet.



Day of Issue: Printing Format: Quantity: Other Items: No other information available at this time.

BULGARIA - The two cards in the next column are either post cards or postal cards. I cannot tell except the stamps look like they are perforated. If so, then each card is a post, not postal, card. If the stamps are printed on the cards, we would refer to them as indicia and the cards would be called postal cards. The first day cover also in the next column, may hold the answer. In any event, here they are, both with nice cachets.

NEW ISSUES (continued)

0.55 - Integration as seen by children.

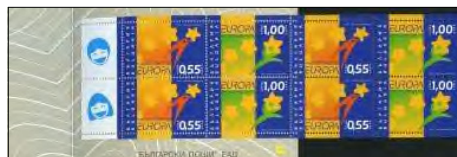


1.00 - Integration as seen by children.



Day of Issue: Designer: Printing: Format: Quantity: Other Items: Franking appears to be stamps printed se-tenant. No other information available at this time.

Continuing with Bulgaria, this booklet seems to end the story. The franking is with stamps, not pre-printed indicia.



And now the answer becomes clearer. The item at the top of the next column is a piece of postal stationery produced by the Romanian Post for Europa 2006. The indicia is common but the cachet tells the story. It does look like a child's drawing.



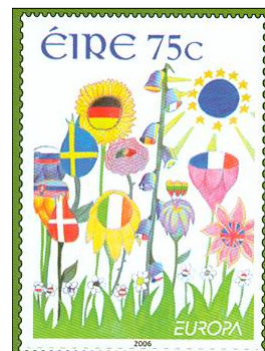
The yellow inscription in the middle of the left side is a "watermark" placed there automatically by the site hosting the images. It is not a part of the piece.

IRELAND -

48¢ - Integration as seen by children.



75¢ - Integration as seen by children.



Day of Issue: May 9, 2006. Designer: Katie McMilan (48¢) and Sarah Naughton (75¢). Printing: Multicolored, lithographed, on phosphor-tagged paper, in sheetlets of 10 stamps by Cartor Security Printing. Format: 29.8mm x 40.60mm, perforated 13 x 13. Quantity: 330,000 (48¢) and 280,000 (75¢). Other Items: No other information available at this time.

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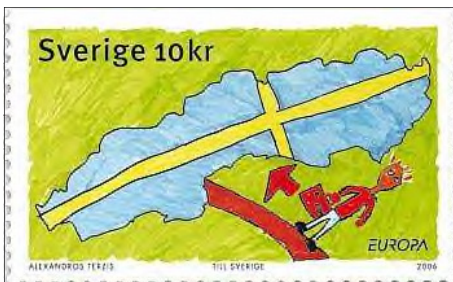
ITALY - From a first day cover.



ÅLAND -



SWEDEN -



BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA -



NEW ISSUES (concluded)

MACEDONIA -



TURKEY -



KAZAKHSTAN -



ANDORRA (FR) -



ADOPTION OF THE EU FLAG

The history and significance of the EU flag is worth recalling. Adopted following an open competition in 1955, The Parliamentary Assembly of The Council Of Europe unanimously approved the design of the 12 stars on a blue background. The Council then agreed to the use of the flag by the European Community which has been using it since 1986 as a symbol of a Europe unified in its ideals and its identity. Of course, the presence of the flag on the Euro coins has ensured that this symbol of Europe has become a ubiquitous icon of the new Europe. And while both Arsene Heitz and Paul Levy have been credited with the original design, former Chief Herald of Ireland, Gerard Slevin was involved in the initial process that led to the selection of the design. To celebrate the flag and the aspirations it reflects, An Post is proud to issue a 48c Stamp and a First Day Cover on 9 May, 2006. To order simply fill in the form at the back of Collectors News and send it to the Philatelic Bureau, GPO, Dublin 1, call on 00 353 (1) 705 7400 or buy online at www.irishstamps.ie

48c European flag of 12 gold stars in a circle, on a field of blue, with inscriptions.



Day of Issue: May 9, 2006. **Designer:** Ger Gerland. **Printing:** Multicolored, lithographed, on phosphor-tagged paper, in sheetlets of 16 stamps by Cartor Security Printing. **Format:** 40.60mm x 29.8mm, perforated 13 x 13. **Quantity:** 330,000. **Other Items:** Official first day cover.

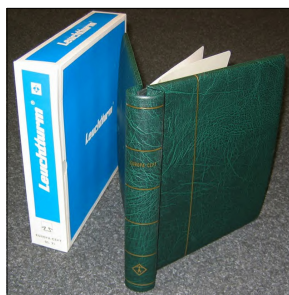
EUROPA BRIEFS

EUROPA 1956, LUXEMBOURG USED - I recognize that in most cases, a used stamp is not worth as much as a mint stamp. However, the gap in prices between mint and used stamps sometimes amazes me. Such is the case with the example at figure 1. It is the middle value of the 3-stamp set of 1956 Europa stamps issued by Luxembourg. It was listed on Ebay with an opening bid of only €2.00, about \$2.45. The entire set in M-NH condition is almost never offered for sale at this time and the dealer but prices are ranging from \$500-\$550.



Figure 1. Used 1956 Europa stamp from Luxembourg can be bought for little money.

LIGHTHOUSE EUROPA ALBUM - The "Luxus" Lighthouse Europa CEPT album binder shown at figure 2 with a cardboard dust cover was offered on Ebay with an opening bid of about \$30.00.



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Figure 2. Lighthouse "Luxus" Europa CEPT binder on sale for only \$30.00 on Ebay.

ROPA 1978, MONACO PROOF - The item at figure 3 in the next column was advertised by its Ebay seller as a proof of Monaco's 1978 Europa sheet. Note that the sheet is numbered at the lower left and bears a date imprint at the lower right. The inscription "T.D. 6-6 is at the bottom center. I do not know what it means or if was carried forward to the sheet as issued.



Figure 3. 1978 Monaco Europa souvenir sheet as a proof with number and date inscription.

LINER EUROPA - The philatelically inspired cover at figure 4 was sent from Germany to Sausalito, California in May of 1937. A marking on the upper right front of the cover indicates that the sender wanted the envelope placed aboard the German Liner "Europa." The "by airmail" label could have referred to either the U.S. portion of the delivery or placement aboard a glider flight launched from the deck of the liner as it got close to New York. In any event, the three back-stamps show that the sailing of the liner Europa was missed and the cover was transported aboard the liner "Bremen" a sister ship of the Europa.



Figure 4. Cover requested be sent aboard the Liner Europa but actually sailed on the liner Bremen.

EUROPEX 1986 - Ever since its founding, whenever the Europa Study Unit has held a gathering in conjunction with a major stamp show, that meeting has been referred to as a "Europex." In fact, the next Europex will be held on May 28, 2006 in conjunction with the international stamp show know as Washington 2006. Figure 5 shows a philatelic "passport" that was prepared for a different Europex. This one was held in Portugal in 1986.

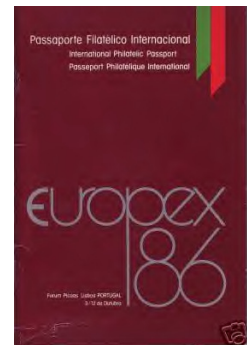


Figure 5. cover of the philatelic passport used at Europex 1986 a Portuguese stamp show.

BERLIN AIRLIFT - What follows below and on the next page at figure 6 is a set of 4 cards, each franked with a different high value of the post-WWII set from Germany, overprinted for use in Berlin. Each card was registered and bears either on the front or back, a postmark applied at the city of delivery, attesting to the fact that the card actually went through the mail. Each card received the same pictorial cancel, commemorating the Berlin airlift. The lot was seen on Ebay, accompanied by a "Schlegel" certificate of authenticity.



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Figure 6. Set of 4 registered cards from Berlin, all with Berlin Airlift pictorial cancel.

MARSHALL PLAN, BERLIN ERP STAMP - Germany issued a stamp in 1950 to commemorate the European Recovery Program (E.R.P.) known as the Marshall Plan. The stamp was issued in conjunction with an industrial fair at which the ERP had a pavilion. At figure 7 is the stamp and special fair cancel, affixed to a numbered sheet produced for the fair.



Figure 7. Germany card with ERP stamp canceled at the 1950 Berlin Industrial Fair.

EUROPA BRIEFS (continued)

EUROPA 2005, FAROE YEAR-BOOK - The cover of the Faroe Islands 2005 year book was the gastronomy subject of the 2005 Europa stamps. See figure 8.

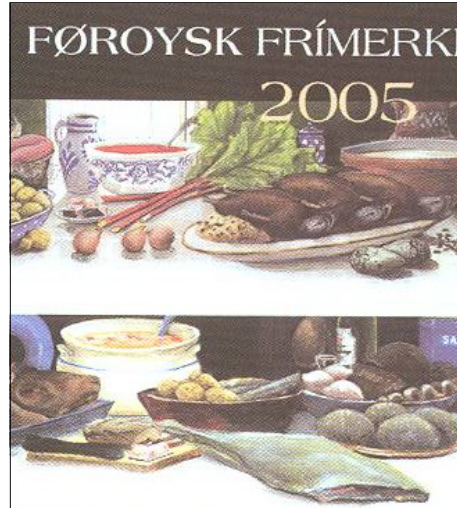


Figure 8. Cover of the Faroe Islands 2005 year-book with Europa "gastronomy" theme.

EUROPA 1963, CYPRUS SPECIMENS - An Ebay seller offered the stamps at figure 7. They are 1963 Europa stamps. He asked for an opening bid of only \$2.41. However, the "buy-it-now" price was \$262.95. That price truly reflects more of the value of the stamps rather than the opening bid. Note that the seller also indicated that he was selling blocks of 10 but as you can clearly see, they are blocks of 12 stamps. What makes these blocks special? Well, all of the stamps have a "Specimen" overprint.



Figure 9. Blocks of 12 stamps of 1963 Cyprus Europa Set all with "Specimen" overprints.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE, 10TH ANNIVERSARY - The 10th anniversary of the council of Europe was celebrated with several new issues, special cancels and related cacheted envelopes. The cacheted envelope at figure 10 is one that I have never seen before. The stamp and has nothing to do with either the Council of Europe or the anniversary. The cancel is dated May 4, 1959, the date of the anniversary. I have sent the cachet used on three similar covers, this one from Aosta, and the others from Venice and Aquila.



Figure 10. Cover with cachet for the 10th anniversary of the Council of Europe.

OVERPRINT, PRIVATE, "EUROPE IS FREE" - The item at figure 11 was privately prepared at the end of WWII. A real Italian express mail stamp of the war period, Scott number E3, was overprinted "Europa Liberata/fine dei NAZI-Fascismo." That translates to "Europe is free/end of Nazism and Fascism." The overprint has a cross on either side of a date which reads 8/5/1945 or May 8, 1945. no further information about the origin or other details of the overprint are known by me. 1010



Figure 11. Overprint "Europe is Free" on an Italian Express Mail stamp.

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EUROPA 1995, JUGOSLAVIA IMPERFORATE - The two stamps at figure 12 were issued by Yugoslavia in 1995 as a part of that year's Europa common theme of space. These two examples are imperforate left sheet margin copies.



Figure 12. Imperforate Europa 1995 set from Yugoslavia.

GAMES OF THE SMALL EUROPEAN STATES - The souvenir sheet at figure 13 was issued by French Andorra to commemorate the XI games of the small European States. I might have missed it as a new issue.



Figure 13. Souvenir sheet commemorating the XI games of the small European states.

EUROPA 1965, DESIGN USE BY RESTAURANT - In 1965 a restaurant named "Au Roi de l'île" produced an advertising card in green with blue printing. See the upper illustration of figure 14 in the next column. Of interest is the other side of the card. The restaurant had "stamps" (labels, Cinderella stamps) and a cancel produced so it would look as if the cards were sent through the mail. Scans of the cards are the bottom illustrations at figure 14. The cancels are both in red but the upper stamp is in blue and the lower one is in red.

EUROPA BRIEFS (continued)

Note that the 1965 Europa common design of a branch with leaves and a fruit, slightly modified, was used in the designs of both the "stamp" and the "cancel." The word "EUROPA" was overprinted on the label.



Figure 14. 1965 advertising card from a restaurant with simulated Europa stamps in blue and red with red cancels.

EUROPA 2006, BULGARIA TABS - Sheet configurations of Bulgaria's 2006 Europa stamps include tabs (non-denominated labels) printed se-tenant with the stamps as seen in figure 15.

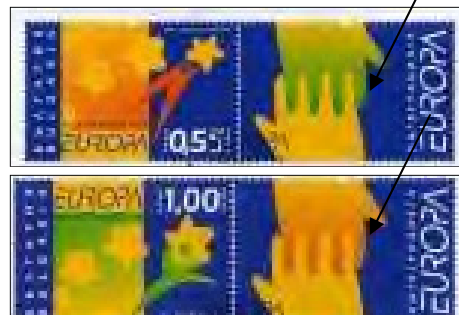


Figure 15. Bulgaria's 2006 Europa stamps with related tabs.

EUROPA 1957, ITALIAN MAXI CARD - Sorry for the quality of the illustration at figure 16, but it was seen on Ebay in this condition. Shown is a maximum card with stamp and first day cancel from Italy's 1957 Europa set. The design features the six flags of the European Coal and steel Community under whose auspices the 1956-1959 Europa stamps were issued.



Figure 16. Maximum card franked with one value of Italy's 1957 Europa stamp set.

EUROPA 1996, MONACO PROOF - One of the philatelic items issued by Monaco for its 1996 Europa stamps was a proof of the 3.00f value depicting Princess Grace, shown at figure 17. The special sheet was offered on Ebay with an opening bid of about \$133. It sold for that amount.

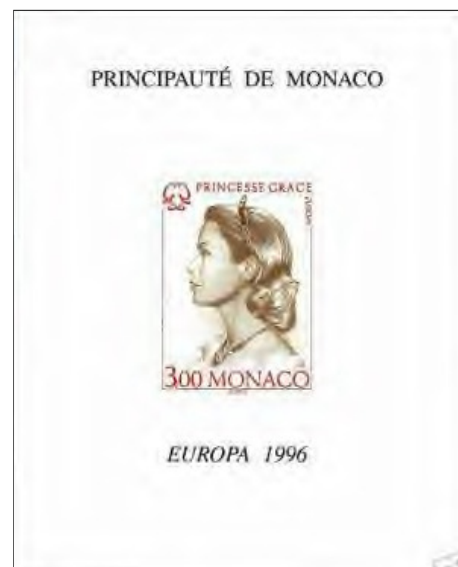


Figure 17. Special 1996 Monaco Europa sheet featuring Princess Grace.

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What follows is a selection of cancels received from Mr. Uwe Kensing one of our Luxembourg correspondents. I have broken them down into general categories.

JUMELAGE (TWIN CITIES, PARTNERSHIPS) -



Figure 18. Three Europa cancels on the theme of partnership or twin cities (Jumelage).



EUROPA BRIEFS (continued)



Figure 19. Four Europa cancels on the theme of stamp shows.

SPACE -



Figure 20. Two Europa space cancels.

EUROPA DAYS, WEEKS, YEARS -



Figure 21. Two Europa cancels - , Europa Day and Europa Year..

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ALBUM SUPPLEMENTS - The following information has been received regarding the KABE and Lighthouse 2005 supplements.

KABE				
TYPE	#	REG \$	#	HLES \$
Joint Issues	ML N 71/05	54.90	OF N 71/05	79.90
Sympathy Issues	ML N 71 B/05	11.90	OF N 71 B/05	19.90
LIGHTHOUSE				
TYPE	#	REG \$	#	HLES \$
Joint Issues	N 71/05	39.90	N 71 SF/05	69.90
Sympathy Issues	N 71 B/05	8.90	N 71 B SF/05	14.90
Miniature Sheets	-	-	N 71 K SK/05	259.90

Figure 22. Table of prices for 2005 KABE and Lighthouse album supplements.

EUROPA 2005, WHERE ARE THEY FROM? - The two stamps at figure 23 were listed in a previous issue as coming from Moldova.. They are not! So where are they from?



Figure 23. Where are these 2005 Europa stamps from? What "country" issued them?

EUROPA 1956, FRANCE VARIETY - The stamps at figure 24 in the next column, are the pale type rather than the deeper color type. The stamp on the left is very pale. In fact, the pink color of the background is mostly missing. The normal stamp is at the right. While hard to see in black-and-white, the difference is there. Information on numbers printed is not known.

EUROPA BRIEFS (continued)



Figure 24. 1956 French Europa stamp of the pale pink type with a very pale printing on the left and a normal stamp of the pale type on the right.

EUROPA 1956, GERMANY ON COVER - While only the low value of the set, each item shown at figure 25 below and in the next column, was from a lot of 45 covers and cards seen on Ebay. The opening bid was only \$9.99. This lot would make a nice addition to a Europa collector as each piece looks like it was actually sent through the mail, or it bears a special cancel from that year.



Figure 25. 10 items from a lot of 45, all franked with the low value of Germany's 1956 Europa set.

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DOMFIL EUROPA CATALOGUE - my name is Anabel Barroso, I am addressing you from Domfil. As you probably know we are stamp catalogues publisher and among our many titles it is the *Europa CEPT PostEurope* catalogue. A new edition of this catalogue (with all the stamps issued up to the year 2005) is going to be in stock next week and we are interested in informing the *Europa Study Unit* members. If you want to include some information about this in your news bulletin, please contact me and I will send all the necessary details. Furthermore, we are interested in receiving a sample copy of your magazine *Europa News*. Could you please, send it to us? I hope we can keep in touch from now on. Best regards, Anabel Barroso, Departamento de Ventas/Sales Department Passeig Manresa 19-25 4º 2ª 08201 Sabadell - Barcelona, Spain. Tel.: +34937251211, Fax: +34937155198.

LINER EUROPA? - I wonder what the righter of the letter sent in the envelope at figure 26 was thinking? The cover is an official one from the German Liner "Bremen." The cancel is from the Bremen and is dated August 1, 1933. The cover is addressed to New York on a Germany to New York sailing of the Bremen. So why did the writer annotate the cover in the upper left corner with the "via S.S. Europa?"

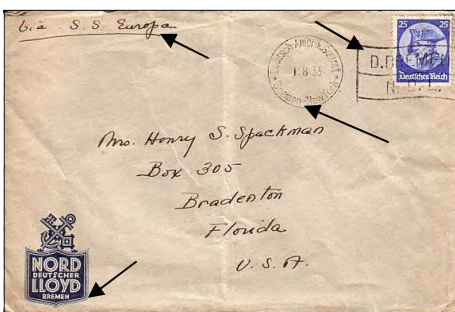


Figure 26. Cover on Liner Bremen stationery, mailed on the Bremen but manuscript "Europa" mark.

EUROPA 1958, FRANCE "VARIETY" - To me, a variety is a CONSTANT, UN-INTENDED difference on a stamp. Other than that, I believe the correct description should be "variety." In any event, the stamp at figure 27 in the next column has red ink marks in the upper and lower right margin. In French, a "nuance."

EUROPA BRIEFS (continued)



Figure 27. 20f value of France's 1958 Europa set with red ink marks in the right margin.

FRANCO-BRITISH EXHIBITION OF 1908 - An early manifestation of country cooperation was the Franco-British Exhibition of 1908. The exhibition was held at Shepherd's Bush, London from May to October of that year. The D'Urso "Europa" Catalogue takes note of the official exhibition cancel by assigning it number V1a with a rarity factor of 10. See directly below.



The exhibition was also commemorated on labels.



Note: Top label is bright blue on white paper, bottom one is dull blue on cream.



Figure 28. Example of D'Urso V1a cancel and 3 labels from the 1908 exhibition.

MAIL STRIKE OF 1971 - Many labels were created for the British mail strike of 1971. They were often printed or overprinted with the word "Europa." Many were created from existing stocks of carriage labels and many come from small British islands. Rarely are they seen used as intended - to carry the mail. Look at an example of a "strike-mail" cover from the Isle of Wight. However, this cover was carried during the strike by the Vector Postal Service and stayed entirely on the Isle of Wight.

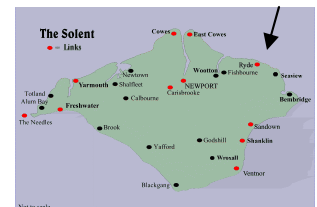
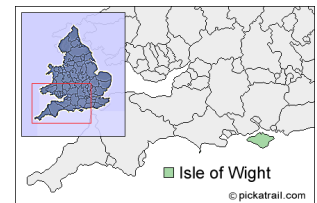


Figure 29. 1971 strike-mail cover written on, posted on and carried within, the Isle of Wight.

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EUROPA 1963, FRENCH NUANCES

- Complete sets of 2 stamps of France's 1963 Europa stamps, printing in lighter and darker shades. While more difficult to see in black-and-white, they are clearly seen in the original colors of red-brown and green. Figure 30.



Figure 30. 1963 French Europa stamps in light (left) and dark (right) shades.

EUROPA 1958, ITALY INTERESTING USE

- The card or cover at figure 31, is a registered "Atti Giudiziari" - court document (e.g., as judicial notice). It is franked with 3 high values of Italy's 1958 Europa set.



Figure 31. Italy 1958 Europa stamps on registered judicial notice.

CONGRESS OF EUROPE, ROME 1957

- Many of us know of the great Congress of Europe that took place on the Hague, Netherlands in May, 1948. In fact, a special cancel was used there from May 7-11 of that year. It is listed in the D'Urso Catalogue as number A1 with a rarity factor of 10. See figure 32



Figure 32. Great Congress of Europe cancel dated the Hague, May 8, 1948.

EUROPA BRIEFS (continued)

Member Hai Webers of the Netherlands writes asking about another "Congress of Europe" cancel. This one, shown at figure 33. It is dated at Rome, June 12, 1957. It is listed in the D'Urso Catalogue as number C48 with a rarity factor of 7.



Figure 33. 1957 Congress of Europe cancel held in Rome, June 1957.

Hai wants to know what was the subject of this latter congress and is it related to European Unity? I always thought that a listing in the D'Urso Catalogue implied that relationship, some further study was necessary. The D'Urso catalogue shows another mark used at the congress. See figure 34.

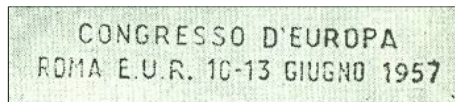


Figure 34. Second 1957 Congress of Europe cancel held in Rome, June 1957.

This cancel lets us know that the congress was held at Rome E.U.R. June 10-13, 1957. This cancel is listed as D'Urso number C49 with a rarity factor of 5. I "Googled" the 1957 Congress of Europe." Here is what I found. E.U.R. or EUR is a southern suburb of Rome. Many conferences are held there. A photo of the current conference center is at figure 35. I did not find any other information about the specific congress. HELP! Does anyone know about it?



Figure 35. conference center at EUR, Rome.

EUROPA AIR RACE OF 1932 - A

"Circuit of Europe" air race was held in 1932. I do not know all the other places if any, where the race was held, but all of it or one part was between Bellinzona and Geneva, Switzerland. Another leg of the race was a return flight from Geneva to Bellinzona. Figure 36 is a lot of 2 registered covers seen on Ebay. One is from the first leg and the other is from the second leg. You can see all of the cancels for both the postal service and the flights. I am sure that there are additional marks on the backs of the covers. See D'Urso numbers U5 and U6 each with a rarity factor of 9.



Figure 36. Registered covers from the 1932 Circuit of Europe air race.

EUROPA 1981, SWEDEN COIL END

- For years, Swedish new issues have been issued in coils. Many coils, sold in rolls have selvedge at the beginning and at the end of the roll. Occasionally, that selvedge contains a message. Some message may be of interest to the Europa collector. Such is the case of the lower stamp on the cover at figure 37 on the next page. It is the coil end of the 2Kr value of Sweden's 1981 Europa set. Note the reference to Europa 1981 in the selvedge. Unfortunately, the coil is not tied to the cover.

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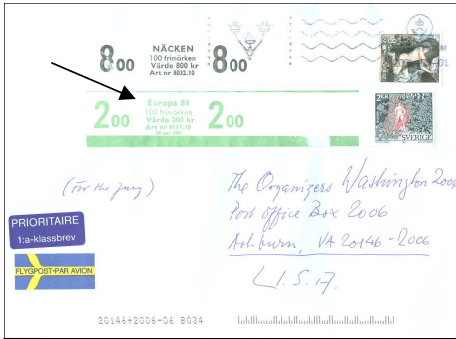


Figure 37. Cover with untied coil stamp and coil strip end with reference to Europa 1981.

CATALOGUE, EUROPA - I came across the image of a Europa Catalogue while “surfing” at Ebay, the on-line auction site. See figure 38. I remember thinking, Oh boy, another Europa catalogue. On further inspection, I realized that the word “Europa” meant Europe and it had nothing to do with European unity philately. I should have known from the 1910 date at the bottom of the catalogue cover.



Figure 38. Front cover of a 1910 European stamp catalogue.

SPORT, EUROPEAN SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS OF 1984 - In 1984, Russia issued a stamp in sheets of 25, commemorating the European Soccer Championships. See figure 39.



Figure 39. 1984 European Soccer Championships.

EUROPA BRIEFS (continued)

CATALOGUE, EUROPA, FABBRI -

The book at figure 40 is a stamp catalogue titled (in English), “Europa Stamps.” It is edited by a person named Fabbri and according to its Ebay seller, “guaranteed” by “Bolaffi.” According to the ad, the catalogue consists of hundred of pages with hundred of stamps and sheets of all sizes depicted. The entire catalogue is in 4 volumes and was offered for sale at a buy-it-now price of about \$57.60.



Figure 40. Cover of one volume of a new Europa stamp catalogue.



World Mail Awards 2006: PostEurop Members take home half of the prizes... from a press release issued on May 12, 2006 by PostEurop.

“5 out of 10 prizes distributed during the internationally recognized World Mail Awards which took place in Paris on 10 May 2006 were handed over to European postal operator Members of PostEurop. The following prizes were awarded:

Corporate Social Responsibility (to encourage and reward operators who lead by example and have implemented a structured approach to social responsibilities): **Royal Mail Group plc** for its CSR Program.

Innovation (for new ideas and initiatives, whether technology related or not, that deliver value to mail users): **Esti Post** for its card transaction via GSM phone payment solution.

People Management (for examples of excellence in people management practice): **Magyar Posta** for its project “People are our competitive advantage.”

Security (for the mail operator, security organization or supplier who has done the most in the past year to assist detection and/or prevention of crime or fraud in the postal process): **Post Danmark** for its action against robberies and theft in post offices.

Transformation (for postal organizations that have undertaken considerable change with a focus on meeting their mission and bottom line results): **La Poste/De Post** for “The three years that changed the Belgian Post.”

PostEurop congratulates its Members on their patent success and invites them to share their awarded best practice through the Association's extensive network.

The World Mail Awards were created in 2000 by Triangle, organizers of the World Mail & Express Conferences, in view of encouraging and publicizing best practice within the mail industry worldwide.

MARSHALL PLAN TRAIN - The two cards at figure 41 below and on the next were canceled on the “Train of Europe” also known as the Marshall Plan Train. Both cards were canceled on March 14, 1951 when the train was in the 3rd day of its 4-day stop in the city of Lorach. This date and cancel identify the stop as the 58th overall stop between the two voyages the train made throughout Germany. It can also be counted as the 9th stop of the second voyage. D’Urso lists the cancel as number G10/58.



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Figure 41. Two cards canceled at Lorach, Germany aboard the Marshall Plan Train.

Also of note is the other side of both cards shows that they are official cards. These cards were handed out aboard the train and show among other things, the list of stops to be made. The star-shaped mark was made by the train conductor's ticket punch. Many of the cards have this punch mark to prove that the card was actually aboard the train.



Figure 42. Official card handed out aboard the Marshall Plan Train, showing the conductor's "star" punch.

EUROPA 1982, GB ON LITHOGRAPH - An Ebay seller offered an item as follows: "LIMITED EDITION FIRST DAY ISSUE ART WORK - FULL SET OF COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS NEATLY CANCELLED WITH APPROPRIATE FIRST DAY ISSUE PICTORAL CANCELLATION - LIMITED EDITION ARTIST 'SIGNED' LITHOGRAPHED FIRST DAY ISSUE ART WORK FROM THE SUMNER COLLECTION. OVERSIZED (13"x10") FDI CARD LIMITED TO 9500....THIS ONE BEING NUMBER 7127 THE REVERSE HAS A FULL WRITE UP OF THE ISSUE." A copy of a scan taken from the side, is at figure 43 in the next column.

EUROPA BRIEFS (continued)

EUROPA 1964, FRENCH COLOR PROOF - Figure 44 shows France's 1964 Europa stamps along with a bottom margin copy of a color proof in a medium blue. The stamps and proof were seen on Ebay with a "buy-it-now" price of \$28.

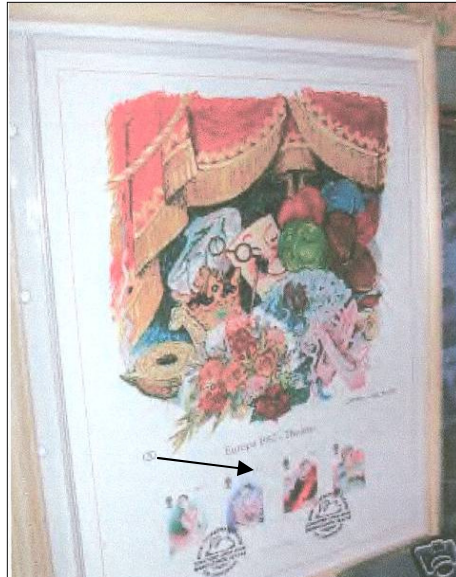


Figure 43. Theater related lithograph with Great Britain 1982 Europa stamps tied with first day cancels.



Figure 44. Imperforate bottom margin copy of France's 1964 Europa stamp offered on Ebay with a complete set of the stamps as issued.

EUROPA 1988, MONACO SOUVENIR SHEET - Each year for a long time, Monaco has issued its Europa stamps in a souvenir sheet of 10 stamps (5 x 2). These sheets are in addition to regular sheet stamps. What is important about the 1988 sheet at figure 45 in the next column is that it is imperforate. Monaco produces these sheets in both perforated and imperforate condition. The imperforate sheets are rarer and hard to come by. The one shown here was offered on EBay with an opening bid of \$242.



Figure 45. 1988 Monaco Europa souvenir sheet of 10 in imperforate condition.

EUROPA 1956-1959, LOT AT AUCTION - A person in Vienna, Austria put a lot on Ebay consisting of complete M-NH year sets of Europa stamps from 1956 through 1969. See figure 46. Needless to say, the bidding was spirited. From an opening bid of €2, the number of bids grew to 24. The lot sold for \$815.



Figure 46. 1956 set from a lot of 1956-1969 year sets offered for sale on Ebay.

MOTORSHIP "EUROPA" -



Figure 47. Picture of the Motor Vessel "Europa."

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ADDENDUM TO LIST OF 2004 EUROPA STAMPS - Armenia, 16MAR05, Scott #703, value AMD70, originally scheduled for release in October 2004.

POSTEUROP 2005 ANNUAL REVIEW - The following was received in a press release from PostEurop. "Dear colleagues, The **Annual Review 2005** is now available in electronic format on PostEurop's website at http://www.posteurop.org/eng/annual_review.asp. The Annual Review contains exhaustive information on PostEurop's activities and achievements throughout the last year. It is also designed as a reference tool for Members and partner organizations in the postal and written communications business. Numerous hyperlinks and bookmarks make it an easy-to-navigate e-publication which we hope will become your handbook to PostEurop for the next 12 months. To order the print version which will be available soon, please contact PostEurop Headquarters. We wish you a pleasant reading. Best regards, **Aurélie Valtat, Communication Manager, PostEurop** Avenue du Bourget, 44, B-1130 Brussels, Belgium, Tel: +32 2 724 72 86, Portable: +32 473 975 659, Fax: +32 2 72 6 30 08, Email: aureie.valtat@posteurop.org, Web: www.posteurop.org.

EUROPA 2006, MALTA SPECIMENS - figure 48 is a complete set of Europa 2006 astamps from Malta, each with a "specimen" overprint.



Figure 48. Europa 2006 specimen overprints from Malta.

EUROPA BRIEFS (concluded)

NATO POSTAL STATIONERY - The registered postal stationery envelope with additional franking, at figure 49, was issued to commemorate a meeting of NATO Foreign ministers. The meeting was held in Sophia, Bulgaria.



Figure 49. Romanian postal stationery commemorating the 1966 NQTO Foreign Ministers meeting.

EUROPA 1986, USE OF SWISS STAMP DESIGNS - The items at figure 50 are Swiss telephone calling cards. Depicted on each card is one of the values of Switzerland's 1986 Europa stamps.



Figure 50. Swiss calling cards with Europa stamp designs.

AID TO RUSSIA - DURING World War Two, the United States and Russia were allied against the Axis powers. From around 1942, several U.S. cancels, in blue, were used on mail. The cancels, seen at figure 51 in the next column, were intended to drum up support for the U.S. program of sending massive amounts of aid to Russia to help her stave off the German invasion.



Figure 51. Two examples of U.S. meter marks used during WWII to advertise aid for Russia.

HANDBOOK ON THE EUROPEAN UNION - During the ESU meeting at Washington 2006, it was brought to my attention that there was a good book filled with information about the European Union. The book was written by Zoltán Horváth. Check out reference Press.hu. I saw a copy for sale for €22 plus postage from the EU.



Figure 52. Cover of the Handbook on the European Union by Horváth.

EUROPA 1961, SWISS PROOFS - Don Smith and I visited the French dealer Caphila at Washington 2006. Caphila is noted for having wonderful proof material. We saw two pencil drawing unaccepted designs for Europa stamps priced at €1200 (\$1509). We also saw offered in an upcoming auction a set of imperforate proofs of Switzerland's 1961 Europa stamps. See figure 53. According to Caphila, only 5 sets were printed.



Figure 52. One value of a Swiss 1961 imperforate Europa proof set.



Since taking over her new job, Ms. Aurélie Valtat, PostEurop Communication Manager, has developed a number of welcomed outreach programs. Of special interest is the monthly activities calendar. An explanation of how the calendar works is explained below. We are grateful to Ms. Valtat for including the Europa Study Unit in the calendar distribution. Ms. Valtat can be reached at PostEurop, Avenue du Bourget, 44, 1130 Brussels, Belgium, Tel: +32 2 724 72 86, Portable: +32 473 975 659, Fax: +32 2 726 30 08, Email: aurelie.valtat@posteurop.org.

PostEurop Calendar 2006

Introduction

The PostEurop Calendar 2006 is intended as an internal (HQ and Members) planning and strategic tool, as well as a showcase of PostEurop's participation in and presence at major postal events for external audiences.

Its objectives are three-fold:

- Administrative: to provide a tool for better management of PostEurop's resources (human, financial and physical such as conference rooms) for the preparation and follow-up of the Association's activities;
- Informational: to provide Members/PostEurop with an updated calendar of postal events in various arenas (PostEurop, European institutions, Member POs, UPU and international organisations, postal industry, etc.) and providing support in the organisation of their own agenda in order to avoid overriding of important events;
- Strategic: to invite PostEurop's management staff to consider attendance to specific events in order to promote the Association's strategy outlined at the Vilamoura Plenary Assembly.

The PostEurop Calendar is updated every month with the information received from Members and partner organisations, and collected by PostEurop Headquarters. It is sent by email to all PostEurop Members and partner organisations during the third week of each month, until the Web-based Calendar is available.

How to use this Calendar

Colour code

	Special date (no detailed information provided)
	PostEurop event
	Other postal organisations' event
	Conference, workshop or seminar
	Any other event

To view the upcoming events for a specific month or week, press the Ctrl key and click on the interactive list of months on the first page of the Calendar. Once you reach the month you selected, press the Ctrl key and click on the event you are interested in to reach the detailed information sheet for this event. The same method applies to all action buttons.

Each event or special date is represented in a specific colour, depending on the type of information.

To send an email to a contact or access the webpage on a specific event, just press the Ctrl key and click on the link to open your email software or Internet navigator.

If you notice that an important event is not in the Calendar, please fill in the Events Information Sheet annexed to the Calendar and send it back to PostEurop. If the event responds to the criteria defined for including events in the Calendar, the event will be included in the next monthly edition of the Calendar.

HANDBOOK UPDATE

Thanks to Don Smith we have two more pages updating the Council of Europe section of the "*Europa Handbook*."

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3b. **PUBLICITY/ANNIVERSARY ISSUES**

<u>Country</u>	<u>Scott</u>	<u>Michel</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Number Issued</u>	<u>Designer</u>	<u>Description</u>
France	679	942	May 31 1952	2,155,000	J. Decaris	publicity
Turkey	1130	1391	Aug 8 1954	110,000		5 th Anniversary
	1131	1392	"	150,000		"
	1132	1393	"	140,000		"
	1133	1394	"	100,000		"
	1440	1625	May 5 1959	1,000,000		10th Anniversary
	1612	1901	May 5 1964	500,000	B. Ozak	15 th Anniversary
	1613	1902	"	500,000 "	"	"
Austria	838	1292	May 5 1969	3,000,000	Gessner	20 th Anniversary
Cyprus	433	424	Feb171975	599,499		25 th Anniversary
France	1402	1872	May 4 1974	7,675,000		"
Netherlands	519	1036	Sept 10 1974	12,500,000		"
Germany	1229	921	Jan 13, 1977	13,950,000		New Headquarters Bldg.
Malta	731	810	Jan 28, 1989			Publicity
Finland	805	1093	Sept 4, 1989	1,000,000		40 th Anniversary
Germany	1578	1422	May 5, 1989	31,000,000		"
Greece	1663	1727	May 22, 1989	600,000		"
Luxembourg	808	1222	May 8, 1989	1,000,000		"
Malta	745	824	Oct 17, 1989			"
Turkey	B228	2856	May 5, 1989			"
Albania	2583	2681	Apr 20, 1999			50 th Anniversary
Andorra (Fr)	507	536	May 5, 1999	122,250	Guy Coda	"
Andorra (Sp)	256	266	Apr 29, 1999	300,000	Pedro Sanchez	"
Armenia	593	355	Jun 12, 1999			"
Austria	1784	2280	May 7, 1999	1,800,000	Valentin Wurnitsch	"
Azerbaijan	695	460	Dec 29, 1999			"
Bulgaria	4075	4390	May 5, 1999	600,000		"
Croatia	392	504	May 5, 1999			"
Cyprus	935	929	May 6, 1999	500,000	Stella Symeonidou	"
Czech Republic	3087	213	Apr 14, 1999	2,240,000	Jan Solpera	"
Denmark	1154	1213	Apr 28, 1999		Mette Johansson	"
Estonia	358	341	Mar 24, 1999	500,000	Jaan Saar	"
France	2708	3370	Mar 19, 1999	8,749,529		"
Germany	2039	2049	May 4, 1999	25,000,000		"
Hungary	3653	4542	May 4, 1999	200,000		"

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Scott</u>	<u>Michel</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Designer</u>	<u>Description</u>
Iceland	880	912	Apr 15 1999	250,000	Tryggvi Tryggvason	50th Anniversary
Ireland	1180	1145	Apr 29 1999	500,000	Jim McPartlin	"
Italy	2295	2636	May 5 1999	3,000,000	Maria Carmela Perrini	"
Latvia	486	500	May 3 1999	300,000		
Liechtenstein	1139	1200	May 25 1999		Rapallo	"
Lithuania	630	695	May 1 1999	500,000	V. J Anasauskas	"
Luxembourg	1003	1470	Mar 8 1999	400,000	D. Jacques Doppee	"
Macedonia	157	161	May 5 1999			"
Malta	966	1063	Apr 6 1999		Richard Carvana	"
	967	1064	"		"	"
Moldova	300	304	Apr 9 1999			"
Poland	3453	3762	May 5 1999	600,000		"
Portugal	2293	2337	May 5 1999	250,000	Carlos Leitao	"
Romania	4298	5409	May 5 1999	1,080,000		"
Russia	6512	721	May 5 1999	250,000		"
San Marino	1447	1838	May 12 1999	160,000	Franco Filanci	"
Slovakia	330	339	May 5 1999	240,000	Karol Felix	"
Slovenia	348	258	Mar 23 1999	80,000		"
Sweden	2347	2124	May 20 1999		Roger Stolz	"
Switzerland	1052	1688	May 5 1999		Arnold Wittwer	"
Turkey	B256	3178	Apr 30 1999			"
Ukraine	343	306	May-22-1999	200,000		"
Vatican City	1123	1302	Oct 12 1999	450,000		"
Liechtenstein	1200	1256	Mar 5, 2001			Council Presidency

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Scott</u>	<u>Michel</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Number Issued</u>	<u>Designer</u>	<u>Description</u>
Saar	226	297	Aug 8 1950	1,260,000	F. Tschersovsky	On admission
	C12	298	"	162,240	"	"
Cyprus	201	197	Mar 19 1962	2,345,676	T. Kopershoek	On admission
	202	198	"	929,240	"	"
	203	199	"	965,459	"	"
	219	215	Jan 28 1963	1,360,691	L. Weyer	1st Anniv. of admission
	220	216	"	574,523	"	"
	221	217	"	424,960	"	"
Malta	407	396	Sep 20 1969		Cremona	Member of C/E
Portugal	1320	1348	Jan 28 1977	1,000,000		Admission
	1321	1349	"	500,000	"	"
Spain	2103	2368	May 5 1978	12,000,000		Admission
Liechtenstein	669	729	Jun 7 1979	1,309,390		Admission
Austria	1340	1842	Feb 28 1986	3,500,000		30 th Anniv. Admission

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Bulgaria	3733	4014	Nov 6 1992	1,200,000		Admission
Romania	3864	4931	Nov 26 1993	200,000		Admission
Albania	2482	2567	Jun 29 1995			Admission
	2483	2568	"			"
Andorra (Fr)	458	487	Nov 4 1995	206,486		Admission
Andorra (Sp)	236	245	Nov 10 1995	550,000	Jose Luiz Suarez	"
Macedonia	62C	61	Dec 27 1995	100,000		Admission
Russia	6416	622	Oct 1 1997	250,000		Admission (with label)
Georgia	212	318	Dec 9 1999			Admission
	213	319	"			"
Armenia	631	433	Jun 11 2001			Admission
Azerbaijan	716	496	Apr 25 2001			Admission
Bulgaria	4232	4570	May 29 2002	100,000	Olav Daskalov	10 th Anniv of Adm.
Serbia-						
Montenegro	180	3107	Apr 3 2003	35,000	Radomir Bojanic	Admission
	181	3108	"		"	"
Andorra (Fr)	591		Nov 6 2004			10th Anniv of adm.
Andorra (Sp)	306		Nov 10 2004			"

NEW ISSUES FROM THE JUNE 2006 SCOTT STAMP MONTHLY

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>SCOTT#</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Austria	2035	1-Jan-06	Austria's Presidency of the European Union
Estonia	528-9	4-Jan-06	50 th Anniversary Europa Stamps (529 a souvenir sheet)
France	3153	10-Nov-05	Art, Joint issue with Vatican City (1312-4)
Gibraltar	1010-3	31-Mar-05	Europa 2005
Gibraltar	1014- 7	8-May-06	VE Day (1 017a = souvenir sheet)
Gibraltar	1026	30-Sep-05	50 th Anniversary Europa Stamps
Iceland	1066	2-Feb-06	50 th Anniversary Europa Stamps
Italy	2700	10-Nov-05	Giuseppe Mazzini
Kazakhstan	483	28-Apr-05	VE Day
Lesotho	1379-80	22-Aug-05	Albert Einstein (1380 a souvenir sheet)
Lesotho	1383	22-Aug-05	VE Day (souvenir sheet) 1383a, Gen. George Marshall
Liberia	2364a-c	22-Aug-05	Albert Einstein (3 sheetlets)
Liberia	2366-7	22-Aug-05	VE Day (souvenir sheets of 4) 2366b = Churchill Europa 2006
Liechtenstein	1345-6	6-Mar-06	Europa 2006
Macedonia	352-3	14-Nov-05	50 th Anniversary Europa Stamps (253 = souvenir sheet)
Maldives Islands	2865b	20-Sep-05	Napoleon I
Maldives Islands	2867-8	20-Sep-05	Albert Einstein (2868 a souvenir sheet)
Malta	1232	3-Jan-06	50 th Anniversary Europa Stamps, souvenir sheet of 4
Poland	3800-4	24-Oct-05	Landmarks in European Union Capital cities
St. Helena	894-7	6-Feb-06	50 th Anniversary Europa Stamps (897a, SS)

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PRICES REALIZED - AUCTION #106

LOT	\$	LOT	\$	LOT	\$	LOT	\$	LOT	\$
1 -	10.50	42 -	2.50	107 -	6.50	164 -	.45	223 -	1.00
2 -	11.50	43 -	2.50	108 -	24.50	165 -	.40	224 -	1.50
3 -	4.50	46 -	1.75	109 -	.80	166 -	1.00	225 -	1.60
5 -	2.25	47 -	1.25	110 -	3.25	169 -	6.40	226 -	2.00
6 -	2.25	48 -	4.25	111 -	6.60	170 -	1.65	227 -	2.50
7 -	5.00	49 -	5.00	112 -	2.40	171 -	.45	228 -	3.25
8 -	2.50	50 -	3.25	113 -	1.65	172 -	.45	229 -	1.85
9 -	1.75	51 -	3.50	114 -	.90	173 -	.75	230 -	3.25
10 -	3.25	52 -	1.65	115 -	1.35	174 -	3.75	231 -	2.00
11 -	2.20	53 -	1.50	116 -	3.30	175 -	1.65	232 -	4.25
12 -	1.50	54 -	2.25	117 -	1.75	176 -	1.50	235 -	6.60
13 -	1.50	55 -	.95	118 -	1.35	177 -	3.50	237 -	1.00
14 -	1.80	59 -	1.00	121 -	2.60	178 -	1.50	238 -	16.00
15 -	1.80	60 -	1.15	123 -	1.00	179 -	4.00	240 -	1.10
16 -	2.50	61 -	1.00	124 -	4.00	180 -	4.75	242 -	1.00
17 -	2.40	62 -	1.00	125 -	5.35	182 -	4.00	246 -	1.65
18 -	3.75	63 -	2.10	127 -	4.25	184 -	3.00	247 -	1.85
19 -	3.25	66 -	.65	132 -	1.90	185 -	2.45	248 -	.75
20 -	2.75	73 -	.90	134 -	3.00	186 -	2.20	252 -	.30
21 -	3.25	75 -	1.00	135 -	4.25	188 -	.60	253 -	.55
22 -	2.20	76 -	1.75	136 -	1.80	189 -	1.00	254 -	1.10
23 -	1.75	78 -	1.90	137 -	1.00	191 -	2.50	255 -	1.20
24 -	1.75	79 -	1.60	138 -	26.50	193 -	2.10	256 -	3.00
25 -	3.50	80 -	1.50	140 -	4.90	195 -	1.80	257 -	1.15
26 -	1.30	81 -	.95	142 -	2.50	202 -	1.50	259 -	2.25
27 -	3.60	82 -	1.40	144 -	1.75	204 -	.90	260 -	2.55
28 -	.85	86 -	1.00	145 -	1.15	206 -	1.40	261 -	1.25
29 -	.90	88 -	4.25	147 -	.60	207 -	.65	263 -	13.00
30 -	.80	89 -	4.25	150 -	.75	208 -	1.60	264 -	4.75
31 -	1.30	90 -	1.10	151 -	1.35	209 -	6.25	265 -	6.75
32 -	1.10	91 -	1.00	152 -	1.75	210 -	29.00	266 -	42.00
33 -	1.85	92 -	1.15	154 -	2.60	211 -	21.00	268 -	1.70
34 -	13.50	93 -	1.15	155 -	3.00	212 -	14.50	269 -	1.20
35 -	1.85	94 -	1.65	157 -	4.25	213 -	7.50	270 -	2.25
36 -	1.10	95 -	.75	158 -	1.50	214 -	2.20	271 -	2.00
37 -	.65	96 -	2.25	159 -	1.60	216 -	3.50	272 -	2.25
38 -	.85	97 -	1.00	160 -	3.85	217 -	.75	273 -	3.00
40 -	1.25	105 -	2.10	162 -	.75	218 -	1.15	274 -	3.00
41 -	3.00	106 -	1.00	163 -	1.40	219 -	(1.90	275 -	3.10

Number of consignors: 10

Number of Bidders: 20

Number of Lots sold: 195 (71%)

Most bid Lots: 5 each 15, 17, 23, 202, 216, 266

FORWARD CALENDAR

COUNTRY	DATE OF ISSUE	DESCRIPTION
Belgium	30APR06	Europa - 2 stamps for the 100th anniversary of the scouts
Belgium	30APR06	50th anniversary of the European Union.

NEW POSTMARKS**MARSHALL PLAN POSTAL CARDS**

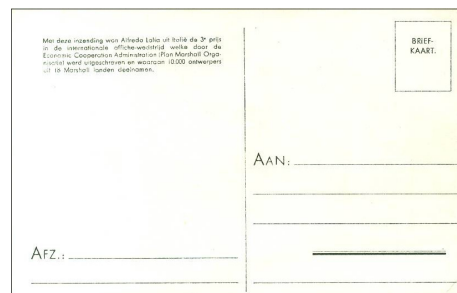
The Marshall Plan administration ran a poster art contest following WWII. The poster theme was to be on European Reconstruction. Over 30,000 entries were received and judges. Special prizes were awarded to the top 30 posters. Those posters were reproduced in sets and are sometimes offered singly, for sale. Austria prepared postal cards that depicted three of the top designs.



The three items below and in the next column are post cards. They do not have indicia, but use the pictures of three designs from the Marshall Plan poster art



contest. As you can see, one of the designs is the same as the Austria postal card while the other two are designs from the top 30 winners. What follows is a scan of the back (message side) of the card.



Roughly translated, the inscription reads: "...Alfredo Lalia from Italy won 3 prizes in the international poster contest run by the Economic Cooperation Administration (Marshall Plan Organization). In which 10,000 designers from 18 Marshall Plan countries took part..." The wording is Dutch which might be a clue as to where the cards were printed/sold.

INFORMATION FROM JÜRGEN HAEPER'S EUROPA WEB SITE

<http://www.geocities.com>

Here you can find some news related with the *Europa Stamps* collection. If you have more news, don't hesitate to contact me, so that I can add it on this page !

01.12.2005 : Since today all the 2005 Europa stamps (theme "Gastronomy") are on this website ! Last country being added is Armenia... enjoy !

07.10.2005 : The 70.- ISK stamp issued by Iceland this year has been chosen as the most beautiful Europa stamps of the year 2005 by PostEurop.

16.03.2005 : Finally the last 2004 Europa stamps set has been issued... in 2005! Armenia issued two stamps today and it completes the 2004 theme "Vacation".

04.09.2004 : PostEurop elected the best Europa stamp design for 2004 during their plenary session in Bucharest. The 2004 Europa stamp of Greenland won this contest held by the PostEurop member countries delegates.

02.07.2004 : PostEurop selects the EUROPA Stamp themes for 2006 and 2007. In 2006, the stamps will be devoted to the theme The integration as seen by young people and will be a drawing competition and in 2007 to 100 years of scouting.

19.09.2003 : Today, the last 2003 Europa-Stamps have been issued in Norway ! You can enjoy, here, the full 2003 collection !

03.06.2003 : PostEurop elected the best Europa stamp design for 2003. Of the fifty-two designs submitted, Monaco Post drew the most votes among delegates. The design depicts a young lady at the diving board. (http://www.posteurop.org/eng/print.asp?ne_id=499)

05.02.2003 : What was Yugoslavia officially became Serbia and Montenegro in a loose union of the two component republics brought in by the federal parliament.

24.01.2003 : Yugoslavia joins PostEurop. (http://www.posteurop.org/eng/print.asp?ne_id=461)

04.11.2002 : On the 17th of October, PostEurop elected the best Europa-Stamp design for 2002. And the winner is... Malta !!! PostEurop plans henceforth to organise this competition on an annual basis, to encourage creativity and excellence in Europa-Stamp design. (http://www.posteurop.org/eng/print.asp?ne_id=413)

22.10.2002 : Finally the last 2002 Europa-Stamp is on-line, it will be issued on the 5th of November by the Isle of Man. Now you can enjoy and see on this website the full 2002 collection !

11.03.2002 : PostEurop selects the EUROPA Stamp themes for 2004 and 2005. In 2004, the stamps will be devoted to the theme vacation and in 2005 to gastronomy.

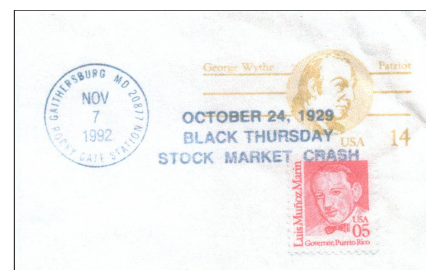
2003 will have as theme: poster art

(http://www.posteurop.org/eng/artikel.asp?zoek=1&ne_id=323)

MEMBER AD

1. New member Richard Benjamin is looking for Scott #621, 1965 San Marino "red rook" invert error. Please contact him at (404) 512-1583.

2. Netherlands correspondent Max Molenaar, editor of *Grenzenloos* is looking for the cancel illustrated to the right. Max can be reached by mail at Beijerland 40, 2716 CN Zoetermeer, Netherlands or by e-mail at m.molenaar@zoetermeer.nl.



LEON JOUHAUX - EUROCRAT?**“EUROCRAT LEON JOUHAUX”**

- In 1949 he became president of the **European Movement**, whose Council of Europe was established as a first step toward federated Europe. For some thirty years Jon-

hauux struggled to keep the Trade and Labor Sectors (C.G.T.) free of political domination. Under intense attack by the French Communists from 1918 on,

Jouhaux maintained the integrity of the C.G.T. by forcing the Communists to split off in 1921. He reunited the two groups against fascism in 1936, but after the outbreak of World War II in 1939, once again dissociated himself from the Communists. After the fall of France, the C.G.T. was dissolved. Jouhaux joined the Resistance, was arrested in December, 1941, and held in house custody until April, 1943, when he was sent to the Buchenwald prison camp in Germany. He was liberated in May of 1945, still a healthy man at the age of sixty-six despite his imprisonment of twenty-five months. Upon his return to active leadership in a reconstituted C. G.T., he shared the office of secretary-general with the

Communist Benoit Frachon. Opposing the Communists on both ideological and tactical grounds and dismayed by their unwillingness to support the **Marshall Plan**, Jouhaux reluctantly withdrew in 1947 from the central organization of the C.G.T. to form, along with other leaders, the C.G.T.-Force Ouvrière, of which he became president. The C.G.T.-F.O., advocating freedom from political control, the establishment of a **United States of Europe**, the pursuit of unity among the workers of the world, and action to increase the status of labor, grew rapidly in membership in the next few years. One of Jonhauux's most important offices was that of president of the French National Economic Council.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EUROPA STAMPS

Dana Roper, Unit Treasurer, put together this list of countries issuing stamps to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Europa Stamps. At some point, the Unit will publish an update to the Handbook, but for now, please use this list. Provide me with updates.

Afghanistan	Bulgaria	Fiji	Kiribati	Mozambique	Slovenia
Albania	Chad	Gambia	Kosovo	Nicaragua	Solomon Islands
Austria	Congo	Georgia	Kyrgystan	Peru	Sri Lanka
Azerbaijan	Croatia	Gibraltar	Laos	Romania	Surinam
Bahamas	Cuba	Greece	Latvia	Saint Helena	Turkey
Benin	Central Africa	Greenland	Liechtenstein	Saint Thomas	Turkish Cyprus
Bosnia	Cyprus	Guinea	Macedonia	Samoa	Ukraine
Bosnia-Croatia	Democratic	Iceland	Malta	Sao Tome	United States
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Republic of the	Isle of Man	Moldova	Serbia	Uruguay
Bosnia-Sarajevo	Congo	Ivory coast	Mongolia	Serbia-Montenegro	Vatican City
	Estonia	Jamaica	Montenegro		

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Besides the 10 members, giving us \$100, we got the following income: Souvenir Sheets \$60.00; CD's \$20.00; HB (new) \$15.00; French sheets \$35.00; Donation \$3.00; (The French sheets were donated by Richard Dick). Total for the table was \$233.00. Add to that, income from Steve Luster's donated covers that were offered for sale at the Unit meeting and we cleared #396 for the show. Unfortunately, there was not much help at the booth, and it fell to Les Heinzl, Richard Dick, Dana Roper and myself, with Les being there the majority of the time. But, I think our exposure was worth it.

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CITY POST STAMPS WITH EUROPA DESIGNS

The following article first appeared in the 2006 number 94 (149) issue of *Grenzenloos* the Bulletin of the United Nations/United Europe stamp club in the Netherlands. It was written by Ab Merkx and published by Max Molenaar who also did the translation into English. The article is reprinted here with permission and with grateful appreciation.

Europa motieven op stadpostzegels (Europa designs on city Post Stamps)

An important example of collecting a topic inside a topic is described in this Article - Ab Merkx.

In 2004 there appeared in several city mail services in the Netherlands, stamps with images which correspond to those on early Europa stamps (e.g., common design/theme stamps issued annually by member countries of the ECSC & CEPT, ed.).

City mail postal services have long existed in the Netherlands. They emulate what is known in Great Britain as *local mail*. In the beginning, the number of towns in which city mail service was operative, was larger than at present. But still there are a number of municipalities where mail, is delivered, if according to legally permitted rules applicable to such local service.

Some local mail services issue seals. Those seals are also available to collectors. In the Netherlands a special club of and for collectors of such material exists. It is the Study Group of Private Postal Services. It can be reached by telephone at 055-3552042/.

Now, let's look at a number of the 2004 city stamps. For example:

Alkmaar: A 30¢ label of the 1956 Europa common design.



Den Helder: 30¢ label of the 1958 Europa common design. This city also issued labels with common designs as follows: 50¢ in 1971; 80¢ in 1968; 100¢ in 1959.



Nijmegen: 30¢ in 1962; 50¢ in 1967; 80¢ in 1969; 100¢ in 1965. **Lelystad:** 30¢ in 1966; 80¢ in 1960; 100¢ in 1956. **Beverwijk:** 32¢ in 1972. **Venlo:** 30¢ in 1964.

First we notice that not all cities use images from the same Europa year for their most common values. The choice seems therefore completely arbitrary. Further, we notice not all images are close reproductions, but sometimes are adapted. The Alkmaar label with the image from 1956 seems to be most identical to the actual Europa stamp. We can also say that about the design of the 30¢ stamp of Den Helder with the image of the 1958 Europa stamp.

The label with a value of 100¢ from Lelystad is a reversed copy of the Dutch seal from 1957.



The small circle and the square at the top of the stamp have been placed at the bottom of the label while the logo at the bottom of the stamp is at the top of the label.



Looking at the 50¢ stamp of Den Helder with the image of the 1971 Europa common design, we see that on the original stamp the chain (as a symbol of cooperation) is horizontal. On the city postage stamp the chain is vertical. Such an image reversal is also on the 100¢ label of Nijmegen (also illustrated below).



The name *city post* is on all of the labels, but sometimes the city name is lacking. In that situation, the postal code number of the city is on the label. Some research is required to identify the city of origin for labels without city names.

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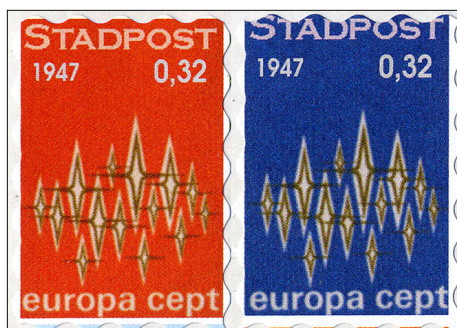
For example, postal code documents reveal that the city of Den Helder has postal code 1784; Venlo has code 5914.



If we look back for a number of years, it appears that the city mail services of Amsterdam, Zaandam and Hoofddorp in 1991/92 also used labels with images of Europa stamps. They did that on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of CEPT stamps. Those city post labels were issued both perforated and imperforate.

Every city mail service is independently and can therefore also choose its own designs. Thus the owner of the service in Beverwijk told me that sometimes his grandson comes up with the label design.

In 2004, though varied, Europa labels were issued, some cities sought to receive bids for producing the labels. A venture was made by the firm Nihot. A number of city posts used the label producing service. For some time there seemed to have existed a kind of coop-



eration between this firm and the city postal services. However, beginning in 2005 it seems to have ended.

/s/ Ab Merx

(In all my years of collecting Europa stamps, I never heard or saw any of the labels illustrated in this article. As Ab Merx wrote "...it is a topic within a

topic." Happy hunting. Ed.).

One more thought...There is a local post "stamp" from Friesland. It was used beginning in 2004. The regional mail in North East Friesland (province of the Netherlands) issued a special stamp (label) on the occasion of the fact that the language of Friesland in



2004, has been recognized as an official language in the European Union. The stamp (label) shows the blue European flag with golden stars. Proudly it says: "since 30-11-2004 national recognition."

/s/ A.M.

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<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>SCOTT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Kyrgyzstan	257	18JUN05	Charles de Gaulle
Kyrgyzstan	266	18JUN05	Winston Churchill
Laos	1668-1673	24OCT05	50th anniversary of Europa stamps (1673a = SS)
Latvia	633-637	07JAN06	50th anniversary of Europa stamps (637 = SS)
Micronesia	660	20SEP05	Einstein (SS of 4 stamps)
Moldova	496-498	20JUL05	50th anniversary of Europa stamps (498 = SS)
Monaco	2390	05SEP05	10th European Patrimony Day
Mongolia	2613	01FEB06	50th anniversary of Europa stamps (sheet of 12 stamps)
Montserrat	1135a	04NOV05	Napoleon I
Nicaragua	2466-2470	?????06	50th anniversary of Europa stamps (2470 = SS of 4)
Niue	802-805	27DEC05	50th anniversary of Europa stamps (804-805 = SSs)
Pakistan	1075	20NOV05	SOS Children's Villages
Peru	1482	24NOV05	50th anniversary of Europa stamps (sheet of 4 stamps)
Sweden	2527	29MAR06	Norse mythology (sheet of 2 stamps)
Turkey	2975	03NOV05	Negotiations to join the European Union
Uruguay	2121-2122	11AUG05	50th anniversary of Europa stamps

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