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2020 Best Europa Stamp Contest Winners



#1 Turkey



#2 Armenia

#3 Azerbaijan



From *PostEurop*:

Taking on the theme "Ancient Postal Routes", a total of 55 entries took part in this year's EUROPA online voting competition. A new record number of votes was received, marking a new milestone with over 38 thousand votes reached!

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New Issues
Europa 2020
Ancient Postal Routes

GREENLAND 2v +2v self adhesive se-tenant in a booklet of 6 sets

Issue date 14 September 2020

Charles Lindbergh 1933—Greenland’s first flying mailman



American Charles Lindbergh became the first in Greenlandic history to transport mail by air from location to location. From 22 July to 26 August 1933, he and his wife, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, flew a total of 43 hours and covered 8.000 km in the air over the North Atlantic, internally in Greenland and on to Iceland.

On the trip, they brought mail from the six cities they visited in Greenland. The collected mail from the Greenlandic cities was then delivered to the Icelandic Mail Service when the couple landed in Reykjavik. From Iceland the mail was transported by ship to Bergen in Norway and then on to the recipients in Denmark.

The reconstructed room from when the Lindberghs spent the night in South Greenland can be seen at Qaqortoq Museum. In the room, the original photos that are the basis for the two stamps, plus a group photo can be seen. Among those in the group photo is the great polar researcher Knud Rasmussen, and Lindbergh on his plane. As a pilot, pioneer and mail man Charles Lindbergh made his mark on Greenland and the world.

— from *telepost.gl* (Greenland Post News Bulletin)

Note: Lindbergh’s historic flight across the Atlantic occurred six years previously, in May of 1927.

MOLDOVA 2v + booklet pane of 4

Issue date 17 August 2020



By Land



By Air



No additional information available at press time. Apparently all philatelic activities ceased between February and July. Also, the International Moldovan Philatelic Society (IMPS) reports that this same period showed the departure of the entire staff from the Philatelic Editorial Section "TIMBROFIL", either by dismissal or by resignation. A new contract was then negotiated with another Moldovan company under somewhat suspicious circumstances. Because of this, the IMPS suspended its services and support to Moldova Post. Also, these stamps have not yet appeared on the PostEuropa website. —ed.

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Europa 2020
Ancient Postal Routes

AZERBAIJAN 2v+ss

Issue date 28 July 2020



The two stamps are also available in a clever little booklet, in which the stamps are printed se-tenant and tete-beche. The only way to have all the combinations is to buy the complete booklet. How will album makers handle this one, if at all?



According to the Azerbaijan Facebook page, “the stamps are dedicated to the messenger service, created by Shah Ismail I in 1501 and considered the basis of postal communication at the state level in Azerbaijan.” The stamps show the main cities served by postal riders via horseback. The cover of the booklet shows the mountainous geography.

Historical Note: the two semi-finalists in the Europa Stamp Competition, Armenia and Azerbaijan, are heating up their feud over who has control over Artsakh (formerly Nagorno-Karabach). Apparently, just because Armenia says it's them doesn't necessarily make it so.

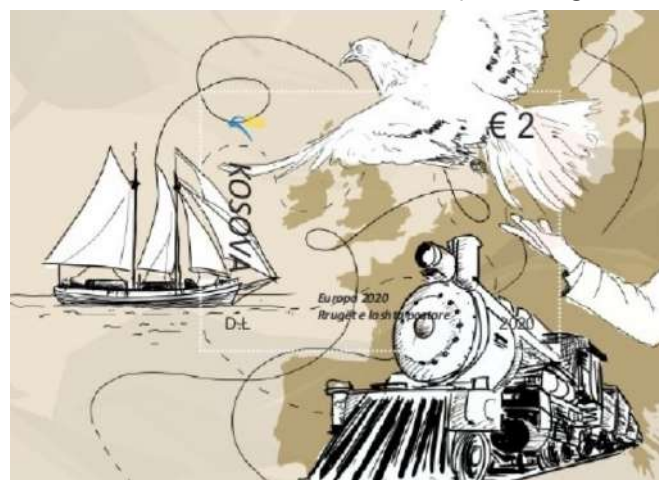
KOSOVO 2v+ss

Issue date 10 June 2020



Postal carrier delivering a letter to a child

Postal carrier on a chariot-like horse drawn postal wagon



Train and sailing ship — with a pigeon hovering above — shown against a map of Europe

The stamps show the delivery of items on the old cobblestone roads, by delivery cart and by postal carrier.

According to Kosovo Post, the images on the block summarize not just ground and water routes, but also “... the most ancient form of communication via pigeons.” So the arm is actually releasing a pigeon.

The stamps issued by Kosovo aren't recognized on an international level, neither by the UPU nor by PostEurop, so they are excluded from the design competition. Album makers do include them, however, and have been for years.

New Issues
Europa 2020
Ancient Postal Routes

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA, Serb Post
 2v + booklet of 2 sets with different perfs
 Issue date 3 September 2020



B&H Serbia Post simply says the motifs show shipments to Tatars via horseman and railways.

Turkish CYPRUS 2v
 Issue date
 10 September
 2020

**By Land and
 By Sea Across
 Northern Cyprus**



The release date was moved up from 21 May to 10 September because of the COVID 19 virus. No other information was available on the Turkish Cyprus website.

As we go to press, no news on the results of the Europa Stamps Jury Prize for 2020. We'll let our email subscribers know, and put the results in the next EN.

The [Europa Blogspot](http://europa-stamps.blogspot.com/) is launching their own competition this year with the following notice:

In cooperation with the "[Blog timbré de ma philatélie](http://blogtimbre.de.ma.philatelie)" we are launching on 25 October the 3rd edition of the Best Europa stamps - *The collector's choice contest*.

During 4 preselection rounds and one BIG final in December, you will be able to vote for your favorite 2020 Europa stamps sets! The winner of the 1st edition was Moldova! And last year Ukraine got the 1st place!

To participate, go to the Blogspot, located at <http://europa-stamps.blogspot.com/>. This is THE website for up-to-the-minute notices of new issues, and one of my first GOTO spots. —ed.



New Issues
Sepac 2020
Art from the State Collection

LUXEMBOURG 1v

Issue date
 15 September 2020

Many Spoken Words



From the Mudam Luxembourg - Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, the work is by the Luxembourg artist Su-Mei Tse (born 1973). In 2003 Su-Mei Tse was awarded the Golden Lion for the Luxembourg pavilion at the Venice Biennale.

The following description is from the website "Google Arts & Culture":

A surprising union of used materials, "Many Spoken Words" (2009) by Luxembourgish artist Su-Mei Tse, sets off a multitude of associations. Forming from a basin, dark black ink gushes forth from a garden fountain of baroque inspiration and, as the artist remarks, "expresses the idea of the whole process of language: the way an initial thought or idea develops first into spoken, and then into written words". Through this work, as much visual as it is sonorous, the artist pays homage to literature, evoking the infinite potential of words and the eternal renewing of creation. The multiple and incessant drops of "Many Spoken Words" make the fluidity of the spirit, words, and creativity perceptible, and leave indelible traces.



New Issues
EuroMed 2020
Traditional Gastronomy
in the Mediterranean

With this issue, the roster of EuroMed stamps from the European countries should be complete (see back page). The others are harder to track down — I rely mostly on the online stamp catalog stampworld.com.

Likewise, identifying some of the food dishes is a challenge. some of the food. The information I've given is often my best swag (scientific wild-ass guess).

GREECE 4v and a ss

Issue date 13 July 2020



Wild Greens Pie

Marinated Octopus



Lamb Chops



Moussaka



I'm sure they are all tasty, but I'll need a few cocktails before I'm willing to take on the octopus. Does it taste like chicken?

New Issues
EuroMed 2020
Traditional Gastronomy in the Mediterranean

SPAIN 1v issued in a special sheet of 6v with vignette, as shown

Issue date 13 July 2020

Espeto



From Correos (Spanish Post):

“One of the most popular delicacies that can be tasted on Malaga's Costa del Sol is **espeto**. A simple dish, very easy to prepare, based on sardines strung on a rod, which, cooked over the embers of a fire, are enjoyed in the natural environment offered by the beaches that the Mediterranean caresses.

“A simplicity that, however, hides a technique, refined over the years by traditional culture, so that the fish, to a greater extent sardines, is well skewered and does not get lost during cooking.

“It is, definitively, a culinary art that is part of the Malaga culture and the traditional gastronomy of the Mediterranean.”



TURKEY 5s

Issue date 13 July 2020



From the press release:

“Turkish cuisine”, which is among the most important cuisines of the world, is one of the important riches of our multi-layered cultural heritage, reflecting the geography in which it has come to life in a colorful way.

“Turkish cuisine, the roots of which go back to the plain food culture of the Central Asian Turks in its historical development process, brought about today’s Turkish food culture by combining the Central Asian nomadic people’s use of meat and fermented dairy products, grains of Mesopotamia, fruits and vegetables of the Mediterranean and the spices of South Asia. In this respect, Turkish cuisine is one of the oldest and richest cuisines among the cuisines of Mediterranean countries.”

No information as to what’s depicted on the individual stamps.. — ed.

New Issues
EuroMed 2020
Traditional Gastronomy in the Mediterranean

PORTUGAL 2v

Issue date 10 July 2020



Arroz Doce à Estiense
 (Portuguese Sweet Rice Pudding)

Licor de Flor de Laranjeira
 (Orange Liqueur)



MOROCCO 2v se-tenant

Issue date 13 July 2020



Bissara

Tagra

Bissara is a soup and a bean dip in North African cuisine, prepared with dried, puréed broad beans as a primary ingredient. In Morocco, bissara is typically served in shallow bowls or soup plates, and topped with olive oil, paprika, and cumin. In Marrakesh, Morocco, bissara is popular during the colder months of the year, and can be found in town squares and various alleyways.

"Tagra" is a fish dish, originally just fishermen, then subsequently adopted by villagers in northwest Morocco. Cooked fish is mainly composed of sardines or anchovies. The dish is named after the unglazed terracotta container, oval or round, with no lid.

TUNISIA 2v

Issue date 15 July 2020



Chakchouka has existed in Mediterranean cultures for centuries. It is a dish of eggs poached in a sauce of tomatoes, olive oil, peppers, onion and garlic, and commonly spiced with cumin, paprika, cayenne pepper, and nutmeg. The name chakchouka means “a mixture” in some Arabic dialects, and comes from a Berber (early North African) word meaning “vegetable ragout.”



Borzguene is a traditional local dish, which mixes salty and sweet that mainly includes couscous, meat, nuts and dates. Alternate layers of couscous from durum are covered by a few dates and nuts like almonds, pistachios and walnuts, to what is added a layer of sugar mixed with melted butter. The whole is soaked in fresh milk, then are arranged in a particular way some pieces of lamb meat that have been steamed with rosemary and salt, without any other spice. In the local collective memory, the Borzguene is associated with May and the ancient “Mayou“ celebrations.

It's crackers to slip a rozzer the dropsy in snide!

New Issues
EuroMed 2020
Traditional Gastronomy in the Mediterranean

LEBANON 4v se-tenant

Issue date 17 July 2020



Hummus

Kibbeh

Tabbouleh

Moutabel

Hummus is a dip, spread, or savory dish made from cooked, mashed chickpeas blended with tahini, lemon juice, and garlic. It is popular in the Middle East and in Middle Eastern cuisine around the globe. It can also be found in most grocery stores in North America and Europe

Kibbeh is a family of dishes based on spiced ground meat and grain, popular in Middle Eastern cuisine. In Levantine cuisine, usually bulgur wheat is pounded together with meat into a fine paste and formed into balls, with toasted pine nuts and spices. It may also be layered and cooked on a tray or served raw.

Tabbouleh is a Levantine vegetarian salad made mostly of finely chopped parsley, with tomatoes, mint, onion, bulgur, and seasoned with olive oil, lemon juice, salt and sweet pepper. Some variations add lettuce, or use semolina instead of bulgur. Tabbouleh is traditionally served as part of a meze in the Arab world.

Moutabel is a smoky Middle Eastern dip made from roasted eggplant and tahini. Extra flavor is blended in with ingredients that can include garlic, lemon juice, hot peppers or pomegranate seeds, and often with a thick, Greek yogurt. It is similar to baba ganoush, which contains chopped tomatoes, pomegranate molasses, sometimes walnuts, and plenty of herbs. Some say that the main difference between the two is the lack of tahini.

Europa Briefs

Blame It On the Virus Dept.: I was interested to see who was the winner of this year's SEPAC stamp competition. Well, either the countries are losing interest, or the pandemic has deemed the SEPAC crew non-essential, or people are just flat-out losing interest. Or maybe it's all of the above. A visit to the SEPAC website indicated that voting was still open for the 2019 contest. Even though the deadline for voting was 31 January 2020. Not a word about 2020's issues.

Meanwhile, at the EuroMed website it reported that "In 2019, the Postal Union for the Mediterranean launched its first international contest on the occasion of its annual philatelic issue. With over 8000 votes registered from 84 countries throughout the contest period, it has been a real success." That's great news but ... who won? They never say, only to mention that 2020 we'll be voting for sets, not just single stamps. Good idea, but ... WHO WON 2019??? ■

New Issues

European Anniversaries and Events

SPAIN 1v

Issue date 9 June
2020

**Builders of Europe:
Robert Schuman**



Correos (Spanish Post) is beginning a series of stamps that will honor the “**Fathers of Europe**” — Konrad Adenauer, Jean Monnet, Winston Churchill, Robert Schuman, Alcide de Gasperi, Paul-Henri Spaak, Walter Hallstein and Altiero Spinelli. This first stamp in the series honors Robert Schuman.

From the *Correos* website:

The desire for a peaceful, united and prosperous Europe was the common goal of a group of visionaries who believed in a magnanimous project that we now know as the European Union.

Many of them began playing a very important role in their countries of origin and later transferred that role to the construction of a united Europe that would work to the same level.

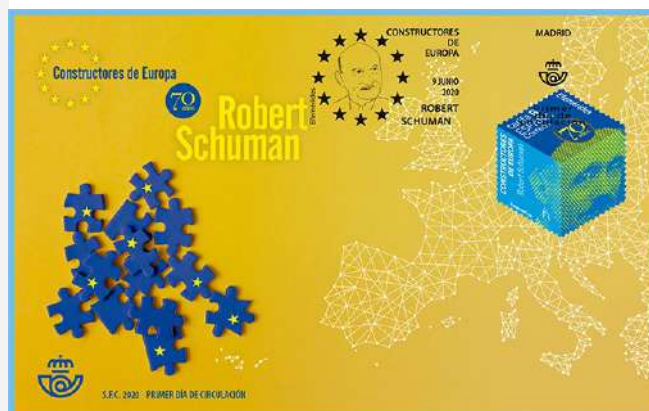
These people fought and worked hard to achieve an international community that would stand up to world powers, especially in economic matters, but also in social and cultural matters.

The stamp is dedicated this first time to Robert Schuman. Statesman and important man of law, he was Minister of Foreign Affairs of France between 1948 and 1952.

Together with his compatriot Jean Monnet, he designed and drew up the famously known “Schuman Plan,” which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, and which kicked off the birth of the European Union.

Among his proposals, he included joint control of the production of coal and steel, at that time the most important raw materials for the arms industry. From there arose the European Coal and Steel Community, the ECSC.

Schuman was also the first president of the European Parliamentary Assembly between 1958 and 1960, predecessor to the current European Parliament.



Official First Day Cover

Next year's Europa theme:
Endangered National Wildlife

(illustration courtesy of the [Europa Blogspot](#))



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New Issues

European Anniversaries and Events

ITALY 1v

Issue date
21 September 2020

Padua—European Capital
of Volunteering



From the Padua Convention Bureau:
Padova won the two-handed challenge with the Scottish city of Stirling and was announced a in Aarhus, Denmark, “European Volunteering Capital 2020”, a prestigious award given every year by the European Volunteer Center (CEV).

From the CEV website:
The Centre for European Volunteering (CEV) (until 1 July 2020 known as the European Volunteer Centre), established in 1992, is the European network of over 60 organizations dedicated to the promotion of, and support to, volunteers and volunteering in Europe at European, national or regional level.

CEV channels the collective priorities and concerns of its member organizations to the institutions of the European Union and the Council of Europe.

The European Volunteering Capital award was established in 2014. Since then the winners have been:

- Barcelona (2014)
- Lisbon (2015)
- London (2016)
- Sligo (2017)
- Aarhus (2018)
- Košice (2019)
- Padova (Padua) 2020
- Berlin (2021)



And the competition for 2022 is down to four:
Gdansk, Gorizia, Izmir, and Madrid

ITALY 1v

Issue date
2 September 2020

EuroScience Open
Forum



The stamp design depicts some “Trieste street lamps”, typical of the city's architecture, surrounded by a beam of light, representing the symbiosis and involvement of the city in the name of science and knowledge; on the right is the EuroScience Open Forum logo.

EuroScience is the **European grassroots organization for the Advancement of Science** with a current membership base of more than 2500 individual members and 17 cooperate members from 75 countries. EuroScience members are for the most part researchers and engineers from all scientific disciplines, including physical sciences, life sciences, social sciences and humanities, working professionally in public and private research institutions, universities, industrial enterprises and government agencies.

In addition to scientists and engineers, EuroScience also has many members from other professions involving science and technology, such as journalists, communicators, teachers and students. Its mission is to represent its members as individual professionals, independently of their institutional affiliation or employer.

From its inception in 1997, EuroScience has been active in shaping policies for science, technology and innovation (STI).

The EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) is a biennial, pan-European, general science conference dedicated to scientific research and innovation. Each conference aims to deliver stimulating content and lively debate around the latest advancements and discoveries in the sciences, humanities and social sciences.

— from euroscience.org and esof.eu

Article

Prophets of Europa: Duke of Sully — Albert Merx

A fun subtopic for a Europa collector is the area of Europa forerunners. One aspect of that is people who foresaw or imagined a united continent of Europe. In the Legacy Handbook there is a subtopic titled “Leaders With Unity Concepts” and the first person listed is the subject of this article, taken from our sister publication Grenzenloos No. 129.

They've all tried it: The Romans, Charlemagne, Napoleon, and even Adolf Hitler, to build a united Europe. But always with violence, and that always went wrong. But in 1622 there was a Frenchman who put to paper a different idea. His name was -- no, actually his "names", for he had quite a few, as well as titles, which were: Count Maximilian of Bethune, Marquess of Rosny, Marquis van Rogent and Boisbelle, Count of Moret and Villebon, Viscount of Meaux, and Sovereign Prince of Henchemont, But he was best known as the DUKE OF SULLY.

He was also Marshal of France, temporarily Minister of Finance and Agriculture where he learned farming, especially silk farming. In 1593 he became King's confidant to Henry the Fourth. He fought in the Huguenot War against the League of Henri de Guise. Although he himself was a Calvinist, he advised the king to become a Catholic in order to ensure the unity of France.

In 1622, he published his views on a United Europe in his book "LE GRAND DESSEIN" (The Great Design). The purpose of his vision was to form a European States tied to the removal of political chaos and wars. But also he wanted a counterbalance against the power of the Habsburgs.

The main points of his program are summarized as follows:



The Duke of Sully
Scott# B165, Michel# 604.

It is part of a set of six stamps issued to raise monies for charity. Another stamp in the set pictures Henry IV. It would make sense to mount the two together to tell this story.

- Forming a Christian Republic with freedom of movement and trade,
- to be led by a General Council of 40 skilled persons, including six provincial councils.
- This General Council, with delegates from the Member States, would meet in any of 17 predetermined places.
- Mutual boundaries would be established to ensure balance.
- The participating countries would be six hereditary monarchies, five electors and four republics (including the Netherlands).

Russia, Prussia and Turkey were shut-outs. A joint army would also be formed, so that no single entity among themselves could wage war.

His idea to create a European Confederation of states has a number of articles familiar to the principles of the founding of the European Economic Community, as a forerunner of the European Union. ■

Editor's Note: the ESU Legacy Handbook simply says "As the extremely efficient Chief Minister of Henry IV of France, he attempted to put into effect Henry's ideas of a European governing committee." My thanks to Hans Snellenberg for his review of this article.

Article

Mediterranean Beach Games — Dana Roper

Back in 2013 I wrote an article on the Mediterranean Games (see EN# 418-7ff), Back then I wrote that “the Mediterranean Games is a multi-sport event, much like the Summer Olympics (albeit on a much smaller scale), with participation exclusively from countries around the Mediterranean Sea where Europe, Africa and Asia meet.

“The Games started in 1951 and are held every four years The Games ‘were designed specifically to bring together the Muslim and European countries surrounding the Mediterranean basin’ to promote understanding through sporting competition.”

That description was impetus enough for me to include these issues as a subset of a “Europa Sports” collection. I included in that article a checklist of all the issues known to me at the time, which of course would be through 2013. As they are held every four years, the next issues would have been in 2017, and then 2021 after that.

Thanks to The Virus, the games were postponed a year, to 2018 and 2022. I went to one of my favorite resources — an online stamp catalogue called StampWorld.com — to see if anything was issued for those games. I came up empty, and don’t recall seeing anything in Scott.

However, something else just piqued my interest. Don Smith and I play tag team on the Scott New Issues listing. We both check the Scott magazine for Europa-related stamps. Eagle-eye Don almost always finds items that I missed. Seldom is it the other way around.

But ... a couple of months ago I saw a set of stamps from, of all places, Syria, publicizing the Mediterranean Beach Games. That was a new on me. Do we have a subset of a subset?



Maybe. That sent me to my absolute Go To online resource, Wikipedia. Of course they had an article, from which I will quote extensively.

The International Mediterranean Games Committee held a meeting on 20 October 2012 in Mersin, Turkey, and decided to organize the Mediterranean Beach Games every 4 years starting from 2015. (Ideally, this puts them smack in-between the Mediterranean Games schedule, resulting in a sporting event now every two years rather than four. —ed.) The Games consist of only water sports and beach sports, which aim at bringing together young athletes of the Mediterranean area, giving them the opportunity to participate in sport events.

Pescara, Italy was awarded the rights to host the first edition of the Mediterranean Beach Games from 28 August to 6 September. The sports included in the program are Aquathlon



(a multisport race consisting of continuous run and swim elements), Beach Handball, Beach Soccer, Beach Tennis, Beach Volleyball, Beach Wrestling, Fin swimming, Canoe Ocean Racing, Open Water Swimming, Rowing Beach Sprint, and Water Ski.



The 2019 Mediterranean Beach Games was the second edition of the Games. It was held from 25 to 31 August 2019 in Patras, Greece.

So far Syria seems to be the only country to issue a stamp for this event. The details are given on the following page.

Article
Mediterranean Beach Games
 — cont'd

SYRIA 4v se-tenant vertically

Issue date
 ?? September 2019

2nd Mediterranean Beach Games, Greece

The 2019 Mediterranean Beach Games was the second edition of the Mediterranean Beach Games. It was held from 25 to 31 August 2019 in Patras, Greece.



The 2015 Mediterranean Beach Games was the first edition of the Games. Host country Italy swept the event with 70 medals; France was a distant second with 27, and Greece third with 21. In 2019, the three nations swapped places: Greece took 1st, Italy 2nd, France 3rd.

Pictured on the stamps are beach wrestling, beach soccer, long distance swimming, and aquathlon. Beach blanket bingo is not yet considered a sport. ■

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NEW ISSUES
with **SCOTT** catalog numbers
From Linns' September-October Special Editions
— Don Smith



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**“The Luster Chronicles”
The 1959 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster, Part 7**

The Luster monographs resume this issue with part 9: the 1959 CEPT Europa stamps from Switzerland.

SWITZERLAND

In March 1959, European Postal Administrations met in Scheveningen, Netherlands. At that meeting, which was recognized with a commemorative cancel, it was agreed to meet in Montreux, Switzerland in June 1959 to determine the future direction of European posts. Below is a Dutch cover bearing two strikes of the commemorative cancel (D’Urso P32, rarity factor 4) plus a single strike of the Scheveningen date/time cancel, and a Dutch philatelic souvenir of the conference.



**“The Luster Chronicles”
The 1959 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster (cont’d)**

Why were the Swiss “Europa” stamps issued on 22 June 1959? Because that date coincided with a Conference of European Post & Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) held in Montreux, Switzerland in June, 1959.



Swiss 1959 “Europa stamps overprinted for the CEPT Constitutive Conference in Montreux.



Special cancel used in Montreux, and that cancel on vertical pairs of 1959 “Europa stamps with overprint.



Examples of a Swiss collective sheet and a maximum card all celebrating the Montreux conference.

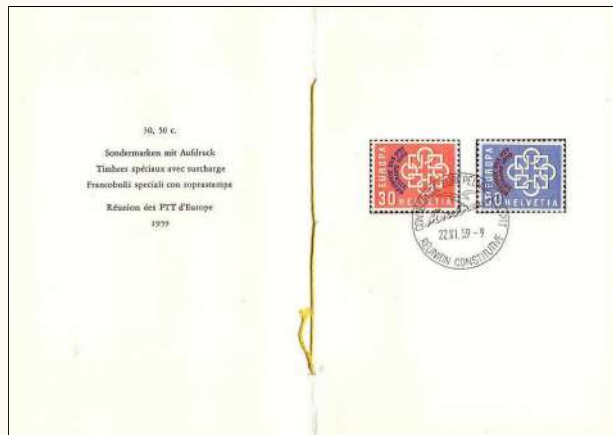
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I have run across two special booklets issued by Switzerland. Each booklet is similar to the one shown for the regular stamps. However, these contain the overprinted stamps.



← Cover of booklet containing Swiss overprinted 1959 Europa stamps.

↓ Below is the Interior two pages of two different booklets. The one on the left contains the set of two overprinted stamps without a cancel. The booklet on the right contains the two overprinted stamps with the special Montreux cancel.



It is not common to see the overprinted stamps on commercial mail. →



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Finally, I illustrate a first day cover, franked with the overprinted Swiss 1959 Europa stamps. It is rather common.



One of the most significant decisions taken at the Montreux Conference was to form the CEPT. With the formation of the CEPT, the ECSC ended its auspices over the annually-issued Europa stamps. Starting in 1960, the CEPT began its auspices over the annual “Europa” common design/common theme issues.

The membership of the CEPT was far larger than the six member countries of the ECSC. With the annual Europa issues coming under the auspices of the CEPT, it was a given that starting in 1960, there would be many more countries issuing Europa stamps.

With the story of the Montreux Conference, my monograph comes to an end.

I have now accomplished what I set out to achieve. That is to write a monograph for each of the four years that Europa stamps were issued under the auspices of the ECSC.

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In closing, I’d like to show you a set of maximum cards from each of the six countries then in the European Coal & Steel Community.



With this page, I end the 1959 monograph. I hope that you enjoyed it, and perhaps learned something about the philately of the 1959 Europa stamps.

This concludes Part 9. Steve later decided that he was a bit premature, and decided to go on with the stamps of 1960, the “Golden Age” of Europa philately. We will take that on in a future issue. ■

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