

# POSTCROSSING: Second International Meeting: Chisinau/June 23



THE INTERNATIONAL MOLDOVAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

## IMPS Newsletter

### POSTCROSSING REPUBLICA MOLDOVA

Second International Meeting  
Republic of Moldova - Romania



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POSTCROSSING is a global organization with the goal of allowing anyone to send and receive postcards from all over the world!

The idea is simple: for each postcard you send, you will receive one back from a random postcrosser from somewhere in the world.

POSTCROSSING originated in Portugal in 2005 by its founder, Paulo Magalhães. Since then, it has grown enormously and recently announced its 47 millionth postcard.

IMPS recognizes the global popularity and appeal of Postcrossing and we see a very real connection between the Postcrossing movement and philately. We are working closely with the organizers to promote their activities.

In Moldova, the Postcrossing organization is represented by Olga Kroitoru, an Honorary Member of

IMPS. Together with Mihnea Raducu, the Postcrossing Ambassador from Romania, they are organizing an international meeting in Chisinau, on June 23.

*Anyone interested in joining Postcrossing is invited to attend the meeting in Chisinau*

This will be the second international meeting between Moldova and Romania. The

meeting in 2017 was a huge success.

This year, the Post of Moldova, "Poșta Moldovei", is providing major support for the meeting by



Mihnea Raducu: Postcrossing Ambassador for Romania

issuing a postage stamp with a first day cover, plus a special postmark and several postcards, all dedi-



Olga Kroitoru: Postcrossing Ambassador for Moldova

cated to the event.

The event will take place at the main post office in Chisinau, "PO12", bd. Ștefan cel Mare și Sfânt, 134, MD-2012, Chișinău, starting at 10am on June 23.

Anyone interested in learning about Postcrossing or getting involved, is invited to attend and will be warmly welcomed.

IMPS asks all of our members who can possibly attend, to do so.

You can join the wonderful and enthusiastic group, Postcrossing Republica Moldova, on their Facebook page at..

[www.facebook.com/groups/PostcrossingMoldova/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/PostcrossingMoldova/)

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# IMPS & Poșta Moldovei Cooperation

Since the launching of IMPS, there has been widespread support for our objectives and we received nice messages from many sources, some were surprising and unexpected.

We sensed the time was right to approach Poșta Moldovei with a proposal for mutual cooperation. We sent a letter to the Director-General, Serghei Nastas.



Victoria Tănase: Chief of the Philatelic Division at Poșta Moldovei

To our delight and surprise, we received a positive, friendly and really quite beautiful response from the

Chief of the Philatelic Department, Victoria Tanase.

According to the response, the work and objectives of IMPS are highly regarded by Poșta Moldovei and mutual cooperation is welcomed.

IMPS thanks Victoria Tanase, for having faith in the vision of IMPS. Through this cooperation, our ability to do beautiful things in Moldovan Philately is limited only by our imaginations.

As many of you know, IMPS is the successor to the project "Moldova Stamps" which first appeared in 2003. In the 15 years since then, we have continuously sought a relationship with Poșta Moldovei. For a

variety of reasons, this relationship never came to fruition. Therefore, it is especially gratifying for us to have finally made such cordial relations. We consider this to be a milestone in the development of Moldovan Philately.



*"Our ability to do beautiful things in Moldovan Philately is limited only by our imaginations"*

IMPS would like to send special "thank you's" to Ludmila Druc and Ala Nicoreanu for their exceptional friendliness, enthusiastic support and truly professional attitudes. They are really excellent representatives of Poșta Moldovei. IMPS looks forward to working with you all.

## EUROPA Stamp Competition 2018

**On Europe Day, May 9, PostEurop announced the EUROPA Stamp Competition for 2018...**

The EUROPA Stamp Competition is almost like the "Oscars" of the philatelic world. In fact, there are two separate competitions. There is a private jury competition and a public competition, the results being decided by public, online voting.

In 2017, due in no small part to our publicity activities on Facebook, Moldova won a bronze medal (third place) for the stamp "Mimi Castle".



The importance of this competition cannot be underestimated, both in terms of prestige and international awareness of Moldovan Philately. IMPS is encouraging all its members

to participate.

The theme for EUROPA in 2018 is "bridges". Although two stamps were issued by Moldova, only one is actually entered into the competition...



Looking at the Postcrossing international discussion forum, the reaction to the Moldovan stamp has been nothing less than phenomenal. Combine this with the joint

*"Moldova has a real chance to win the competition in 2018"*



publicity efforts by IMPS and Poșta Moldovei, and we believe the Moldova has a real chance to win the EUROPA competition in 2018.

The closing date for voting is September and the results will be announced in October. And we will keep you informed about the results. To cast your vote for Moldova, go to this website address...

<http://posteurop.org/europa2018>

# One Year Later—"SMURD": The Most Popular Moldovan Stamp?

**This month, we are reminded of the "SMURD" stamp issued on June 4, 2017. In his excellent blog article, Eric Contesse writes about this issue:**

On June 2, 2016, an helicopter of the Iasi section of the SMURD ("Serviciul Mobil de Urgență, Reanimare și Descarcerare"), the Mobile Emergency Service for Resuscitation and Extrication based in Romania, crashed in the village of Haragiș (Cantemir district) located in the south-west of Moldova, near the Romanian border.



Employees of SMURD (established in 1990) regularly carry out operations in neighbouring Moldova, often aboard helicopters of the same type (Eurocopter EC135), and this accident strongly affected Romanian and Moldovan people.

On June 4, 2017, the Post of Moldova issued a special stamp (L 9.50, print run : 100,000, design : Vitaliu Pogolșa) to pay tribute to the 4 crew members of this helicopter.

It is that stamp "In Memoriam" (it seems to be the biggest stamp ever issued by the Post of Moldova - 6.8 x 3.4 cm) which appears on the official FDC (print run : 400) with cancellation from Haragiș (MD-7327).

The background of this envelope shows the monument inaugurated on June 4, 2017 in Haragiș, in the presence of the Moldovan Prime Minister, paying tribute to the 4 crew members of this SMURD helicopter : pilot Doru Gavril (53 years old) who was commander of the Iasi Special Aviation Unit, co-pilot Voicu Socae (36 years old), doctor Mihaela Dumea (39 years old), working at the St Spiridon hospital of Iasi and teacher in the medicine faculty of Iasi, and nurse Gabriel Sandu (38 years old) who was one of the most experienced members of the SMURD section in Iasi.

Portraits of these 4 members of the SMURD are featured on that stamp, with an helicopter and a mourning sky in the background.

FOOTNOTE: In terms of the popularity and public impact of this stamp, after we posted this image on Facebook, the audience reached more than 26,000 and the post was shared by more than 170 people. These are phenomenally high figures. Clearly, this stamp touched the hearts of many people, in both Moldova and Romania.

Full technical details at [http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue\\_stamps\\_issue.asp?issueID=2165](http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=2165)

## 10 Years Ago...

**May 23, 2008 saw the release of "150th Anniversary of the «Cap de Bour» Stamps of the Moldavian Principality"...**



Full technical details at [http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue\\_stamps\\_issue.asp?issueID=201](http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=201)

## 20 Years Ago...

**May 13, 1998 saw the release of "Monuments and Icon"...**



Full technical details at [http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue\\_stamps\\_issue.asp?issueID=80](http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=80)

## Recent Issues: The Lărguța Treasure

May 18 2018:

[http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue\\_stamps\\_issue.asp?issueID=3007](http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=3007)

On May 18, 2018, the Post of Moldova put into circulation a nice series (3 stamps) devoted to “Lărguța Treasure - Heritage of the Museum of Ethnography and Natural History of Moldova”. The text below was extracted from an article written by Nadya Lobodina for her thematic website “Horses on Stamps” <http://horse-stamps.ru/info/moldova-the-larguta-treasure/en>

Treasures of Lărguța - a treasure of the ancient period discovered in 1963 near the village of Lărguța in the Cantemir district of Moldova.



The treasure, found by the local resident, Dumitru Raicu, consisted of a golden vessel and gold coins. The study of this archaeological find was carried out by Abraham Aronovich Nudelman (1924-2004) - a Moldavian archaeologist and historian, who specialized in numismatics and the history of ancient settlements in the territory of modern Moldova. According to the conclusion of the scientist, the coins belong to the Hellenistic era and date back to the IV century BC. In the second half of the IV century and the beginning of the III century BC, in connection with the expansion of the Macedonian kingdom, gold Macedonian coins appeared in the

Prut-Dnestrovsky district.

In a golden vessel, scientists discovered 16 coins of Philip II (359-336), four coins of Alexander III of Macedon (336-323) and one coin of Philip III Arridee (323-317), coins of that period are distinguished by a rather high quality of artistic execution.



The treasure was described in detail and transferred to the National Museum of Archeology and History, and then to the National Museum of Ethnography and Natural History, where it became an important part of the museum's numismatic collection.

## Recent Issues: Childrens Day - Drawings: Heroes of Fairy Tales

June 1 2018:

[http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue\\_stamps\\_issue.asp?issueID=3008](http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=3008)

June 1 was Children's Day in Moldova and, the Post of Moldova put into circulation two very nice stamps, with drawings by children.



The drawings on the stamps represent the winners of a contest organized by Poșta Moldovei, with the participation of the "Lăstărel" Esthetic Education Centre and the "Lucaefărul" Children's Creative Centre.

1.20L: Anastasia Voitenko (12) «Făt-Frumos (Prince Charming) and (Princess) Ileana Cosânzeana»

5.75L: Corina Jdanova (11) «The Bear Tricked by the Fox»





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**IMPS is founded on Friendship,  
Equality and Passion.**

IMPS is proud to include among its members, Mr. László Kállai, a world-class philatelist and expert in Romanian philately. László is the Chief Editor of Philatelica.ro, the definitive journal of Romanian philately.



IMPS is delighted to include a link to Philatelica.ro on all of our website pages. The complete archive of journals is available, free.

László has extended an invitation to IMPS to write articles about Moldovan Philately for his journal. We will be happy to do so, in the very near future. You can access the journal archive at...

<http://philatelica.ro/revista.html>

## IMPS Thematic Gallery

By integrating the IMPS website with [Pinterest](https://www.pinterest.com), we now offer an excellent gallery of all Moldovan stamps, where you can select from over 40 themes...



## Recent Issues: Postal Stationery

Vladimir Hertza (1868-1924). Lawyer,  
Politician, Mayor of Chisinau (1918-  
1919). 150th Birth Anniversary

[http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue\\_envelopes\\_issue.asp?issueID=3021](http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_envelopes_issue.asp?issueID=3021)



In Memoriam. Ana Barbu (1959-  
2015). Folk Singer

[http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue\\_envelopes\\_issue.asp?issueID=3022](http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_envelopes_issue.asp?issueID=3022)

