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Welcome to the Inaugural Edition of the **IMPS** Newsletter



THE INTERNATIONAL MOLDOVAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

IMPS Newsletter

Since the last incarnation of the MoldovaStamps project in October 2012, the support for and visitors to the site has grown hugely. We are now one of the leading philatelic web sites in the world. At the last check, we were number 2 in Europe and number 18 in the world.

We have had visitors from more than 160 countries and messages of support from people and places we never would have guessed.

From the very beginning of the MoldovaStamps project, we had a long-term intention to develop the philatelic catalogue and into a true, international philatelic society, not limited by geography, language or philatelic experience.

The primary objective of the International Moldovan Philatelic Society (IMPS) is to increase awareness of the history and culture of Moldova, on a worldwide basis, through the medium of philately.

But we plan to take a much more fresh and modern approach than the "classic" philatelic organisations, who typically only accept new members by invitation only and based on extensive knowledge of philately, and with their interminable rules and committee meetings.

*All existing members of
MoldovaStamps.org have
been automatically enrolled
as members of IMPS*

Instead, IMPS is based on friendship, openness and equality. All of our activities are completely visible and members decide on all the important matters. We send an open invitation to everyone in the world to join us, regardless of your knowledge, location, nationality or language.

We use Facebook, not only to spread the word about IMPS and its objectives, but to give our members a forum for open debate and discussions, and to encourage connections between our members.

We have ambitious plans for the future. Already we are offering a wide range of benefits for our members, but we are also de-



veloping our new Virtual Exhibition system, where you will be able to create your own personalised exhibition of your collection.

We will be developing a simple system (for beginners) and a formal system, with FIP compliance, with real competitions. Now, for the first time, it will be possible for philatelists to participate in exhibitions without all the huge expenses.

On behalf of myself and my co-founders, Gheorghe Plugaru and Eric Contesse, we welcome you all to IMPS and invite you to join us in our quest, to spread the word about Moldova and her beautiful stamps.

Happy collecting!

Niall Murphy

President of IMPS

Sao Paulo, Brazil. March 2018

Inside this issue... all new stamps for 2018



Meet the Founders of IMPS

Niall Murphy (São Paulo, Brazil)

Niall Murphy is the President of IMPS and the original developer of the MoldovaStamps project, first started in 2003. The project represents the accumulation of more than ten years of research and development, giving Niall an encyclopedic knowledge of Moldovan stamps and other philatelic materials.

Niall is an Irishman, now living in Brazil and has been a passionate philatelist for more than twenty years. He is a professional web developer and has travelled extensively in Eastern Europe.



Gheorghe Plugaru (Chicago, United States)

Gheorghe Plugaru is a native of Chisinau and is now living in Chicago. Gheorghe is one of the most passionate and dedicated Moldovan philatelists. He has produced countless personal maximum cards, personal stamps and FDCs.

Gheorghe is extremely enthusiastic about maximum cards and has won awards for his work at prestigious exhibitions in Greece and the United States. Gheorghe is our FIP and exhibitions specialist.



Eric Contesse (Lyon, France)

Eric is an IT expert from Lyon, France. He is an extremely enthusiastic postal covers collector and a prolific internet blogger. He has written over 200 articles about Moldova in his excellent blog site.

Eric is also a very well known expert in the field of "Europa" stamps. He was a member of the jury for the Europa Stamps Competition, held by PostEurop, in 2015 and 2017.



IMPS Charter & Rules

At IMPS, we like to keep things really simple. Our Charter and Rules are combined into a single document...

The objective of the International Moldovan Philatelic Society (IMPS) is to promote global awareness of the history and culture of Moldova, via the medium of philately, and to promote the hobby of Moldovan philately in general. To maximize inclusion, IMPS is a society that operates mainly in the virtual world, meeting and collaborating on the internet, through our official web site, moldovastamps.org, and through our page and discussion group on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/moldovastamps). IMPS belongs to its members. IMPS is a non-profit and non-political society. To support the international nature of IMPS, the primary language used in IMPS is English, but Romanian and Russian are also acceptable.

IMPS has a policy of open membership. Membership is free. There are no subscription fees. Membership applications

are invited from people in all countries and of all ages. Members do not need to have formal philatelic credentials. Members' knowledge of philately can range from zero to expert. The only contribution IMPS requires of its member is a little commitment, of time and effort, to support our objectives. At the very least, members should participate in IMPS discussions and activities. Passive or inactive members will be deleted.

*IMPS is Founded on the
Principles of Friendship,
Equality and Passion*

All members of IMPS have equal rights and no one member is more important than any other. There are three founding members and they have additional responsibilities, including

responsibility for administration of the online systems and membership lists of IMPS. The President has ultimate responsibility for all matters relating to the Society.

The philatelic areas of interest to IMPS include, but are not limited to; postage stamps, first day covers, envelopes, postcards, maximum cards, postmarks and philatelic literature. All material under discussion must be related, in some way, to Moldova and

must have been issued by countries recognized by the Universal Postal Union.

IMPS community values and principles are: friendship, equality and harmony. The mood of the society should be cheerful and fun. IMPS does not tolerate anti-social behavior, foul language, bullying, intimidation, racism, xenophobia, sexism or any form of prejudice based on race, nationality, gender, age, political or religious beliefs. Members who engage in any such activities will be deleted.



Recent Issues: Council of Europe “Bring Back Hope” Organ Donation and Transplantation Program

January 11 2018:

http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=3000



The Post of Moldova has dedicated its first stamp of the year 2018 to organ donation and in particular to this campaign of the Council of Europe entitled "Bring back hope" to encourage debate about organ donation and to

increase organ, tissue and cell donation, by encouraging European citizens to help save lives.



Recent Issues: Ethnicities of Moldova (II): The Romani People

April 20 2018

http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=3005



The Romani (also spelled Romany), or Roma, are a traditionally itinerant ethnic group, living mostly in Europe and the Americas and originating from the northern Indian subcontinent, from the Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab

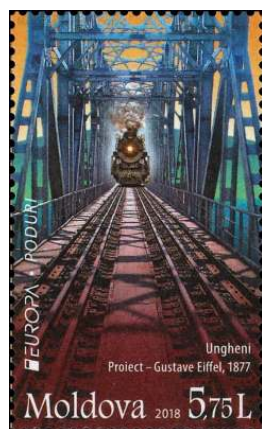
and Sindh regions of modern-day India and Pakistan.



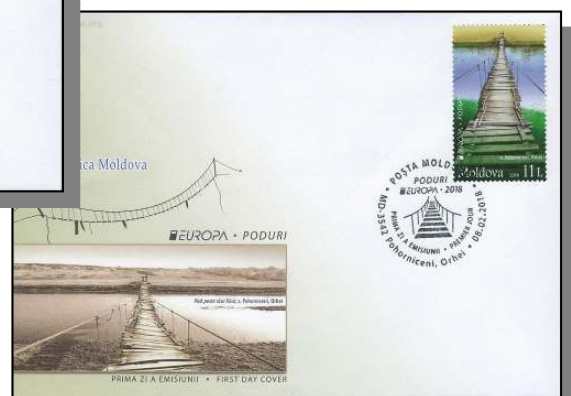
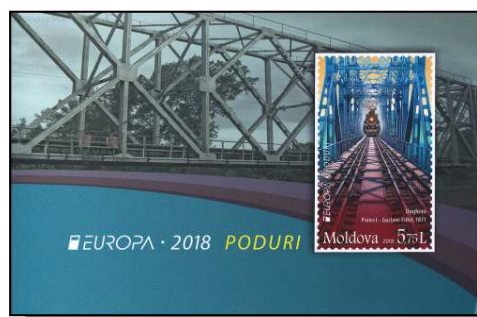
Recent Issues: EUROPA 2018: Bridges

February 8 2018

http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=3001



After a unique stamp issued in 2017, return to normal for the Post of Moldova in 2018 with two EUROPA stamps put into circulation on February 8, 2018, devoted this year to the theme of bridges ("poduri" in Romanian). What is less normal is that these two stamps (design: Vitaliu Pogolșa) have been released in preview sale in two different Moldovan places where these bridges are located: the village of Pohorniceni and the city of Ungheni.



Recent Issues: Trees

March 1 2018:

http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=3002

On March 1, 2018, the Post of Moldova put into circulation a nice series (4 stamps) devoted to different species of trees ("arbori") of the country.



These 4 stamps, designed by Lilian Iațco, were each printed in a sheet of 10 stamps (print run: 10,000 sheets for each stamp) and in the same minisheet of 8 stamps (2 of each, print run: 10,000 minisheets).



Recent Issues: Fauna from the “Pădurea Domnească” (Princely Forest) Nature Reserve

March 29 2018:

http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=3003



On March 29, 2018, the Post of Moldova put into circulation a very nice series (4 stamps + 1 souvenir sheet) dedicated to the nature reserve "Pădurea Domnească" ("Princely Forest") and in particular to its unique fauna in

Moldova, species protected by law for the most part. This reserve (6,032 hectares), created in 1993 in the north-west of the country (Glodeni district) along the Prut river marking the border with Romania, is a unique area in terms of biodiversity of flora and fauna, marked by the floodplain of Prut river and its prairie forest (nearly 80% of the territory), one of the oldest in Europe.



Recent Issues: Months of the Year by Their Traditional Folk Names (II)

April 13 2018:

http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=3004

On April 13, the Post of Moldova released the second series of these interesting stamps. The first series was in 2017 and represented the months of January, February and March. This new series represents the months of April, May and June.



Recent Issues: Inventions and Discoveries that Changed the World

May 3 2018:

http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=3006

On May 3, the Post of Moldova released an excellent pair of stamps featuring the world-famous scientists and their inventions and discoveries. Nikola Tesla was the inventor of the electric induction motor. Alexander Fleming discovered the medical benefits of penicillin.





Philatelic Issues Plan 2019



Invitation to submit proposals...

The Post of Moldova, Poșta Moldovei, has sent IMPS an official invitation to submit proposals for the 2019 philatelic plan. If you have some good ideas for themes for stamps, envelopes or postcards, please email them to us at info@moldovastamps.org before June 15.

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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

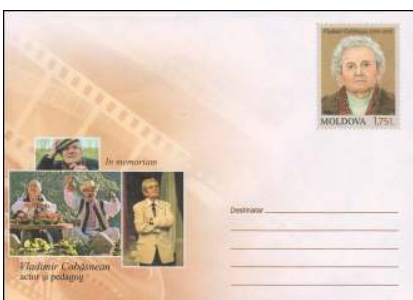
In Memoriam. Ion Ungureanu (1935-2017).
Actor and Director

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In Memoriam. Vladimir Cobășnean (1935-2017).
Actor

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Valeriu Gagi (1938-2010). Director. 80th
Birth Anniversary

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catalogue_envelopes_issue.asp?issueID=3020](http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_envelopes_issue.asp?issueID=3020)

