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IMPS Newsletter

Moldova Wins in Canada!

This month, a Large Vermeil medal was awarded to our co-founder and friend, Gheorghe Plugaru, at "CANPEX 2018" - the National Philatelic Exhibition of Canada.

The exhibition took place at the Hellenic Community Centre in London, Ontario, between October 13 and 14.



Gheorghe was awarded the medal for his 8 frame Maximaphily exhibit "Moldova – My Homeland".

CANPEX is one of a few National Level exhibitions and stamp marketplaces held annually in Canada.

It is sanctioned by The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and is part of the American Philatelic Societies "World Series of Philately".



First Head to Head Meeting with PM

The first head to head meeting between IMPS and officials of Posta Moldova took place on October 9, in Chisinau.

The timing of the meeting was significant as this was World Post Day and the 25th anniversary of the founding of the State Enterprise, Posta Moldovei.

A warm welcome was received from the mem-

bers of the Philatelic Department "Timbrofil" (Victoria Tanase, Ala Nicoreanu

and Elena Sarcanean) and from the International Relations Official, Ludmila Druc.

We cemented our informal and friendly cooperation agreement for the world-wide promotion of Moldovan Philately.



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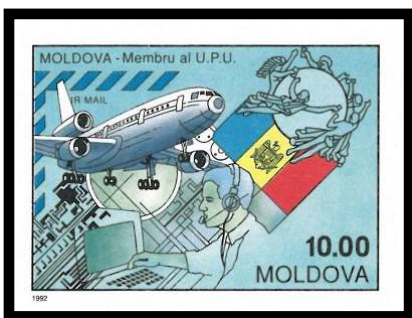
Treasures of Moldovan Philately: Part IV

The fourth part of a series of articles about the rare and valuable stamps of Moldova

Moving on from last month's study of the "Membership of the United Nations" and "Membership of the OSCE" issues, this month we look at the rare varieties of the issue "Membership of the Universal Postal Union, issued on December 26, 1992.



This material was only recently discovered, for sale in an auction house in Germany and it almost certainly originates from the personal collection of Michael Mittelstrass, the official philatelic agent/broker for the Moldovan postal authorities, at that time and



Known varieties of No. 44P and No. 45P are in the form of imperforate proofs, printed on card

whose name has been mentioned in previous articles.

According to the official philatelic catalogue, this issue was printed in Bulgaria by the State printing house in Sofia. However, the material was inside a presentation folder bearing the name and emblem of "Pénzjegynyomda" - the Hungarian Banknote Printing Company. We have now received confirmation from Posta Moldovei that the material was indeed printed in Hungary.

The material illustrated below is classified as colour proofs and was printed on card, without perforations or gum.

In terms of rarity, we estimate that at most, 5 copies exist of each stamp exist. Expect to pay about 100 euro per stamp,

Essays & Stamp Design Concepts

In the process of developing stamp designs, the artist will present his concepts to the postal administration for consideration. In philately, this material is known as "essays".

Such material is almost unknown in Moldovan philately, being securely filed in the archives of the postal authorities.

Fortunately, our colleague, Andy van Tilburg in the Netherlands, has revealed some splendid examples from his exquisite collection.

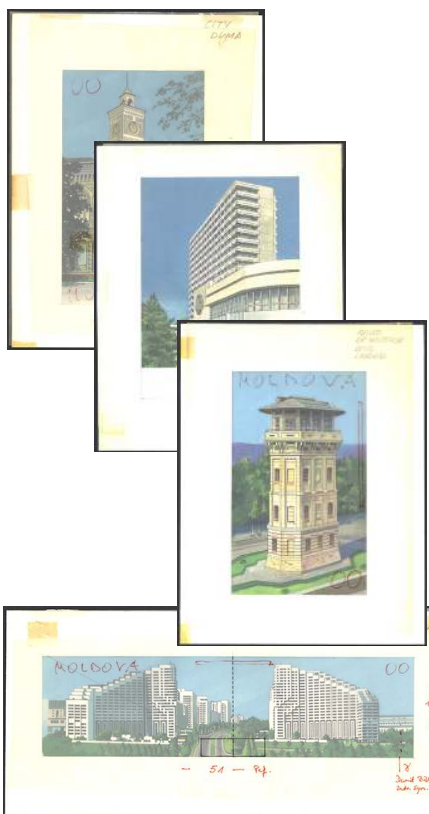


"Dinosaurs" was produced by an unknown artist, around 1992. The essays for the souvenir sheet are presented in

three parts. This souvenir sheet was never issued.



This fascinating piece above, takes us back to a time before computers were used to design stamps. Here, the artist, Pál Varga, can be seen using old "Letraset" artists text transfers. This is an essay for the 1992 and 1993 airmail stamps "Supersonic Airliner".

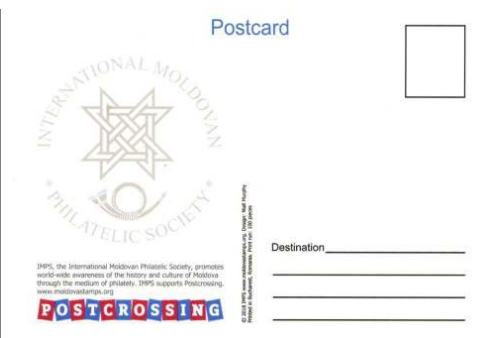


These five essays show a series of famous buildings in Chisinau. This would have been a wonderful set of stamps but, unfortunately, they were never issued.

International Postcrossing Meeting, October

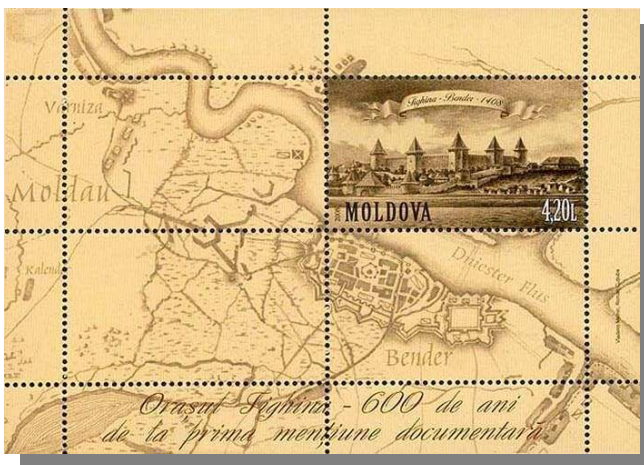
This month, I was fortunate enough to be able to travel to Chisinau, for the first time since 2005. I took full advantage of this rare opportunity, to arrange many meeting, to meet old friend and to make new friends. I was extremely honoured that our Postcrossing partners also took this opportunity to arrange an international meeting, in my honour... and in honour of all IMPS members, worldwide.

I must give special thanks to Mihnea Raducu and Dragos Diaconu, who flew in from Bucharest specially to meet me. Mihnea is a Postcrossing Ambassador for Romania, and he arranged (at very short notice) to print my specially-designed IMPS/Postcrossing postcard for the meeting. IMPS and Postcrossing have big plans for 2019. Stay tuned!



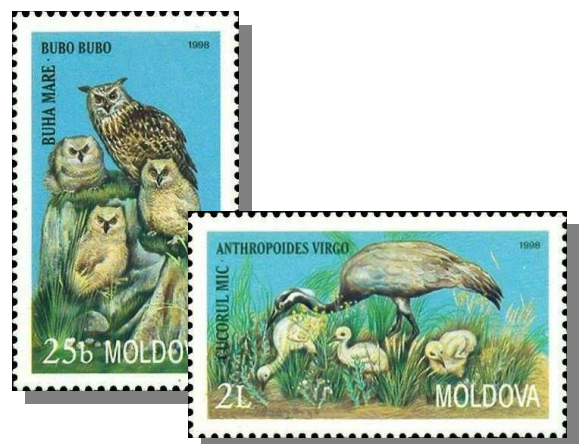
10 Years Ago...

October 8, 2008 saw the release of the beautiful souvenir sheet "600th Anniversary of Bender (Tighina) City".



20 Years Ago...

October 31, 1998 saw the release of the stamps "Heritage of the National Museum of Ethnography and Natural History".



Full technical details at
http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=206

Full technical details at
http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=86

Recent Issues: “State Enterprise «Poșta Moldovei» - 25th Anniversary”

October 9 2018:

http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=3013

On October 9, 2018 (World Post Day), the Post of Moldova put into circulation a stamp to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of their own organization.

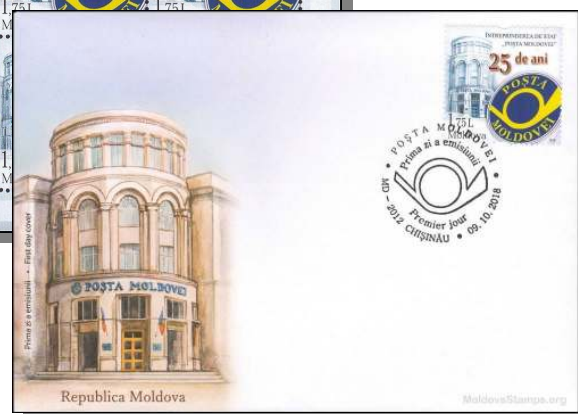
The stamp features the logo of Poșta Moldovei, on a background of their headquarters at Stephen the Great boulevard in Chisinau.

A postcard was released in conjunction with the stamp and local philatelists realized maximum cards using it. However the maximum card is not an official issue of the post office.

Original artwork and photography was provided by Lilian Iațco.



No. 1062 (1.75L) and (unofficial) maximum card



Recent Issues: “Clocks of Chișinău”

October 12 2018:

http://www.moldovastamps.org/catalogue_stamps_issue.asp?issueID=3014

On October 12, 2018, the Post of Moldova put into circulation a beautiful set of two stamps “Clocks of Chișinău”.



No. 1063 (1.75L) Clock at Chișinău City Hall



No. 1064 (5.75L) Clock at the Triumphal Arch

Original artwork and photography was provided by Lilian Iațco.



Unfortunately, Moldova did not achieve an award in the official PostEurop 2018 Europa Stamp Competition. However, all is not lost! Moldova has already won the first round of the “Best Europa Stamps Collector’s Choice competition”, cur-

This month, Posta Moldovei announced the Philatelic Plan for 2019.

Earlier this year, IMPS received a letter from the Director-General of Posta Moldovei, Serghei Nastas, inviting us to submit proposals for the coming year.

We thank all our members who put forward proposals and we are delighted to announce that many of them have been included in the new plan for 2019.

Most significant inclusions are: Leonardo da Vinci, Mahatma Gandhi and Louis Braille, all of whom have important anniversaries in 2019.

Within the prepaid envelopes section, most of our proposals were accepted.

The full text of the plan can be read, in English at:

<http://filatelia.md/en/news/schedule-postage-stamps-issues-and-postal-stationeries-2019>



Special Article:

What is the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and what does it do?

Special Article:

Early Overprint Definitive Stamps of Moldova: Counterfeits Warning

Envelopes Update:

Information regarding new envelopes is issued in the last quarter.

And lots more...




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