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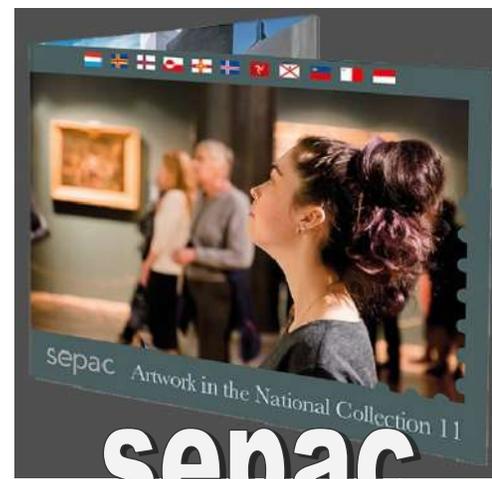
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New Issues Issue ... plus a new Auction ... and Handbook Update



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Six countries have issued their fifth booklet in a series of year-end collectibles. The countries — Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Switzerland — have one set of their stamps and accompanying backstories inside. The folder can be ordered from any of the six postal administrations. Your editor’s suggestion is to add the annual SEPAC folder, and then order both from one of the small countries (Liechtenstein or Luxembourg). They are very friendly and easy to deal with.



Liechtenstein Post has the 2020 SEPAC folder listed in its online shop; as of this writing Luxembourg only has the Europa folder.

The SEPAC folder is shown to the right. The price is CHF 18.70, which is just under \$21. The Europa folder is CHF 22.00, or \$24.



I used PayPal and shipping was free! ■

UKRAINE 1v+ss

Issue date
 25 June 2020

Postman Fedir Feketa



On foot, with a bag over his shoulder, any time of the year, in any weather and any circumstances, he crossed the mountain path every day, almost 38 miles (60 km), to Uzhgorod and back. He was Fedir Feketa, a native of the Transcarpathian *Turia Remeta*, a legendary figure and postman, delivering mail for thirty years. He has become a true symbol of “friendliness, sobriety, honesty and obedience”. Initially, in the 19th century on the facade of the local church, he appeared on a plaque with a bas-relief showing the village postman. In 2003 a monument in the Transcarpathian district of Perechyn was built in his honor.

— from “*Philatelic Pursuits*,” by Mark Joseph Jochim

The single stamp is issued in a ms of 6 stamps (3x3 with the bottom row upside down). The ss is issued in a booklet. The stamp within the souvenir sheet is actually larger than the single stamp.

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PORTUGAL
 SS+1v
PORTUGAL— Azores
 SS+1v
PORTUGAL — Madeira
 SS+1v

Issue date 25 May 2020

The only information available on the web is the following on the PostEurop website:

“Simple design concept using, relevant iconographic elements to portrait our 500-year long postal history.”

A folder is available that has the three stamps and the souvenir sheets, shown below:



Inside the folder you can finally get detailed information about each stamp:



The folder is priced at €10.37, or just over \$12. That seems reasonable.

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ITALY 2v self-adhesive

Issue date
 29 June 2020



The first stamp shows a table of the Italian peninsula of 1695 called "Italy with its post offices and main roads" which showed for the first time the

entire Italian postal road system (from a private collection).

The second stamp reproduces a panel depicting a part of the current regions of Campania and Lazio taken from the "Postal and Kingdom of Italy Communications Map" published in 1930 (from the Communications Library).



— from *Posteltaliane*

IRELAND 2v

Issue date 16 July 2020



Taking inspiration from religious art, using a quadriptych (four quadrant layout), the stamps tell the story of the journey of a letter during the Middle Ages. The National rate (N) stamp shows a medieval monk preparing a letter and then carrying it overseas by boat. The International stamp (W rate) shows the message being carried onward by horseback and the delivery of the message to the recipient, a medieval prioress. The stamps are based on illustrations by artist Orlagh Murphy.

— from *anpost* (Ireland Post website)

VATICAN 2v

Issue date
 23 June 2020

Shown on the stamps are street maps of the 11th century, which indicate in red the *cursus publicus*, the ancient Roman postal system. The first reproduces the cartoon of the Axernias Colony (Terracina), with a section of the Via Appia. The second reproduces the vignette of the Colonia Iulia (Turin), with the intersection of its main streets, the *Cardo Massimo* (north-south direction) with the *Decumano Massimo* (east-west direction), which, extending outside the walls, joined the city to the four cardinal points.

The stamps reproduce two “vignettes” of the 6th century *Corpus Agrimen-sorum Romanorum*, contained in Pal. lat. 1564, manuscript of the century. IX of the Vatican Apostolic Library, which served as a model for the *Tabula Peutingeriana*, a street map of the 11th century.



— from *Stato Della Citta Del Vaticano, Philately* (Vatican Post)

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ARMENIA 1v
Issue date
 3 July 2020



The postage stamp depicts a general view of the old city of Gyumri, which was the first cultural and political center of Armenia in the 19th century.

— from *Stamps of Armenia*

ARTSAKH (Armenian Post of NAGORNO-KARABAKH) 2v issued singly and se-tenant in mini-sheets of 10 stamps.

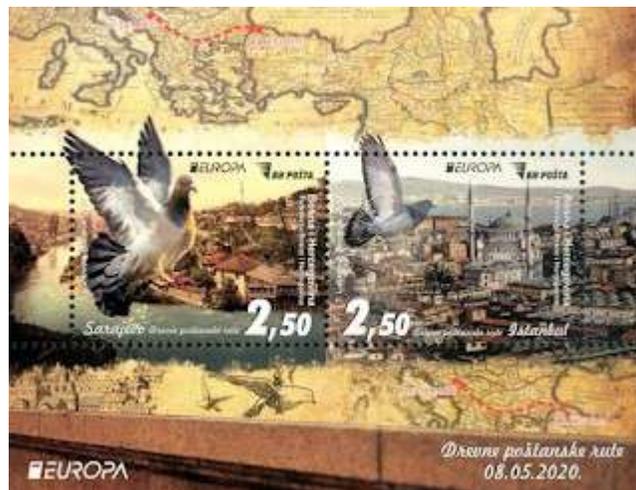
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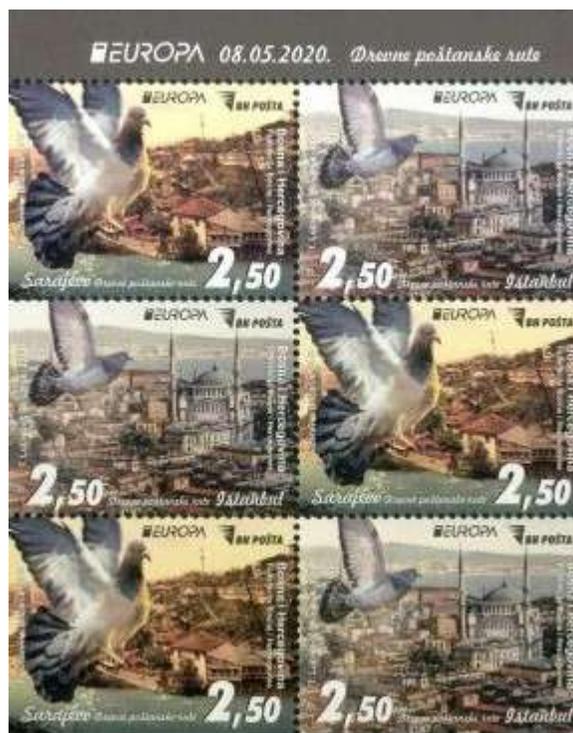
The website gives no background information. But the stamps, when put adjacent to one another, show a route from Shushi to Yelizavetpol by stagecoach, then from Yerevan to Horadiz and beyond by rail.

The locomotive shows a 0-5-1 configuration, a monster of traction apropos for a mountainous region.

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA 2v issued singly and ss of the same 2v as shown
Issue date 8 May 2020



Pictured are the cities of Sarajevo (left hand stamp) and Istanbul (Right-hand stamp). The stamps are also issued in a booklet of 6 stamps (3 sets) printed se-tenant with straight edges around the sides, as shown below:



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BULGARIA 2v + ss + booklet

Issue date 29 June 2020



The background of the two stamps is an antique map, which includes the two largest Bulgarian cities, Sofia and Plovdiv, and the distance between the two cities outlines a route from the ancient Roman roads. The low value depicts a stone relief from the 2nd century of a Roman travelling wagon (not a chariot).

— from PostEuropa and akgimages

NORTH MACEDONIA 1v and 1 ss

Issue date 8 May 2020

No further information available on their website. There's that Roman wagon..



MONTENEGRO 1v + ss of 1v with identical stamp, as shown

Issue date 9 May 2020



No information concerning the design on the website. But there's that Roman wagon again.

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CYPRUS 2v
Issue date 4 May 2020



During three centuries (1571-1878) of Ottoman occupation of Cyprus the town of Larnaka was the centre of commerce and the abode of the consular corps. Correspondence was minimal and any mail was hand carried by a ship's captain.

The first Ottoman post office opened in Lefkosia in 1871, and the first postal route between Larnaka and Lefkosia was opened. Inland post was carried by horses, mules and camels on dirt tracks from ancient times.

In 1878 when Great Britain took over the administration of the island's post offices they were opened in every town. The transportation of mail was by means of a diligence drawn by two horses and two mules.

In 1905 a railway service began between Ammohostos and Evrychou via Lefkosia and Morphou carrying passengers, goods and mail. The transportation of mail by train ceased with the closure of the railway in 1951.

— from *Cyprus Post*

**New Issues
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Art from the State Collection**

GUERNSEY 1v from a set of 6v; also available in its own ms of 6v, as shown
Issue date 21 July 2020

Talents of the Local Arts Community



Per Guernsey Post, the designs are as follows:
50p Stamp: Catskin by Frances Lemmon
68p Stamp: Dusk by Keith Langlois
70p Stamp: Cobo Gold by James Colmer
85p Stamp: **(SEPA)** Cobo Wild Flowers in Pink Pot by Olympia McEwan
95p Stamp: Fishing boat by Richard Le Goupillot
£1.02 Stamp: Guernsey Grockles: Vazon Vera by Yasmin Mariess



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