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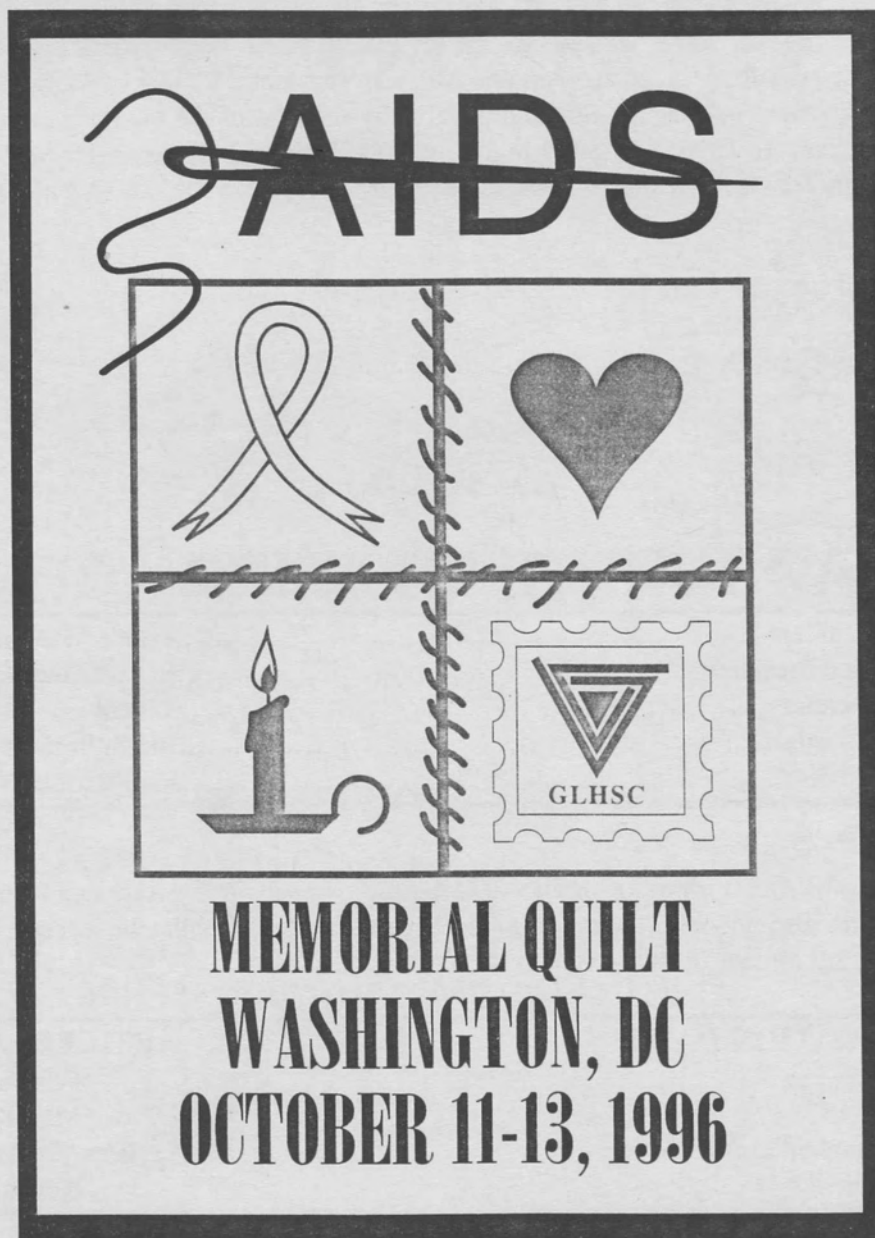
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The Fight Against AIDS Continues



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The objectives of GLHSC are to promote and foster an interest in the collection, study and dissemination of knowledge of worldwide philatelic material that depicts:

- λ notable men and women and their contributions to society for whom historical evidence exists of homosexual or bisexual orientation,
- λ mythology, historical events and ideas significant in the history of gay culture,
- λ flora and fauna scientifically proven to having prominent homosexual behavior, and
- λ even though emphasis is placed on the above aspects of stamp collecting, GLHSC strongly encourages other philatelic endeavors.

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March 16	February 23
June 15	May 17
September 21	August 24
December 14	November 15

The views expressed in the journal are those of the writers and do not necessarily represent those of the Club or its members. Any comments should be addressed to the Editor at the address listed.

News From The Editor

Hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season! Sorry that this issue is a month late. Time seems to fly by quickly these days. Plus, I was waiting on an article that never arrived. The next issue, due March 15, should be mailed by March 31.

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I've heard from a few members regarding the directory. Those that responded would like the directory sent separately. I hope to have the directory completed and in the mail by mid-April. Please try to have your renewal form to me by March 15, instead of February 28 as printed on the form.

Two other suggestions made were:

1. Request for member's age. This is optional, if you so desire.
2. If you do not wish to trade philatelic materials or correspond with others, please list that preference on the "Other Information" line.

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We have a few months before PACIFIC 97 begins. Is there anyone who would like to design a cachet for GLHSC use during the show? 1997 is the 15th anniversary of the founding of GLHSC.

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Once again, I could use articles for the journal. I'm having a difficult time filling 12 pages these days. I do have one request: If you send a previously published article, I need written permission from either the author or the publisher that it is OK for me to re-print it. I will do the requesting if you at least provide the address of the publication.

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The membership of GLHSC currently consists of 136 members and 18 groups/publications. The breakdown is as follows:

AR	2	MO	1
AZ	2	ND	1
CA	15	NH	1
CO	5	NJ	4
CT	4	NM	2
DC	3	NY	17
DE	1	OH	3
FL	4	OR	3
GA	1	PA	7
HI	1	TN	1
IL	6	TX	7
IN	1	UT	1
LA	1	VA	5
MA	4	VT	1
MD	2	WA	2
MI	3	WI	2
MN	1	WV	1

APO	1
Argentina	1
Australia	1
Brazil	1
Canada	4
Czech Republic	1
Finland	1
France	2
Ile de la Réunion	1
Greece	1
Italy	1
Japan	1
Netherlands	1
Poland	1
Portugal	1
Spain	1
Sweden	1

16 Clubs/Publications/Archives in the United States

1 Gay & Lesbian Center in Montréal, Canada

1 Gay & Lesbian Archives in Amsterdam

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AIDS Awareness Licked?

by Blair Henshaw - March 1996
AIDS ON STAMPS Project

One of the most ignorant comments I've heard during the four years of my lobbying efforts for a Canadian AIDS Awareness stamp is this: "Who do you think would lick an AIDS stamp anyway?" You would think that as we enter the second half of the second decade of AIDS, there would have been enough education and awareness around to have eliminated such an attitude!

However, upon taking a second look, perhaps we are just discovering a problem prevalent in the western world when it comes to how we perceive (or fail to perceive?) AIDS in our society. It would appear that the developed countries of the world are suffering from a severe case of denial of the epidemic. Yet on the other hand, third world and lesser developed countries are not afraid to confront the beast face to face (philatelically speaking.)

When the US finally issued its red ribbon stamp in 1993, after a laborious six year lobby campaign, it did nothing more than re-affirm the significance of the ribbon. By this time, however, the cause is distinguished only by its color. Now we can choose the yellow ribbon, white ribbon, pink ribbon and so on. Not that I'm belittling any of the ribbons - I wear the red AIDS ribbon almost daily because of its special meaning for me.



Fig. 1: The Red Ribbon is used as the design on several stamps.

Of the 58 countries that have issued AIDS awareness stamps to date, at least six (US, Philippines, Uruguay, Paraguay, France, Bahamas) have used the red ribbon [fig. 1] as part of or the entire design for the stamp.

On the other hand, take a look at some of the AIDS awareness stamps issued by some of the African countries. Kenya used a very direct message on each of its four stamps: "You too can be infected", "AIDS has no cure", "Casual sex is unsafe" and "Sterilize syringe before use." The graphics speak for themselves [fig. 2]. Ethiopia holds back nothing when it comes to their second issue. On this issue, the lifespan of a person with AIDS is graphically portrayed in four stages; from the healthy, full-faced person to the thinning face, then the sunken face, and finally, just the skull [fig. 3].



Fig. 2: Kenya's set of four speak graphically as well as verbally.



Fig. 3: Graphic lifespan of a PLWA tells it the way it really is!

Perhaps the complacency of the country is exhibited through the design used or perhaps it's the denial factor sneaking in. An opportunity is presented to create a very viable educational vehicle, yet it is smothered out by someone's fear of offending others or not being politically correct. AIDS is with us, AIDS is killing us. We need AIDS awareness by whatever means we can muster! Too bad if the sight of a condom on a stamp [fig. 4] offends someone...that condom could save someone's life!



Fig. 4: "Comic" condom from Argentina, or the "real thing" from Belgium.

Now to my point at hand! In 1994, Japan issued an AIDS related stamp to commemorate the Xth International Conference on AIDS. What did they use as the design - the logo image of the conference! Nice, but what does it mean? The real issue of AIDS in that country was skirted by hiding behind the conference logo [fig. 5].



Fig. 5: Japan uses conference logo.

Has Canada learned? Unfortunately, no! After a four year lobbying campaign on my part to convince Canada Post to issue an AIDS awareness stamp, what have they done? Yes, just as Japan did two years earlier, Canada Post chose to hide behind the conference image and avoid any controversial backlash by perhaps offending any particular group or sector of Canadian society. The real message of AIDS has to get out whether some find it offensive or not - enough conference commercials [fig. 6]. I

personally find the suffering and demise of so many of my brothers and sisters offensive.



Fig. 6: Canada's conference image.

Perhaps Canada Post should go back to eating some more brontosaurus burgers: We certainly could use another four years of prehistoric life in Canadian stamps¹, couldn't we? Maybe licking them would taste better than AIDS stamps!

¹ In 1990, Canada Post began a four year series of prehistoric life in Canada. This brought a total of 16 stamps into circulation on this topic. Why not an ongoing health education series?

Updated AIDS Listing on pages 6 and 7. Thanks to Ulf Uland for his help with updating this list.



PACIFIC 97 is just a short five months away! Be sure to make your plans to attend. GLHSC will be having its meeting on May 31. The actual room assignment has not been given at this time.

Mrs. Margaret Morris, a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, will give the keynote address at the ATA sponsored breakfast during PACIFIC 97. The ATA breakfast will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 6, at the San Francisco Marriott Hotel. The Marriott is adjacent to the Moscone Convention Center. All PACIFIC 97 thematic exhibitors are invited. Tickets are \$30 per person, and must be purchased by May 15, 1997.

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AIDS Stamp Listing

COUNTRY	DATE	SCOTT NO.	MICHEL NO.	✓
Algeria	12/3/94	1025		
Andorra (FR)	5/9/94	436-37	465	
Andorra (SP)	5/6/94	228-29	238	
Angola	5/5/94	899-901	957-9	
Argentina	12/12/92	1786-87	2161-62	
Bahamas	12/1/95	847-8	887-88	
Belgium	11/6/95	B1125	2672	
Bhutan	12/1/88	761-3	1075-77	
Bolivia	10/13/93	890	1224	
Brazil	4/6/90	2242	2351	
Brunei	12/1/90	420-2	424, 426	
Burkina Faso	4/7/89	869	1205	
Cameroon	1993	884-5	1200-1	
Cameroon	1/15/91	859-60	1173-4	
Canada	5/8/96	1603		
Cape Verde	2/20/91	592-3	603-4	
Central African Republic		982-4	1451-3	
Congo Republic	12/1/88	816-8	1137-9	
Cyprus	6/26/95	866	857	
Ethiopia	12/1/88	1234-7	1316-9	
Ethiopia	1/31/91	1307-9	1389-91	
France	4/30/94	2419	3021	
France	12/1/94		3021Zf	
Gabon	0/0/96	827		
Greece	5/22/92	1733	1797	
Greenland	9/9/93	261	238	
Guatemala	12/1/92	C845	1327	
Guinea-Bissau	11/8/90	895	1121	
Guyana	12/1/88	1984a-e	2395-2407	
Italy	1/13/89	1762	2070	
Japan	8/5/94	2401	2244	
Jordan	12/1/93	1459-61	1526A-7A	
Jugoslavija	9/24/88	1911	2299	
Kenya	10/31/91	559-62	541-4	
			Zw67-70, Block	
Macedonia	12/1/94	R56-R60	12A-B	
Madagascar	7/29/92	1059	1384	
Maldiv Islands	12/1/88	1307-8	1318-9	
Mali	6/30/94	700-1		
Mexico	4/7/89	1609	2126	
Monaco	10/17/94	1927	2204	
Morocco	12/16/91	730	1201	
Myanmar	1/30/92	310	311	
Nepal	12/1/93	521	544	
Niger	2/28/89	794-5	1059-60	
Paraguay	5/4/95	2508-9	4689-90	
Peru	12/1/93	1064	1506	
Philippines	12/12/94	2340		

AIDS Stamp Listing

COUNTRY	DATE	SCOTT NO.	MICHEL NO.	✓
Senegal	12/1/89	870-3	1045-8	
Sri Lanka	11/30/90	988-9	939-40	
Switzerland	10/15/94	949	1534	
Syria	12/24/90	1233	1819	
Thailand	3/29/90	1340	1357	
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus	12/13/91	313	319	
Uganda	10/28/88	622-5	602	
United Nations - Geneva	3/16/90	SU184-5	184-5	
United Nations - New York	3/16/90	NY573-4	598-9	
United Nations - Vienna	3/16/90	AU99-100	100-1	
United States	12/1/93	2806, 2806a	2426A,E,K	
Uruguay	3/8/91	1361-2	1891-2	
Uruguay	12/1/91	1408-9	1934-5	
Uruguay	12/1/93	1518	2017	
Vanuatu	11/29/91	547-50	875-8	
Zaire	12/1/89	1249-52	957-9, Block 58	

PWA Stamp Listing

COUNTRY	DATE	SCOTT NO.	MICHEL NO.	PERSON	✓
Antigua & Barbuda	6/17/05			Greg Louganis	
Antigua & Barbuda	5/11/87	1045	1058	Rock Hudson	
Brazil	4/22/91	2298	2396	Cazuza	
Cameroon	12/3/90		1169	PNUD	
Central African Emp.	4/11/77		482	John Curry	
Central African Republic	6/17/05			Freddie Mercury	
Central African Republic	9/23/76	C149	421	John Curry	
Dominica	9/8/88	1097	1128	Wlad Liberace	
Dominca	?	1852		Greg Louganis	
Guyana	7/25/96	3085h		Earvin "Magic" Johnson	
Hungary	8/21/86		3835A-B	Moritz Kapusi	
Kenya	1/5/96	667a		Greg Louganis	
Kuwait	3/19/83		999-1001	Viral Diseases	
Lesotho	11/18/88	679	756	Arthur Ashe	
Madagascar	6/16/05			Freddie Mercury	
Niger	33170		1107	PNUD	
North Korea	?			Greg Louganis	
Palau	7/10/92		Block 15	Greg Louganis	
San Marino	9/18/89	1187-89	1424-26	Rudolf Nureyev	
St. Thomas & Principe	33814	1055c	Block 282	Earvin "Magic" Johnson	
St. Vincent	12/22/92	1744b	2282	Earvin "Magic" Johnson	
St. Vincent				Greg Louganis	
St. Vincent Grenadines				Greg Louganis	
St. Vincent Grenadines				Earvin "Magic" Johnson	
Tanzania	7/15/93	1089a	1574	Arthur Ashe	
Tanzania		1359e	1357 + booklet	Greg Louganis	

To purchase breakfast tickets, send your check to ATA, PO Box 65749, Tucson, AZ 85728.

On Saturday, June 7, at 4:00 p.m., ATA members will meet for a very important session to plan for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of ATA in 1999. This session is open to all ATA members.

In addition to the exhibits, most of the philatelic agencies of the world will be represented selling their recent issues. There will also be in excess of 150 dealers, many of them foreign. This will be a good time to fill those blank spaces in your collections.

Be sure to make your room reservations soon. You can contact the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau housing office representative. Their telephone number is 1-800-632-0078 or 214-702-1030.

Hope to see you there!!

Gay & Lesbian Update

Antigua-Barbuda issued a set of four stamps on July 30, 1996, for the radio centennial. Dinah Shore is featured on the 75¢ value. Scott no. 2014.

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Benin issued a set of six stamps and one souvenir sheet for Christmas 1996. They showed paintings from several artists.

Holy Family Under the Oak Tree by Raphael, Scott no. 836.

The Holy Family by Raphael, Scott no. 837.

The Virgin of Balances by Leonardo da Vinci, Scott no. 839.

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Dominica issued a set of six for the 1996 Olympics. The \$2 value shows Greg Louganis. Scott no. 1852.

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Gambia issued a sheet of eight stamps (#1805), a sheet of nine stamps (#1806) and a souvenir sheet (#1807) on August 22, 1996. These stamps show various actors. Marlene Dietrich is shown on one stamp on the sheet of eight, Scott no. 1805h.

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Ghana issued a sheet of six, a sheet of nine and a souvenir sheet on August 25, 1996. These issues show "Disney's Best Friends". Aladdin and Abo from *Aladdin* can be found on Scott no. 1902d. Cogsworth and Lumiere from *Beauty and the Beast* can be found on Scott nos. 1898 and 1902f. Ariel, Flounder and Sebastian from *The Little Mermaid* can be found on Scott no. 1896.

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Greece issued a set of two stamps for the 1996 Europa issue on April 22, 1996. The stamps were issued in sheet, coil and booklet formats. Scott nos. 1835 and 1836.

Sappho is featured on the 120d value and Amalia Fleming is on the 430d value.

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Grenada Grenadines released two sheets of nine on August 26, 1996 to commemorate famous composers.

Leonard Bernstein, *West Side Story*, 1957, Scott no. 1865d.

Aaron Copland, *El Salon Mexico*, 1936, Scott no. 1865g.

Franz Schubert, *Die Forelle (The Trout)*, D.550, 1817, Scott no. 1866b.

Ludwig Van Beethoven, *Moonlight sonata*, Op. 27, No. 2, Scott no. 1866e.

George Frederick Handel, *Royal fireworks Music*, 1749, Scott no. 1866g.

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, *Swan Lake*, Op. 20, 1876, Scott no. 1866h.

Frederic Chopin, *Fantasia in F Minor*, Op. 49, 1840-41, Scott no. 1866i.

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Guyana issued a set of four stamps, five sheets of nine stamps and two souvenir sheets for the 1996 Summer Olympics on July 25, 1996. Carl Lewis (is he or isn't he?) is featured on Scott no. 3088.

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Maldives released a set of four, two sheets of six, one sheet of nine and two souvenir sheets for the 1996 Olympics on May 27, 1996. Mildred "Babe" Didrikson, Javelin 1932, is shown on Scott no. 2152b.

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Monaco issued a sheet of eight on May 14, 1996. This issue commemorated Annales Monegasques, 20th Anniversary. The sheet features famous people. Sidonie-Gabrielle Colette can be found on Scott no. 1999g.

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Niger issued a stamp in 1996 to commemorate the Boy Scouts. Robert Baden-Powell is shown on Scott no. 867. This issue exists perf., imperf. and in souvenir sheet of one stamp both perf. and imperf.

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Norway issued a set of three stamps on September 20, 1996, for the motion picture centennial. Charlie Chaplin, Ottar Gladvedt, Laurel & Hardy and Marlene Dietrich are all featured on one, Scott no. 1136.

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St. Vincent issued a set of eight, four sheets of nine and four souvenir sheets for the 1996 Olympics on July 19, 1996. Babe Didrikson, track & field, is on Scott no. 2318f. Carl Lewis, long jump, is on Scott no. 2320h. Carl Lewis, runner, is on Scott no. 2323.

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National Coming Out Day was commemorated in Philadelphia with an "Outfest" postmark. Diversity

of Pride sponsored the postmark on October 6, 1996.



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Here's a copy of the Arizona Central Pride postmark used on June 3, 1995. Does anyone have any information on this postmark?



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The Liberace Foundation for the Performing and Creative Arts uses a meter on their mailings. The meter features Liberace's signature over a piano with a candelabra. They are also trying to get the US Postal Service to honor "Mr. Showmanship". They are asking interested parties to write the Postmaster in support of this stamp.



AIDS Update

Guyana issued a sheet of stamps on July 25, 1996. Earvin "Magic" Johnson can be found on Scott no. 3085h.

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Gabon issued a stamp for the fight against AIDS in 1996. Scott no. 827.

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The South African Post Office made a change in their 1996 stamp issuing program. A new printing of the rhino stamp replaces the previously announced AIDS Awareness booklet. No word on a future release date for the AIDS stamp as yet.

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FPS Inc. of East Hampton, Mass. has used an AIDS Awareness meter. FPS Inc. is a Burger King franchisee. Does anyone have information as to why an AIDS Awareness meter was used?



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Could anyone verify if this is a legitimate supplementary postal marking?



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Aids Aufklärung e.v. - a registered private AIDS institution - used a meter in August of 1996.



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Someone has been using labels on their mail, warning people:

**DON'T FLY WITH
AIR CANADA=AIDS**
U.S. REPORT CONFIRMS
STAFF SPREAD AIDS!!

The labels are on light yellow paper. No return address was used on the covers.

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Paris, France used a postmark on March 14, 1995.

Le Kiosque infos SIDA
36, rue Geoffroy l'Asnier - 75007 PARIS
6, rue Dante - 75005 PARIS
2 adresses - 1 téléphone: 44.78.00.00

PARIS ODEON 14-3-95

A circular date stamp appears to the right of the postmark.

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The Bundeszentrale für gesundheitliche Aufklärung has used a meter. It is an agency within the German National Health Administration, possibly similar to the US Dept. of Health and Human Services?

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Italy has issued three AIDS related phone cards.

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There are two versions of "Giornata Mondiale AIDS" postmarks from Milan, Italy. Both were used December 1, 1996. Both feature an outline of the red ribbon. One is circular, the other is a rectangular box with a circular date stamp to the right.

Last Lick

Paul Hennefeld's collection and Phil Stager's collection have both been accepted for PACIFIC 97. Be sure to check them out.

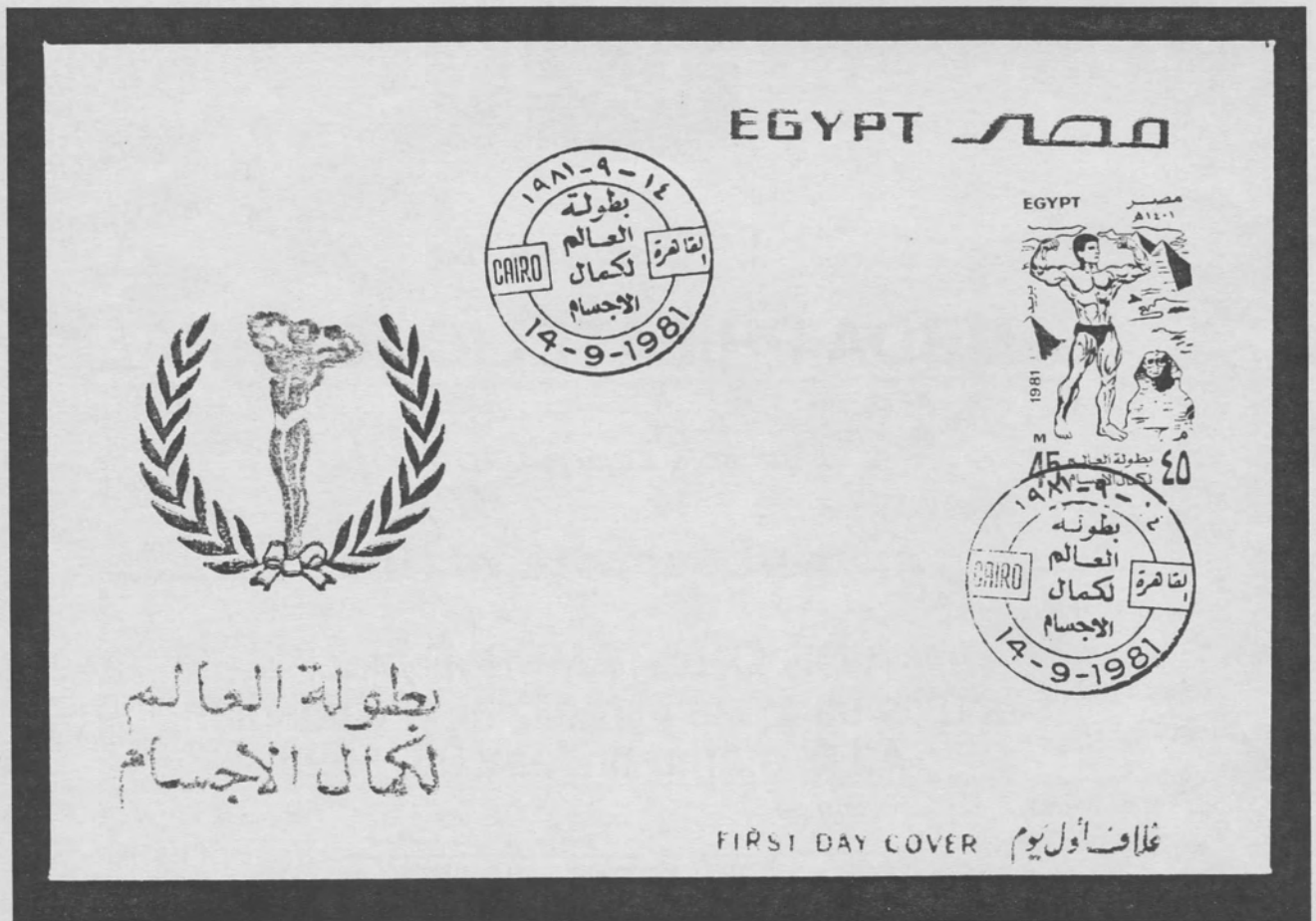
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APS STAMPSHOW 97 will be held in Milwaukee, WI from August 21 - 24, 1997. The show will feature a 150 dealer bourse, 600 frames of exhibits, multiple first days, and about 100 meetings and seminars.

Entry forms for the open and literature competitions are now available. While applications to exhibit will be accepted until May 1, 1997, early receipt will enhance your chance of acceptance.

Contact the APS at PO Box 8000, State College, PA 16803 for entry forms, meeting applications, hotel reservation cards, and any other questions you may have about APS STAMPSHOW 97. You may also reach the APS by phone at 814-237-3803, by fax at 814-237-6128 or by e-mail, kpmartin@stamps.org.

Editor's Choice



First day cover of Egyptian body building stamp, issued September 14, 1981.
Scott no. 1166

Does anyone know of any other body building stamps?