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## Would You Recognise This?

We all find things in our stock that take a bit of effort to identify. This postmark from Peking had me completely stumped.



It's a faint strike on a toned piece, dated 2 MAR 01, with I.J.P.O. at the base. It seems obvious to me now, but it took years for the penny to finally drop. It's an Imperial Japanese Post Office military cancel from the Boxer Rebellion period.

It's quite scarce, but on cover very scarce. If you come across one, please let me know! Cheers, Dave

## Editorial

As we continue to try and cope with the "new normal", I would like to offer a couple of personal observations.

Orders and enquiries have completely bottomed out for me, even email volume has plummeted. However, I have picked up some superb items, both for my own collection and for re-sale, at very low prices. It is clearly too soon to tell if the market is tanking, and I doubt very much that it is.

If I was a financial adviser, which I am definitely not, I would recommend that you spend as much as you can afford obtaining stock now.

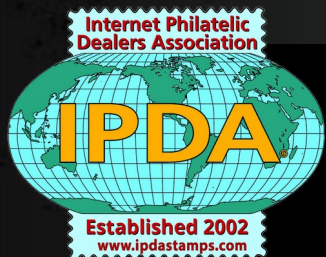
The recognition that the hobby has received in mainstream media during Covid-19 can only bode well for the future.

May I apologise for another very late, and truncated, Newsletter. The stringent lockdown here in Victoria has, along with the curfew, made it strangely difficult to find time to get anything done! Being home all day with grand-children, who must be home-schooled, whilst at the same time moving premises with no assistance (lockdown rules) and getting home before curfew, has left me a tad strung out to say the least!

I have already started on next month's Newsletter, so onwards and upwards!



Cheers  
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## Membership Numbers

We now have 133 members from 28 countries, and we're experiencing renewed interest from the trade, which is very gratifying. However, we had no new members in August.

Don't forget that the referral program is in place. Perhaps you could encourage a colleague to join us?

Algeria	1
Argentina	2
Australia	18
Belgium	1
Brazil	1
Canada	9
Croatia	2
France	3
Germany	4
Gibraltar	2
Hong Kong	1
Hungary	1
India	1
Indonesia	1
Israel	1
Italy	3
Latvia	1
Malta	2
Mexico	1
Netherlands	7
New Zealand	1
Pakistan	2
Philippines	2
South Africa	3
Spain	3
Sweden	1
UK	24
USA	35
<b>Total Paid Membership</b>	<b>133</b>



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## Lifting Our Game- Promoting the IPDA

*This is from a Facebook post, repeated here for those who do not read Facebook.*

Perhaps you will join me in promoting the IPDA for us all and for the collecting community at large.

September is here. An awful past 6 months for many, worse for millions of others I am sure.

Recently there has been so little promotion of the IPDA/IPDA sellers. Why? Too busy? Too depressed? Too lazy? What other reasons? I don't know, I just know we need to lift our game as the collectors of the world who buy stamps on the internet need to know they are buying with confidence from respected, respectable and internet-recognised sellers - and not buying stamps that are, lets just say, misrepresented, very poorly described and poorly presented in terms of scan quality.

I know you all agree and probably think I am rambling on again and again and again on this same old topic. But we should be doing something. if only to promote the IPDA and IPDA sellers.

The PTS and the APS are spending hours promoting their names, especially on Twitter. I bet both wish they could promote the Internet in their wording but that is something we have.

Let's leverage that. I am starting this myself with a monthly tracker of all posts in Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and others.

If you want to post something - anything you want - to promote the IPDA and IPDA sellers please do and message me at [ipdasecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:ipdasecretary1@gmail.com) so I can track it and hopefully we will see more applications for membership and as IPDA sellers we might just get more business.

We don't sell the garbage you see so often see and the caveat emptor excuse is not really an excuse with integrity is it?

On a personal note I have had a shocking month and I am now giving myself a tough talking to, to lift my game, get over it and be positive in September.



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## Lifting Our Game- Promoting the IPDA.....cont'd

And one final comment - I will not be posting any more images after this last one - you are probably sick of seeing them at least during August.

But this I think shows why someone is not an IPDA member and I pray a collector is not dumb enough to even consider bidding. Opening at \$115 this is the only image posted of the stamp. (I can get you this stamp right now for \$27 and after seeing the front and the back).



So is this from a seller with any credibility? No, of course not and unless we can promote the IPDA and us as sellers with integrity then collectors will have cause to think, maybe? we are all in the same boat!!!!

Have a great month!

Michael Dodd  
IPDA General Secretary





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## Captain Who?

For most of my life I had wanted to be a teacher. I don't know why, just something that has always been at the back of my mind. If I were a teacher, I think one little piece of paper, this one specifically could teach more than any heavy worn out text book ever could. The stamp or piece of paper I have mentioned is Scott# 230, New Zealand from the year 1940. What's so special about this stamp? Let's see what this 2.5" x 1.0" of text book has to offer.



Scott#230 (SG614) New Zealand, 1940

Captain Who?-

*The English navigator Captain James Cook sighted New Zealand on 6 October 1769, and landed at Poverty Bay two days later. He drew detailed and accurate maps of the country, and wrote about the Māori people. His first encounter with Māori was not successful – a fight broke out in which some Māori were killed*

A small snippet from the web.

His ship?-

*HMS Endeavour, also known as HM Bark Endeavour, was a Royal Navy research vessel that Lieutenant James Cook commanded to Australia and New Zealand on his first voyage of discovery from 1768 to 1771....*



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## Captain Who?.....cont'd

If you search the web you will find many examples of his/the ship that was used.

Captain Cooks chart of New Zealand?

..Here's a link to map drawn in 1773 that was sold at auction-

<https://www.raremaps.com/gallery/detail/57221/chart-of-new-zealand-explored-in-1769-and-1770-by-lieut-i-cook>.

What I liked most about this stamp is that I am sitting here in Arizona drinking coffee and have been to New Zealand, learned about a ship and learned about some Captain, named 'Cook'. I hope he was a good fighter because I don't think he was really liked in 1769 in New Zealand. Someday I would like to visit New Zealand, but for now I'll have to settle for this little 2.5" x 1.0" piece of paper to get there..

By Lee Coen

*(Editor's note: That's why I love our hobby—small pieces of history in our hands. Needless to say, he's well known in these parts with everything from towns to geographical features named after him. However, if the Maori didn't like him, the natives of the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii) liked him less! He was killed on February 14, 1779, on the beach at Kealahou Bay, Hawaii. These are some of the many stamps issued in honour of the man)*







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## Selling Presentation Tip of the Month

We all sell and we all want our customers and potential customers to buy from us rather than some other dealer/seller, especially when that seller is someone who knows little about stamps and cares even less about the collector. As an IPDA seller we care about our customers and collectors and we want them to be respected and in turn respect our integrity.

Here is one of the 100s of sales images you will find on the internet. It speaks volumes about the seller. And this selling tip is specifically related to sellers showing a group of stamps on the major philatelic portals.



Stamps for the collector to judge if this is what they want.

Collector because I make no time to carefully present the

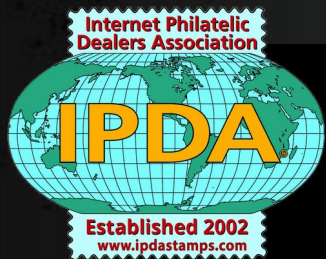
list and expecting the wording description to satisfy the

As I found and thought I could make some quick cash. In (from you), I am a very big seller who really doesn't care me to justify what I am trying to sell you.

Of course this is not an IPDA member and if I ever see this seller apply I will not support this application.

So after all that rambling what is the selling tip of the month? Well done! You don't need me to tell you do you?

By Lee Coen



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## Philately Around the World - L is for Luxembourg

Continuing this series, I have chosen Luxembourg for this article. A country I know very little about. Errors or serious omissions are mine and if any reader is an expert in this area please accept my humble apology for this less than knowledgeable attempt to present some information about Luxembourg's postal history and stamps.

Luxembourg is an independent Grand Duchy. It is a small, 1000 square mile, landlocked country bordered by Belgium, France, and Germany with a population of just over 600,000 people.

Luxembourg issued its first stamps on 15 September 1852. They showed a portrait of King William III of the Netherlands and also the Grand Duke of Luxembourg. The stamps were issued in both Belgian and French currencies. Later issues were issued only in Belgian currency.



Great Britain is the only stamp issuing country in the world to not show the name of the country on its stamps. Whilst Luxembourg has the country name on its stamps today, its early issues do not show the name.

Luxembourg has followed a rather conservative stamp issuing policy over the years. At a rough estimate I think that about 1000 definitive and commemorative stamps, excluding varieties have been issued over the years.

The classical stamps – those considered part of Luxembourg's early postal history, offer many opportunities for a philatelic study. The early issues, from say until the beginning of WWII when Luxembourg was occupied by German forces, include paper, perforation, and printing varieties, along with many collectible essays and proofs.

Perhaps a few selected stamps and historical scenes/events will be interesting for readers.

Unlike some European countries Luxembourg issued stamps in its early years showing some of its heritage, rather than only royalty. I have selected two to start with, Fig 2 and Fig 3 as I think they are quite beautiful both as images and artworks of engraving and design.



## Philately Around the World - L is for Luxembourg.....cont'd



Fig 2: SG194 (Sc126) Vianden  
Castle 1921 1fr



Fig 3: SG222a (Sc152) Celebrating the  
Birth of Princess Elizabeth 1923 10fr

The first airmail stamps, shown in Fig 4, were issued in 1931. These four stamps, the 75c, 1f, 1½f, and 1¾f stamps (SG 297-300; Sc C2-C5) were issued on the same day. (SG and Scott list 6 stamps in the issue - 2 issued on other dates). Covers were also cancelled with stamps of the country that provided the airmail service, usually German or Belgium stamps. In this example two German Weimar Republic Air stamps from the 1926 issue were used. The first airmail covers were stamped with a green "Poste Aérienne / Luxembourg / Avril 1931" circular cachet.



Fig 4: The first airmail stamps from 1931



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One more cover of interest, Fig 5, because this is a cover of the first airmail flight from Luxembourg by plane. These special covers included a "Première Post / par Avion/ Echternach (Luxbg.) – Bruxelles / 17 Août 1932" printed cachet. The envelopes were prepared by the Union des Timbrophiles and were sold at the Echternach philatelic exhibition



Fig 5: The First Flight cover 1932

Me and I think I should show another beautiful stamp. Fig 6, SG 226, Sc 153, issued in 1923 from the famous Wolfsschucht gorge and waterfall near Echternach. German stamps were used in Luxembourg in 1940 and 1941 and in 1942 Luxembourg used German stamps until its liberation. Luxembourg was issuing its own stamps in November 1944 with a definite Duchess Charlotte. Fig 7. As an aside, her life makes for interesting



Fig 6: SG226 (Sc153) issued 1923



Fig 7: SG438 (Sc218) 1944





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In 1948 another issue depicting her was issued, Fig 8. I do not know why, but this is, in my view, a much harsher presentation of her in profile. What do readers know about why there was a new issue only a few years after the first?



Luxembourg, Fig 10.  
Fig 8: SG518 (Sc254)  
1948-9

I saw various news issues, usually commemoratives, and usually with 4 issues a year. A conservative stamp issuing policy by any standards.

The Duchess abdicated and was succeeded by her son, the Grand Duke. A commemorative issue, 21 stamps this time, and perhaps Machins come to mind!!!



Fig 9: SG761 (Sc422)  
1965-71

Let me finish with one more issue, from 1995, which I think rather nicely shows a panoramic view of the city of Luxembourg, Fig 10. I was reminded of this one because it seems with many postal administrations these days, and not pointing a finger at anyone, it is a common practice to issue these strips. Not sure it is for the postal use of stamps though!



Fig 10: Panoramic View of Luxembourg SG1390a (Sc923) 1995

I welcome feedback, positive or negative, anything that might help in writing the remaining 13 letters (there is no X country that I am aware of) of the alphabet. And, if any member wants to volunteer for a letter/article please contact the Editor or me.

By Michael Dodd





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## New Issues Some Attractive Designs Here!



**Romania:** Danube Delta Swans  
Date of Issue 1 Sept 2020



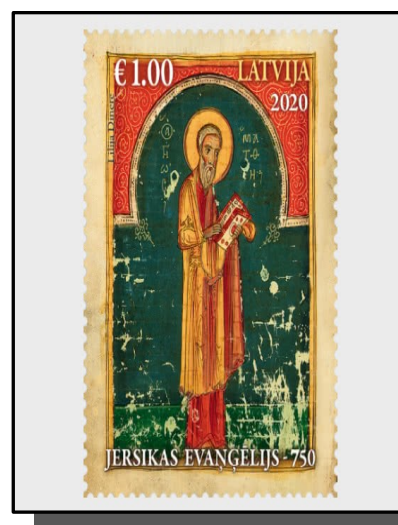
**Monaco:** 50th Anniversary  
of Theatre du Fort Antoine  
Date of Issue 3 Aug 2020



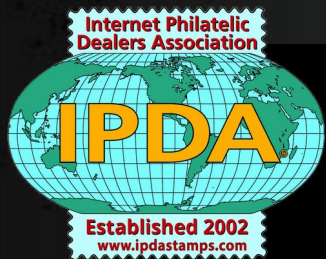
**Estonia** Poisonous Mushroom  
Date of Issue 28 Aug 2020



**Australia:** Opalised Fossils Date of Issue 17 Aug 2020



**Latvia:** Gospel of Jersika  
Date of Issue 21 Aug 2020



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## The Last Word

Again, I may be the last one to know, but I stumbled across this online auction site from Spain, [todocoleccion.net](http://todocoleccion.net)

I've found some excellent items for stock, at very low prices. Well worth a visit.

Stamps	
> Pre-Philately	14.351
▶ Spain	481.713
▶ International Stamps	767.337
▶ Thematic Stamps	128.910
▶ Postal History	258.844
> Collections and Sets	8.681
> Catalogs and Books	8.523
▶ Postal Material	13.599
> Reproductions Philately	3.325