## POSTAL STATIONERY COMMISSION

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#### The Secretary's page.

Dear Colleagues!

First of all warm greetings to all of You. It was very nice to meet so many of you during the Finlandia exhibition, and at the Seminars.

Once again a Newsletter is "on the Street". Last year I promised to publish two numbers, but due to lack of information you only got one number. In 1996 also two numbers are planned. To realize this I once again have to ask for your cooperation, that you will contribute to the next issue, which is planned to be issued late August.

All contributions in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and the Scandinavian languages are welcome. Other languages will not be practical, as the Bureau has no translators.

Remember to send your contribution to-day to:

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# EXHIBITION RESULTS - NORDIA'95, Nordic exhibition in Malmø, Sweden, October 25. - 28. 1995.

Argentina Postal Stationery 1876 - 1934 Jan Fristad, Sweden	Gold	90
	CORNORS	
China, Governmental postcards 1897-1935	LV	88 + SP
"Chi Kho Sing", Sweden		
Denmark 1871 - 90, single- and double cards	ΓΛ	88 + SP
Erik Hvidberg Hansen, Denmark		
Norwegian postal stationery, posthorn types 1872 - 1925	LV	87 + SP
Paul H. Jensen, Norway		
Persian postal stationery 1878 - 1920	LV	85
Bjørn Sohrne, Sweden		
Ceylon postal stationery 1857 - 1927	v	80
Bengt Nilsson, Sweden		
Sweden postal stationery 1872 - 1922	LS	75
Karin Naalsund, Norway		

Due to space (and weight) limitations the results from the FINLANDIA and BANGKOG exhibitions are not brought.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since the last issue of the Newsletter we have had two FIP international exhibitions, FINLANDIA 95 in Helsinki in May and SINGAPORE 95 in September 1995.

As far as postal stationery was concerned the Helsinki show will always be memorable for the sheer scale and variety of the exhibits on view. Never before has such a wide range of material been seen in one place and it really opened the eyes of many collectors for whom postal stationery was perceived as somewhat limited in interest and significance in either traditional or postal historical terms.

We also held seminars at both these exhibitions and the level of interest shown strongly suggests we should continue this approach. The next Commission meeting will be held in Istanbul in October 1996 and I hope to see as full an attendance of the Commission as possible since we will be holding elections and planning our programme of work for the period 1996-2000.

In the meantime I wish everyone a healthy, peaceful and enjoyable 1996.

# FIP POSTAL STATIONERY COMMISSION MEETING IN HELSINKI 13th MAY 1995

### MINUTES

## DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS PRESENT:

Country	Delegate	<u>Observer</u>
Australia Denmark Finland France Germany	R Todd E.H Hansen R Rahiala J Foort H.G Meissner	G Habne
India Indonesia Malaysia Nepal Netherlands New Zealand	Y Kumar R.H.H Nelwan S Anthony R Shrestha L Crandel R Samuel	H Van der Vlist M Herton
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# 1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

President A.K Huggins	Welcomed delegates to the meeting which was followed by the first	
	full-day seminar arranged by the	
	Postal Stationery Commission of FIP.	
	This was particularly appropriate to	
	the occasion of the Helsinki	
	Exhibition.	
Mr Kari Rahiala	Extended a particular welcome on	
	behalf of the Organisers of the	
	largest postal stationery exhibition	
	ever held	

# 2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Commission meeting held on 23rd August 1994 in Seoul (circulated with P.S Newsletter no.1 1995) were approved.

#### 3. REPORTS ON CURRENT PROJECTS

- Compilation of bibliographic information
   (B Hellebrekers): There are still troubles with the computer programme.
- Introductory Booklet (A.K Huggins): Probably completed by end of 1995.
- Newsletter (E Hviderg Hansen): Calls for more information/articles/ideas from Delegates.
- Teaching Material:
  - i) H Meissner: "A Treatment of German postal stationery of the period 1945-1948", intended for promotion of collecting and of overcoming the difficulties with the peculiar types of postal stationery issued during those years. The exhibit (three to five frames) does not consist of original items but of the best available colour photocopies which now have been produced.
  - ii) R Todd: One teaching frame has been produced and shown in Vietnam (copies were distributed), another one was being prepared with Australian material.

#### 4. REPORTS ON NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Australia:

The Great Australian Postal Stationery Challenge 1997 for post-1945 material has already attracted 30 participants. Also a Postal Stationery Working Group has now been started.

Canada:

P.O Postal Cards no longer issued. The 6th edition of Webb Catalogue is now available.

Denmark:

A specialised catalogue forthcoming.

Finland:

- i) A 150 page exhibit entitled "159 Years of Finnish Postal Stationery" presenting one page per year. Meant to tell stories but not as a systematic collection.
- ii) A non-competitive exhibition with 150 frames for 150 exhibitors.
- iii) A competition (one frame per participant) showing postal stationery items which have travelled the longest route.

France:

AECP has old collector members with good exhibits.

India: The modern period is not appreciated by

collectors. Essays, proofs, SPECIMEN items of issues after 1947 are banned by Government.

New Zealand:

Only six exhibitors known, New Zealand postal

Stationery seems to be widely collected

overseas.

UK:

The Postal Stationery Society continues to grow, now 120 members (third foreign). FIP GREV: SREV and Guidelines printed in

booklet form.

Other

Countries:

Few collectors, little development, few issues of postal stationery reported from Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Thailand. There are only a few collectors known in the Netherlands.

#### 5. NEXT MEETINGS

- Seminar in Singapore 1995.

- Commission Meeting in Istanbul 5th or 6th October 1996.

#### REPORT ON HELSINKI SEMINAR - 13 MAY 1995

This seminar was attended by over 20 participants from 14 different countries and was well received.

The initial presentation of "Collecting Postal Stationery" was given by Erik Hvidberg-Hausen and was followed by a session on "Exhibiting Postal Stationery" by Hans Meissner. Following a break for lunch Alan Huggins spoke on "Judging Postal Stationery Exhibits at International Level" and a trial judging session was held using real exhibits, the final session being devoted to a critique of the exhibits and the results of the judging.

## REPORT ON SINGAPORE SEMINAR - 9 SEPTEMBER 1995

This seminar was given following a request from the Organisers of Singapore 95 and comprised two presentations. The first "Approaches to Exhibiting Postal Stationery" by Ray Todd was aimed at collectors who are already exhibiting at National or International level or are thinking of doing so. The second entitled "How Postal Stationery Exhibits are Judged" given by Alan Huggins set out to indicate how exhibitors can improve their results if they take the trouble to understand how the judging procedures are applied to competitive exhibits. The 35 people who attended this seminar came from 23 countries and the interest generated was amply demonstrated by the number and range of the questions asked and the comments made.

#### Dick van der Wateren

# Nepal Postal Stationery

A Review by Frank J. Vignola

By Dick van der Wateren. Published 1995 by Dick van der Wateren (Ysbaanweg 8, 8391 HZ Noordwolde, Netherlands). Illustrated, A-4 format, 109pp., stapled, soft cover cover. Printed in English.

Prices:

Europe - £13 or DM 31, postage and packing included if paid by cash (an additional £5, DM 13 if paid by bankdraft).

U.S. - \$16 plus \$8 for postage and packing if paid by cash (an additional \$8 if paid by bankdraft).

After Nepal, Catalogue of Postal Stationery, 1887-1992 by Prof. Dr. Alex Werner and Dick van der Wateren was published in 1993 it was not surprising to see that interest in Nepalese postal stationery increased considerably. The new information, new discoveries and continuing research made it apparent to Dick van der Wateren that there should be a new revised edition in the form of a comprehensive handbook.

When the 1993 Catalogue was published, Dr. Wolfgang C. Hellrigl wrote a book review which included an excellent constructive critique proposing various knowledgeable suggestions regarding an eventual revision of the catalogue. He felt that by adding more detail to the 1993 Catalogue it would enhance considerably the postal history value of the Catalogue which eventually should be revised in the form of a handbook. With the encouragement of Prof. Werner, who co-authored the 1993 Catalogue, Dick accepted the challenge to take on the project as both author and publisher of this new detailed reference handbook, Nepal Postal Stationery.

In the introduction to the new handbook, the author wrote that there were several areas in which he changed the contents of the 1993 Catalogue that brought about the writing of the revised book. He added a new chapter that gives a complete review of all of the previous publications he could locate relating to the postal stationery of Nepal. He included a detailed chapter on the history of the first postal card and another on the printing dates of the early postal cards, giving us the best chronological sequence of issues possible at this time. Another chapter deals with the numbering system which he revised and simplified so that future discoveries could easily be inserted into the proper numbering sequence.

Included are illustrations of all of the known types of postal cards, stamped envelopes, registration envelopes and aerograms issued from 1887 through 1994. The sections on the early postal cards, including sub types, simplify classifying the cards, especially with the new detailed historical text appearing on the same pages as the illustrations. The catalogue now becomes a reference book with the addition of such postal history relating to Nepal's postal stationery.

Also included in the revised handbook are chapters on rarity and prices (now in U.S. dollars rather than German DM), and postal stationery rates. Also present is a bibliography.

In the Forward to the book, Dr. Hellrigl succinctly expressed his opinion as follows: "Extended from a concise catalogue to a detailed handbook, this volume may be considered as the definitive reference work on the subject". I commend the author, Dick van der Wateren, for what he has accomplished by bringing this invaluable research book to fruition. Do not miss the opportunity to add this book to your personal library.

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The Postal Stationery of South West Africa 1888-1990, editors W.J. Quik and F.J. Stolk. Published by "Filatelistenvereniging Zuidelijk Afrika"; Rotterdam, November 1993; ISBN 90-9005878-8; size A4, 116 pages ill. black and white, bi-lingual Dutch and English; price Hfl. 52.50, postage paid. Orders to J. Stolk, P.O. Box 33223, 3005 EE ROTTERDAM, Netherlands.

The Dutch Specialized Society "Filatelistenvereniging Zuidelijk Afrika" has had the excellent idea of compiling and publishing this catalogue. This book has the Dutch and the English texts side by side, which makes it accessible to a very great number of collectors. In my opinion this is an example that should be followed by every editor of postal stationery catalogues. Far too many works remain "closed books" to the great majority of collectors because they have been written in the national language only.

A lot of hard work must have been spent on this edition, and the result is a very useful listing of the postal stationery of SWA. But it also becomes quite clear how difficult it is to make a good catalogue with a consistent system which fits in with existing tried and tested catalogues. This catalogue appears to be the result of an intensive study of the subject without the benefit of a wider background knowledge. If the editors had consulted more experienced collectors in the field of postal stationery in general and especially if they had consulted experts in the art of publishing postal stationery catalogues, of which there are too few, unfortunately, a fair number of mistakes, omissions, muddles and obscure references could have been avoided.

The bibliography is a bit unfortunate in that the year of publication is not given in every case. This makes it impossible to see how recent the information is that has been incorporated. I should have thought that especially for the first part on German South West Africa the BOREK and MICHEL specialized catalogues, Hans-Peter Frech's "Privatpostkartenkatalog" and Steuer's Handbook on the German "Kolonial-vorläufer" would have been invaluable, but it seems that these works have not been consulted.

The catalogue starts with a two-page history of the SWA Postal service up to 1923. If one chooses to give a chapter of Postal History in a stationery catalogue, it should not be so scanty. Some general history and geography, notably roads, rivers, railways and means of transport, might also have been included.

There is a map of South West Africa which looks fairly recent, but no year is given. It is not clear whether the bold lines represent roads or railways. For the early period an additional earlier map might have been useful.

Postal rates, some basic information on the cancellations (especially of the German period) and information on forgeries are lacking, as are the number of copies printed/sold/destroyed/overprinted, period of validity, known earliest and latest date of use, printer, printing technique. Of course not each and every of these data is available, but even mentioning that certain data are lacking or giving partially available data may be useful and may lead to new discoveries. If certain data are unavailable because, for example, archives have been destroyed this should also be mentioned.

There are 20 pages on the German period, in which German forerunner cards without overprint, the German cards with overprint, the 1900 general colonies type cards, private postal stationery and fieldpost cards are dealt with. German specialized catalogues give more information. One may have some doubts regarding the decision to include the German Fieldpostcards: they are not postal stationery as defined by the F.I.P.

regulations.

There is another short historical note on the transition period before the issue of SWA stationery in 1923. Then follow some 80 pages with the Postcards, the Envelopes, the Lettercards, the Registered Envelopes, the Wrappers and the Air Mail Letter Sheets in the usual order.

Does this mean that this is a bad catalogue after all? No, certainly not. Even though quite a few more details may be criticized it is a useful catalogue, but I think it should be considered a first attempt which needs to be followed by the more specialized catalogue which the subject deserves.

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Franco Filanci e.a. SIRACUSANA: La variante infinita (p. 190); Published by POSTE ITALIANE, Rome 1995; No ISBN. Price Lit. 20.000

This interesting book, a project of the Association of the Friends of the Postal Museum, deals with the Siracusana type of which the stamps and stationery marked the period 1953-1977. One value was even reprinted as late as 1980. The Siracusana type enjoys the distinction of probably being the only design which started its career on a postal stationery card.

Postal stationery occupies only about 30 pages, but the illustrations alone, many of them in colour, of essays and definitive issues and especially of the enigmatic envelopes that were never issued, make it worthwhile. The book offers such a wealth of information that any philatelic gourmet who can work his way through an Italian newspaper should also enjoy this volume.

# NED. VER. VAN POSTSTUKKEN- EN KONINKLIJK GOEDGEKEURDE VERENIGING (1948)



# POSTSTEMPELVERZAMELAARS

LID NEDERLANDSE BOND VAN FILATELISTENVERENIGINGEN

We invite all collectors to visit the exhibition which we - the Dutch Society of Postal Stationery and Postal History Collectors - are organising on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of our Society. This non-competitive exhibition will be held from 5 to 8 September 1996 on the same lines as we did in 1971, 1981, 1986 and 1991. As befits the aims and character of our society the appr. 600 frames will be devoted to Postal Stationery, Postal History, Covers and Postmarks. The venue will be the "Oude Kerk" (Old Church) in the centre of Amsterdam. The opening ceremony will take place on Thursday 5 September in the afternoon. The exhibition will be open to the public all Friday and Saturday, and Sunday afternoon.

As we did in 1986 and 1991, with a view to strengthening the ties with collectors in other European countries, we have again invited exhibits from Postal Stationery Societies in Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain and Switzerland. The "Society of Postal Historians" of Great Britain will also contribute some 50 frames.

Further information may be obtained by writing to Mr B. Hellebrekers, P.O. Box 779, 1180 AT AMSTELVEEN, Netherlands.

K.J. Wirth: THAILAND, Postcard King Bhumibol, Issues 1947 - 1993. In English, introductory notes in English and in German, 118 p. Published by The Philatelists Association of Thailand, G.P.O. Box 2529, Bangkok 10501. Price not communicated. Offered by stampdealer in Holland at £10. A Thai version was to be published at the same time by Mr Grassi.

In 1987 already a catalogue in Thai and in English was published on the King Bhumibol postcards by Mr Grassi, but as far as I am aware, it did

not reach Europe, unfortunately.

The postcards are described and illustrated chronologically, and particulars such as paper, size, printer, designer date of issue and number printed are mentioned. A lot of attention is paid to subtypes: variations in stamp colour, design, paper, commemorative imprints on reverse for the New Year cards. Sometimes these details are essential, as in the case of cards 9.3 and 9.4, which can only be distinguished by the paper colour.

Interesting things emerge, such as the fact that most basic cards were printed by foreign printers, that up to the end of 1986 commemorative postcards had their commemorative designs printed separately and that they were nearly all sold at a premium. It is not mentioned where these

commemorative designs were printed.

It is curious that postcards which were sold, after rate increases, with additional stamps affixed by the post, are also allotted catalogue numbers. "Affixed" is used rather loosely, as Mr Wirth admits, because quite often, even today, counter clerks in Thailand hand over the stamps to the customers so that they themselves can stick them on the letters etc. that they are about to hand in at the counter. The author says that he is aware that private persons could very well add their own stamps, but the fact that certain types of stamps were very frequently used in each case made him decide to include these cards.

There is an appendix on certain pictorial stationery postcards that have been issued since 1983. These cards have a box with a text in Thai instead of a stamp imprint. The text says that these cards were valid inside Thailand for a limited period. They were sold for charity at prices ranging from 2.50 Baht to 10 Baht, so considerably over the normal inland

postal rate.

In my opinion this catalogue is well worth buying, and we can only hope that more stationery experts in more countries will publish their catalogues in English.



#### **FONDEE EN 1926**

#### POSTAL STATIONERY COMMISSION

#### 1996 POSTAL STATIONERY COMMISSION MEETING IN ISTANBUL

The time, locations and date will be advised when known - likely to be 5th or 6th October 1996.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Roll Call.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 1995 in Helsinki.
- Matters arising.
- 4. Report to Congress.
- Progress Report on Current Projects.
- 6. Reports on National Activities.
- 7. Elections.
- 8. Future Work Programme.
- 9. Next Meeting.
- 10. Any Other Business.

Alan Huggins Commission President

Nomination forms for the nomination of Members and the Commission Bureau are enclosed.

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