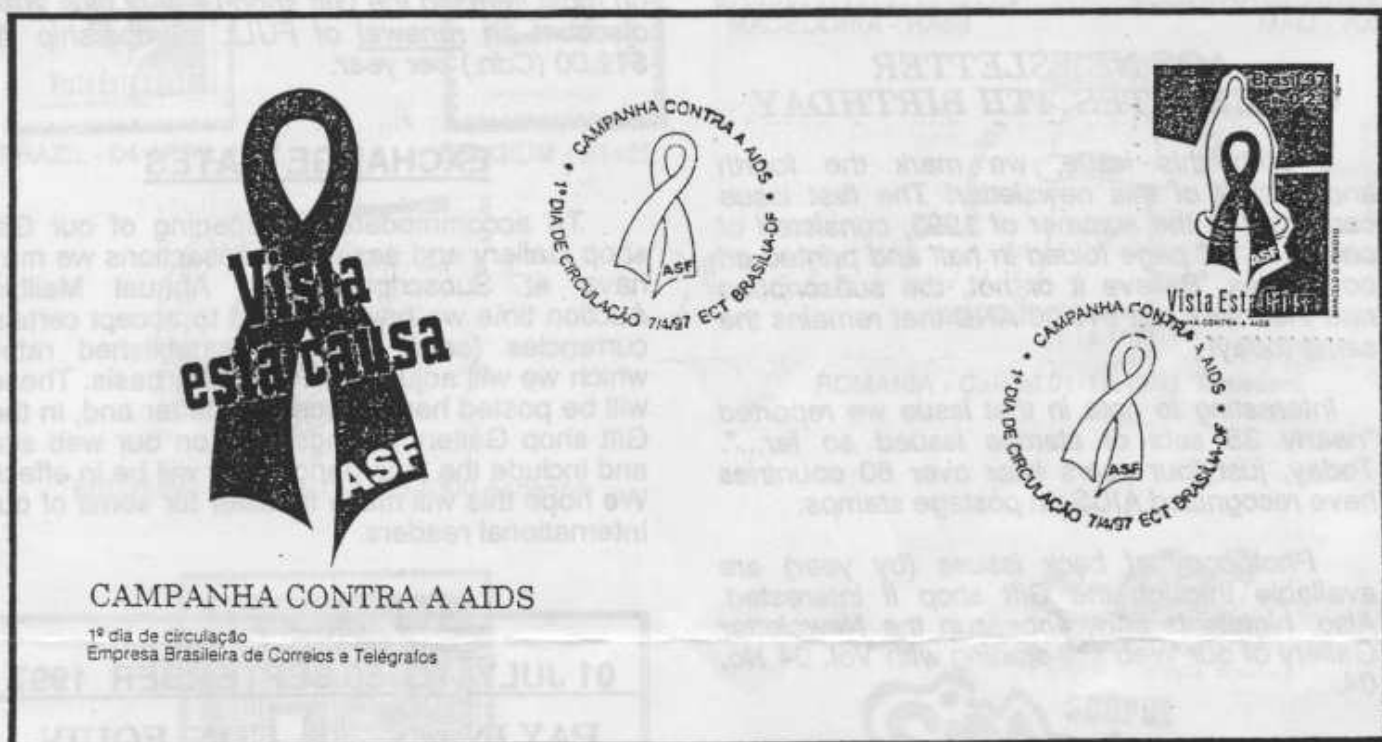


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News Letter

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SAFER SEX ISSUES: The Condom

This latest issue from Brazil released on 04 April 1997 brings together two very important symbols recognized globally - the Red Ribbon (a version initiated by the ASF- Association of the Family Health ribbon illustrated on this Brazil stamp) representing AIDS Awareness, and the condom representing a form of AIDS Prevention. See inside for listing of AIDS stamps/cancels that illustrate condoms.

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AOS NEWSLETTER CELEBRATES 4TH BIRTHDAY

With this issue, we mark the fourth anniversary of this newsletter! The first issue came out in the summer of 1993, consisted of one 8" X 14" page folded in half and printed on both sides. Believe it or not, the subscription rate then was just \$10.00 AND that remains the same today!

Interesting to note in that issue we reported "nearly 35 sets of stamps issued so far...". Today, just four years later over 60 countries have recognized AIDS on postage stamps.

Photocopy of back issues (by year) are available through the Gift shop if interested. Also, highlights only, appear in the Newsletter Gallery of our Web site starting with Vol. 04 No. 04.

WEB SITE ADDRESS CHANGE

PLEASE NOTE OUR CHANGE OF WEBSITE ADDRESS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

YOU CAN NOW REACH OUR WEB SITE AT:

www.alphagate.com/aos

However, our E-MAIL address remains the same: blairh@siwash.bc.ca

GIFT SHOP GALLERY OPENS

We are pleased to announce that our Gift shop Gallery is now open on our web site. We realize that a lot of our subscribers do not have internet access so you will find with this issue a special **AOS GIFT SHOP GALLERY LISTING** and ordering form for your convenience.

As this will also take place on the web site, this listing will be updated on a quarterly basis as new items become available and others sell out. As a subscriber to the Newsletter you will receive this listing with each issue.

Remember also, that if you have chosen our **FULL MEMBERSHIP** option, you will automatically be assigned a unique AOS number which will entitle you to a **10% discount** on most items in the Gift shop Gallery plus **20% discount** on renewal of FULL membership @ \$12.00 (Cdn.) per year.

EXCHANGE RATES

To accommodate the opening of our Gift shop Gallery and ease the transactions we may have at Subscription and Annual Mailbid Auction time we have decided to accept certain currencies (**cash only**) at established rates which we will adjust on a quarterly basis. These will be posted here in our Newsletter and, in the Gift shop Gallery Listings, and on our web site and include the time period they will be in effect. We hope this will make it easier for some of our International readers.

EFFECTIVE FROM:
01 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1997

<u>PAY IN:</u>	<u>CDN. EQUIV.</u>
CDN. DOLLAR	= 1.0000
US DOLLAR	= 1.2570
BRAZIL REAL	= 0.8510
BRITISH POUND	= 2.1700
GERMAN MARK	= 0.6650
FRENCH FRANC	= 0.1210
SPANISH PESETAS	= 0.0079

Simply **divide** total cost of your order by the figure in the CDN.EQUIV. column above to pay in your currency.

CONDOM CANCELS & STAMPS



ANGOLA - 900



ARGENTINA - 1786



ETHIOPIA - 1309



GABON - 827



BRAZIL - 04 APRIL 1997



BELGIUM - B1125



MACEDONIA - RA59



MALI - 700



BELGIUM - Cancel 4-11-1995 5300 Andenne



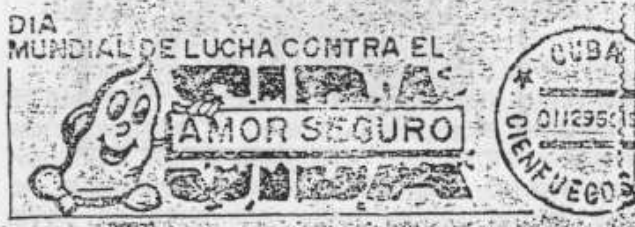
BOTSWANA - 13 OCTOBER 1996



ROMANIA - Cancel 01-12-1993 Timisoara



ROMANIA - Cancel 07-04-1996 Bucuresti



CUBA - Cancel 01-12-1995 Cienfuegos

POINT TO PONDER

In many situations its not so much the destination we are going to as it is what we learn along the way to reach that destination.

AUCTION ALERT

As most of our regular readers will recall we conducted our first ANNUAL Mail Bid Auction last November. It proved to be very successful and many of you indicated that you were able to acquire some items to enhance your own collecting interest.

We'd like to remind you that this is the AIDS ON STAMPS Project's only fundraising event each year. To that end we've already begun to work on items for this year's auction and hope to expand it even beyond last year.

Therefore, for those interested in either donating *or submitting any materials on commission* for this event we would be pleased to hear from you. We are *not* restricting materials to the topic of AIDS this year but such materials will have precedence where space is limited.

PLEASE NOTE:

This year's auction will also be posted on the Internet through our web site so exposure will be much bigger we anticipate.

Full details will be sent to our regular subscribers in the September Newsletter. Start your search NOW!

PACIFIC 97

We had the opportunity to spend a few days at PACIFIC '97 from May 30 to June 02. However, we soon realized that definitely was not enough time to try to get to see everything at the show, let alone to study some of the world class exhibits at our disposal.

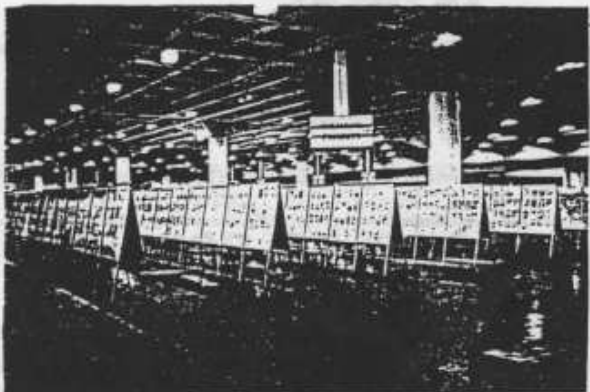


Photo of THEMATIC Exhibits Section. Just a small sampling from the 3500 plus frames in the entire Exhibits Sections found in both halls!

However, we tried to make the best of our limited time and tried NOT to spend too much time in some of those huge lineups at different venues. As a first-timer at a show of this magnitude only one word describes it - "overwhelming."

We did actually run into a few of our acquaintances and, unfortunately, missed others. However, by the time our three days had passed we were somewhat happy to head back home. The meeting of the ATA Study Unit GLHSC (Gay & Lesbian History Stamp Club) over exceeded its attendance expectations. It was a great opportunity to meet some of the people we normally correspond with or read about though the *Lambda Philatelic Journal* and learn first hand of each others varied collecting interests.

MACEDONIA ISSUE RECEIVES SCOTT CATALOGUE NUMBER:



The Macedonian AIDS, Red Cross issue of 01 December 1995 has been assigned Scott # RA76. However, this issue (required for use December 01 - 07) also exists in a sheetlet format both perf and imperf.



AIPEX 2000 UPDATE

As part of our visit to PACIFIC'97 we took that opportunity to present to a number of countries on our AIPEX 2000 list directly our Phase I package to them.

Among the countries (or the agents representing them) we touched base with we were able to add 23 countries to our list. These include: Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Portugal, Singapore, South Africa, Swaziland, Tahiti-French Polynesia, Tanzania, Turkey, Venezuela, Vietnam, and Zambia. We are now in the process of initiating Phase II follow up with another 15 countries previously contacted in Phase I.

Although its a bit early to expect any response from the recent Phase II contacts, we will be contacting those countries again in the fall as we continue our efforts to have as many countries as possible at least consider the topic of HIV/AIDS in their future stamp issuing programs.

We will keep our readers updated on this project not only through this Newsletter, but we now have this information available on our web site.

QUARTERLY QUOTE

"We want to create hope for the person and acceptance in the hearts of the people. We must give hope, always hope and remove the bitterness that is harming them when they are being avoided by everyone."

- Mother Teresa on AIDS

AIDS A SUGGESTED THEME

From the latest issue of SETEMPE (SA STAMP NEWS Vol 2 No 2 March/April 1997) we were pleased to note in the article "Wanted: Namibian stamp designers!" that in the section on suggested themes AIDS and cancer are given as examples when health issues are mentioned.

The stamp designing competition is for all interested artists who are Namibian citizens or permanent residents in the country.

ISSUES UPDATE A TO Z

Although new AIDS related stamp issues have slowed down somewhat there still comes to light interesting cancels pertaining to the topic. We present some of the latest ones we have received (or photocopies thereof).

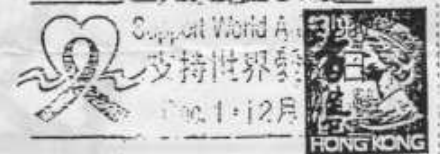


FRANCE: Red Ribbon Sida Info Service dated 16-6-97 PARIS HOTEL DE VILLE and PARIS 11 CTC with same date.



EZgA, Postfach 91 01 52
51071 Köln

GERMANY: GIB AIDS KEINE CHANCE dated 21.11.96



HONG KONG: Red Ribbon & Heart Support World AIDS Day Dec. 1.12.96



ITALY: PRO.M.E.TE.I.A. Giornata Mondiale AIDS dated 11.1.97

Cover Story



Romania continues to use very graphic designs in its AIDS related cancels and stationery (07-04-92).



Rotate this interesting Romanian cancel from World AIDS Day, 01-12-96