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THE FIRST DECADE

ALGERIA
ANDORRA (FR/SP.)
ANGOLA ARGENTINA
BAHAMAS BELARUS
BELGIUM BELIZE
BHUTAN BOLIVIA
BOTSWANA BRAZIL
BRUNEI BURKINA FASO
BURMA CAMEROON
CANADA CAPE VERDE
CENTRAL AFRICAN REP
CONGO PEOPLES REP
CYPRUS DENMARK
ETHIOPIA FRANCE
GABON GREECE
GREENLAND
GUATEMALA
GUINEA BISSAU
GUYANA INDONESIA
ITALY JAPAN
JORDAN KENYA
MACEDONIA MADAGASCAR
MALDIVES MALI
MEXICO MONACO
MOROCCO NEPAL
NIGER PARAGUAY
PERU PHILIPPINES
RUSSIA SAN MARINO
SENEGAL SRI LANKA
SWITZERLAND SYRIA TANZANIA
THAILAND TURK.REP.N.CYPRUS
UGANDA UNITED NATIONS(3)
UNITED STATES URUGUAY
VANUATU VIETNAM
WALLIS & YUGOSLAVIA
FUTUNA ZAIRE

68 COUNTRIES: 1988 - 1998

Listed within the outline of the International symbol for HIV/AIDS (the Red Ribbon), are the 68 postal entities that have recognized HIV/AIDS by issuing a postage stamp (or stamps) at some point during the past decade. Has the philatelic world done enough or is there still room to contribute to AIDS awareness as we enter the second decade?

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EXCHANGE RATES

To accommodate transactions we may have at Subscription and Annual Mail bid Auction time we have decided to accept certain currencies (**cash only**) at established rates which we will adjust on a quarterly basis. We hope this will make it easier for some of our International readers.

EFFECTIVE: 01 JAN. TO 31 MAR. 1999

<u>PAY IN:</u>	<u>CDN. EQUIV.</u>
CDN. DOLLAR	= 1.000
US DOLLAR	= 1.450
BRITISH POUND	= 2.355
GERMAN MARK	= 0.710

Simply **divide** total cost of your order by the figure in the CDN. EQUIV. column above to pay in **your** (cash only) currency. Otherwise make payable in Canadian funds.

POINT TO PONDER

My only New Years' resolution was to not make any New Year resolutions

WEB SITE UPDATE

To those who have Internet access we can now be contacted by e-mail at blairh@imag.net. However we regret to inform our readers we have had to put the actual rebuilding of our web site off until next calendar year.

CONFERENCE GIVEAWAY RESULTS

Perhaps the challenge was more difficult than we had expected, in naming the 12 International Conferences that have taken place since 1985, as from the entries received, we only had **one** correct entry! Our congratulations go out to Myron Slotsky along with his mint set of the world's first AIDS stamp issue from San Marino in 1988.

Following is a listing of the conferences by year, country, and city:

- 1985 - USA - Atlanta
- 1986 - FRANCE - Paris
- 1987 - USA - Washington
- 1988 - SWEDEN - Stockholm
- 1989 - CANADA - Montreal
- 1990 - USA - San Francisco
- 1991 - ITALY - Florence
- 1992 - NETHERLANDS - Amsterdam
- 1993 - GERMANY - Berlin
- 1994 - JAPAN - Yokohama
- 1996 - CANADA - Vancouver
- 1998 - SWITZERLAND - Geneva

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

As we wind up another year so does a new one begin. We will continue to publish the AOS Newsletter in 1999, once again on a quarterly basis, being March, June, September, and December. And, once again, we are pleased to be able to offer the quarterly without a change in subscription rates, despite the fact Canadian postal rates are being increased January 01, 1999: \$10.00CDN or \$7.00US. **Please** remember to make cheques or money orders payable to **Blair Henshaw**. 1999 Subscriptions & renewals should reach us no later than March 01, 1999 to avoid being removed from our mailing list. And may we take a moment at this time to wish all our readers a very happy, healthy 1999.

ISSUES UPDATE A TO Z

WALLIS & FUTUNA has issued a second AIDS awareness stamp for World AIDS Day; it was issued on December 01, 1998. The design is intriguing in that it raises the question of just how much of a puzzle AIDS (SIDA) still is. (Graphic not available at this time)

MACEDONIA continues its AIDS awareness stamp issue policy with its 5th World AIDS Day issue since 1994. It is our understanding that they plan to continue this practice to at least 2000. We regret that we have not yet received a graphic of this issue.



ANGERS RALLIEMENT 17-9-98



NIMES CTC 18-9-98



FRANCE continues its campaign of AIDS awareness with a variety of boxed slogan cancels promoting AIDS Information Services free of charge 24 hours a day by using a toll free number. This "generic" type cancel is used in a reported 30 or more postal sites throughout France.

QUARTERLY QUOTE

*We cannot change unless we survive,
but we will not survive unless we
change.*

PWAs COMMEMORATED

Over the years several persons globally well known have been commemorated on postage stamps and I have endeavored to include these as an important part of my personal collection. Following is a listing of some of these "special" persons and the appropriate information. (Catalogue #s are Scott based).



ROCK HUDSON

1045 - Antigua/Barbuda - 11 May 87

GLAUBER ROCHA

2086 - Brazil - 20 Nov 86



CAZUZA

2298 - Brazil - 22 Apr 91



FREDDIE MERCURY

1094? - Central African Rep. - 21 Jul 95

JOHN CURRY

C149 - Central African Rep. - 22 Sep 76

C174 - Central African Rep. - 11 Apr 77



WLAD LIBERACE

1097 - Dominica - 08Sep88

GREG LOUGANIS

1852 - Dominica - XXYYY96

1646 - Gambia - 17Aug95

667a - Kenya - 05Jan96

309 - Palau - 10Jul92

1359a - Tanzania - 15Jul93



ARTHUR ASHE

679 - Lesotho - 18Nov88

1089a - Tanzania - 18Sep95

ERWIN "Magic" JOHNSON

3085h - Guyana - 25Jul96

1055c - St. Thomas & Principe - 29Jul92

1744b - St. Vincent - 22Dec92



RUDOLPH NUREYEZ

1187-89 - San Marino - 18Sep89

ONDREJ NEPALA

289 - Slovakia - 03Nov97

Hopefully this additional list may be of help to those who are wanting to expand their AIDS related topical collection. Only two of the persons on the above list are still alive and well at time of writing this article: Erwin "Magic" Johnson, and Greg Louganis.

AIDS EXHIBIT ON THE GO

The AIDS ON STAMPS Project is planning to be come more actively involved in exhibiting at shows in the new year. We have been busy updating and reconstructing our award-winning exhibit, *AIDS: From Diagnosis To Death*.

We have drawn up a tentative schedule for 1999 and hope to make these shows as now scheduled:

- Victopical - Feb 20/21 - Victoria
- Edmonton Spring National - Mar.26/28 - Alberta
- Novapex - May 21/23 - Halifax
- Royal'99 - May 28/30 - Fredericton, NB
- Vanpex'99 - Fall - Vancouver

These are tentative at this point and will be updated as time goes on. We hope to add through the year. Wish us luck and we will keep you posted through the Newsletter in 1999!

COURAGE

As the old man walked along the beach at dawn, he noticed a young woman ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. Finally catching up to her, he asked why she was doing this. She answered that the stranded starfish would die if left until the morning sun.

"But the beach goes on for miles, and there are millions of starfish," countered the old man. "How can your effort make any difference?"

The young woman looked at the starfish in her hand and threw it to safety in the waves. "It makes a difference to this one," she said.

This story is printed on a limited edition Souvenir card that was produced as a public service by members of the International Plate Printers, Die Stampers and Engravers Union of North America for the Starfish Foundation for Children with AIDS, New Jersey. We do not know the author but wanted to share it with our readers.

POSTCARD PURSUIT

The Netherlands issued this interesting set of AIDS Awareness postcards for their Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport through the Working Group Mass Media Campaign AIDS/STDs.



When is the best moment to start talking about condoms? As soon as possible, but definitely before you drop your pants.



If you want safer sex, say so straight away, be clear about it, and stick to your decision, then you won't be sorry afterwards.



When it comes to using a condom, you're never "passive", and if you put it on your partner, you will know for sure it's on right.

DETAILS

As a follow up to our cover graphic on this issue we examine in more detail the "complacency" that seems to have overtaken the global issue of HIV/AIDS, especially in the past year or so.

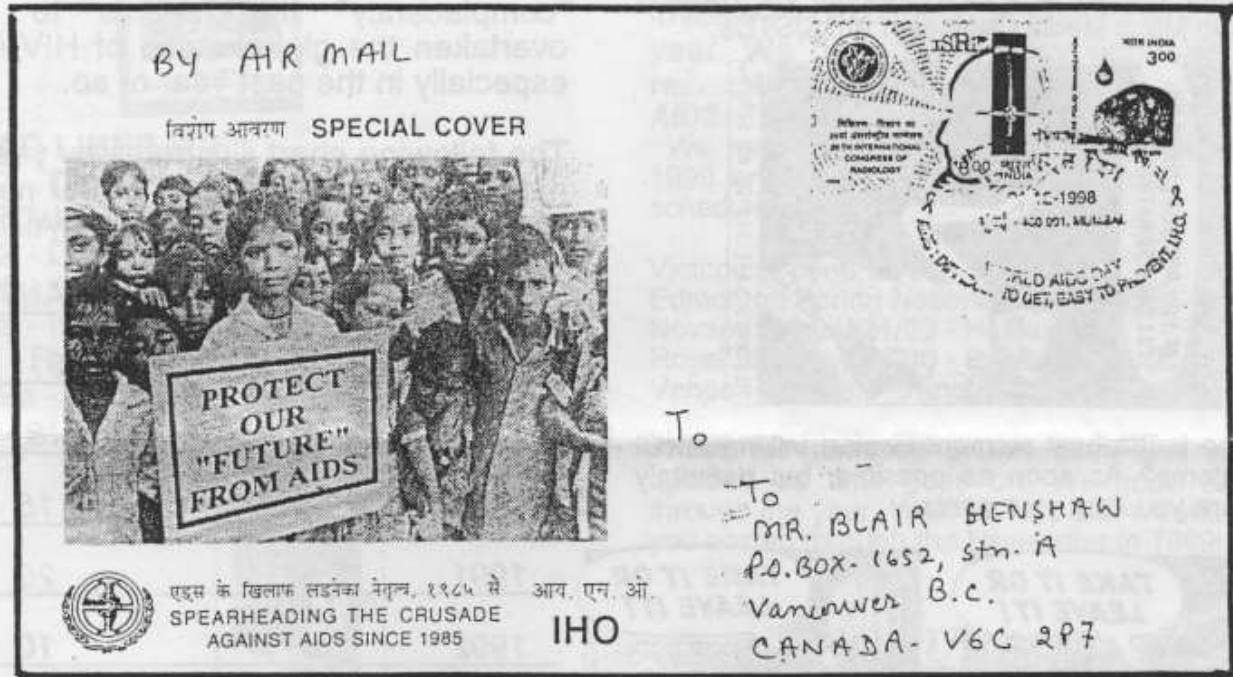
The following chart illustrates by year the number of countries and actual number of stamps issued relating to HIV/AIDS:

YEAR	COUNTRIES	STAMPS
1988	8	31
1989	6	13
1990	9	15
1991	8	20
1992	6	10
1993	9	11
1994	11	20
1995	4	7
1996	5	5
1997	9	14
1998	2	5

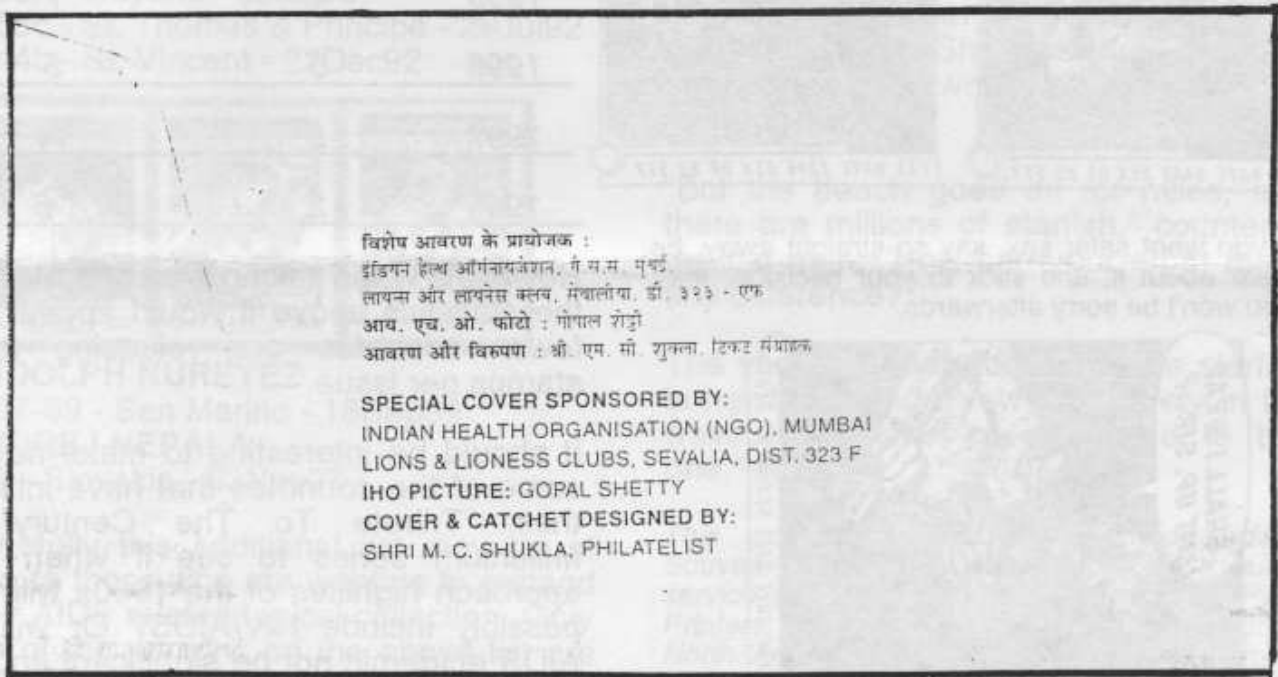
However, when taking a second look at the statistics above it would appear that fewer countries are releasing fewer stamps per issue.

It should be interesting to make note of some of the countries that have initiated their "Tribute To The Century" or Millenium series to see if when they approach highlites of the 1980s will they possibly include HIV/AIDS? Or will the AIDS epidemic not be significant enough to be recognized as a period in our medical history? Have we come to the end of an era yet the disease goes on?

Cover Story



INDIA has recognized HIV/AIDS philatelically for a second time this year. This special cover was sponsored by Indian Health Organization, Mumbai Lions & Lioness Clubs, Sevalia, Dist. 323 F. Note also the oval shaped cancel 01-12-1998, World AIDS Day AIDS: Difficult To Get, Easy To Prevent. IHO.



The reverse side of this special cover credits the sponsors of this effort and the cover & cachet designer, whom is also an avid collector of this topic, Shri M.C. Shukla, Philatelist. We applaud his efforts in using the hobby as an awareness vehicle in his country.