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CONTINUED AWARENESS



MACEDONIA - 1998

For the fifth year in a row, Macedonia has recognized HIV/AIDS as part of International World AIDS Day. This miniature sheet of four was issued for use December 01 to 07, 1998. My sources indicate that this may be the last miniature sheet and in future a single stamp only, will be issued for December. To my knowledge there is no imperforate sheet as part of this issue.

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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 APR. TO 30 JUN. 1999

PAY IN:	CDN. EQUIV.
CDN. DOLLAR	= 1.000
US DOLLAR	= 1.350
BRITISH POUND	= 2.250
GERMAN MARK	= 0.700

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

If someone were to give you a "half-smile" then where would the other "half" be?

Internet Access

If you wish to contact us by e-mail we can be reached at: blairh@imag.net

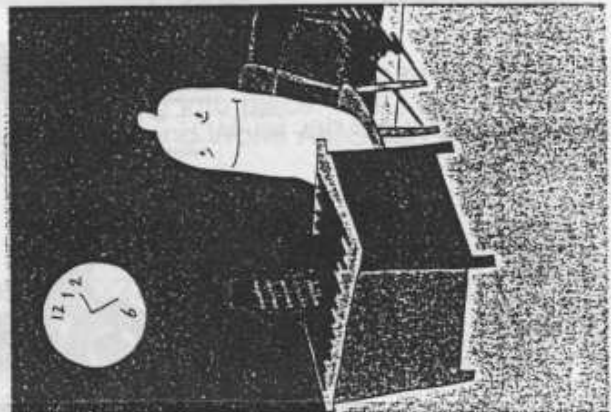
SOUTH AFRICA BOOKLET

Perhaps the closest yet to an actual stamp issue for AIDS from South Africa is the latest effort on their part to issue a booklet of stamps (non-AIDS related) with an AIDS Awareness message printed in the booklet sleeve. The booklet contains 10 of the Rhino "Standardised mail" rate stamps.

It is also interesting to note that the next International Conference on AIDS is to be held in Durbin, South Africa, in June 2000. Perhaps a special stamp issue will be forthcoming at that time!

POSTCARD PURSUIT

This delightful postcard was produced for World AIDS Day 1998 and sponsored by Levi in the USA. Reverse side carries the message: "condoms work all night."



This local postcard promotes this unique interactive theatre event by Headlines Theatre on **Safe Sex**.



ISSUES UPDATE A TO Z

The ONLY actual stamp issue to our knowledge as of late is the second World AIDS Day issue from Wallis & Futuna as illustrated on the Cover Story.

However, some interesting cancels have come to light which we share with you her.

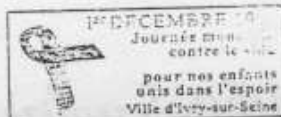


FRANCE dated 1-XII-97 at 28 Chartres for 10th year of Fighting AIDS Worldwide (World AIDS Day).

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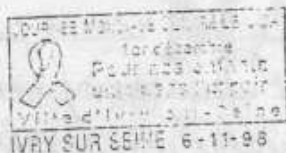
FRANCE dated 1st dec 97 at 57 Thionville with a smiling face Red Ribbon character.



IVRY SUR SEINE 9-1-98



FRANCE dated 9-1-98 using "1st December 1997" message at Ivry Sur Seine.



IVRY SUR SEINE 6-11-98

FRANCE dated 6-11-98 for World AIDS Day in Ivry Sur Seine.

DETAILS

The latest find out of Japan is this World AIDS Day Echo card. It carries the slogan "One World. One Hope" used during the XIth International Conference on AIDS in 1996. Illustration courtesy the Lambda Philatelic Journal published by the Gay & Lesbian History on Stamps Club [submitted by Ken Lawrence.]



RENAMED & ON THE GO

As we mentioned in our last issue we have reconstructed our AIDS exhibit (*AIDS: From Diagnosis To Death*) and have renamed it "*Evolution Of An Epidemic*". In February it took ATA Silver, Show Gold and Show Reserve Grand (under its old title) at Victopical'99 in Victoria. Under its new name it just got back safely from the Edmonton Spring National where it took a Silver. In May it will be going to the east coast to be part of Novapex'99 in Halifax and finally on to Fredericton the following weekend for Royal'99. No summer showings are scheduled at this time.

QUARTERLY QUOTE

"Some (people) measure only problems and fail to measure themselves."

- Norman Cousins

Cover Story



WALLIS & FUTUNA issued this 62f single stamp for World AIDS Day 1998. As the design of the stamp indicates, the pieces of the AIDS jigsaw puzzle are still not fitting into place. The FDC is very colorful using red, yellow, blue, mauve, brown and black. This is the second World AIDS Day stamp issue from Wallis & Futuna; their first was issued December 01, 1997.

To Our Readers

As most of the collectors of the topic of HIV/AIDS realize, the amount of materials related to this topic has been minimal over the past year or so. We endeavour to acquire and bring to you as much information as possible about new items as they come our way, or are confirmed by others. Sadly, in a sense, it would appear that complacency with AIDS is taking a front seat in the recent past.

We will continue to bring our readers the latest updates of new materials as we learn of them, however, you will notice a reduction in the size of the AOS Newsletter.

- Blair Henshaw