

# UNOstamps Newsletter

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## Introduction

This is the fifteenth issue of the UNOstamps Newsletter. It contains the newest additions to the UNOstamps website, news from the UN and the monthly quiz. There is also room for your comments.

Don't hesitate to give me your opinion on the Newsletter. Please send in comments, suggestions or even compliments. Remember you don't have to wait for the next issue to visit UNOstamps at [www.unostamps.nl](http://www.unostamps.nl).

Last month I wrote about the jubilee exhibition of the local historical society. Last Sunday was the last day. In total 900 people visited the exhibition. Part of it can be seen again at our local library during National History Week from 11 October.



■ **Postzegelshow** 17  
■ **Postex 2008** 18 oktober  
■ **Apeldoorn** 19

For October I am looking forward to visit the Postex 2008 Stamp Show in Apeldoorn ([www.postex.info](http://www.postex.info)). It is one of the largest shows in the Netherlands and is organized for the tenth time.

At the end of the month I will visit Vienna (Austria) for a conference (until 6 November). As you might remember last year I went to Vilnius (Lithuania) for the same reason. Next year it will be Valletta (Malta). I know, it's a hard life.



All this activity means that the next Newsletter will be published in December.

## New additions to UNOstamps in September 2008

One new country was added to the website this month, bringing the total to 77 countries. Also there is one new subject, bringing this total to 229, and one "person", making the total 43. For the first time in months there are new stamp images and stamp data.



### Federation of Malaya

The Federation of Malaya was formed out of the separate states on the Malayan peninsula. In 1949 all states issued stamps for the 75th anniversary of the UPU. After negotiations between the British and Malayan leaders the Federation became independent in 1957 and joined the United Nations. After a few years it was enlarged with North Borneo, Sarawak and Singapore and became Malaysia. The Federation issued five series with a UN theme.

## 13th UPU Congress, Brussels

The thirteenth UPU Congress met in the "Paleis der Academiën / Palais des Académies" (Palace of the Academies) in Brussels from 14 May to 15 July 1952. It was the first congress since the UPU became an official UN related organization. One important decision was the abolishing of former requirements on the colour of postage stamps (blue for letters, red for postal cards and green for printed matter).

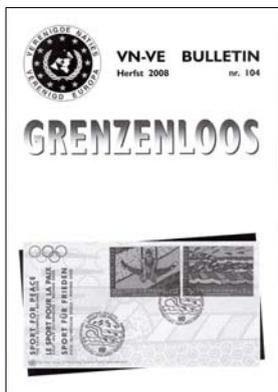


## ICDDR,B

ICDDR,B (International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research) is an international institute involved in health and population research and training, based in Dhaka, Bangladesh. In collaboration with partners from academic and research institutes throughout the world, the Centre conducts research, training and extension activities as well as programme-based activities aimed at addressing some of the most critical global health needs. In 1984 ICDDR,B received the UNICEF Maurice Pate Award in recognition of its work in the treatment of diarrhoeal diseases.

## New stamp images

Recently I bought some old stamps from Germany. They were issued in 1927 for a meeting of the International Labour Organisation in Berlin. The meeting was held before the UN were founded, so some collectors do not include them as UN related stamps. The same is the case with stamps for UPU Congresses until 1947. These overprinted stamps are rather expensive, so if you buy them make sure that they are original stamps.



Other new additions are a new comment, the stamp data for the new International Polar Year stamps from the Falkland Islands (I have ordered the stamps from the Philatelic Bureau there, so you will see the images very soon) and the latest issue from the Dutch philatelic magazine *Grenzenloos*, from the association for collectors of UN and United Europe stamps. I wrote an article about the British 1929 £ 1,-- Postal Union Congress stamp. It is in Dutch, but for those interested it is on the website as a pdf-download (see the Comments page and the Philatelic magazines page).

Quick links to these new additions can be found on the page 'New on this website'.

## Recent finds

Not only did I buy the expensive German stamps you see above, but also I bought my first stamp from the French Southern and Antarctic Territories.

In 1965 the French issued commemorative stamps for all their colonies and territories for the centenary of the International Telecommunication Union (like the British did for their colonies). The most expensive and sought after is the one for the FSAT or TAAF as it is called in French. The current value in Michel is 240 euro, but fortunately I didn't pay that much.

Also I bought the stamp from French Polynesia for the same occasion. This one has a catalogue value of 120 euro.



As many stamp collectors will know, there is an end to collecting the cheapest stamps. At one moment or another you'll have to decide whether or not to buy the more expensive ones to complete your collection. I still haven't got all the cheap stamps, but I could not resist the offer for these two stamps.

## United Nations News

### Address of the Netherlands to the General Assembly



25 September 2008 - JAN PETER BALKENENDE, Prime Minister of the Netherlands, said the world was witnessing extraordinary financial turbulence, and all parties needed to shoulder their responsibility. At the same time, the crisis should not distract from efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Over 9 million children died each year before they turned five, while, every day, millions of people lived in fear of violence and abuse of power. Although, in the last 10 years, millions of people had escaped from poverty, there was still so much to do. All Governments needed to realize that good and ethical governance was an essential foundation for development, and act accordingly.

Returning to the financial crisis, he called on the financial sector and regulators to quickly implement the recommendations of the Financial Stability Forum: stricter supervision, better risk management, greater transparency and enhanced accountability. In that regard, IMF should play a central role by stepping up oversight. That was best way to restore confidence in financial markets and prevent future crises.

Welcoming the Secretary-General's initiative to place food security at the centre of the Assembly's agenda, he said Governments had the duty to provide food for their people. Likewise, international efforts to fight hunger, want and disease, should be as efficient as possible, working with other Governments, the business community and civil society. The position of small farmers was particularly important. Pointing out that the Netherlands had earmarked extra funding for the development of agriculture in developing countries, he said that increased agricultural production meant not only benefits for families, but for local communities too.

On the United Nations peacekeeping initiatives and establishing a global sense of freedom among all peoples, he said that, although the Organization had played an important role in ending conflict, peace operations were not enough. Political disputes often required political solutions. In that regard, there was no place in a free society for torture or the death penalty. Crimes that outraged world opinion should be punished through the International Criminal Court. The challenge for every Government was to affirm its people's cultural and religious values and customs, and, at the same time, build bridges with the rest of the world.

*(source: United Nations News Service / photo: J.P. Balkenende, UN Photo 197450/Marco Castro)*

### The Netherlands pledges extra support for the prosecution of Sierra Leonean war criminals

24 September 2008 - The Netherlands will be making an extra 4.5 million euros available to the Special Court for Sierra Leone. This was announced yesterday by Minister of Foreign Affairs Maxime Verhagen, who is attending the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York

The Court is mandated to try those responsible for war crimes committed during the civil war that ravaged Sierra Leone between 1991 and 2002. Its trial of former Liberian president Charles Taylor marks an important step forward in the international fight against impunity.





## Visitors count

Up to 30 September 2008 UNOstamps has been seen by 1.759 visitors other than myself. 18 of these visitors came from an unknown country. For the first time there was a visitor from **Armenia**, so the total comes at 97 countries. In 2008 people from 82 countries have already passed by the website. The top ten countries are (between brackets the results of 31 August 2008):

1. (1)	United States	280	6. (6)	United Kingdom	74
2. (2)	Netherlands	219	7. (7)	Germany	67
3. (3)	France	176	8. (9)	Belgium	57
4. (4)	India	118	9. (8)	Lithuania	56
5. (5)	Canada	76	10. (10)	Brazil	44

## Next issue

Newsletter nr. 16 will be issued on 5 December 2008 (as a St. Nicholas present). Because of my visit to Vienna there will be no November edition of the Newsletter. If you have a comment that you would like to share with the other readers, please send it before 30 November 2008. To unsubscribe from the Newsletter, just send an e-mail to [info@unostamps.nl](mailto:info@unostamps.nl) with the subject 'unsubscribe'.

