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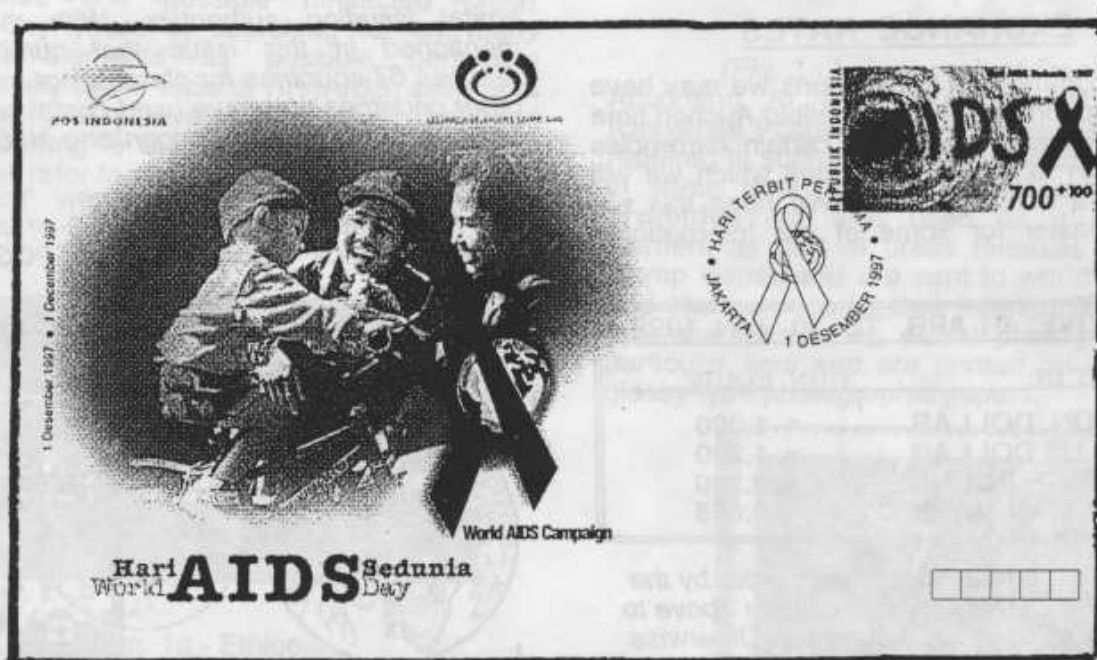
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# NEWSLETTER

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## *Charity For Children*



# INDONESIA

## 'Children Living in a World with AIDS'

On December 01, 1997, Indonesia adopted the World AIDS Day theme of 'Children living in a world with AIDS' to recognize this tragedy in its homeland. However, it went one step further than most countries by making the stamp a charity stamp (semi-postal) with a surcharge of 100 Rp to go directly to the AIDS foundation in Indonesia. The 700 Rp single stamp features the AIDS solidarity red ribbon.

## AOS BEGINNING YEAR SIX

**"Creating awareness, education and support through a universal medium - the postage stamp"** continues to be our motto as the AIDS ON STAMPS Project Newsletter begins its sixth year of publication.

As we start our sixth year of publication we are amazed how time has gone by but look back with pride over the years as we presented our very first issue of the Newsletter in the summer of 1993. Little did we know then how far we would come along and, even more fulfilling, just how much material continues to be added to this topical on a global scale.

In that first issue of 1993 we were able to list stamps issued from a total of 35 countries or postal issuing authorities. With the items mentioned in this issue that number now reaches 67 countries for stamps, not to mention other countries that have used postal cancels of some type or other in recognizing HIV/AIDS in some form.

We hope you will enjoy our new "facelift" to the Newsletter and the addition of two new regular sections - **DETAILS** and **POSTCARD PURSUIT**.

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### EXCHANGE RATES

To accommodate 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. We hope this will make it easier for some of our International readers.

EFFECTIVE: 01 APR. TO 30 JUN. 1998

PAY IN:	CDN. EQUIV.
CDN. DOLLAR	= 1.000
US DOLLAR	= 1.300
BRITISH POUND	= 2.200
GERMAN MARK	= 0.665

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.

### WEBSITE UPDATE

To those who have Internet access we can now be contacted by e-mail at [blairh@imag.net](mailto:blairh@imag.net), however we are still in the process of revising the AIDS website before it is available online. However, when we are up and running we will notify you by email and through the Newsletter. Thanks for your patience.

### POINT TO PONDER

"When we overcome our fear of death we also overcome our fear of living!"



This graphic Romanian cancel "STOP AIDS" was recently received by us. It is dated 29 Nov.97. We only have a photocopy so are on the lookout for the real thing.

### In Memorium

We are saddened to report the passing of Mr. David Bes, on March 10, 1998. He was a very active member in the local stamp community until his hospitalization in February. He was always an avid supporter of local philatelic events, including those put on over the years by the AIDS On Stamps Project.

# CINDERELLA OR - THE UGLY STEPSISTER ?



(Fig. 1 - Greece)

In our endless quest for completeness have we overlooked one possible neglected child? During my years of searching for as many different elements as possible pertaining philatelically to the topic of HIV/AIDS, several of these little jewels have come my way. The items I am referring to of course are those delightful gems we refer to as **bromides**.



(Fig. 1a - Ethiopia)

What their role would be in any topical collection I feel is perhaps up to the individual collector themself. However, I do feel in the overview of the entire process of the stamp - from being a mere idea, right through to the finished product (stamp), the **bromide** is an intregal link in the entire chain.



(Fig. 2 - Switzerland)

Lets take a look at a few samples from our own collection. They come in various sizes, shapes, and forms; colored, and black and white. To illustrate the various shapes and sizes we have reduced the examples 50% to retain their original presentation forms as we received them. In some cases you get the entire set of the stamps (fig.1), while others are singular (fig.2) and some even illustrate a certain element only (fig 3). Others are much larger than the actual stamp size (fig.4)



(Fig. 3 - Label or tab of France)

According to the regulations of the UPU (Universal Postal Union) "member countries are required to submit samples of each stamp issue in some form to all member countries." The **bromides** are also used as a promotional element as part of press releases about new stamp issues and are sent to worldwide media and study groups for their interest. They usually take the form of an actual photograph of the particular item and are printed on high quality glossy type photographic papers.



(Fig. 4 - Canada)

Although my searching cannot reveal any direct reference of the word **bromide** in the ATA (American Topical Association) Philatelic Elements Checklist, I will be bold enough to give these little jewels their choice of a place of honour either under *Designs - Artwork* or *Stamp - Printings*. However, I must confess I have yet to include any of these items in a competitive exhibit to the exposure of the jury-at-large! But, for now I will treat my **bromides** as a true Cinderella waiting for the handsome Prince with the famous glass slipper to come along - rather than the Ugly Stepsister, keeping in mind that old bottom line - we collect what we enjoy collecting!



## 10th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST AIDS STAMP ISSUE

This fall (September 19) will mark the tenth anniversary of the first AIDS related postage stamps ever to be issued in the world! The set of four stamps was issued by San Marino on the occasion of the International AIDS Congress which was held in San Marino from October 10 to 14 of 1988. A special graphic cancel was also used for that occasion which we illustrate below.



However, the earliest AIDS related cancel we have been able to locate comes from Germany and dates back to 06-5-86 which we illustrate below. If anyone has something earlier we would appreciate receiving a photocopy for our records (or better yet, perhaps one of your spares!)



### **DETAILS**

Starting with this issue we will be making available here some of the more inquisitive facts about some of the AIDS stamp issues of the world. One curiosity I have always had in my stamp collecting years is the number of actual stamps printed from any given issue. Taken from brochures supplied by the various postal administrations we have put together a listing of some of the quantities of stamps printed for certain issues. May be boring to some, but may be of interest to others.

ANGOLA.....	35,000 of each value
BELGIUM... Unlimited printing (Semi-postal)	
BRAZIL (97).....	3,000,000.....FDC 7,000
CANADA.....	15,000,000
JAPAN.....	20,000,000
SAN MARINO.....	300,000 sets
TURK.REP.N.CYPRUS (91).....	150,000
TURK.REP.N.CYPRUS (97).....	200,000
UN-N.Y.....	900,000 each value
UN-GENEVA.....	9000,000 each value
UN-VIENNA.....	1,000,000 each value
USA.....	350,000,000

If any of our readers have this type of information for any other countries that have issued AIDS stamps we would appreciate hearing from you with such information.

## *Bridging the Gap*



**12th World AIDS  
Conference Geneva  
June 28-July 3 1998**

**12th WORLD AIDS CONFERENCE  
June 28 - July 3, 1998**

Geneva, Switzerland will be the location for the 12th World Conference on AIDS later this year. The theme of this International Conference is ***Bridging the Gap*** with a special focus on the "growing gaps between the established market economies in the 'North' ..... and the resource-poor countries of the 'South'.

Based on the reported negative response to the AIDS stamp issued (Scott # 949) by Switzerland in October of 1994 we really don't think that another stamp issue will be forthcoming from that particular Postal Administration. However, stranger things have happened in the wonderful world of philately! We will endeavour to track down any possible cancels, postcards, or other related items arising from this Conference however and share this information with our readers.



(Fig. 1)



(Fig. 2)

**BELARUS** issued this single stamp which carries the World AIDS Day theme of "Children Living in a World of AIDS." The stamp also carries the WHO symbol. (Fig. 1)

**INDONESIA** issued this semi-postal on December 01, 1997 which also carries a red ribbon. (Fig.2)

**PARAGUAY** released its second of 2 stamps recognizing AIDS on December 05, 1997. No sample yet available for illustration.



(Fig. 3)

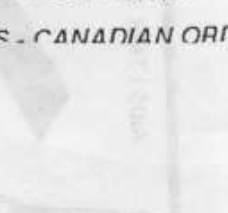
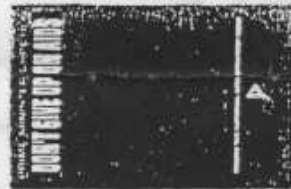


(Fig. 4)

**TURKISH REP. N. CYPRUS** also issued its second stamp (100-lira) on December 22, 1997. It too carries a red ribbon and the WHO symbol. (Fig. 3)

**WALLUS & FUTUNA** acknowledged AIDS (SIDA) on a 5F single stamp issue for World AIDS Day on December 01, 1997. (Fig. 4)

Over the years we have kept our eyes open for AIDS related postcards also. Although we have concentrated mainly on Canadian postcards we do have some interesting ones from around the world. However, in this issue we bring you information on the Canadian section of our postcard collection and invite you to request our free, illustrated listing which shows nearly 40 different Canadian AIDS postcards we have catalogued.



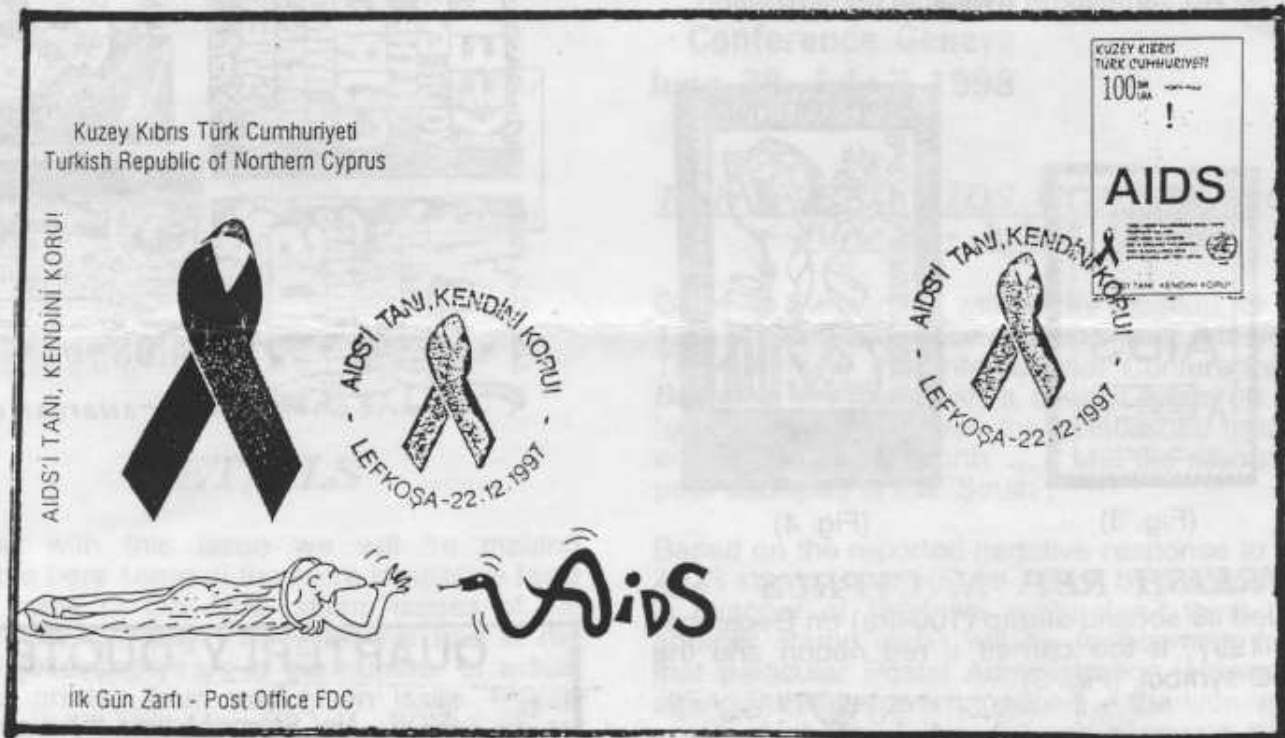
**QUARTERLY QUOTE**

"Lick AIDS - Not Stamps", was the slogan chanted by AIDS Activists in Toronto during the official release of Canada's AIDS stamp back in May of 1996.

# Cover Story



WALLIS & FUTUNA released this FDC on December 01, 1997 as part of their campaign to fight AIDS



TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS used the same design for their earlier AIDS FDC issue of 1991 only without the red ribbon.