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ART FOR AIDS



PARAGUAY

World AIDS Day Theme Influences Second Issue

On December 05, 1997 Paraguay released its second stamp issue pertaining to AIDS. This issue reflected the "Children Living in a World with AIDS" theme for World AIDS Day 1997 in a unique way by having the designs of the two stamps created by children themselves! Both the 500g and 1000g values also carry the globally recognized Red Ribbon and WHO symbol. Paraguay's first AIDS issue was 04 May 1995.

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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 JUL. TO 30 SEPT. 1998

PAY IN:	CDN. EQUIV.
CDN. DOLLAR	= 1.000
US DOLLAR	= 1.340
BRITISH POUND	= 2.300
GERMAN MARK	= 0.685

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**, 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

You can have anything you want,
but you can't have everything you want!.

INLAND LETTER CARD

Our (FIRST DAY) COVER STORY regular feature shifts a bit in this issue to illustrate two interesting AIDS awareness items from India. These are in the form of what is referred to as 'Inland Letter Cards' which are similar to our aeogrammes.

Two different issues exist; each carrying a different message sponsored by the National AIDS Control Organization. We have communicated with a M.C. Shukla who has graciously supplied us with both mint and used copies of each item. Mr. Shukla, an avid collector himself, has been instrumental in lobbying his governmental authorities to possibly recognise AIDS on a postage stamp from India; however, to no avail to this date. However, his efforts may have indeed influenced the issuance of these Inland Letter Cards. We appreciate his efforts in creating AIDS awareness in this area.

Any readers interested in obtaining these Inland Letter Cards may contact Mr. Shukla directly by writing to: M.C. Shukla, II-10/3, GEB Colony, Wanakbori TPS, Dist. Kheda-388239, GUJARAT-INDIA. (Mr. Shukla has given me permission to publish his mailing address in this issue.)

QUARTERLY QUOTE

"Our fears arise from things we don't confront. Once we are willing to look fully and deeply at the source of a fear, it loses its power."

- Shakti Gawain

CONFERENCE GIVEAWAY

On December 01, 1998 - **WORLD AIDS DAY** - we will select 12 entries that have the correct answer to the required question and award 12 mint sets of the world's first AIDS stamp issue (San Marino 19.09.88 Scott #1162-65) -**FREE!** Simply return the enclosed Official Entry Form to us on or before November 20, 1998. Winners (names only) will be published in the December 1998 issue of our newsletter. Good luck to all!

PHONECARDS Help To "Tel-a-Message"

Over the years of my collecting of HIV/AIDS materials a somewhat more obscure item has come to the surface....that being the phonecard! Although much more collectable in European countries, these items have not really caught on in North America - particularly here in Canada.

However, when putting them all together, I was delighted and surprised to come up with as many as I did. Samples illustrated here are from my personal collection. If any readers know of or have spares of others not mentioned here I would appreciate hearing from you with either a photocopy (both sides) or offer to acquire spares!



Fig. 1 - CANADA Issued in conjunction with the 11th International Conference on AIDS 1996.



Fig. 2 - FRANCE - Issued to promote the use of condoms. Dated 7.93. Also includes a free and anonymous SIDA INFO service.



Fig. 3 - FRANCE - Issued to promote a free and anonymous SIDA INFO service. Dated 12/94.



Fig. 4 - GERMANY - Issued to encourage talk about safer sex by the GIB AIDS KEINE CHANCE organization. Dated 06 93

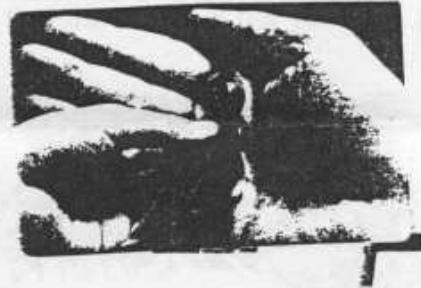


Fig. 5 - GERMANY Issued to encourage the fact that we must all work together to help and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. Dated 1.97



Fig. 6 - HUNGARY Issued as a tribute to Freddie Mercury (who died of AIDS). Not dated.



Fig. 7 - ITALY Issued by ANLAIDS as a set of 3 cards. Expires 06.98. (3rd card missing!). L5,000;L10,000 and L20,000 values.

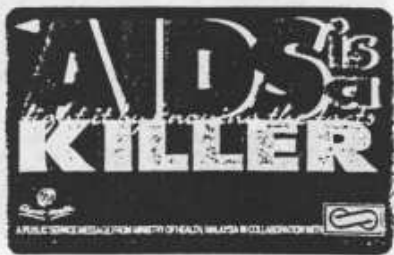


Fig. 8 - MALAYSIA Issued as a public service message from Ministry of Health. Not dated.



Fig. 9 - NETHERLANDS Issued to promote use of condoms and safe sex. Not dated.



Fig. 10 - USA Issued two different phonecards. One (left) was a reproduction of the USA red ribbon postage stamp and dated 1993. The second (right) offers information about AIDS and HIV testing. It expires 2.28.99

DETAILS

No doubt most AIDS topical collectors will have the Guyana overprint set of thirteen "butterfly" stamps as part of their collection. Interestingly, there are actually only **five** different values in the set; the two revalued denominations (\$5 and \$10 to 120) were overprinted with five different AIDS awareness slogans.

Upon examining full mint sheets (25 stamps per sheet) of this issue, we discover the significant layout to accommodate the overprinting.

Because of the sheets being comprised of 25 stamps one might obtain either a vertical or horizontal strip of the five different overprinted slogans, depending on how the sheets were detached!



Left: Vertical strip

Right: Horizontal strip

For the corner block collector this presents a problem in that any blocks of four will infact be missing one of the five AIDS awareness slogans and will include one of the slogans twice. The ideal solution would be to try to obtain the full sheets of 25 stamps! (Last year a dealer offered me a complete set (5) of mint sheets of this issue for \$1500.US, however I graciously declined.

POSTCARD PURSUIT

Singapore's **Action For AIDS** organization has put out several interesting postcards directed specifically to encourage the use of condoms as a means of practicing safer sex. We include five different ones here which very clearly get the message across.



Spare a thought
for the younger
generation.



We invite you to request our free, illustrated listing which shows nearly 40 different Canadian AIDS postcards we have catalogued and are able to make available to interested postcard collectors.

ISSUES UPDATE A TO Z



SLOVAKIA paid tribute to one of its Olympic heroes on a single issue on November 03, 1997. Olympic figure skater, Ondrej Nepela joins those PWAs who have gone before us; a subtle reminder that the battle is not yet over. (Scott # 289)



CUBA offers up this interesting graphic cancel dated 21.1.98.

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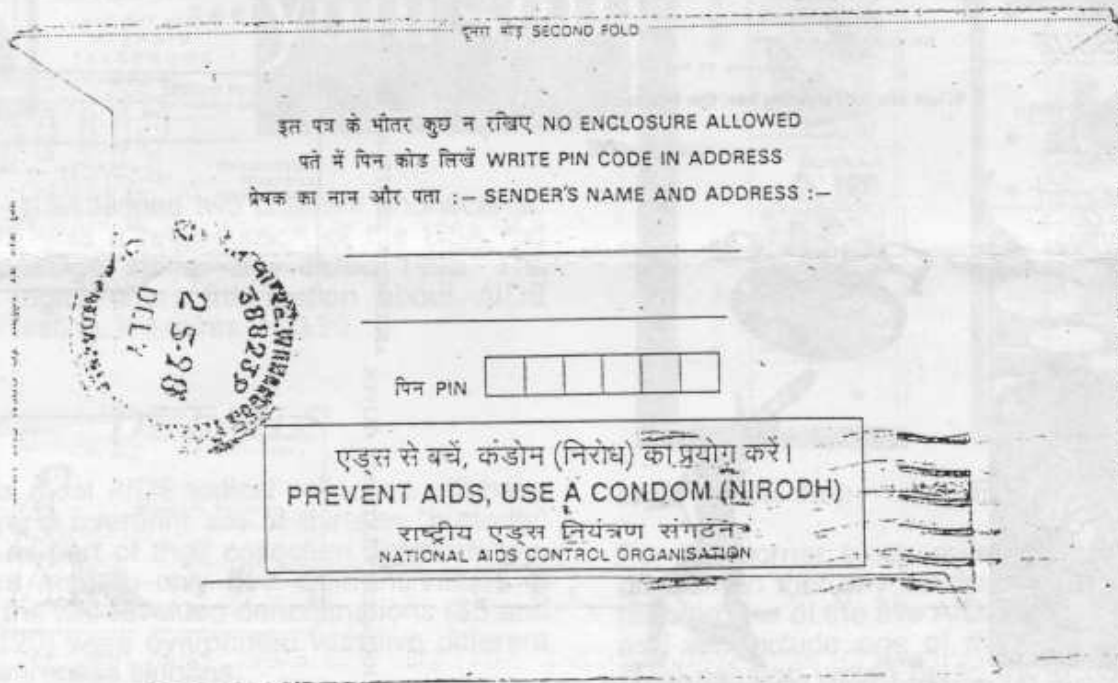
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ARGENTINA graphically illustrates AIDS awareness in these two caricatures designed to visually carry a message.

Cover Story



INDIA issued an Inland Letter Card carrying a message from the National AIDS Control Organisation:
"MUTUALLY FAITHFUL SEXUAL RELATIONS PREVENT HIV INFECTIONS"



INDIA issued an Inland Letter Card carrying a message from the National AIDS Control Organisation:
"PREVENT AIDS, USE A CONDOM (NIRODH)"