

THE **A.I.D.S. ON STAMPS Project**

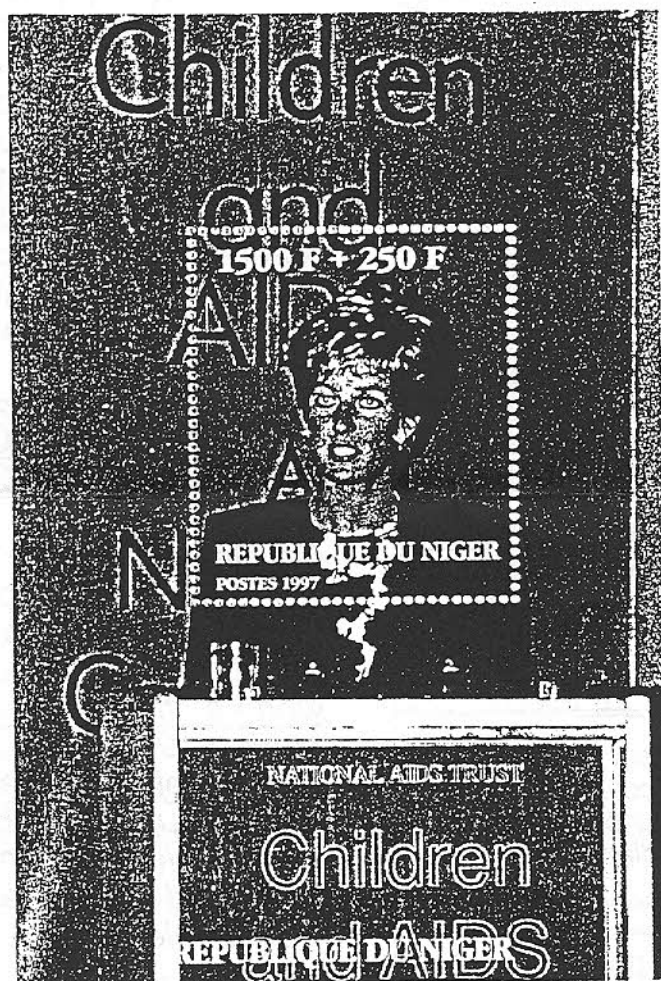
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A FITTING TRIBUTE



REPUBLIC OF NIGER

Children and AIDS Marks Theme of Issue

In this special 1997 Republic of Niger issue, a tribute is paid to the late Princess Diana and one of her selected AIDS Charities, the National AIDS Trust, of Great Britain. The miniature sheet contains one semi-postal stamp valued at 1500 F + 250 F and features a photo of Diana speaking at a podium. The surcharge of 250 F is earmarked to the Diana global charity trust set up in her memory.

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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 OCT. TO 31 DEC. 1998

PAY IN:	CDN. EQUIV.
CDN. DOLLAR	= 1.000
US DOLLAR	= 1.350
BRITISH POUND	= 2.325
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

*Growing old is mandatory,
growing up is optional !*

WEBSITE 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 website off until next calendar year.

12th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Although a couple of months have passed since the 12th World AIDS Conference in Geneva, Switzerland was held, (June 28 - July 03), we have been unable to locate any philatelically related items specific to the Conference (as yet!). We were in hopes of possibly coming across even possibly the odd cancel, but nothing to date.

However, one contact who actually attended the conference has supplied me with a large selection of postcards, which I haven't had time to sift through properly yet. These may be the only items we get from this Conference....who knows! If any readers out there come across anything we would appreciate hearing about it or receiving a photocopy for our records.

CONFERENCE GIVEAWAY CLOSES NOVEMBER 20!

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!

NATIONAL STAMP MONTH

As has been the case for the past several years here in Canada, October is 'National Stamp Month.' This would be a great time to introduce one of your non-philatelic friends to the wonderful world of stamp collecting! Show off your collection to them. Give them the bug! And happy collectingwho knows what you could start!

**NATIONAL AIDS AWARENESS
WEEK MOVED TO LINK UP WITH
World AIDS Day**

Over the past several years Canada has observed National AIDS Awareness Week during the first week of October. The Canadian AIDS Society surveyed AIDS groups across the country and have now made plans to tie National AIDS Awareness Week in with World AIDS Day, December 01. Therefore, National AIDS Awareness Week will be November 23 to 30, 1998 this year.

Although the date has been changed, the theme for National AIDS Awareness Week this year remains the same as it was last - "The Changing Face Of AIDS," with a focus on youth, women, IV drug users, and native peoples.

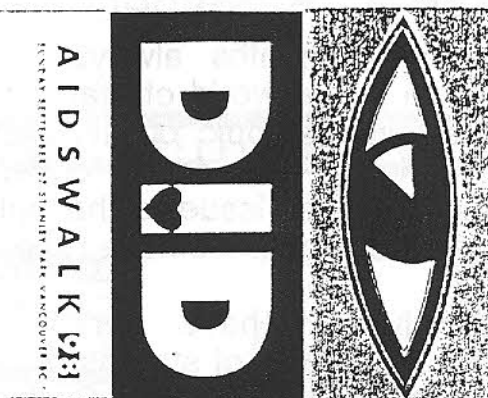
SAN MARINO DECENNIAL

September 19, 1998 marked the 10th anniversary of the world's first AIDS related postage stamp. The Republic of San Marino saw fit to release an issue of 4 stamps (Scott 1187-89) on the occasion of the International AIDS Congress held there in October of 1988.

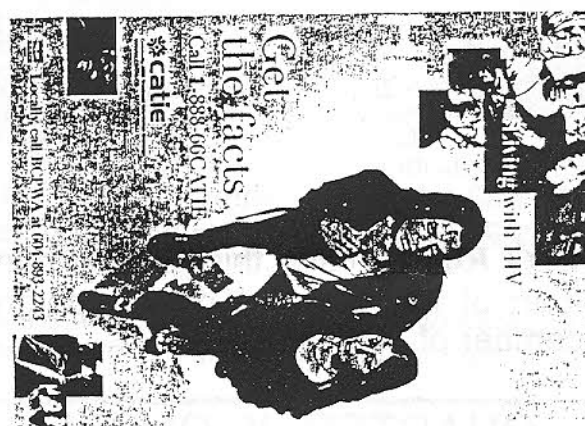
We are pleased to include with this newsletter a special promotion offering a special Commemorative Package to mark the first decade of this issue. The package (folder) consists of a mint set of the four stamps; one set of the stamps on official San Marino postal stationary (canceled 19.09.1998); and one unique 10th Anniversary **AIDS ON STAMPS Project** color postcard.

Our continued negotiations with the Republic of San Marino over the past year has led to this package being made available through their kind cooperation with us. There are only a limited number of packages available so we urge you to obtain this AIDS related philatelic keepsake early before supplies run out.

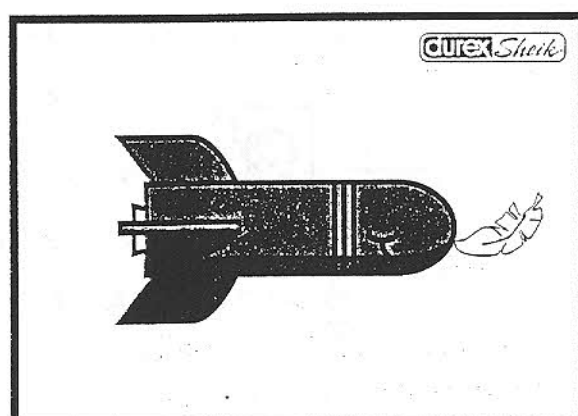
POSTCARD PURSUIT



The local annual AIDS WALK on September 27, 1997 used this postcard as a promotion for the walk and featuring the works of local artist, Joe Average.



A national information campaign organized by CATIE (Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange) localized this postcard to individual AIDS organizations.

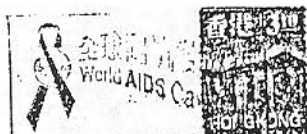


Finally, the condom takes precedence on this postcard promoting safer sex.

ISSUES UPDATE A TO Z

The summer months always seem to slow down in the world of stamp issues, especially in the topic of HIV/AIDS. As illustrated on the front cover, the Republic of Niger issue is the only new AIDS related stamp we have received!

Surprisingly, we have not yet seen anything in the way of stamps or cancels coming out of Geneva, Switzerland, relating to the XIIth World AIDS Conference held there June 28 to July 03, 1998.



HONG KONG used this graphic cancel as part of its World AIDS Campaign in December of 1997.

QUARTERLY QUOTE

*"Death is not the enemy;
living in constant fear of it is."*

- Norman Cousins



This Ribbon cancel on a Diana stamp from Great Britain commemorates the first anniversary of Diana's death.

DETAILS

As our cover issue features a Semi-Postal issue from the Republic of Niger we thought we would take a look at other Semi-Postal AIDS related issues.



BELGIUM issued this semi-postal with a surtax of 4 BEF to go directly to the support of the fight against AIDS. The stamp (B1125) was issued 06 November 1995.



DENMARK issued this semi-postal with a surtax of 0.50 DKK was issued on 10 October 1996. The surcharge from this stamp is earmarked for the benefit of The AIDS-Foundation of Denmark.

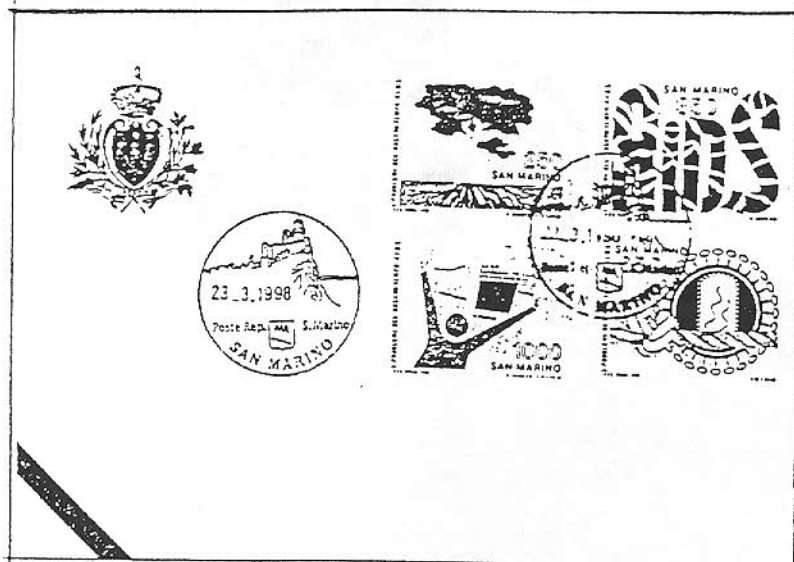


INDONESIA issued this semi-postal with a surtax of 100 Rp on December 01, 1997. Again, the is designated for the Indonesian AIDS Foundation.

1988 - Commemorating the First Decade - 1998

Now, **YOU** can own the

World's First AIDS Stamp Issue



from the Republic of San Marino - 19 September 1988.

THE **AIDS ON STAMPS Project** is pleased to offer this *unique* Commemorative Package consisting of *one mint set of the four stamps*; *one set of the stamps on official San Marino postal stationary (canceled 19.9.98)*; and *one unique 10th Anniversary AIDS ON STAMPS color postcard (depicting the set of stamps and the Red Ribbon)*.

Through a special arrangement with San Marino postal authorities we have been able to obtain a very limited number of mint sets of this historic philatelic issue and put this Commemorative Package together.

Reserve your Commemorative Package before November 30, 1998 so as to avoid disappointment. Any orders we are unable to fill will be totally refunded, so we urge you to act early. Simply complete the order form below and return with payment (payable to *Blair Henshaw*) as early as possible. Completed orders will be shipped the first week of October.

THE AIDS ON STAMPS Project PO BOX 1652 STN A VANCOUVER BC CANADA V6C 2P7		
ONE Commemorative Package @ \$ 24.95 CDN <u>OR</u> \$17.95 US = \$ _____		
Please ADD Shipping and Handling Per Total Order: \$ 2.00 (US/CDN) = \$ _____		
For REGISTERED MAIL please add an additional \$5.00 (US/CDN) = \$ _____		
!!!! SAVE 20% IF YOU BUY TWO PACKETS !!!!		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES! I'LL TAKE 2 (AND SAVE 20%) FOR \$39.95 CDN OR \$28.95 US = \$ _____		
{ Payable to: <u>BLAIR HENSHAW</u> }		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____
PLEASE ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> NONE; <input type="checkbox"/> ONE; <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH OF THE SAN MARINO STATIONARY AS INDICATED:		
Name: _____		
Address: _____		City/Town: _____
Prov./State: _____	Country: _____	Postal/Zip Code: _____

Cover Story



MACEDONIA issued a set of three Postal Tax Stamps (one single stamp and one S/S perf. and imperf.) obligatory for use December 01 to 07, 1995 for the Red Cross Fund. The design mentions male/female relations and AIDS. Scott RA76-78.



As with the single stamp cover (above) here we illustrate the imperforate souvenir sheet from this issue. The third cover (not shown) is identical to the S/S here, except that it is perforated.