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*XIth International Conference
on AIDS and STDs in Africa*



ZAMBIA

From September 12 - 16 of 1999, Lusaka hosted the XIth International Conference on AIDS and STDs in Africa. This colorful set of two values (K500 and K900) incorporate the global symbol of the Red Ribbon wrapped around the globe and touching Zambia as depicted on a map of Africa.

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POINT TO PONDER

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.

Mercury Special Cancel/Postcard



In addition to the recognition of Freddie Mercury on the great Britain Millennium series we've received the above samples of a special limited edition cancel out of London and a special postcard showing the cancel/stamp and copy of death certificate (one of the causes of death -AIDS).

END OF AN ERA

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Please allow me to extend my apologies for the lateness of this issue of the AOS Quarterly Newsletter which should have been out the end of December or early January. However, November through January were particularly difficult months for me as my latest medications (AIDS triple cocktail) put me through a few months of extreme hell with the side effects! Needless to say, I've had to stop them and am now taking a "cocktail holiday" as the lingo goes!

END OF AN ERA

In retrospect, and after much pondering with the whole picture, I have come to terms with my thoughts and, sadly (I admit) have decided to discontinue publishing the AOS Newsletter. Sometimes its hard to imagine that this project started way back in the summer of 1993 and has continued this long.

Those past seven years have brought more challenges, rewards, and (especially) some incredible friends who offered support through their contributions (in many ways) over the seven years. For that I express a sincere "thank you" and hope to stay in touch with you down the road.

Although the Newsletter will be no more I will definitely continue to keep up my topical collecting interests focusing on the HIV/AIDS topic (health permitting). A second factor in my decision was, unfortunately, the lack of new HIV/AIDS related philatelic materials being issued over the past few years. It would appear complacency has won out over the challenge to create awareness of the AIDS pandemic (sadly on the increase again) through this medium. Thanks to everyone for your support over the years. All the best in the year ahead and continued happy collecting!

Blair

ISSUES UPDATE A TO Z

CANADA has issued an interesting stamp as part of it's controversial "Millennium Collection". In the series, one stamp pays tribute to Lucille Teasdale. She was a surgeon who spent more then 30 years running a hospital in Uganda. She contracted AIDS while operating on an infected patient there and eventually died of AIDS herself.

La collection du millénaire



Lucille Teasdale and Missionaries:
Helping the Poor and Sick
Lucille Teasdale et
les Canadiennes au Tiers-Monde

Canada 46

MALI has issued an interesting miniature sheet of 4 stamps which we mentioned in our last issue. We have now acquired a copy of this sheet and show it here. The stamp of great interest to AIDS topical collectors is the bottom righthand corner one which features Dr. Luc Montagnier, who is credited with the discovery of the virus (HIV) that causes AIDS.



QUARTERLY QUOTE

"My body has been talking to me for years. I just have to learn to listen."

Bob

From 'The Color of Light' - March 7

ODDS AND SODS

AIDS PHONE CARD



This "AIDS KILLS USE A CONDOM" certainly gets its message across from the South Africa Department of Health offering an 800 helpline phone number.

Magic Johnson Stationary

MAGICJOHNSON
FOUNDATION, INC.

600 CORPORATE POINTE, SUITE 1080
CLIVER CITY, CA 90230

Some readers may find this "logo" of interest from the **MAGICJOHNSON** Foundation, Inc, out of California.

World AIDS Day 1999

Although a few months have already passed there seems to be a noticeable lack of materials of any kind related to World AIDS Day 1999. Locally, very little took place and have not come across any stamp issues or cancels what so ever. Unfortunately, the news of the spread of and increase of AIDS globally has been reported by the World Health Organization with some frightening new projections for what lies ahead.

MACEDONIA CONSISTENT

For the sixth consecutive year (1994-1999) Macedonia has continued to issue an AIDS related stamp (or stamps). We have learned that such an issued for use December 01 to 07, 1999 was indeed released from Macedonia.

Cover Story



This postcard from the National Museum of Modern Art in Paris, France illustrates a scene from the "Campagne sur le Sida, 1988"

VIRAL LOAD: 75,000
T-CELL: 250
... ?

The number you don't know could be hurting you.

If you're HIV+, a low red blood cell count can make you tired and weak. To get help, call 1.888.776.2748 ext. 8.

This postcard from the USA offers an information hotline for HIV+ persons to call for additional information other than the standard Viral Load and T-Cell count.