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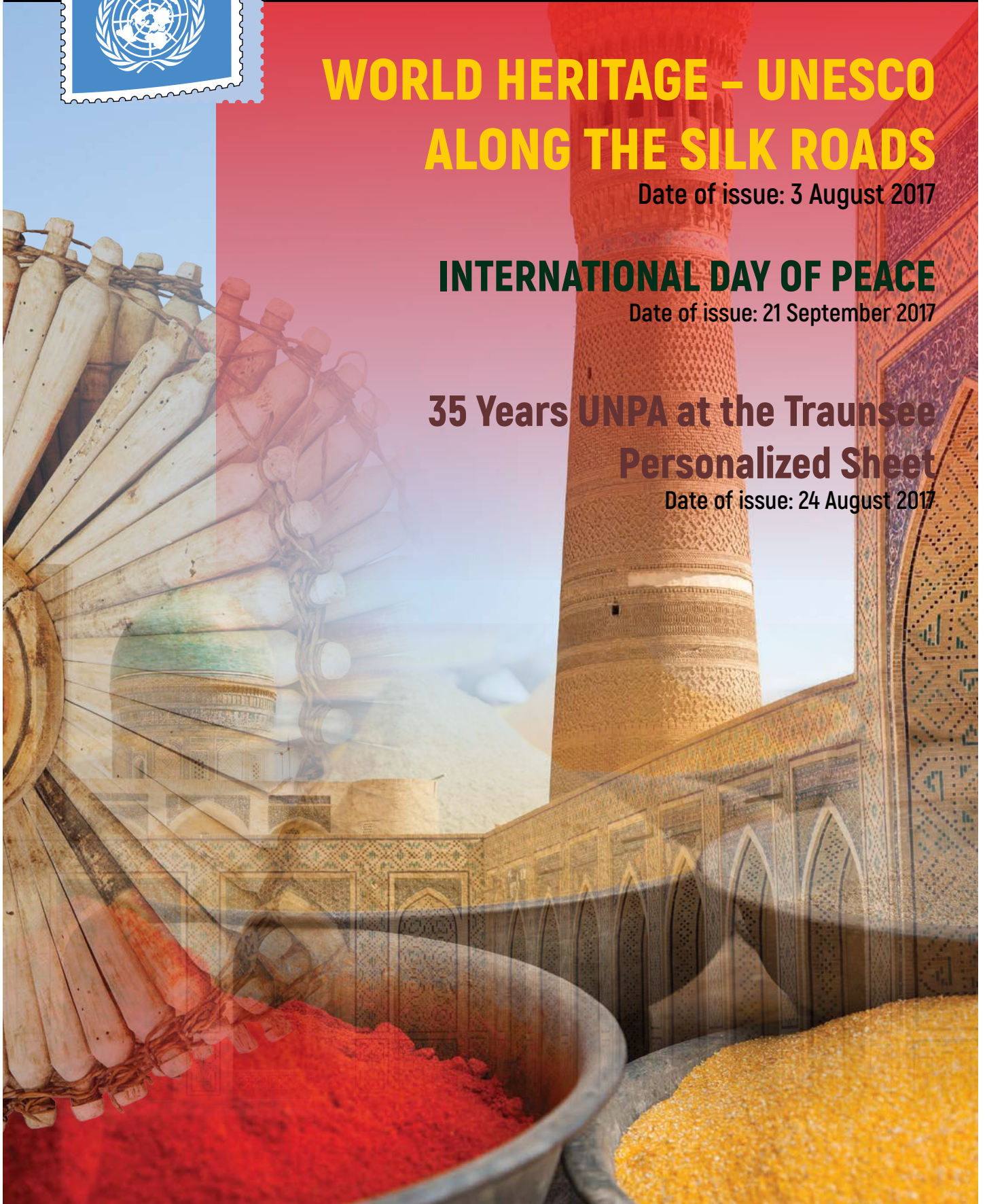
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Date of issue: 21 September 2017

35 Years UNPA at the Traunsee Personalized Sheet

Date of issue: 24 August 2017



LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Collectors,

We hope that you are enjoying your summer. UNPA is excited to share some new stamp issues with you for this edition of *Fascination* focusing on World Heritage sites and "Peace".

UNPA will be continuing its very popular World Heritage series in August and this year the focus is sites "Along the Silk Roads". Detailed descriptions of these sites along the Silk Roads can be found in the beautifully designed prestige booklets. UNPA is also issuing two limited edition silk covers – for the low and high value of the stamps, which is a first time UNPA has issued silk covers for a World Heritage series.

In September for the International Day of Peace, UNPA will be issuing six stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "Together for Peace". This important date is about bringing people together and reminding them of their common humanity. The design firm Stranger & Stranger has created very unique artwork for this stamp series which illustrates how "Peace" can be a powerful force in uniting people around the world.

UNPA is also issuing a Vienna special event sheet commemorating 35 Years UNPA at the Traunsee. A special feature of the sheet is that the United Nations cancellations from the year 1982 are depicted on the tabs of the stamps. I am sure this will be of great interest to many collectors.

As always, we thank you for your interest in United Nations stamps, and we welcome your comments and suggestions.



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Closing Days:

1 September (official holiday)

30 August, 28 September (inventory)

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Closing Days:

1 August, 1 September (official holidays)

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NEWS & NOTEWORTHY

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY - FIRST DAY OF ISSUE IN CANADA



From left to right: Diz Glithero - Professor & Researcher (Canada C3 Education Lead), Geoff Green - Canada C3 Expedition Leader and Founder, Fatou Ndoeye - Acting Director, UN Environment, North America Office, Rocky Dawuni - Singer/Songwriter and Activist, Kim Mathieu - Youth Ambassador.

YOGA – FIRST DAY OF ISSUE CEREMONY AT UN HEADQUARTERS



On Wednesday, 21 June 2017, UNPA issued a special event stamp sheet to commemorate the International Day of Yoga. Mr. Stephen Cutts, the Assistant Secretary General of the UN Department of Management, along with other UN dignitaries unveiled the stamps at a celebration held in the North Lawn at UN Headquarters in New York.

2017 PROGRAMME OF ISSUES

(Tentative and subject to theme, date and denomination changes)

3 FEBRUARY

FLAG SERIES

2 sheets of 16 stamps
Flag Series Folder 2017

23 MARCH

INTERNATIONAL DANCE

6 mini-sheets of 6 stamps

13 APRIL

NEW YORK PRE-STAMPED ENVELOPE, STANDARD AND LARGE

11 MAY

ENDANGERED SPECIES (CITES)

3 sheets of 16 stamps
3 Maximum Cards
2017 Endangered Species Collection Folder

5 JUNE

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Sheets of 20 stamps
Souvenir Cards

3 AUGUST

WORLD HERITAGE – UNESCO ALONG THE SILK ROADS

Sheets of 20 stamps
Prestige Booklets
Limited Edition Silk Covers

21 SEPTEMBER

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Sheets of 20 stamps
Souvenir Sheets

16 OCTOBER

WORLD FOOD DAY

Sheets of 20 stamps
2017 UNPA Annual Collection Folders

PERSONALIZED AND SPECIAL EVENT SHEETS

13 JANUARY

CHINESE LUNAR CALENDAR – YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

New York of 10 stamps – US\$ 1.15

20 MARCH

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS – THE SMURFS

New York of 10 stamps – US\$ 1.15
Vienna of 10 stamps – € 0.80

30 MARCH

34TH AISE MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Special Event Mini-Sheet of 3 stamps – US\$ 1.15, CHF 2.00, € 1.70

21 JUNE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

New York of 10 stamps – US\$ 1.15

24 AUGUST

35 YEARS UNPA AT THE TRAUNSEE

Vienna of 10 stamps – € 0.80

27 OCTOBER

THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Special Event Mini-Sheet of 3 stamps – US\$ 1.15, CHF 2.00, € 1.70

9 NOVEMBER

71e SALON PHILATÉLIQUE D'AUTOMNE À PARIS

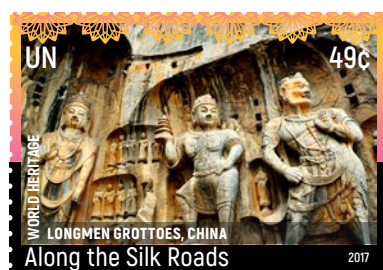
Special Event Mini-Sheet of 3 stamps – US\$ 1.15, CHF 2.00, € 1.70

WORLD HERITAGE – UNESCO Along the Silk Roads

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) seeks to encourage the identification, protection and preservation of cultural and natural heritage around the world that are of outstanding value to humanity. This is embodied in an international treaty called the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, adopted by UNESCO in 1972.

The Silk Roads were an interconnected web of routes linking the ancient societies of Asia, the Subcontinent, Central Asia, Western Asia and the Near East, and contributed to the development of many of the world's great civilizations. The routes served principally to transfer raw materials, foodstuffs and luxury goods. However, these vast networks carried more than just merchandise and precious commodities. The constant movement of people, merchants and goods along these routes also brought about the transmission of and exchange of knowledge, ideas, cultures and beliefs, which had a profound impact on the history and civilizations of the Eurasian peoples. The Silk Roads were listed as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage in 2014.

THE DESIGNS



Code: 301.4586

US\$ 0.49

Longmen Grottoes, China

The grottoes and niches of Longmen contain the largest and most impressive collection of Chinese art of the late Northern Wei and Tang Dynasties. These works, entirely devoted to

the Buddhist religion, represent the high point of Chinese stone carving. The Longmen Grottoes are situated on both sides of the Yi River to the south of the ancient capital of Luoyang, Henan province. They comprise more than 2,300 caves and niches carved into the steep limestone cliffs over a 1 km stretch. The earliest caves to be carved in the late fifth and early sixth centuries include Guyangdong and the Three Binyang Caves, all containing large Buddha figures. Yaofangdong Cave contains 140 inscriptions recording treatments for various diseases and illnesses. Work on the sculpture in this cave continued over a 150-year period, illustrating changes in artistic style. The site was inscribed on the World Heritage list in 2000.



Code: 501.4588

CHF 1.00

Historic Centre of Bukhara, Uzbekistan

The Historic Centre of Bukhara, situated on the Silk Roads, is more than 2,000 years old. It is the most complete example of a medieval

city in Central Asia, with an urban fabric that has remained largely intact. Monuments of particular interest include the famous tomb of Ismail Samani, a masterpiece of tenth-century Muslim architecture, and a large number of seventeenth-century madrasas. Bukhara was long an important economic and cultural centre in Central Asia. The ancient Persian city served as a major centre of Islamic culture for many centuries and became a major cultural centre of the Caliphate in the eighth century. The real importance of Bukhara lies not in its individual buildings but rather in its overall townscape, demonstrating the consistently high level of urban planning and architecture that began with the Sheibanid dynasty. It was inscribed on the World Heritage list in 1993.



Code: 301.4587

US\$ 1.15

Sulaiman-Too Sacred Mountain, Kyrgyzstan

Sulaiman-Too Mountain in Kyrgyzstan dominates the surrounding landscape of the Fergana Valley and forms the backdrop to the city of Osh. In medieval times Osh

was one of the largest cities of the fertile Fergana Valley at the crossroads of important routes on the Central Asian Silk Roads system. For more than one and a half millennia, Sulaiman was a beacon for travellers and was revered as a sacred mountain. Its five peaks and slopes contain a large assembly of ancient cult places and caves with petroglyphs, all interconnected with a network of ancient paths, as well as later mosques. The site is believed to represent the most complete example of a sacred mountain anywhere in Central Asia, worshipped over several millennia. It was inscribed on the World Heritage list in 2009.



Code: 501.4589

CHF 1.50

Kunya-Urgench, Turkmenistan

Kunya-Urgench is situated in north-western Turkmenistan, on the left bank of the Amu Darya River. Urgench was the capital of the Khorezm region,

part of the Achaemenid Empire. The old town contains a series of monuments mainly from the eleventh to sixteenth centuries, including a mosque, the gates of a caravanserai, fortresses, mausoleums and a 60-m minaret. The monuments testify to outstanding achievements in architecture and craftsmanship whose influence reached Iran and Afghanistan, and later the architecture of the Mogul Empire of sixteenth-century India. It was inscribed on the World Heritage list in 2005.



Code: 701.4590

€ 0.80

Tabriz Historic Bazaar Complex, Islamic Republic of Iran

Tabriz has been a place of cultural exchange since antiquity, and its historic bazaar complex is one of the most important

commercial centres on the Silk Road. Tabriz Historic Bazaar Complex consists of a series of interconnected covered brick structures, buildings and enclosed spaces for different functions. Tabriz and its bazaar were already prosperous and famous in the thirteenth century, when the town, in the province of Eastern Azerbaijan, became the capital city of the Safavid kingdom. The city lost its status as capital in the sixteenth century but remained important as a commercial hub until the end of the eighteenth century, with the expansion of Ottoman power. It is one of the most complete examples of the traditional commercial and cultural system of Iran. It was inscribed on the World Heritage list in 2010.



Code: 701.4591

€ 1.70

City of Safranbolu, Turkey

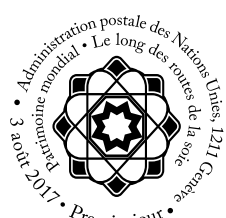
The City of Safranbolu is a typical Ottoman city that played a key role in the caravan trade over many centuries. The settlement developed

as a trading centre after the Turkish conquest in the eleventh century, and by the thirteenth century it had become an important caravan station. From the thirteenth century to the advent of the railway in the early twentieth century, Safranbolu continued to be an important point on the main east-west trade route. The Old Mosque, Old Bath and Süleyman Pasha Medrese were built in 1322. During its apogee in the seventeenth century, Safranbolu's architecture influenced urban development throughout much of the Ottoman Empire. It was inscribed on the World Heritage list in 1994.

CANCELLATIONS



NEW YORK



GENEVA



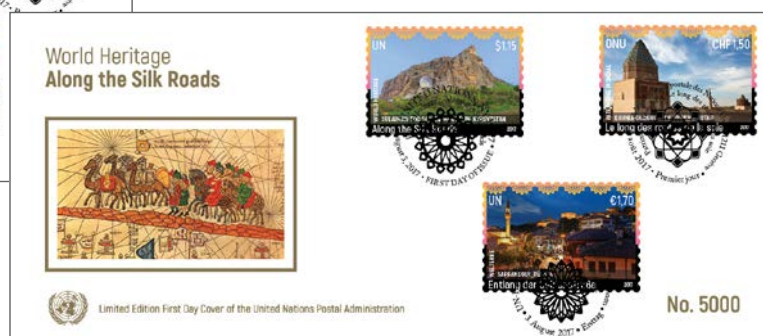
VIENNA

SPECIAL LIMITED EDITION – SILK FIRST DAY COVERS

For the "Along the Silk Roads" stamp issue UNPA is issuing a set of special limited edition first day covers in silk. A single stamp, one from each office, is affixed and cancelled, as appropriate, from New York, Geneva or Vienna on two separate envelopes – one for the higher value of stamps and one for the lower value of stamps. The covers are consecutively numbered. The set of covers will be provided to customers who maintain a standing order account for New York miscellaneous products (art. 424). All other customers can purchase the covers either individually or as a set (for a discount) by using the order form No. 3/2017.



Code: 424.4629



Code: 424.4630

Date of issue:	3 August 2017
Designer:	Sergio Baradat (United Nations)
Photographs:	Alamy Stock Photo
Denominations:	US\$ 0.49, US\$ 1.15, CHF 1.00, CHF 1.50 and € 0.80, € 1.70
Stamp size:	35 mm x 50 mm
Stamps per sheet:	20
Printer:	Cartor Security Printing (France)
Process:	Offset lithography
Perforation:	14 1/2 x 14 1/4
Stamp quantities:	US\$ 0.49 5,500 sheets (110,000 stamps) US\$ 1.15 5,500 sheets (110,000 stamps)

Prestige booklets quantities:	
New York	8,500 booklets with stamps of US\$ 0.34 and US\$ 0.49
Geneva	8,500 booklets with stamps of CHF 0.30 and CHF 0.50
Vienna	10,500 booklets with stamps of € 0.30 and € 0.40

FIRST DAY COVERS



Code: 413.4586 NY-SINGLE



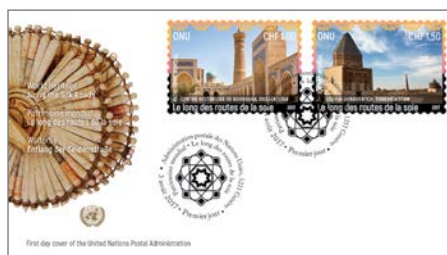
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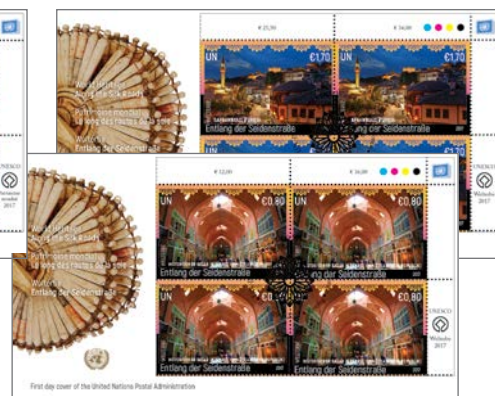
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Code: 414.4586 NY-M.I. BLOCK



Code: 614.4588 GE-M.I. BLOCK



Code: 814.4590 VI-M.I. BLOCK



Code: 817.4590 TRIPLE

PRESTIGE BOOKLETS



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VALUES IN EURO											
Date of issue	Art	Code	Price €	Quantity		Date of issue	Art	Code	Price €	Quantity	
				* 7	⊙ 8					* 7	⊙ 8
(7.8.2003)		7035	0.04			(1.3.2002)		7030	0.73		
(15.4.2010)		7043	0.05			(4.2.2005)		7038	0.75		
(1.3.2002)		7027	0.07			(7.5.2015)		7052	0.80		
(28.1.2008)		7039	0.10			(1.3.2002)		7031	0.87		
(28.1.2008)		7040	0.15			(28.3.2003)		7034	1.00		
(15.4.2010)		7044	0.20			(4.2.2011)		7045	1.25		
(28.3.2003)		7033	0.25			(28.1.2008)		7042	1.40		
(1.3.2002)		7028 **	0.51			(6.6.2014)		7050	1.70		
(29.1.2004)		7037	0.55			(1.3.2002)		7032	2.03		
(1.3.2002)		7029	0.58			(24.10.2003)		7036	2.10		
(5.3.2013)		7047	0.62			(5.3.2013)		7048	2.20		
(28.1.2008)		7041	0.65			(4.2.2011)		7046	2.85		
(7.5.2015)		7051	0.68			Complete series	30	3005	22.83		
(6.6.2014)		7049	0.70			** First reprint of 7 August 2003					

DEFINITIVE SERIES												
VALUES IN US\$						VALUES IN CHF						
Date of issue	Art	Code	Price US\$	Quantity			Date of issue	Art	Code	Price CHF	Quantity	
				* 3	⊙ 4						* 5	⊙ 6
(6.2.2009)		5068	0.01				(4.2.2011)		6044	0.10		
(13.2.1998)		5053	0.02				(2.2.1996)		6031	0.40		
(4.6.2010)		5072	0.03				(4.2.2011)		6045	0.50		
(4.6.2010)		5073	0.04				(1.9.1994)		6028	0.60		
(7.5.1993)		5043	0.05				(2.2.1996)		6032	0.70		
(25.5.2001)		5057	0.07				(1.9.1994)		6029	0.80		
(12.2.1997)		5050	0.08				(24.10.2003)		6040	0.85		
(6.2.2009)		5069	0.09				(20.2.2003)		6039	0.90		
(6.2.2009)		5070	0.10				(5.3.2013)		6046	1.00		
(4.2.2011)		5076	0.11				(12.2.1997)		6034	1.10		
(18.10.2010)		5074	0.15				(3.2.2006)		6041	1.30		
(5.9.1995)		5047	0.20				(5.3.2013)		6047	1.40		
(13.2.1998)		5054	0.21				(10.5.1991)		6026	1.50		
(28.3.2003)		5060	0.23				(15.04.2010)		6042	1.60		
(3.2.2006)		5066	0.25				(5.2.1999)		6036	1.70		
(11.9.1991)		5037	0.30				(1.9.1994)		6030	1.80		
(6.6.2014)		5080	0.33				(15.04.2010)		6043	1.90		
(25.5.2001)		5058	0.34				(13.2.1998)		6035	2.00		
(7.5.2015)		5082	0.35				(6.6.2014)		6048	2.20		
(15.10.2004)		5065	0.37				(6.6.2014)		6049	2.60		
(7.5.2015)		5083	0.40				(24.10.2002)		6038	3.00		
(11.9.1991)		5038	0.50				(2.2.1990)		6024	5.00		
(12.2.1997)		5051	0.55				Complete series	30	2525	32.95		
(24.10.2003)		5064	0.60				<div>Postage stamps and stamp related products purchased from the United Nations Postal Administration are not subject to sales tax.</div>					
(28.3.2003)		5062	0.70									
(1.3.2002)		5059	0.80									
(9.8.2007)		5067	0.90									
(28.3.2003)		5063	0.93									
(2.10.2009)		5071	1.00									
(5.3.2013)		5078	1.10									
(18.10.2010)		5075	1.50									
(6.6.2014)		5081	2.00									
(5.3.2013)		5079	3.00									
(4.2.2011)		5077	5.00									
Complete series	30	2533	22.31									

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COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES 12 months on sale Prestige Booklets and Endangered Species 24 months on sale	Art	Values in €				Values in US\$				Values in CHF			
		Code	Price €	Quantity		Code	Price US\$	Quantity		Code	Price CHF	Quantity	
				* 7	Ⓞ 8			* 3	Ⓞ 4			* 5	Ⓞ 6
World Heritage – Czech Republic (8.9.2016) *(8.9.2017) Prestige booklet *(10.9.2018)		4491	0.68			4487	0.47			4489	1.00		
		4492	1.70			4488	1.15			4490	1.50		
	31	4495	8.40			4493	9.72			4494	9.60		
Eye on Africa – CITES COP17, the World Wildlife Conference (24.9.2016) Miniature sheet of 4 stamps *(25.9.2017)	10	4504	6.80			4502	4.60			4503	8.00		
United Nations Day – Sustainable Development Goals (24.10.2016) Miniature sheet of 17 stamps SDG booklet *(24.10.2017)	10	4511	11.56			4509	7.99			4510	17.00		
	23	4522	15.96			4522	12.99			4522	21.80		
International Dance Day (23.3.2017) Miniature sheet *(23.3.2018)	10	4563	4.08			4559	2.94			4561	6.00		
	10	4564	4.80			4560	6.90			4562	9.00		
Endangered Species (11.5.2017) Block of 4 stamps Miniature sheet *(10.5.2019)	50	4534	3.20			4532	4.60			4533	6.00		
	51	4534	12.80			4532	18.40			4533	9.00		
World Environment Day (5.6.2017) *(5.6.2018)		4578	0.68			4574	0.49			4576	1.00		
		4579	1.70			4575	1.15			4577	2.00		

*Last day of sale

PERSONALIZED AND EVENT STAMP SHEETS	Art	Values in €				Values in US\$				Values in CHF			
		Code	Price €	Quantity		Code	Price US\$	Quantity		Code	Price CHF	Quantity	
				* 7	Ⓞ 8			* 3	Ⓞ 4			* 5	Ⓞ 6
Greetings from Vienna (23.1.2015)	€ 0.80	93	4312	10.90									
DOHA (13.4.2015)	€ 0.80	95	4351	10.90									
UNCAC (2.11.2015)	€ 0.80	94	4403	10.90									
50th Anniversary UNIDO (12.5.2016)	€ 0.80	94	4459	10.90									
CTBTO (24.9.2016)	€ 0.80	94	4484	10.90									
The Smurfs – VI (20.3.2017)	€ 0.80	94	4626	10.90									
100th Anniversary ASDA (23.10.2014)	US\$ 1.15	94				4308	14.95						
Year of the Ram (23.1.2015)	US\$ 1.15	94				4311	14.95						
Greetings from New York (7.5.2015)	US\$ 1.20	93				4359	14.95						
Pope Francis (25.9.2015)	US\$ 1.20	94				4385	14.95						
Disability & Development (28.9.2015)	US\$ 1.20	95				4386	14.95						
70th Anniversary UNESCO (5.11.2015)	US\$ 1.20	94				4402	14.95						
Year of the Monkey (8.1.2016)	US\$ 1.20	94				4419	14.95						
Angry Birds UN (22.4.2016)	US\$ 1.15	94				4498	14.95						
65th Anniversary UNPA NY (30.5.2016)	US\$ 1.15	94				4440	14.95						
M.S. Subbulakshmi (2.10.2016)	US\$ 1.20	94				4554	14.95						
World Post Day (6.10.2016)	US\$ 1.15	94				4521	14.95						
Year of the Rooster (13.1.2017)	US\$ 1.15	94				4525	14.95						
The Smurfs – NY (20.3.2017)	US\$ 1.15	94				4569	14.95						
Melbourne (30.3.2017)	US\$ 1.15 / CHF 2.00 / € 1.70	96				4557	6.00						
International Day of Yoga (21.6.2017)	US\$ 1.15	94				4583	14.95						
45th Anniversary UNPA Geneva (12.9.2014)	CHF 1.30	94								4274	14.95		
Greetings from Geneva (21.9.2015)	CHF 1.40	93								4383	15.95		

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Postcard (7.5.2015)	€ 0.68	21	4353	1.18										
Postcard (7.5.2015)	€ 0.80	21	4354	1.30										
Postcard (7.5.2015)	€ 1.70	21	4355	2.20										
Pre-stamped envelope (7.5.2015)	€ 0.68	21	4356	1.18										
Pre-stamped envelope (7.5.2015)	€ 0.80	21	4357	1.30										
Pre-stamped envelope (7.5.2015)	€ 1.70	21	4358	2.20										
Pre-stamped envelope (22.7.2016)	€ 0.68	21	4480	1.40										
Postcard, revalued (22.7.2016)	CHF 1.50	21									4479	2.30		
Postcard (7.5.2009)	CHF 0.85	21									3559	1.60		
Postcard (7.5.2009)	CHF 1.00	21									3560	1.75		
Pre-stamped envelope standard	US\$ 0.49	21					4519	0.75						
Pre-stamped envelope large	US\$ 0.49	21					4520	0.75						
Air letter, revalued	US\$ 1.15	21					4254	1.25						
Official blank cachets	Vienna	28					2779	0.30		⊗				
	New York (1995)	28					3584	0.25		⊗				
	Geneva	26					3239	0.25		⊗				

COLLECTION FOLDERS		Art	Values in €				Values in US\$				Values in CHF			
			Code	Price €	Quantity		Code	Price US\$	Quantity		Code	Price CHF	Quantity	
					* 7	① 8			* 3	① 4			* 5	① 6
Folder “Coin & Flag Series” (5.10.2006)		77	3261	15.59										
Folder “Coin & Flag Series” (3.5.2007)		77	3316	15.59										
Folder “Coin & Flag Series” (8.5.2008)		77	3426	16.55										
Folder “Coin & Flag Series” (5.2.2010)		77	3593	16.75										
Folder “Coin & Flag Series” (3.3.2011)		77	3739	16.75										
Folder “Coin & Flag Series” (3.2.2012)		77	3836	17.21										
Folder “Coin & Flag Series” (6.11.2013)		77	4230	21.30										
Folder “Coin & Flag Series” (6.2.2015)		77	4317	18.67										
Folder “Endangered Species” (16.4.2015)		23	4349	15.19										
Folder “Endangered Species” (11.5.2017)		23	4550	17.15										
2015 Annual Collection Folder (23.10.2015)		22	4401	23.68			4399	21.85		⊗	4400	30.18		
2016 Annual Collection Folder (27.10.2016)		22	4514	30.70			4512	28.38		⊗	4513	43.78		

MISCELLANEOUS				Art	Code	Price €	Quantity	
							* 7	① 8
Special envelope Beijing '13 – Vienna				24	3988	6.11	⊗	
Stamp Sheet FAO/IAEA 2014				24	4309	9.90		
							* 3	① 4
Silk first day cover CITES “Endangered Species” 2011				24	3812	3.95	⊗	
Silk first day cover CITES “Endangered Species” 2012				24	3865	3.95	⊗	
Silk first day cover CITES “Endangered Species” 2013				24	4221	4.95	⊗	
Silk first day cover CITES “Endangered Species” 2014				24	4304	5.95	⊗	
Silk first day cover CITES “Endangered Species” 2015				24	4350	5.95	⊗	
Special envelope Beijing '13 – New York				24	3987	6.95	⊗	

FLAG SERIES					Values in US\$			Quantity	
					Art	Code	Price US\$	* 3	① 4
Set of four different stamps (3.2.2017) *(2.2.2018)					Sheet 52	59	4053	4.60	
					Sheet 53	59	4054	4.60	
Miniature sheet of 16 stamps (3.2.2017) *(2.2.2018)					Sheet 52	60	4053	18.40	
					Sheet 53	60	4054	18.40	
Souvenir folder “Flag Series 2017”					40	4527	11.20		

*Last day of sale

ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS

UNPA-EUROPE BANK ACCOUNTS

Dear customers,

As part of the overall United Nations (UN) administrative reform initiative, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) was required to close all but two European bank accounts effective from **1 November 2015**.

For customers residing in Switzerland and/or making payments to UNPA in **Swiss Francs (CHF)**, please use the following bank account:

ACCOUNT DETAILS	
Bank	UBS
Currency	CHF
Account number	240-C0590165.0
IBAN	CH03 0024 0240 C059 0165 0
BIC	UBSWCHZH80A

For customers residing in other European countries, please make payments to UNPA in **Euro (EUR)** to the following bank account:

ACCOUNT DETAILS	
Bank	Bank Austria
Currency	Euro
Account number	00690003603
IBAN	AT57 1200 0006 9000 3603
BIC	BKAUATWW

For customers who do not reside in the United States but wish to pay in **US dollars**, please note that credit card payment is preferred. If you wish to make US dollars (US\$) payments to UNPA through direct deposit, the payments need to be made to the following UNPA bank account in the United States:

ACCOUNT DETAILS	
Bank	Chase Bank
Currency	US\$
Account number	485000369 (US dollar checking account)
ABA routing number	021000021
Swift Code	CHASUS33XXX

The appropriate IBAN/ABA and BIC/SWIFT codes have to be clearly indicated. In addition, please include your customer and invoice numbers to facilitate easy reconciliation of your payments.

Effective 1 November 2015, all other bank accounts provided in previous issues of our philatelic journal "Fascination" will no longer be valid.

Please note that credit card payments by VISA and MASTERCARD are gladly accepted. We would just need your credit card number and expiry date.

If you have questions or need further information, please call us at +43-1-26060-4032 or 4025 or 4022 or send an email to UNPA-Europe@unvienna.org.

We thank you for your understanding and count on your continued support.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

On 21 September 2017, UNPA will issue six stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "International Day of Peace". Each year on 21 September the International Day of Peace is observed around the world. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, within and among all nations and peoples. The Day's theme for 2017 is "Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All".

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres had the following to say about this year's International Day of Peace:

"In times of insecurity, communities that look different become convenient scapegoats. We must resist cynical efforts to divide communities and portray neighbours as 'the other'. Discrimination diminishes us all. It prevents people – and societies – from achieving their full potential." He adds, "Together, let us stand up against bigotry and for human rights. Together, let us build bridges. Together, let us transform fear into hope."

For more information about the International Day of Peace, visit <http://internationaldayofpeace.org>.

SOUVENIR SHEETS



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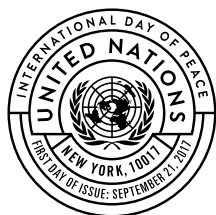


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CANCELLATIONS



NEW YORK



GENEVA



VIENNA



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GENEVA

CHF 1.00 - Enemies unite

The only thing more powerful than the twin urges of fear and anger, represented here by the fox and the hare. Enemies who join forces to overcome them.

CHF 2.00 - Duality

There is a reason that polar opposites attract: because you can only see the full picture when complementary parts combine.



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THE DESIGNS

NEW YORK

US\$ 0.49 - Equality/Doves

Symmetry is all about balance. Balance is a measure of equality. And true equality is the harbinger of peace.

US\$ 1.15 - Moths to a flame

The beauty of civility and decency serves as humanity's guiding flame – a light to gravitate around even in the darkest of nights.

VIENNA

€ 0.68 - Break down Barriers

A homage to history's greatest battering rams—to kindness and respect—and all of the barriers that have fallen before them.

€ 1.70 - Peace offering

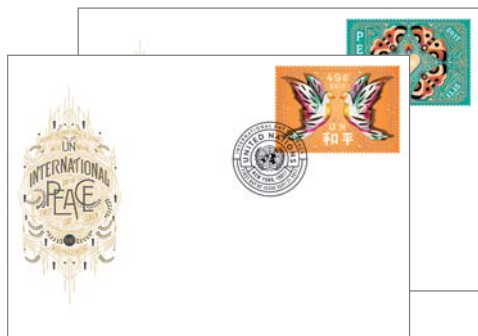
Peace is entirely at the hands of humanity. And those hands are most effective when they are joined in embrace.

THE DESIGN FIRM

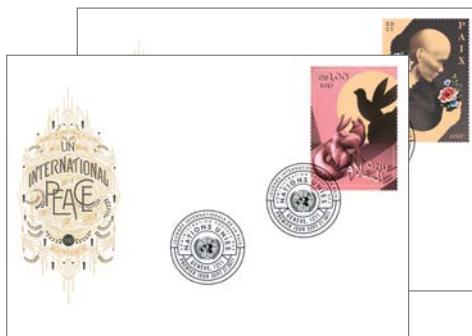
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FIRST DAY COVERS



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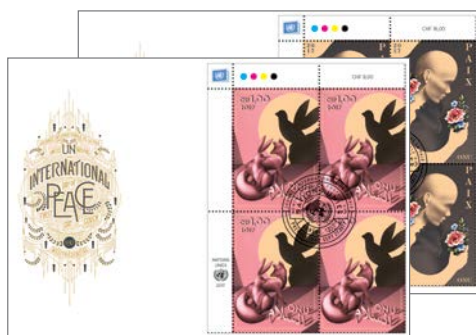
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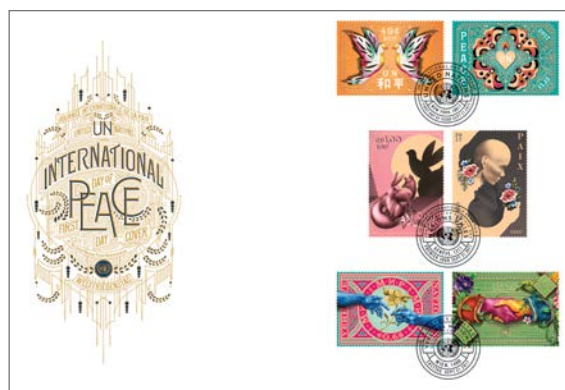
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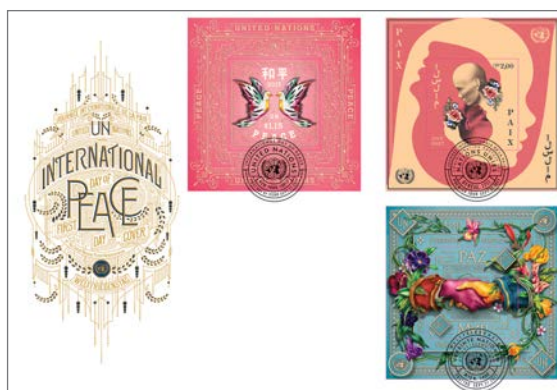
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Code: 817.4604 TRIPLE



Code: 817.4608 TRIPLE SOUVENIR SHEET

Date of issue: 21 September 2017
Designer: Stranger & Stranger
Denominations:
Stamps: US\$ 0.49, US\$ 1.15, CHF 1.00, CHF 2.00, € 0.68, € 1.70
Souvenir sheets: US\$ 1.15, CHF 2.00, € 1.70
Stamp size: 50 mm x 35 mm
Souvenir sheet size: 81 mm x 81 mm with a 42 mm x 42.05 mm stamp
Stamps per sheet: 20
Printer: Joh. Enschedé Stamps Security Printers
B.V. (Netherlands)
Process: Offset-lithography plus gold-foil

Perforation Stamps: 14 x 14 1/4
Perforation Souvenir sheets: 14 1/4 x 13 3/4
Quantities of Stamps:
US\$ 0.49 5,500 sheets (110,000 stamps)
US\$ 1.15 5,500 sheets (110,000 stamps)
CHF 1.00 4,000 sheets (80,000 stamps)
CHF 2.00 4,000 sheets (80,000 stamps)
€ 0.68 4,500 sheets (90,000 stamps)
€ 1.70 4,500 sheets (90,000 stamps)
Quantities of Souvenir sheets:
US\$ 1.15 27,000 souvenir sheets
CHF 2.00 25,000 souvenir sheets
€ 1.70 33,000 souvenir sheets

35 YEARS UNPA AT THE TRAUNSEE 1982-2017

PERSONALIZED STAMP SHEET



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DESCRIPTION OF THE STAMPS

(from left to right, from top to bottom):

- The historical paddle steamer "Gisela": the "Grand Old Lady" stands ready to receive her guests, today as in the past, at her mooring near the City Hall Square.
- The Orth castle on the Traunsee, with its history spanning over 1,000 years and unique atmosphere, is well known as the setting for the popular TV series "Schlosshotel Orth", but is also a modern hotel with facilities for seminars, functions and parties, a restaurant and wine cellar, mooring posts, a chapel and a wedding hall.
- Aerial view of the Toscana Congress-Center – the "GMUNDEN 2017" event facility.
- Kirchengasse (Church Street) in Gmunden, with its varied mix of restaurants and cafés, boutiques and arts and crafts shops.
- The Gmunden Town Hall was built in 1574 and extended in 1676. Since 1959 a glockenspiel made out of Meissen porcelain has graced the front facade. The design on the ceramic chimes is the traditional green and white pattern of Gmunden ceramics.
- Schloss Ort – or Lake Castle Orth – is one of the oldest buildings in the Salzkammergut lake district. Built in the 10th century, it first appears in historical records in 909 and then again in 1053. Originally, the castle was a water fortress, but after a fire in 1626 it was rebuilt in its present form. The castle has an irregular layout with a triangular inner courtyard with double storeys on two sides and a late-Gothic external staircase. The clock dating from 1634 is a special attraction and still has to be wound up every day by hand.
- The Traunsee lake is the easternmost of the four main Salzkammergut lakes and is a very popular sailing resort. During the summer months the lake provides the backdrop to numerous sailing regattas and leisure boats.
- Villa Toscana
The villa was built between 1870 and 1877 in the middle of a large estate as the royal residence of the widowed Princess of Tuscany, Marie Antonia of the two Sicilies. The architect was the youngest of her ten children, Johann Salvator, who designed the villa in the neoclassical style inspired by ancient Greece.
- Traunsee – Aerial view
The Traunsee lake is the deepest of the Austrian lakes with a depth of 191m. It covers an area of 24.4 square kilometres, with a length of 12 km and a width of 3 km. The local communities around the Traunsee lake belong to the Salzkammergut holiday region.
- The "Gisela", named after a daughter of Emperor Franz Joseph I, is a historical paddle steamer with a riveted steel hull, designed by Joseph John Ruston. It made its first trial trip on 24 September 1871 and the official commissioning ceremony took place the following spring in 1872.

Please send your envelopes for cancellation to:

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UNPA-EUROPE

THE UN POSTAL ADMINISTRATION AT GMUNDEN 2017!

From **24 to 27 August 2017**, the **GMUNDEN 2017**, a rank 2 and 3 competitive stamp exhibition with FEPA recognition, will take place in Upper Austria.

UNPA's participation includes a sales and information stand, a *white card* and a show cancellation. The motif for the *white card* features the coat of arms of the stamp collectors Club "Gmunden" who celebrates his 80th anniversary this year, the show cancellation depicts the Toscana-Congress. Both designs are by the artist Gottfried Blank.

During the **GMUNDEN 2017**, there will also be a **"United Nations Day"** on **Thursday, 24 August** with a special cancellation of the Austrian Post. On this day, visitors will have the opportunity to obtain a cachet of the exhibition cancellation at the UNPA sales stand on items bearing already the special cancellation of the Austrian Post.

The **GMUNDEN 2017** will take place in the **Toscana Congress Centre at Toscanapark 6, 4810 Gmunden**, Upper Austria. Opening hours are Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. **UNPA will be present from Thursday to Saturday**. Admission to the **GMUNDEN 2017** is free.



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THE UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION AT SBERATEL 2017 IN PRAGUE

The **SBERATEL (COLLECTOR) 2017** takes place from **8 to 9 September** on the Fairgrounds PVA EXPO PRAGUE – Letňany, in the northern part of Prague in the Czech Republic. Opening hours are **Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** The **SBERATEL** celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2017.

The United Nations Postal Administration will be represented with its own sales and information stand and will offer a *white card* and a souvenir cachet. The white card imprint shows the beautiful inside view and staircase of the National Museum in Prague. The show cachet features a Czech wooden marionette "Ballet Dancer". Both designs were made by the Austrian artist Professor Adolf Tuma.

During the **SBERATEL 2017**, there will traditionally be a **"United Nations Day"** on the last day, **Saturday, 9 September 2017**, with a special cancellation of the Czech Post. On this day, interested visitors will have the opportunity to obtain a cachet of the exhibition cancellation at the UNPA sales stand on items bearing already the special cancellation of the Czech Post.



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UNPA AT ÖVEBRIA 2017 IN HIRTENBERG, AUSTRIA

From **6 – 8 October 2017**, UNPA will be represented at the **ÖVEBRIA 2017** a rank 1 competitive international postage stamp exhibition with FEPA recognition in the Kulturhaus Hirtenberg in Lower Austria. The first Triestingtal stamp collectors association of Hirtenberg is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year. Congratulations!

UNPA's participation includes a sales and information stand, a *white exhibition card* and a commemorative cancellation. Both designs are by the Austrian artist Prof. Hannes Margreiter and feature the manifold transportation means of our time (train station and plane). The *exhibition card* may only be obtained with the order form enclosed in our next philatelic journal "Fascination" No. 4/2017.



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2017 ENDANGERED SPECIES – FIRST DAY OF ISSUE IN GERMANY



From left to right: Clarissa Fuernsinn / UNPA, Volker Grün / Duisburg Zoo, Cristina Popescu / Romfilatelia and Yuan Liu / CITES Secretariat, holding the depictions of Endangered Species 2017 stamps (3 from the UNPA offices in New York City, Geneva and Vienna, plus one issued by Romfilatelia). Photo: Messe Essen

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

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WORLD HERITAGE – UNESCO ALONG THE SILK ROADS

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35 Years UNPA at the Traunsee

Personalized Sheet

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