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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ROSSICA AND BALTIC AREA SHOW AT BALPEX 2011



The big "Rossica and Baltic Area" show – our Annual General Meeting – will be held this year at BALPEX on 2-4 September, with 131 frames of material in our area on display. (See below for a list of the exhibits.) This event – for us, at least – will be second only to ROSSICAPEX 2009 in size. Those interested in attending

may access the BALPEX website at www.balpex.org/balpex.html for further information.

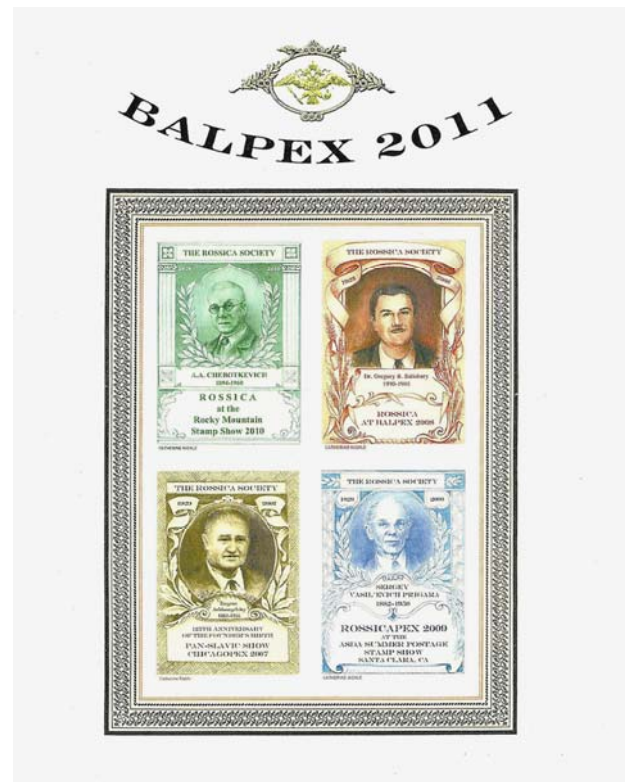
The jury consists of Dr. Peter P. McCann (Chairman), Akthem Al-Manaseer, John M. Hotchner, Dr. Yamil H. Kouri and Yacov Tsachor.

Our featured speaker will be our Editor, Dr. William Moskoff, who will give a talk on "*The People's War: Defiance and Resistance During World War II in the Soviet Union.*" Bill is no stranger to this kind of presentation, having given one of the three Rossica papers at the National Postal Museum's Blount Symposium last year.

The Annual General Meeting will give members a chance to toss kudos or hurl invective at the officers in person, and there will be news and an announcement or two that should be of considerable interest to everyone.

This year's show will see the culmination of the Rossica five-year vignette series honoring our Society's founders, movers and shakers – a souvenir sheet designed by Bill Dwyer that incorporates all four of the preceding vignettes drawn by Catherine Nickle. The first

vignette honoring Eugene Arkhangelsky (CHICAGOPEX 2007) was followed by issues commemorating Gregory Salisbury (BALPEX 2008), S.V. Prigara (ROSSICAPEX 2009) and Alexander Chebotkevich (RMSS 2010). Each one appeared in both an English and a Russian version, and this souvenir sheet will be no different. Unfortunately, the firm in Berlin, Germany that produces these vignettes didn't have the machinery to perform internal perforations, so these two souvenir sheets will be produced imperforate.



English version of the souvenir sheet.

We are taking advance orders now for these sheets: \$5 for mint copies (two each per customer), or if you would prefer to have them tied on cover and sent from the show on Friday, September 2nd ("first day covers"), please remit \$7 per sheet to the Treasurer by check or via PayPal through our website (again, two of a kind per customer, i.e., two English- and two Russian version sheets). Past history has shown that the previous two Rossica souvenir sheets (1957 and 1976) are rarely encountered on cover. The latest souvenir sheets will be tied on cover and accompanied by USPS stamps (subject unsold) with a Rossica theme.

There will be definitely be one and perhaps two dealers in attendance with strong stocks in our area, and a number of others with decent representations. And, of course, Rossica will have a booth there, with all manner of literature, Society paraphernalia and gewgaws for sale or distribution.

As for the exhibits, there will be many strong displays, a fair number of them not seen in this area before, and no one will be able to complain about a lack of variety. When was the last time you saw a Georgian exhibit? Estonian, Tannu Tuvan and Mongolian displays aren't exactly common, either. Then there are brand new exhibits, never before shown, like Russian POW "Thank You" cards and Leningrad Blockade mail. Others that have been shown before have been revamped and expanded. In all, 24 exhibits, ranging from traditional to Cinderella, from postal history to thematic.

The Evolution of "Via Siberia" Mail: 1899-1945^[1]_[SEP]

A chronological showing of the postal evolution of mail sent over the Trans-Siberian Rail Network between 1899 and 1945. *10 frames*

The Poezd and Pochta Postmarks of the "Little Railroads" of St. Petersburg^[1]_[SEP]

A collection of the rare Poezd and Pochta postmarks of the small railroads of St. Petersburg. *1 frame*

Stalin on Stamps, Covers, and Postcards: Philately at the Service of Dictatorship^[1]_[SEP]

A comprehensive collection of philatelic materials - stamps, covers, FDCs, cachets - with Stalin's image on them. Collateral material includes postal cards, caricatures, leaflets, etc. The exhibit is organized in chronological order. *10 frames*

The "3-Star" Issues of Latvia: 1921-1933^[1]_[SEP]

A study of the proofs, issues, errors (perf, printing,

watermark) and postal uses of the 1921-1933 "3-Star" issues of Latvia (YOUTH Age 21). *5 frames*

Russian Rural Post (Zemstvo) Use of Partial Stamps^[1]_[SEP]

Displays examples from Zemstvos known (thus far) to have used partial stamps to frank mail. The use of partial stamps was dictated by the available supply of a given denomination and was always short lived. Includes only known use of bisected stamps by Kotelnich and Sumy Zemstvos. *1 frame*

"Muscovy's Mayflies": Imperial Russia's Temporary Post Offices from 1898 to 1917^[1]_[SEP]

Examines and surveys the various kinds of civilian and military temporary post offices in Russia up to 1917 and the events or localities they served. *8 frames*

Russia Pre-UPU Stampless Mail to the West^[1]_[SEP]

Examines the routes, rates and markings of stampless mail, unpaid, pre-paid and part paid until Russia joined the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874. *8 frames*

Classic Mongolia 1886-1932^[1]_[SEP]

Exhibit of covers from three varying postal administrations: Imperial Russian Offices (1886 -1909), Chinese Postal Administrations (1909-1931) and Mongolian Postal Administration (1922-1932). *5 frames*

Soviet Union Postage Stamp Advertising Labels 1923-1927^[1]_[SEP]

Exhibit portrays a brief but unique period in Soviet philately when postage was used to advertise state run enterprises. *1 frame*

Unrecognized and Overlooked Zemstvo Mail^[1]_[SEP]

In addition to issuing stamps for Russian Rural post mail service (zemstvo), there were zemstvos that provided mail service but did not issue stamps. Collectors ignored or failed to recognize processed postal sendings as zemstvo mail since no stamps were used. *8 frames*

The Mail of the Leningrad Blockade: September 1941 - January 1944^[1]_[SEP]

Includes postally used picture postcards printed before and during the siege of Leningrad (1941-1944); together

with blockade-related letters and documents they illustrate various aspects of one of the most important battles of WW II. *6 frames*

The Small Heads of the First Definitive Set of the USSR

Mint and used stamps and covers are interwoven into a fabric which illustrates the evolution of the small heads of the first definitive stamp issue of the USSR. *10 frames*

Imperial Postmarks of the Trans-Siberian Railroad: Chelyabinsk to Manchzhuriya

Representation of the postmarks of the various lines on the Trans-Siberian Railroad, as well as the large stations (Vokzals) and small stations (stantsiyas) that could cancel mail along the route between Chelyabinsk and Manchzhuriya. *8 frames*

Tannu Tuva 1921-1943

Showing of Tuva stamps, covers, stationery. *5 frames*

Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic

Stamps and their usage of the RSFR including special studies of the stamp production. *7 frames*

Keeping the Faith: Vignettes of the Old Russian Diaspora

Tells the story of Russian émigré social life abroad during the decades of repressive Communist rule in their homeland. Highlights include early scouting, political, and charity vignettes, as well as local post stamps of post-World War II DP camps, "Free Russia" propaganda issues, Orthodox church labels, vignettes of philatelic societies, youth organizations, and others. *8 frames*

Republic of Georgia - First Issue

The stamps, printing varieties and usage. *4 frames*

"God Bless You for Your Kindness": "Thank You" Postcards of Russian Prisoners of the Great War

This exhibit consists of "Thank You" postal cards sent by Russian prisoners of war of WW I to the family of Dr. Katz who supported dozens of prisoners by sending food parcels. Some supporting material is added. *1 frame*

Carpatho-Ukraine 1944-1945

Traces the development of postal services from liberation in October 1944 until the territory was incorporated into the Soviet Union. *10 frames*

Odessa: Clandestine Mail Surveillance, 1920-1940

Traces the development of Soviet clandestine mail surveillance markings in Odessa from 1920 to 1940. Displaying all recorded types. *1 frame*

The Emperor's Mail

Traces the development of the special postal arrangements for the Imperial family, top ministers and foreign diplomats in Imperial Russia. *1 frame*

The Airpost Issues of Lithuania: A Traditional Study

Traditional study of pre-1940 airpost issues with original drawings, essays, proofs, specimens, varieties, errors, and usages. *8 frames*

Estonia Postal History 1918-1941

Illustrates the stamps issues after Independence until it fell under the control of the Soviet Union. All issues as shown on covers or postcards - most with correct postal rates. *4 frames*

Rossica's Vignettes 1938-2010

(Society display.) Shows all of the vignettes issued by the Society, along with a few essays and postal usages. *1 frame*

BALPEX has treated us very well in the past, with plenty of frames, an outstanding booth, a tremendous buffet Awards Banquet (very reasonably priced) and excellent meeting room facilities. You don't want to miss this event!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Rossica! We hope you will enjoy the benefits the society has to offer including the Journal, the Bulletin, the Library, and the Website. Of course, if you have access to the Internet, the Samovar is a great source of information and I encourage you to visit it and post your questions as well any news and discoveries

you may have made. We also encourage you to share your collecting interests with others. Help us grow and bring new members into Rossica.

- 2000 John Macco, Shadyside, MD
- 2001 Mikhail Alshibaya, Moscow, Russia
- 2002 Konstantin Kozlov, Pincourt, Canada
- 2003 Vsevolod Pritula, Moscow, Russia
- 2004 David Warful, Loudon, TN
- 2005 John Ciko, Spring Grove, IL
- 2006 Thomas K. Brom, Lafayette, CA
- 2007 Eric Balken, Gaithersburg, MD
- 2008 Christopher F. Grippo, North Brunswick, NJ
- 2009 Steven P. Ehrhardt, Ithaca, NY
- 2010 Juris Romanovskis, Riga, Latvia
- 2011 Jerry H. Miller, Glen Ellyn, IL
- 2012 Victor Wasilov, Alpharetta, GA

The following are our tentative members who will become full members within 90 days unless our regular members provide Rossica a reasonable cause as to why they should not become a full member.

- 2013 Jonathan Rosser, United Kingdom
- 2014 Tom Waters, Aleppo, PA
- 2015 Bogdan Pelc, Berlin, Germany
- 2016 Christopher Crocoll, Dulles, VA
- 2017 Brian Ostro, New Port Richey, FL
- 2018 Henry G. Tuttle, Fremont, CA
- 2019 Henry Googer, Cumming, GA
- 2020 Alfred F. Capparelli, Roseville, CA
- 2021 Dr. Angus Pringle, South Africa

EXHIBITING AWARD

Ed Laveroni won a Gold at Indipex 2011 in New Delhi, India with 92 points for "Imperial Postmarks of the Trans-Siberian Railroad, Chelyabinsk to Manchzhuriya." It was in the Postal History section for Asia, Oceania and Africa.

CONGRATULATIONS ED!

ROSSICA WEBSITE IS UPDATED Did You Notice?

If you have visited our website lately, you might have noticed some subtle changes to the pages, but then again, maybe not. From a webmastering, IT-guy point of view, there have been a lot of changes to what we call in the industry "the back end" and also the code. With no intention of getting into a technical discussion, websites

and the software coding behind the websites are based on international standards. As standards change, so do the web browsers, like Microsoft's Internet Explorer, Mozilla's Firefox, Apple's Opera, and many others. Eventually, old code and old standards will not work on newer browsers, so the imperative we have is to ensure that you see what we want you to see by keeping base with the new standards.

The current initiative is to rewrite the code supporting the website using the latest HTML (hypertext markup language) standard and the latest CSS or Cascading Style Sheet standards. The basic site with all of the 'normal' pages, like the home page, links, membership, etc. has all been converted over to the latest standards so we are as up to date as we can be in that arena.

We also updated the code behind the central section of the homepage where we post news and announcements. The update includes an administrative page where anyone with appropriate privileges can login and post news updates, much like a blog. This eliminates the need for the webmaster to be the middle man when important news and announcements need to be posted. Plus, it just looks better!

The Samovar is not open to new registrations for now because of a series of registrations by persons who have malicious intent against our website and our members. Until we can safely open the registration process to the public, I can set you up easily. Send me an email with your desired user name and the email address you wish to use for your registration and I will set you up.

What else is new and what is on the horizon? Not much else is new, but there are plenty of projects on the "to-do" list for our website. Among these are a member's portal that is not accessible publicly and would allow you as a member to access and update your information, such as address, email, etc., and an online, searchable library index. We need volunteers with web development experience to help out with these efforts, so if you are available, let me know and we can get started.

Finally, as always, I have to ask – what you want to see on the website? When you access rossica.org, what do you want to be able to do? What information is lacking or missing? Please don't hesitate to point these out to me as the webmaster, at our annual meetings, or post something on the Samovar.

Cheers,

Jeff Radcliffe

ROSSICA LIBRARY 2011 ACQUISITIONS

ROSSICA Librarian Greg Mirsky has kindly submitted a list of 2011 acquisitions for our library. Below is a brief description of those acquisitions. You can write Greg at greg.mirsky@rossica.org for more information or to request any of these documents. We owe Greg a great deal for his hard and attentive work developing our very extensive library. THANKS GREG!

Author	English Transliteration of the Author	English Translation/Transliteration of the Title	Publisher	Subject	Language	Media
Недайводин А.Н.	Nedaivodin A.N.	Catalog Non-postal Stamps. Vol1. Non-Profit Stamps. Part 10. Trade Union Fee Stamps.		Cinderellas. USSR	Russian	book
В. Загорский	V.Zagorsky	Fantails of postage stamps of the USSR 1923-1991 and Russian Federation 1992-2009	Standard Collection	Stamp Varieties, Russia	Russian	book
		Raritan Stamps, #45 Auction catalog, September 17-18 2010	Raritan Stamps	Auctions	English	book
		Raritan Stamps, #46 Auction catalog, December 3-4, 2010	Raritan Stamps	Auctions	English	book
Dick Scheper		Perfins of Imperial Russia and Russian Post Office Abroad	Dick Scheper	Imperial Russia	English	book
		Lithuania Philatelic Society Journal #238,2010	Lithuania Philatelic Society	Lithuania	English, Lithuanian	journal
		Lithuania Philatelic Society Journal #239,2011	Lithuania Philatelic Society	Lithuania	English, Lithuanian	journal
Недайводин А.Н.	Nedaivodin A.N.	Catalog Non-postal Stamps. Vol1. Non-Profit Stamps. Part 10. Trade Union Fee Stamps.	Nedaivodin	Cinderellas. USSR	Russian	book
Левинский В.Д. Токмаков И.Ф.	Levinskii, V.D./Токмаков, I.F.	Bibliography of materials on the History of Post Offices in Russia	Moscow	Postal History. Imperial	Russian	book
Robinson, Philip E.		Russian Railroad Postmarks	P.E. Robinson, Sheffield, England	Postal History. Imperial. Railroad	English	book
Weinbrecht R.		RSFSR und UdSSR 1918-1960		RSFSR, USSR, Stamps		
		Postage Stamps of the World, 1999, December 21-22	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia	English	book
		Imperial Russia. The Gordey Denisenko Collection	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia	English	book
				Russia, Finland	English	
В.А.Ляпин	V.A.Liapin	Postage Stamps, 1856-1991. Catalog.	Balabanov, Moscow	Russia, RSFSR, USSR	Russian	book
		Trident Vestnik, 1996-2000		Ukraine	Ukrainian	journal
		Ukrainian Philatelist 1997-2000	Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society	Ukraine	Ukrainian	journal
		Ukrainian Philatelist, Index 1951-1996	Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society	Ukraine	English	book
		Ukrainian Postage Stamp Catalog, 1997		Ukraine	Ukrainian	
Artuchov, Alex		Zemstvo Postage Stamps of Imperial Russia. Volume 1-3	A.Artuchov	Zemstvo	English	book
V. Grigoriev		Soviet Military and Civilian Secret Censorship		Soviet Censorship	English	article
Edward Rasmussen		Japan's Fieldpost in the Siberian Intervention 1918-22		Civil War, Japan	English	article
Randall E. Burt		Registered mail to Russia 1893-1899		Imperial Russian	English	article
Ляпин В.А.	V.A.Liapin	The Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the USSR, 1856-1991	Moscow, Balabanov	Imperial Russia, Soviet Russia, Stamps	Russian, English	book
V.Zagorsky		Catalogue of Postage Stamps. 1857-1991	St.Petersburg	Imperial Russia, RSFSR, Soviet Union stamps	English	book
		Filatelija #1, 2010 - #6, 2011	Moscow, Marka		Russian	journal
Ю. Павлов	Yu. Pavlov	From the history of Soviet Field post of 1941-1945	Moscow, Marka	Soviet, WWII	Russian	book

В. Тюков	V. Tiukov	Military Correspondence in the Russian Empire	Moscow, Marka	Imperial Russia. Military Post	Russian	book
В. Будкевич	V. Budkevich	Victory of the Anti-Hitler Coalition	Moscow, Marka	Soviet, WWII	Russian	book
А. Паншин, В Федоров	A. Panshin, V Fedorov	Traffic safety on world postage stamps: Australia, Pacific Islands, Asia	Moscow, Marka	Topical, Traffic	Russian	book
И. Мясковский	I. Miaskovsky	Civil War Postal History: General Denikin Issues	Moscow, Marka	Civil War	Russian	book
Н. Владинец	N. Vladinets	Europe In World War II 1939-1945	Moscow, Marka	WWII	Russian	book
А. Паншин, В Федоров	A. Panshin, V Fedorov	Traffic safety on world postage stamps: Africa, South America	Moscow, Marka	Topical, Traffic	Russian	book
Л. Сафонов	L. Safonov	Polar History of Russia. Golden Collections	Moscow, Marka	Topical, Arctic	Russian	book
Inger Kuzych		Introductory Handbook of Ukrainian Philately	Ukrainian Philatelic Resources	Ukraine	English	book
Borys Fessak		Ukrainian DP Camp, POW Camp, Government in Exile and National Council Issues	Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society	Ukraine, WWII	English	book
Lubomyr M. Hugel, Wesley Capar		Trident Overprints. A Catalog-Checklist of Ukraine Tridents 1918-1920. First Edition	Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society	Ukraine, Civil War	English	book
Peter Bylen		Soviet Ukraine. A Catalog-Checklist of national and local postage stamp issues 1919-1923, including occupational issues 1919-1920 and 1941-1944	Ukrainian Philatelic Resources	Ukraine, Civil War, WWII	English	book
Theo van Dam		War Dates 1911-1950. A Geographical and Chronological Listing of Wars, major Campaigns, Occupations and Newly Established Nations Before and After World War I and II and Up To the Korean War.	Postal Covers	WWI, WWII	English	book
Roger Hosking M.A.		Paquebot Cancellations of the World	UK	Ship mail	English	book
Basil Palijenko		Local Post in Ukraine (1866-1917). An Exhibit by Basil Palichenko (Toronto, Canada) at UKRAINPEX-83, September 24-25, 1983, Glen Spey, New York.	Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society	Imperial Russia, Ukraine, Local Post	Ukrainian	brochure
Val Zabijaka		Ukrainian Stamps in International Mails. An Exhibit by Val Zabyaka (Silver Spring, Maryland) at UKRAINPEX-84, October 6-7, 1984, Springfield, Virginia	Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society	Ukraine	Ukrainian	brochure
Bohdan Pauk		Carpatho-Ukraine, 1945. An Exhibit by Bohdan Pauk (Chicago, Illinois) at UKRAINPEX-84, October 6-7, 1984, Springfield, Virginia	Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society	Ukraine	Ukrainian	brochure
		Catalog of Displaced Persons, Prisoners of War Concentration Camp and Ghetto Stamps During and After World War II in Germany.	Stereo Stamps, Chicago	WWII	English	book
		Catalog of Displaced Persons, Prisoners of War Concentration Camp and Ghetto Stamps During and After World War II in Germany. Part II	Stereo Stamps, Chicago	WWII	English	book
B. Pauk		Ukraine, A Philatelic Bibliography		Ukraine, Bibliography		article
		Stamp	Marka, Moscow	Russia, former Soviet Union	Russian	journal
		Stamp	Marka, Moscow	Russia, former Soviet Union	Russian	journal
		Stamps. Journal of Philatelic Society "Stamps of St. Petersburg"		Russia, St. Petersburg	Russian	journal
		Official and Provisional Issues of Territories of the former Soviet Union	Geophila	Russia, former Soviet Union	English, Russian	book

NOTICE!!

Those members who have not paid their membership dues for 2011 yet need to submit \$25 if they receive their journals in hard copy form, \$22.50 if in CD and \$20 if by download, plus the \$5 late fee. In addition, if those members in arrears are overseas, please add \$10 in shipping costs, or \$5 if they reside in Canada.

Please don't forget, though, that the early-bird 2012 dues will be coming up next month.

If we do not receive your 2011 dues within the next 30 days, we will have to remove you - very reluctantly! - from the Society's membership rolls.

You can pay either by PayPal or by personal check. If the latter, please send it to our Treasurer:

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