

To all Members of the PostEurop
Stamps and Philately

Brussels, 31 May 2018

Dear Members,

1. PostEurop Philatelic Industry Forum in Krakow 2018: Innovative, Creative & Successful!

Over 100 participants representing 22 postal administrations, printers, manufacturers and other stakeholders within the philatelic trade joined us for our biennial PostEurop Stamp & Philately Forum in Krakow, co-organised by Poczta Polska S.A.



Two morning sessions were dedicated to conferences enabling representatives of postal administrations and philatelic market stakeholders to learn about the latest trends in the industry. The afternoon sessions were entirely dedicated to deepening business contacts or to creating new relationships. Participants had the possibility to plan meetings beforehand in an environment that facilitated the exchanges.

An open and informal atmosphere during individual meetings created occasion for discussions, exchanging ideas and business prospects for future common projects.

The outcome of a questionnaire about the Forum participants were asked to complete was overwhelmingly positive. Many encouraged the organizers to continue the Forums to come in the same way. Here are some of remarks I would like to share with you:

"I would like to thank you all most sincerely for a truly well organised and hospitable conference in Krakow. I found the venue first class and enjoyed the exchange of views from attendees and presenters first class – I have come back to the Isle of Man with a number of actions to follow up and even more philatelic friends." – Mrs. Maxine Cannon, Isle of Man Post Office

"I certainly agree that it was a very successful event and finally an opportunity for us suppliers to meet many postal organisations at one venue in Europe. The organisation was perfect!" – Mr. Robert Oosterling, Royal Jon. Enschede

Enclosed is a group photo of the participating delegates at the Forum. All the presentations and the list of attendees can be found on the PostEurop Extranet: [PostEurop Document Library](#)>0.1 Committees / Working Groups / Market Activities Circle > Stamps & Philately WG > Meetings >

2018 May 16–17 Philatelic Forum > Presentations. To view more photos please visit PostEurop's photo gallery online.

The next Forum will be held in 2020. In case a postal administration is interested to be a host of the **PostEurop Philatelic Industry Forum 2020**, please contact Agnieszka Trząskowska.

2. Most beautiful EUROPA Stamp 2018 “Bridges” – Jury & Online Competition

Should you want your EUROPA stamp to participate and be considered in **the expert Jury Competition**, which will take place on 25 June, please send your real stamp by physical mail, to António Manuel Amaral at PostEurop – Boulevard Brand Whitlock 114, 1200 Brussels, Belgium, by **15 June 2018** at the very latest.

From 9 May till 9 September 2018, we invite you to take a look at this year's beautiful entries and vote for your favourite stamp on www.posteurop.org/europa2018. The winning stamps will be announced at the PostEurop Plenary Assembly to be held on 3 October 2018 in Georgia. **Follow us on Twitter @EUROPASTAMPS for updates.**



3. We would like to announce that the topic of 2020 EUROPA stamps is: “Ancient postal routes”

A final word to thank Anita Häggblom from Åland Post for her contribution and involvement in the PostEurop stamp and philatelic activity. Here are a few words from Anita:

*“Dear Colleagues and Friends,
After 36 years in stamp business it is time for me to say farewell to all of you, dear colleagues. What a journey it has been and I have enjoyed every minute of it. It has been a privilege to work with stamps. And to work within PostEurop's Stamp and Philately group, first as a member and the last years as the Chair for the group. Thank you for all these years.”* – Anita Häggblom

Yours sincerely
Agnieszka Trząskowska
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