

To all Members of the PostEurop
Stamps and Philately Working Group

Brussels, 20 November 2019

Dear Members,

Most beautiful EUROPA stamp 2019 – Online Competition

The result of the “Most beautiful EUROPA stamp 2019” online competition was presented at the PostEurop Plenary Assembly in Jersey last October. The competition registered a record number of votes: 25,000 in total!

The gold winner of the online competition is **Armenia – Haypost C.J.S.C.**, depicting a barn swallow (lat. *Hirundo rustica*) (see stamp). Silver went to **Turkey – PTT Turkish Post** and bronze to **Finland – Posti Group Corporation**. Congratulations to the winners!



Most Beautiful Europa stamp 2019 – Jury Competition



In addition to the public online competition, PostEurop also held its EUROPA Jury competition at PostEurop’s Headquarters last July.

The winning stamp came from **Slovenia – Pošta Slovenije d.o.o.**, depicting the bird named bearded reedling (lat. *Panurus biarmicus*) (see the stamp). The second-place went to **Liechtensteinische Post AG** (Liechtenstein). And **Posti Group Corporation** (Finland), the third-place winner of the competition. Congratulations to the winners!

The Philatelic Industry – Trade Fair PostEurop Philatelic Forum 26–27 May 2020, Athens, Greece

As we announced in the September’s Newsletter, the next PostEurop Philatelic Forum will be hosted by **ELTA Post**, and it will take place in **ATHENS, GREECE** on **26–27 May 2020**, at the **Divani Palace Acropolis Hotel**. The theme is **“MARKETING & COMMUNICATION”!**

Please save the dates in your agendas.



During the Forum representatives from postal administrations and philatelic market stakeholders, as well as marketing & PR agencies, will be able to fruitfully network and establish new contacts. We are expecting two days of inspiring presentations, discussions, networking, creative projects and philatelic novelties.

We estimate that there will be approximately 70–100 delegates attending, representing: postal administrations, printing houses, album manufacturers, producers for other collectables, stamp agencies, stamp magazines, stamps artists, designers, marketing & communication experts and others.

We already have a good contact data-base of philatelic suppliers. But we feel that there are even more companies that could be invited to the Forum because they have services and products to offer that might be of interest to all of us. So, if you are aware of a company, maybe even working right now with such a company, that will be interested to participate this event please contact Ms Agnieszka Trzaskowska agnieszka.trzaskowska@poczta-polska.pl.

The Divani Palace Acropolis Hotel, rooms

We have pre-reserved a limited number of 30 rooms at the Hotel:

- Single Superior: 180 EUR + accommodation tax 4€ per night
- Double Superior: 190 EUR + accommodation tax 4€ per night

Above rates include an American buffet breakfast, VAT and Municipality tax.

Please note: the rooms are subject to availability and on a first come first serve basis **if booked before 25 March 2020**.

Participants have to book their hotel room directly through the following link: <https://divanipalaceacropolis.reserve-online.net/?bkcode=POST2020&checkin=2020-05-25>. The special room rates are only available for the period from **25–29 May 2020**. Please mention clearly the reference: "PostEurop Philatelic Forum 2020" in your booking.

Hotel address

Divani Palace Acropolis Hotel*****

Parthenonos 19–25, 117 42 Athens, Greece

Phone: +30 210 928 01 00

www.divaniacropolishotel.com

Acropolis Metro Station: 500 m

Athens Airport (International Airport Eleftherios Venizelos): 36 km

Should you wish to seek an alternative accommodation, please find in attachment [a list of other hotels](#) in the same area (Appendix 1).

REGISTER YOUR PARTICIPATION TODAY – registration form

Please fill in the registration form (Appendix 2) to Ms Agnieszka Trzaskowska agnieszka.trzaskowska@poczta-polska.pl by **15 December 2019** to confirm your participation.

If you need more information on a visit to Athens, please contact the ELTA representative: Ms Stella Kovatsi, phone +30 210 335 3683, email: S.Kovatsi@elta-net.gr

2020–2022 EUROPA stamp topics

As some Members have inquired about clarification of the 2020–2022 EUROPA stamp topics, we suggest following definitions:

“Ancient postal routes” (2020): postal services, meaning the exchange of items over longer distances, put in place in a country or between countries before they were replaced by postal services operated by Governments and offering universal service (example: Thurn and Taxis).

“Endangered national wildlife” (2021): refers to endangered wild animals living in a native region.

“Stories and Myths” (2022): traditional stories, especially those concerning the early history of a people or explaining a natural or social phenomenon, and typically involving supernatural beings or events.

PostEurop Stamp & Philately Working Group meeting on 9 January 2020 in Warsaw, Poland!

I am pleased to invite you to our next PostEurop Stamps & Philately Working Group meeting, which take place on **9 January 2020 11:00–17:00 CET, at Poczta Polska S.A. Headquarters in Warsaw, Poland (Address: 8, Rodziny Hiszpanickich Str., 00940 Warsaw)**. The meeting will be preceded by a special presentation of **the Polish Security Printing Works’** representatives. Participants may await surprises! You are all very welcome!

All participants are invited to a **dinner in the evening** after the meeting on **9 January**. In addition, please find below a list of hotels in Warsaw, all in a close area from the Poczta Polska S.A. HQ:

Vienna House Mokotow Warsaw****

Hampton by Hilton Warsaw Mokotow***

Airport Hotel Okęcie****

All hotel reservations should be made directly by participants.

Please send confirmation of your participation to Ms. Agnieszka Trzaskowska agnieszka.trzaskowska@poczta-polska.pl.

More information will be sent out in a few weeks.

All Members willing to share with us **their ideas or projects** to be presented during the meeting are invited to contact Agnieszka Trzaskowska (agnieszka.trzaskowska@poczta-polska.pl).

Yours sincerely,

Agnieszka Trzaskowska

Chairwoman

PostEurop Stamps & Philately Working Group

PostEurop Philatelic Forum Athens, Greece 26–27 May 2020

LIST OF HOTELS IN ATHENS

HOTEL AND ADDRESS	HOMEPAGE	CONTACT DETAILS	WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE DIVANI PALACE ACROPOLIS
HERODION HOTEL **** 4, Rovertou Galli Str. 117 42 Acropolis, Athens	www.herodion.gr	+30 210 92 36 832 herodion@herodion.gr	2 minutes
ATHENIAN CALLIRHOE EXCLUSIVE HOTEL **** 32, Kallirois Ave and Petmeza Str. 117 43 Athens	www.tac.gr	+30 210 92 15 353 hotel@tac.gr	6 minutes
HERA HOTEL **** 9, Falirou Str. 11742 Acropolis, Athens	www.herahotel.gr	+30 210 92 36 682/ +30 210 92 35 618 info@herahotel.gr	5 minutes
PHILIPPOS HOTEL *** 3, Mitseon Str. 11742 Acropolis, Athens	www.philipposhotel.gr	+30 210 92 23 611 philippos@herodion.gr	3 minutes
ACROPOLIS SELECT *** 37–39, Falirou Str. 117 42 Makrygianni, Athens	www.acropoliselect.gr	+30 210 92 11 610 select3@otenet.gr	4 minutes
ACROPOLIS VIEW HOTEL *** 10, Webster Str. 117 42 Acropolis, Athens	www.acropolisviewhotel.gr	+30 210 92 17 303–5 av_hotel@otenet.gr	4 minutes
ACROPOLIS HILL HOTEL *** 7, Mousson Str. 11 742, Filopappou, Athens	www.acropolishill.gr	+30 210 32 16 777 info@acropolishill.gr	5 minutes