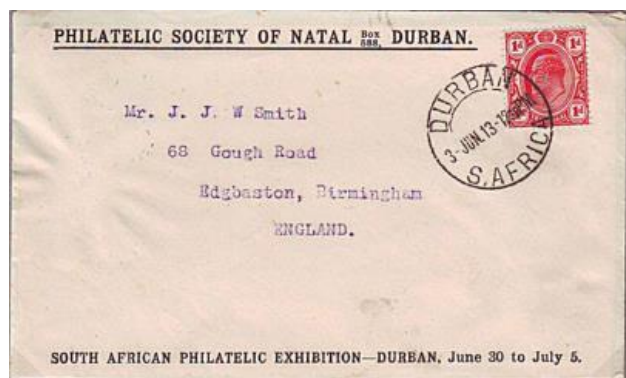


National/International Philatelic Exhibitions in Southern Africa.

A - Union period (1910 – 1961)

South African Stamp Exhibition: 1913.

Date:	30 June to 5 July.
Where:	Durban.
Organised by:	The Philatelic Society of Natal.
Venue:	The Library Hall on the corner of West and Church streets.
Opened by:	Lord Gladstone.
Scope:	A competitive exhibition with eleven classes for collections from all over the world. More than 200 entries were received with a large number coming from outside the country.
Major winner(s):	49 awards of which 10 were gold medals.
Attendance:	Over 5000 visitors were attracted to this exhibition.
Special postmark:	A special datestamp as displayed, (3).
Commemorative Cover(s):	The organisers used Natal postal stationery postcards imprinted with an 1/2d stamp, with "PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF NATAL" stamped in violet on the front. Various picture postcards with a label, "Philatelic Society of Natal, Box 588. SOUTH AFRICAN PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, Durban. July 1913, were also used. An exhibition catalogue was also produced.
References:	SAP, August 1963, 145/6. SAP, August 1998, 100. Reisener, 14.
Notes:	The first exhibition of note that put philately in Southern Africa on the map. The interesting point about the cds provided, was the reversed "N" of the word <i>EXHIBITION</i> .



The Philatelic Society used this special envelope to publicise the exhibition.



SAPE1913pm-1. (3).

Of special note are the special cards that were produced with various designs. They were made by a very talented lady helper, who spent days to prepare with great skill, special postcards of different designs. She made them out of pieces of postage stamps. The majority of the cards, show floral designs. These cards were numbered and sold at 1/6d at the exhibition. In Reisener, it is indicated that the highest number seen is 1305.



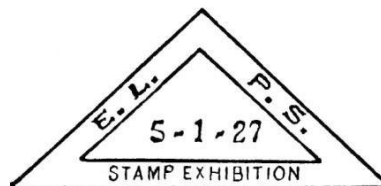
SAPE1913-2. One of the special postcards.

Stamp Exhibition: 1927

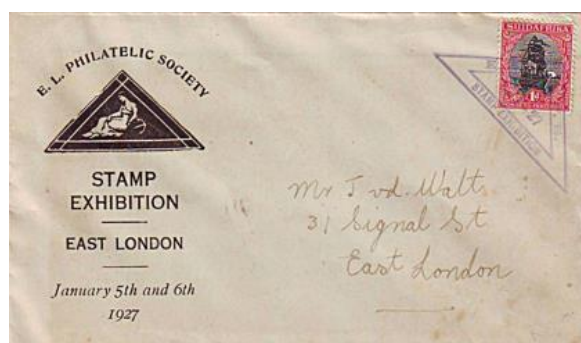
Date:	5 – 6 January.
Where:	East London.
Organised by:	The East London Philatelic Society.
Venue:	City Hall. East London.
Opened by:	The Deputy Mayor.
Scope:	Exhibits were mostly of Rhodesia, Cape Triangular, Orange Free State, Bechuanaland, and the Union of South Africa.
Competitive:	Yes.
Special postmark:	Post Authorities opened a special post office and gave the organisers permission to use a triangular rubber date stamp for the two days of the exhibition. (13, 14).
Commemorative cover(s):	Approximately 700 covers were sold. They were issued on each day, with date stamp bearing the actual date.
References:	SAP, Nov. 1926. SAP, Dec. 1927. SAP, June 1958, 84. Reisener, 20.
Notes:	Reisener, 192.



SAPE1927-1. Date of cancellation 5th January. Dimensions 153 x 90mm. Point of interest was the use of provincial stamp instead of Union stamp.



SAPE1927pm-1. (13).



SAPE1927-2. Date of cancellation 6th January.



SAPE1927pm-2. (14).

International Stamp Exhibition: 1928

Date: 2 - 12 July.

Where: Durban.

Organised by: The Philatelic Society of Natal.

Venue: The Shaw Wool Market.

Opened by: The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, W.B. Madeley.

Attendance: Over 7000 people visited the exhibition. Special agents were appointed to obtain entrants from out of the country. These were: Robson Lowe (London), Leon de Raay (Holland), J. Gardinho (India) and Luderman & Co. (Switzerland).

Competitive: Yes.

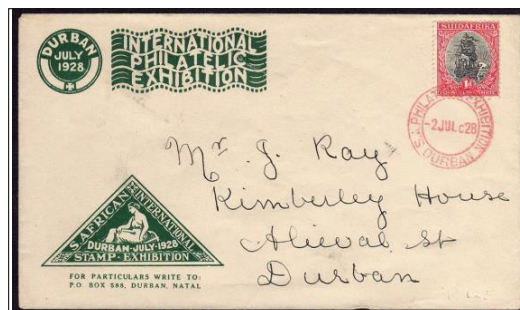
Major winner(s): The Grand Prix (Championship award) went to E.J. Lee of England, for his specialised collection of Uruguay. Awards in the form of a plaque, with a representation of the 1926 Union Triangular stamp, were made to exhibitors, Gold 24, Silver 26, Oxidised Silver 22.

Special postmark: The special exhibition post office used an exhibition postmark, as well as a registration cachet. The exhibition post mark was a double circle and was red. The post master at the exhibition was Mr Draper.

Commemorative cover(s): Special commemorative cover was issued size 154 x 90 mm. The organisers also provide triangular "label"/stickers, to be used on postal items, which were posted at the exhibition. About 1000 covers were produced. Labels advertising the exhibition were also produced by the committee.

References: SAP, August 1963, 145. SAP, August 1998, 100. Reisener, 20, 193.

Notes: Post mark impressions have been seen in blue, green, and black ink.



SAPE1928-1. Red CDS.

Envelope Dim. 153 x 90 mm.



SAPE1928pm-1. (15).



SAPE1928-2. Showing registration cachet.



SAPE1928-3. Envelope with brown label.



SAPE1928-4. No postage and thus taxed!



SAPE1928ads-1.



SAPE1928ads-2.



SAPE1928ads-3. Various colours of labels.



SAPE1928ads-4. With label advertising the exhibition.

Philatelic Exhibition: 1931

Date:	1931.
City/Town:	Pretoria.
Organised by:	The Pretoria Philatelic Society.
Motivation:	To promote philately at same time as 2 nd Philatelic Congress.
Competitive:	Limited exhibition.
Scope:	Six classes and exhibitors were not permitted to have more than one entry.
Major winner(s):	Medals were provided for each class; in addition, a special medal was allocated for the best exhibit.
Special Postmark:	None.
Other Official item(s):	None.
Commemorative cover(s):	None.
Reference(s):	History of SA Philatelic federation.
Notes:	The 2 nd Philatelic Congress held in conjunction with the exhibition. The entrance fee to exhibit was 5/- (five shillings).

National Philatelic Exhibition: 1932

Date:	15 - 16 October.
City/Town:	Johannesburg.
Organised by:	Philatelic Society of Johannesburg.
Motivation:	In conjunction with the 3 rd Philatelic Congress.
Venue:	Carlton Hotel.
Competitive:	Yes.
Scope:	The exhibition was open to all affiliated societies and comprised six classes and two for novices.
Major winner(s):	Class 1: W.J. Giovanetti, SWA and Major W.J. Harrington, Rhodesia. Class 2: A.E. Basden, Swaziland. Class 3: A. Watson, Great Britain. Class 4: Charles. Hand, Colombia. Class 5: Dr. J.H. Harvey-Pirie, Airmails. Class 6: No entry received. Class 7: Greenbaum, South Africa. Class 8: J. Kupferman and A.P. Obermeyer, Holland.
Special Postmark:	None.
Other Official item(s):	None.
Commemorative cover(s):	None.
Reference(s):	History of SA Philatelic federation.

National Philatelic Exhibition: 1933

Date:	30 September -2 October.
City/Town:	Durban.
Organised by:	The Philatelic Society of Natal.
Motivation:	In conjunction with congress.
Venue:	Durban City Hall.
Opened by:	The Postmaster-General, H.J. Lenton.
Competitive:	Yes.
Scope:	-
Major winner(s):	Class 1: Dr. E. Mosely, Cape of Good Hope. Class 2: Dr. E. Mosely, Mauritius. Class 3: K.L.M. Alexander, Malta. Class 4: F.C. Evans, over 21: T. Joliffe, under 21: Airmails. Class 5: Dr. J.H. Harvey Pirie, Military postmarks. Class 6: P.C. Reyburn (juniors limited to a specialised collection of the stamps of Africa, values ½d to 6d.
Special Postmark:	None.
Other Official item(s):	None.
Commemorative cover(s):	None.
Reference(s):	SAP, Sept. 1933, 131. SAP, Nov. 1933. History of SA Philatelic Federation.

National Philatelic Exhibition: 1934

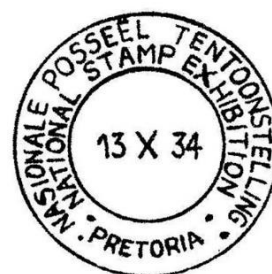
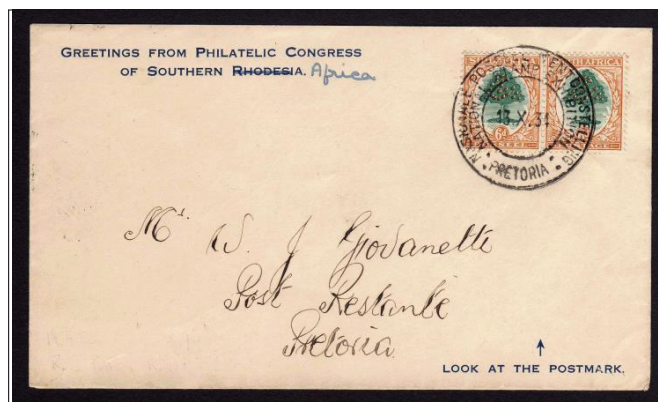
Date:	13 - 14 October.
City/Town:	Pretoria.
Organised by:	The Pretoria Philatelic Society.
Motivation:	5 th Philatelic Congress.
Venue:	The Hall of the Technical College.
Opened by:	Oswald Pirow, Minister of Railways.
Competitive:	Yes.
Scope:	The exhibition comprised twenty classes.
Major winner(s):	-
Special Postmark:	A special exhibition postmark was used for mail matter: a double-circle type, reading “Nasionale Posseël Tentoonstelling” and “National Stamp Exhibition” on top between the circles, “Pretoria” appeared at the bottom and the date 13.X.34 appeared in the middle. It was the first bilingual postmark used at a philatelic exhibition. (27).
Other Official item(s):	Special postcards showing the entrance to the Technical College.
Commemorative cover(s):	The organisers provided an exhibition cover that was wrongly printed: the wording “Greetings from the Philatelic Congress of Southern Rhodesia” appeared on the cover; “Rhodesia” was deleted and “Africa” inserted manually.
Reference(s):	SAP, Nov. 1934, 170-1. Reisener, 27, 193/4.

Notes:

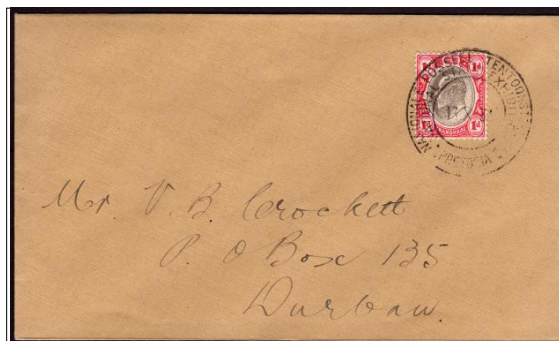
An entrance fee of five shillings for any number of exhibits was charged. Picture post cards, usually with a photograph of the Union Buildings, were also used with a violet handstamp "National Stamp Exhibition".

Official exhibits included:

Post Office:	<i>Various sheets of old Transvaal stamps;</i>
Government Printer:	<i>Postage stamps in various stages of printing;</i>
The Mint:	<i>Defaced dies of the 1857 Natal embossed stamps.</i>



SAPE1934-1. Showing the Southern ~~Rhodesia~~ Africa mistake. Dim. 153 x 90 mm. SAPE1934pm-1. (27).



SAPE1934-2. Private cover. Dim. 153 x 90mm. Registered cover.

International Philatelic Exhibition: 1936 - JIPEX

Date:	2 -14 November.
City/Town:	Johannesburg.
Organised by:	The Johannesburg Philatelic Society, in conjunction with other Philatelic Societies.
Motivation:	Celebration of the Empire Exhibition.
Venue:	Milner Park Show Grounds.
Opened by:	The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, Senator C.E.F. Clarkson.
Competitive:	Yes, International.
Scope:	Exhibitors competed in 29 classes.

- Major winner(s):** The Grand Prix (Championship award) went to J.H. Curle for his Transvaal exhibit and the Award of Honour to the runner-up, R.F.A. Riesco, for his Cape of Good Hope exhibit.
Other awards: Gold 12, Silver 22, and Bronze 16.
- Special Postmark:** The Post Office provided special facilities at the exhibition.
Two special date stamps in Afrikaans and English with the wording “Johannesburg Internasionale Filatelistiese Tentoonstelling” and “Johannesburg International Philatelic Exhibition” were used at the exhibition post office. A special registration cachet was also provided.
- Other Official item(s):** The Post Office at the time had a big supply of booklet stamps in stock. The postal authorities issued miniature sheets, based on the booklet stamps, with two inscriptional margins and each stamp overprinted JIPEX 1936 on two lines. The two inscriptions on the left and right margins were “Johannesburg International Philatelic Exhibition, 1936.” and “Johannesburg Internasionale Filatelistiese Tentoonstelling, 1936.” Information from the Postmaster-General was that 105 189 of the ½d and 127 554 of the 1d miniature sheets had been printed. The miniature sheets were very popular and were therefore limited to two miniature sheets per value per person; the ruling caused hectic scenes and long queues at the exhibition Post Office.
- Commemorative cover(s):** The organisers provided special exhibition covers. On the last day of the exhibition the covers were sold out and emergency covers had to be made. Plain white envelopes were taken and two inscriptions “Johannesburg International Philatelic Exhibition November 2nd-14th, 1936” and “JIPEX Official Envelope” were typed on top and on the left-hand side respectively. A special publicity folder which advertised the services of the Post Office was produced. It was in the shape of a post box and had space on the reverse to enter an address. If postage was applied (1d.), it would be sent as a normal postcard from the exhibition.
- References:** SAP, July 1936, 98. SAP, Aug. 1936, 115. SAP, Sept. 1936, 129. SAP, Oct. 1936, 145/7. SAP Nov. 1936, 163. SAP, August 2005, 106/8.
- Notes:** Plating of the miniature sheets were comprehensively covered in the following articles, SAP, February 1937, 20/1. SAP, March 1937, 39/42. SAP, December 1956, 218. Reisener, 36, 194/7.



SAPE1936-1. Official cover with block of 1/2d stamps. SAPE1936-2. Official cover with block of 1d stamps.
CDS (English) with date of first day. Southern Africa in red. Dim. 160 x 128 mm.

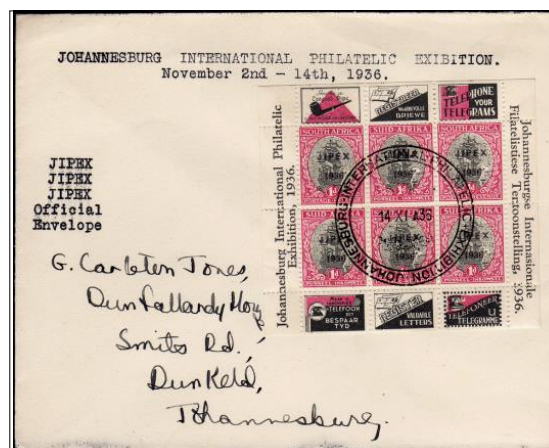
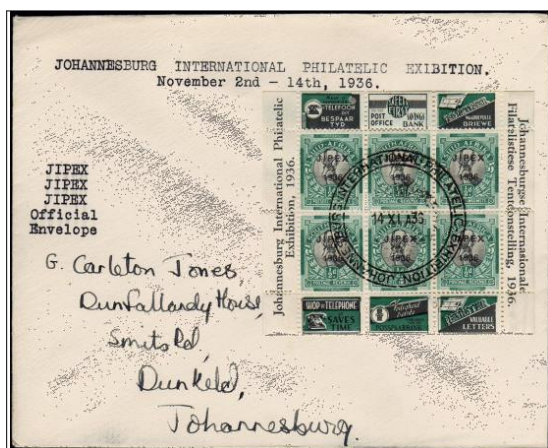


SAPE1936-3. Official cover with block of 1/2d stamps.

SAPE1936-4. Official cover with block of 1d stamps.

CDS (Afrikaans) with date of first day. Southern Africa clear.

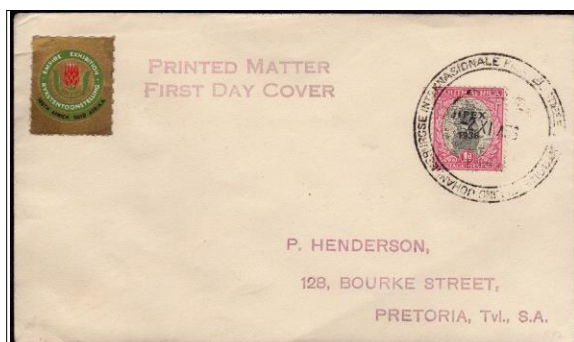
Dim. 160 x 128 mm.



SAPE1936-5 "Emergency" cover from the last day.

SAPE1936-6 Dim. 160 x 128 mm.

Note it is addressed to Guy Carleton Jones the Geologist after whom Carletonville is named.



SAPE1936-8. Cover with Afrikaans cancellation.

Small "Empire Exhibition" advert stamp.

Date of opening 2 XI 36.

SAPE1936-9. Cover with English cancellation.

Large "Empire Exhibition" advert stamp.

Date 11 XI 1936

Dim. 152 x 90 mm.



SAPE1936-7. Private cover registered with both language cancellations. Dim. 145 x 82 mm.



SAPE1936pm-1. Afrikaans (38).



SAPE1936-10. Official cover registered post, with block of 1d stamps. Southern Africa in red. Dim. 160 x 128 mm.



SAPE1936pm-2. English (37).

The Post Office at the exhibition allowed for post to be posted on site and numerous forms of personalised souvenir covers were produced. Two examples are shown.





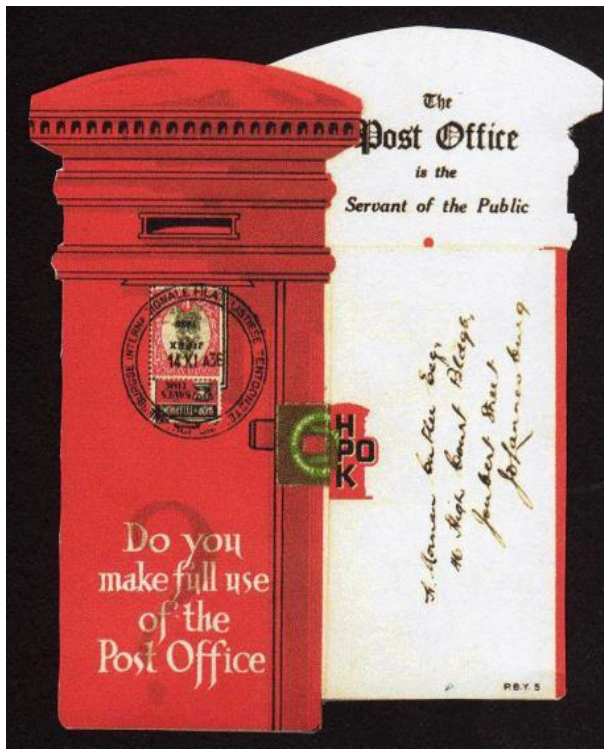
1/2^d. sheetlets.



Sheetlet 1 to 10 top to bottom.



Sheetlet 11 to 21 top to bottom.



The special publicity folder which advertised the services of the Post Office. It was in the shape of a post box and had space on the reverse to enter an address. The small Empire Exhibition label can be seen on the post box.

Congress Philatelic Exhibition: 1938

Date:	8 - 9 October 1938.
City/Town:	Cape Town.
Organised by:	The Cape Town Philatelic Society.
Motivation:	The 7 th Congress.
Venue:	Medical House, 35 Wale Street, Cape Town.
Opened by:	The Mayor, C. W. Foster.
Competitive:	Limited Congress Exhibition, not open to the public.
Special Postmark:	None.
Other Official item(s):	The organisers issued special “stamps” in the form of miniature sheets. The hand stamp of the “Dutch East India Company (“Verenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie” - VOC) that was introduced in 1792 for postal items, as well as the 1853 Cape 1d. Triangular stamp was depicted on the miniature sheets.
Commemorative cover(s):	No special covers were issued.
Reference(s):	SAP, October 1938, 146. Reisener, 197.
Notes:	The exhibition comprised Cape Postal History by A.A. Jurgens (including triangular stamps from Miss P. Goldschmidt’s collection), a display of Union Stamps by L. Simenhoff and A. Hylton Sydow and a display of South African Air Posts by L.A. Wyndham.



SAPE1938ads-1.

Labels produced for Congress.

Dim. 52 x 38 mm single label.

National Philatelic Exhibition: 1939

Date:	4 - 5 November.
City/Town:	Pretoria.
Organised by:	Pretoria Philatelic Society.
Motivation:	With Congress during Jacaranda Week. The main purpose was to promote philately and to introduce it to the public.
Venue:	Pretoria Technical College.
Opened by:	The Director of the Veterinary Research Institute, Onderstepoort.
Competitive:	Limited exhibition.
Scope:	Non-competitive exhibit by invitation only; and secondly, open to all, in two classes, collections of any country and collections of philatelic interest such as charity stamps, ship stamps, locals, and postmarks. Ten collectors exhibited.
Notes:	The outbreak of World War II on 1 st September 1939 caused a temporary termination of Congress and national exhibitions but philatelic activities were not totally paralysed. Ironically, the war opened new fields of research and collection. The exhibitions/shows are covered in the section: Exhibitions organised at a non- national level. No Congresses were held from 1940 to 1947 inclusive.

National Philatelic Exhibition: 1948 East London

Date:	15 - 17 January.
City/Town:	East London.
Organised by:	The East London Philatelic Society.
Motivation:	To coincide with the centenary celebrations of East London, which was founded in 1848.
Venue:	The Technical College.
Competitive:	Yes.
Scope:	A hundred entries were received for the fifteen competitive classes.
Major winner(s):	The Mafeking exhibit of Dr. K. Freund was given the special award for the finest exhibit entered in all classes.
Special Postmark:	The Post Office opened a special exhibition post office and used a special date stamp (71).
Other Official item(s):	Advertising "stamps/labels" for the exhibition were also made available.
Commemorative cover(s):	The organisers provided special exhibition covers that used the design prepared by the Publicity Association. About 1250 were sold.
Reference(s):	SAP, June 1958, 84. Reisener, 58/59 and 198/9.
Notes:	There were a few private displays including one from the Publicity Bureau of the General Post Office showing all current stamps in blocks of four and also special issues and postage labels.



SAPE1948-1.

Dim. 164 x 108 mm.



SAPE1948pm-1. (71).

A souvenir cover addressed to Guy Carleton Jones FRPSL, but here the common error where reference is made to Carlton Jones



SAPE1948ads1.

Sheet of labels advertising the East London Centenary. Dim. 178 x 140 mm.
Individual label 29 x 54 mm.

National Philatelic Exhibition: 1948 Pretoria

Date:	18 - 20 October.
City/Town:	Pretoria.
Organised by:	The Pretoria Philatelic Society.
Motivation:	Held in conjunction with Congress and to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the founding of the Pretoria Philatelic Society.
Opened by:	The Mayoress of Pretoria, M.M. Curson.
Competitive:	Yes, 17 classes.
Major winner(s):	The Grand Prix Gold Medal went to A.V. Jacob of Cape Town for his Rhodesian exhibit. In addition, there were six gold, five silver, and ten bronze plaques together with two silver and three bronze medals. Eleven diplomas were awarded. The best junior was Miss B. Martin with her New Zealand exhibit.
Special Postmark:	A post office with a special exhibition canceller (75) and registration cachet functioned for the duration of the exhibition.
Other Official item(s):	Miniature sheets depicting 4 x 3d stamps from the ZAR.
Commemorative cover(s):	The organisers issued special covers, designed by Allan Cox. 5000 of the larger envelopes and 5000 of a smaller size (154 x 112 mm.) were made.
Reference(s):	SAP, August 1948, 141. SAP, November 1948, 185. Reisener, 59/60 and 199.
Notes:	The 10 th Philatelic Federation Congress was held during this period.



SAPE1948-1. Souvenir cover with sheet of "labels" Normal postage. Dim. 229 x 101mm.



SAPE1948ad-2. Dim. 78 x 85 mm.
The label depicting stamps of the ZAR.



SAPE1948pm-2. (75).



SAPE1948-2. Registered cover. Dim. 229 x 101 mm. With the miniature advertising sheet.



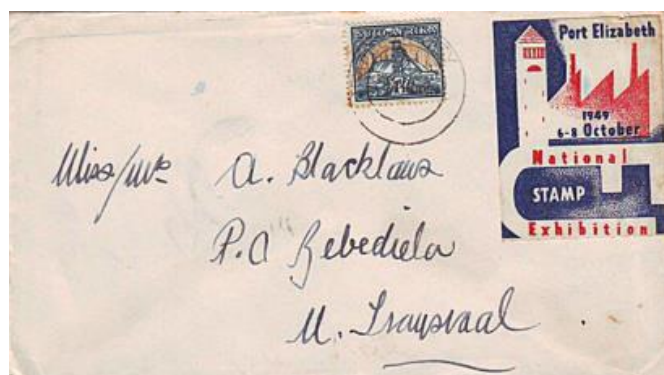
SAPE1948-3. Registered cover. Dim. 229 x 101 mm. No miniature sheet.



SAPE1948-4. Airmail postage. Dim. 229 x 101mm.

National Philatelic Exhibition: 1949

Date:	6 - 8 October.
City/Town:	Port Elizabeth.
Organised by:	The Port Elizabeth Philatelic Society.
Motivation:	To coincide with Congress.
Opened by:	Mr. H.C. Gardham.
Competitive:	Non-competitive exhibition.
Special Postmark:	No post office facilities, or special canceller.
Other Official item(s):	Special labels were produced by the committee.
Commemorative cover(s):	No commemorative covers were available.



SAPE1949ads-1. Envelope showing the label.

National Philatelic Exhibition: 1950

Date:	23 - 28 October.
City/Town:	Johannesburg.
Organised by:	The Philatelic Society of Johannesburg.
Venue:	The Selborne Hall.
Opened by:	The Mayor, Mr. J. Mincer.
Competitive:	Yes.
Major winner(s):	Gold 4, Silver-gilt 19, Silver 19, Bronze 23.
Attendance:	About 4000 people attended.
Special Postmark:	The Post Office opened a special exhibition post office and provided a special exhibition postmark (87) and registration cachet.
Other Official item(s):	Special stickers or labels were also provided. They featured a mine headgear in green on a pale-yellow background.
Commemorative cover(s):	The organisers issued commemorative covers in two sizes.
Reference(s):	SAP, October 1950, 155. Reisener, 64 and 200.
Notes:	About 10000 covers were produced, but not all were sold. The society used unsold covers for their official correspondence in later years.



SAPE1950-1. Standard envelope.

With advertising label, as well.

Dim. 152 x 89 mm.



SAPE1950-2. Registered envelope.

Dim. 226 x 100 mm.



SAPE1950pm-1. (87).



SAPE1950ads. Sheet of labels used to advertise the exhibition. Sheet dimension 102 x 80 mm. Single label 55 x 47 mm.

National Philatelic Exhibition: 1951

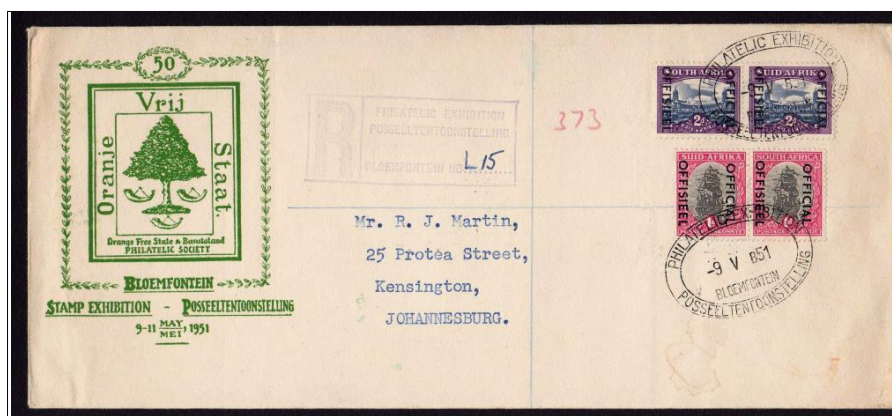
Date:	9 - 11 May.
City/Town:	Bloemfontein.
Organised by:	The Orange Free State and Basutoland Philatelic Societies.
Motivation:	The celebration of the Society's Golden Jubilee.
Venue:	Clarendon Hall.
Opened by:	C.P.J. Lindes, Divisional Controller of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.
Competitive:	A non-competitive exhibition.
Special Postmark:	The Post Office provided special postal facilities, a special exhibition registration cachet and postmark. (88).
Other Official item(s):	Catalogue, pages,
Commemorative cover(s):	The organisers issued special commemorative covers. Two printings were made, one white and the other cream. A total of 2000 were made but not all were sold.
Reference(s):	SAP, June 1951, 123. Reisener, 64 200/201.
Notes:	The exhibition was under the patronage of the Administrator of the Orange Free State, Mr J.J. Fouché. The highlight of the exhibition was the Mafeking collection of Dr. K. Freund. The completeness of it made it one of the unique collections in the world!



SAPE1951-1. Normal cover. White. Dim. 230x 100 mm.



SAPE1951pm-1. (88).



SAPE1951-2. Registered cover. Cream. Size 230 x 100 mm.



SAPE1951-3. Cover with date 10 May 1950. Size 230 x 100 mm.

South African Tercentenary International Stamp Exhibition: 1952

Date:	26 March - 5 April.
City/Town:	Cape Town.
Organised by:	The Cape Town Philatelic Society.
Motivation:	Held during the Van Riebeeck Festival.
Venue:	The Old Drill Hall, Cape Town.
Opened by:	The Governor-General and chaired by A.V. Jacob.
Competitive:	International.
Major winner(s):	Large Gold 11, Gold 10, Vermeil 18, Silver 25, Bronze 29. In the junior section 2 Silver and 4 bronze medals were awarded.
Special Postmark:	The Post Office provided a special exhibition postmark, (90), registration cachet and issued a set of Van Riebeeck stamps. Two values, the 1d and 2d, were overprinted SATISE and SADIPU respectively. The overprinted stamps were for sale at the exhibition only. A special Pictorial Tercentenary Postmark, that was used at the Van Riebeeck post office on the festival terrain on 6 April only, was also made available at the Post Office.
Other Official item(s):	Advertising labels were produced to promote the exhibition.
Commemorative cover(s):	The Exhibition Committee and the Van Riebeeck Festival Executive issued different commemorative covers in English and Afrikaans. Approximately 5000 covers were provided.

Reference(s):

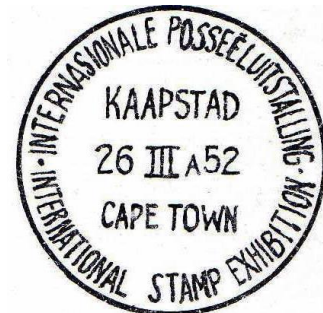
SAP, February 1952, 21. SAP, August 1952, 146.
History of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa, 20.
Reisener, 64/65 and 201.

Notes:

SATISE–SADIPU. (SATISE – South African Tercentenary International Stamp Exhibition, SADIPU – Suid-Afrikaanse Driehonderdjarige Internasionale Posseël Uitstalling).



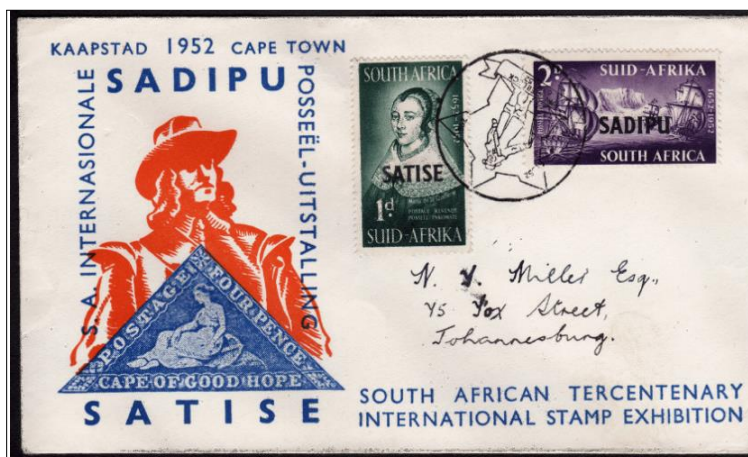
SAPE1952-1. With Cape Town international stamp exhibition cancellation. Dim. 152 x 90 mm.



SAPE1952pm-1. (90).



SAPE1952-1. Back of envelope.



SAPE1952-2. The van Riebeeck landing cancellation.
- 6 April 1952. Dim. 152 x 90 mm.



SAPE1952pm-2. (91).



SAPE1952-3.



SAPE1952-4.

With Cape Town international stamp exhibition cancellation. Dimensions 152 x 90 mm.



SAPE1952ad1. Labels Sheet imperforated.
Size full sheet 146 x 162 mm.



SAPE1952ad2. Sheet with perforations.



SAPE1952-5.

With the registration cachet.

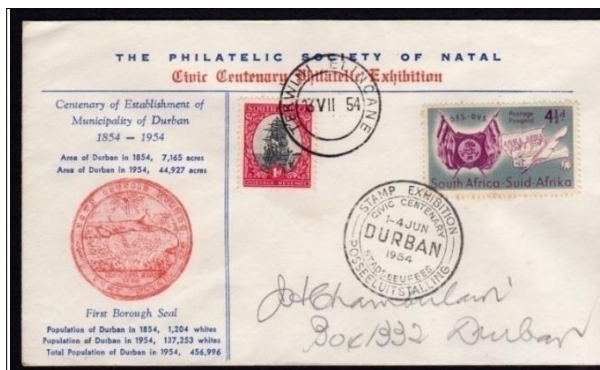
National Stamp Exhibition: 1954

Date:	1 - 4 June.
City/Town:	Durban.
Organised by:	The Natal Philatelic Society.
Motivation:	Part of Durban's Centenary celebrations, having been founded in 1854.
Venue:	City Hall.
Opened by:	The Deputy Mayor.
Competitive:	Yes.
Major winner(s):	Awards comprised 11 silver and 17 bronze plaques as well as 33 certificates of merit.
Special Postmark:	The Postal authorities provided a special post office, commemorative postmark with a fixed date (95) and a special registration cachet for franking covers and attendance upon postal requirements.
Other Official item(s):	None.
Commemorative cover(s):	The organisers issued a commemorative cover depicting the first borough seal of Durban. 2000 covers were supposedly printed. The number of registered items was given as 714, but the numbering did not start with 1 but somewhere about 3000.
Reference(s):	SAP, May 1954, 125-6. SAP, July 1954, 126. Reisener, 67 and 202.



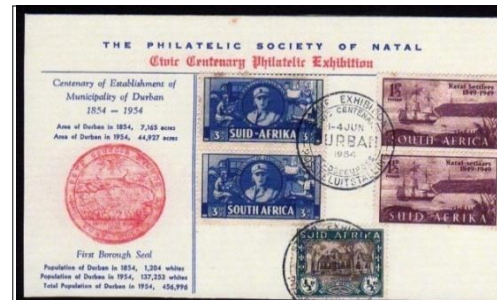
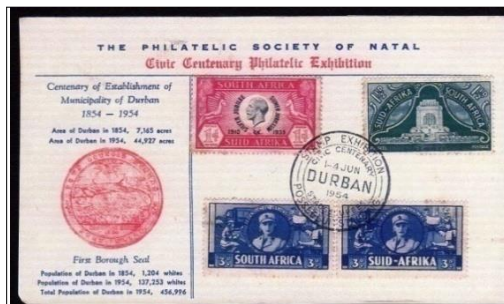
SAPE1954-1. Souvenir cover. Dimensions 152 x 90 mm.

SAPE1954pm-1. (95).



SAPE1954-2 Commemorative postmark with subsequent posting at TEKWINI (cds) 13 July 1954.

The following covers give an idea of the stamps combinations that were used in preparing the souvenir covers. Likely others also exist. All the same dimensions - 152 x 90 mm.





National Philatelic Exhibition: 1955 – TEPPEX

Date:	31 October - 5 November.
City/Town:	Pretoria.
Organised by:	Pretoria Philatelic Society, Pretoria Railway Philatelic Society, and the Pretoria Afrikaanse Filateliese Vereeniging.
Motivation:	Part of the Pretoria Centenary Celebrations.
Venue:	The Municipal Buildings.
Opened by:	The Hon. J.J. Serfontein, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs.
Competitive:	A Court of Honour and a competitive section.
Scope:	120 exhibits.
Major winner(s):	Grand Prix: A.R. Kleiner for his Seychelles exhibit. Others: Vermeil 3, Silver 12, Bronze 13, as well as 2 Silver and 5 Bronze Juvenile Awards.
Special Postmark:	The special exhibition Post Office had a pictorial TEPPEX fixed date canceller (101) and registration cachet.
Other Official item(s):	On 21 Oct 1955 the Post Office issued two postage stamps depicting President Kruger and President Pretorius.
Commemorative cover(s):	The organisers used the official centenary commemorative cover and issued two maximum cards, a miniature sheet depicting six ZAR 1d stamps and a postcard with a similar design. The same cover was issued with a first day cancellation dd 21 st October 1955, the special pictorial postmark showing an outline of the city's coat of arms.
Reference(s):	SAP, 1955 April, 58. SAP, 1955 July, 113. SAP, 1955 December, 212/6. Reisener, 70 and 204.
Notes:	TEPPEX stood for Tentoonstelling Pretoria/Pretoria Philatelic Exhibition. Mr. Thamm the cartoonist of the newspaper Die Transvaler designed the cover.



SAPE1955-4. Souvenir envelope. TEPPEX cancellation.

SAPE1955pm-1. (101).



SAPE1955-5 Registered postage, showing TEPPEX cachet.

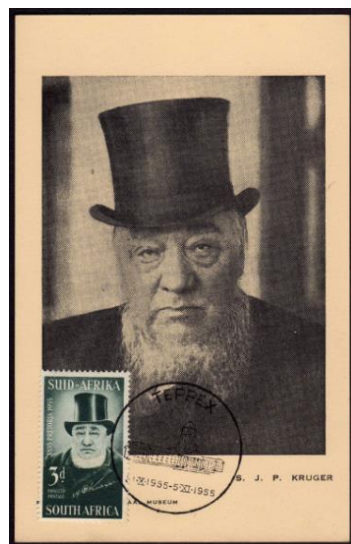
Dim. 226 x 101 mm.



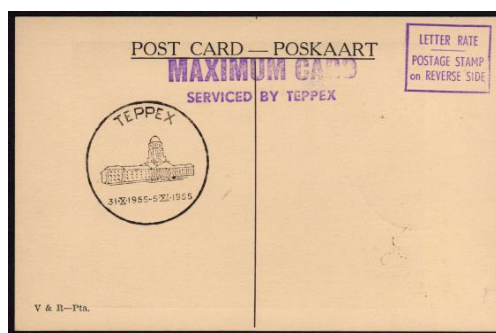
SAPE1955ads1. The sheet issued to advertise the exhibition.
Dim. 75 x 102 mm.



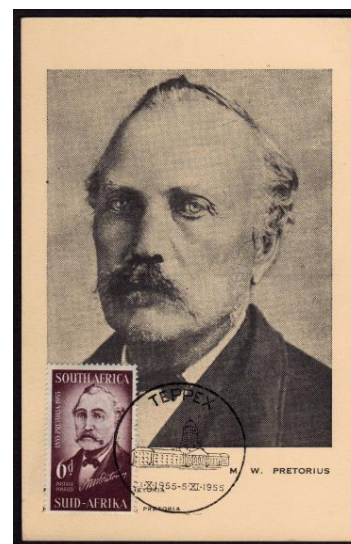
SAPE1955pc-1. Post card with replica of miniature sheet
1500 were produced.
Dim. 150 x 103 mm.



SAPE1952pc-2.



Back of postcard.
Dimensions 89 x 140mm.



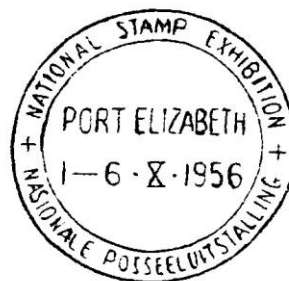
SAPE1952pc-3.

National Stamp Exhibition: 1956 PENAPEX–PENAFU

Date:	1 - 6 October.
City/Town:	Port Elizabeth.
Organised by:	Under the auspices of Port Elizabeth Philatelic Society.
Venue:	The Technical College.
Opened by:	The Postmaster-General, L.C. Burke.
Competitive:	Non-competitive senior (By invitation). Competitive Junior.
Scope:	50 collectors invited to exhibit.
Major winner(s):	The Exhibition comprised two sections: Senior, by invitation, and a competitive junior section, for which cups were awarded. The Cup for the best exhibit was awarded to Charles Deacon for his Newfoundland collection.
Special Postmark:	A special Post Office, equipped with a special canceller (103) with a fixed date and registration cachet, was in operation.
Other Official item(s):	Attractive labels depicting the three well-known landmarks of the city, the Donkin Pyramid Memorial, the Lighthouse, and the Campanile. These labels were printed in sheets of 6 (3 x 2) format 25 x 42.5 mm. perforated 11 ½, on gummed un-watermarked paper
Commemorative cover(s):	The organisers issued 2000 special covers.
Reference(s):	SAP, 1956 June, 98. SAP, 1956 November, 195/9. Reisener, 71 205.
Notes:	PENAPEX stood for P ort E lizabeth N ational P hilatelic E xhibition



SAPE1956-1. Souvenir cover. Dim. 153 x 90 mm.



SAPE1956pm-1. (103).



SAPEads1956-1. Label
Dim. 45 x 57 mm.
Sheet of 6 (3 x 2), perf. 11 ½.

National Philatelic Exhibition: 1957 – Paarl 300

Date:	23 - 26 October.
City/Town:	Paarl.
Organised by:	Paarl Philatelic Society (Paarlse Posseelversamelaarsvereniging).
Motivation:	Fiscal Abraham Gabbema discovered the Berg River Valley on 22 October 1657. This exhibition was organised to coincide with Paarl's Tercentenary celebrations.
Venue:	The Church Hall, Dutch Reformed Church Noorder-Paarl.
Opened by:	The Administrator of the Cape, P.J. Olivier.
Competitive:	2 Sections, by invitation and competitive.

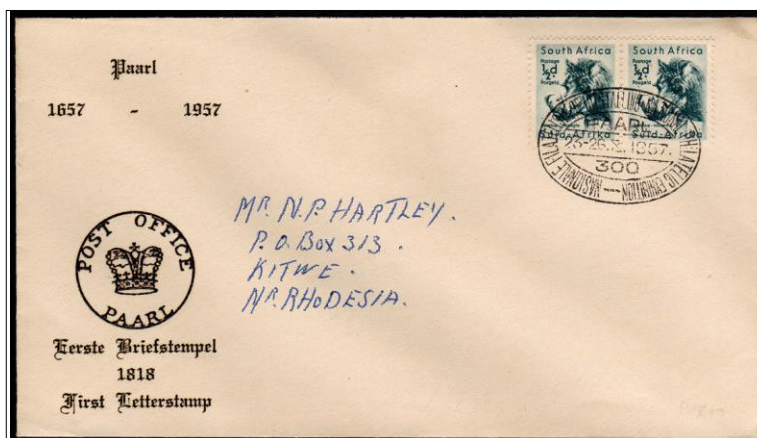
- Major winner(s):** The Premier Award was won by J.D. Rossouw for *Posgeskiedenis van die Tweede Vryheidsoorlog*.
- Special Postmark:** Other awards: Gold 6, Silver-Plus 3, Silver 13 and Bronze 23. A special Post Office, equipped with a special exhibition postmark, a fixed date, non-revolving type oval and registration cachet, functioned during the exhibition.
- Other Official item(s):** None.
- Commemorative cover(s):** The Organising Committee issued an exhibition cover depicting the Crown-in-Circle letter stamp issued in 1818 to the Paarl post office. 2000 covers were printed. The Society also prepared another cover with dimensions of 172 by 107mm. The design and inscription appeared on the left in blue.
- Reference(s):** SAP, Dec. 1957, p 173. SAP, June 1958, 86. Reisener, 206/7.
- Notes:** The theme of the exhibition was "The development of the Postal History leading up to the Union of South Africa".



SAPE1957pm-1 (101).



Back of envelope



SAPE1957-1.

National Stamp Exhibition: 1958 GEPEX – GEPU

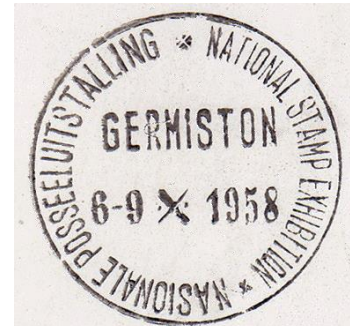
- Date:** 6 - 9 October.
- City/Town:** Germiston.
- Organised by:** The Germiston Philatelic Society.
- Motivation:** In association with Civic celebrations of the City of Germiston.
- Venue:** The Civic Centre, Germiston.
- Opened by:** The Postmaster-General, A.J. Botes.
- Competitive:** Yes.
- Scope:** 131 single frame competitive entries from 74 different collectors, excluding non-competitive entries.
- Major winner(s):** Gold 6, Silver-gilt 14, Silver 23 and Bronze 24. In the junior section the Bristol Cup for the best junior exhibit was awarded to I.C. Oelofse while two Bronze medals were also awarded.
- Special Postmark:** A special Post Office and commemorative canceller (114).
- Other Official item(s):** None.
- Commemorative cover(s):** The organisers provided a commemorative cover.

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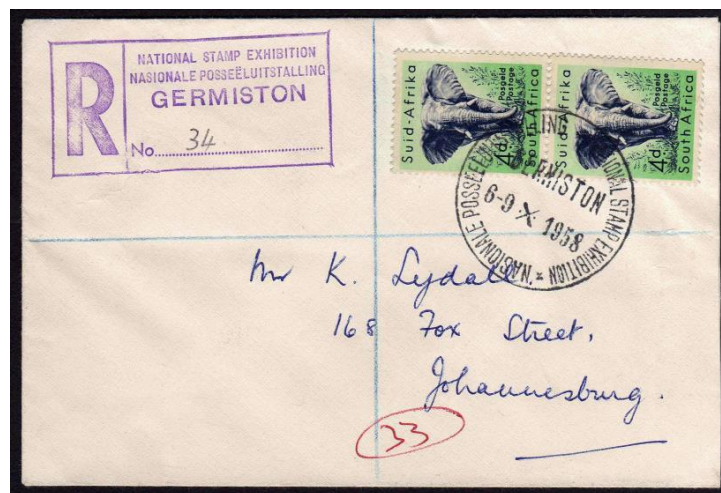
SAP, 1958 November, 169 – 171. Reisener, 75, 207/8.



SAPE1958-1. Dimensions 152 x 90 mm.



SAPE1958pm-1. (114).



SAPE1958-2. With registration cachet. Dimensions 136 x 90 mm.

National Stamp Exhibition: 1959

Date:	31 March - 4 April.
City/Town:	East London.
Organised by:	The East London Philatelic Society.
Motivation:	The Philatelic Society celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 1959.
Venue:	The Bisseker Hall, East London Technical College.
Opened by:	The Mayor of East London, Councillor A. Addelson.
Competitive:	Yes.
Major winner(s):	Awards made: Gold 6, Large Gold 2, Gold 9, Large Vermeil 9, Vermeil 9, Large Silver 13, Silver 6, Silver Bronze 6, Vermeil 7, Silver 17 and Bronze 17.
Special Postmark:	A special exhibition Post Office was in operation, equipped with a commemorative canceller (115).
Other Official item(s):	None.
Commemorative cover(s):	The organising-committee issued 2500 special covers.
Reference(s):	SAP, 1959 March, 42. SAP, 1959 May, 78 – 80. Reisener, 75, 208.



SAPE1959-1. Dim. 165 x 107 mm.



SAPE1959pm-1. (115).

International Philatelic Exhibition: 1960 - UNIPEX

Date:	30 May - 4 June.
City/Town:	Johannesburg.
Organised by:	Johannesburg Philatelic Society.
Motivation:	The Union of South Africa was proclaimed on 31 May 1910. This International Philatelic Exhibition, UNIPEX, was held as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.
Venue:	The City Hall and the Selborne Hall, Johannesburg.
Opened by:	The Postmaster-General, Mr. A.J. Botes.
Competitive:	Yes.
Scope:	There were 358 entries in 492 frames.
Major winner(s):	Gold 25, Silver gilt 33, Silver 52 and Bronze 74. In the Junior Section, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze medals were awarded.
Attendance:	8000 visitors were recorded.
Special Postmark:	An Exhibition Post Office functioned to cancel about 65 000 postal items; different cancellers were used. The exhibition date stamp (123).
Other Official item(s):	Prior to the Exhibition the organisers issued Publicity labels in different colours. 100 sets of miniature sheets, imperforate and numbered.
Commemorative cover(s):	90 000 were prepared of which 3500 were pre-ordered.
Reference(s):	SAP, 1960 Jan, 8. SAP, 1960 April, 49. SAP, 1960 July, 101- 103 and 106 -112. Reisener, 79/80, 208/210.
Notes:	This was the last of the stamp exhibitions held in the Union of South Africa before becoming a Republic. The Post Office issued 6 different stamps during May 1960: four Golden Jubilee commemorative stamps, a Golden Jubilee Railway stamp (2 May) and a 3d stamp depicting the six Prime Ministers of the Union of South Africa (31 May).



SAPE1960-1. Cover with the Golden Jubilee commemorative stamps. Official UNIPEX cancellation. Dim. 160 x 128 mm.



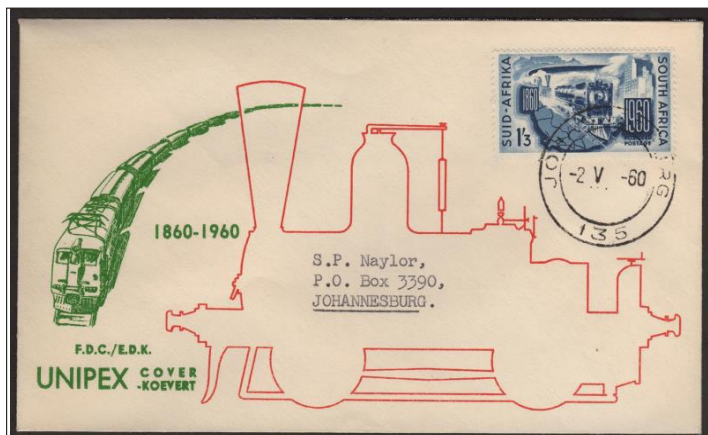
SAPE1960pm-1. (123).



SAPE1960-2. Registered cover with the Golden Jubilee commemorative stamps. Official cancellation. Dim. 160 x 127 mm.



SAPE1960-3. Cover with the Golden Jubilee stamps. CDS Johannesburg.



SAPE1960-4. Cover with the Railway commemorative stamp. CDS Johannesburg.

Dim. 152 x 90 mm.



SAPE1960-ads-1. Two versions of the UNIPLEX advertising labels. Perforated with each label 21 x 30mm.



SAPE1960-ads-2. Numbered sheets, reflecting the colours that made up the final product, were also made available.

