

REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

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Esprit: Sports et Olympisme: Jean-Pierre Picquot, 172 Bd. Berthier, 75017 Paris, France. [In French]

December 2009 (#54). With the XIIIth Olympic Congress in Copenhagen recently completed, René Christin reviews the philatelic aspects of prior congresses in 1894 (the first), 1921, 1925, 1930, 1981 and 1994. In a second article, Christin discusses the "History of Canoeing" as it pertains to the 1953 French canoeing stamp. In addition to examining the genesis of the stamp itself, he documents its use on cover both in France and from Vietnam, primarily by the French army.

Also covered briefly are the new Olympic stamp issues from Canada (2010) and Great Britain (2012), as well as tennis posters from Roland-Garros and French sports and Olympic postcards published during 2009.

March 2010 (#55). René Christin opens with an interesting article on the 1919 Inter-Allied Games that took place in Paris from 22 June to 6 July at the new Pershing Stadium. Using postcards from the period, he reviews the background and results of the competition. Vancouver Olympic Games philately also receives significant coverage.

Filabasket Review: Luciano Calenda, POB 17126 - Grottarossa, 00189 Rome, Italy. [Color, in English]

December 2009 (#30). In this final issue of 2009, the cover story introduces the 1939 Latvian "gem" depicting basketball used on a registered cover to the U.K. Another article details the basketball aspects of a series of stamps issued by the Greek post office in 2005-2008 commemorating sports clubs in Greece.

April 2010 (#31). We don't often see instructive articles on exhibiting in thematic sports/Olympic philatelic journals, however this issue presents an enlightening treatise by noted international thematic judge and President of the FIP's Thematic Commission, Giancarlo Morolli. With an accent on basketball (obviously), Morolli discusses the importance of balance in the plan, development, selection of philatelic elements and presentation.

Also presented are articles on the inaugural Youth Olympic Games to be held in Singapore this August (Calenda) and a discussion of the Women's World Basketball Championships (Petrasek).

IMOS Journal: Diethard Hensel, Dorfstr. 15, OT Koselitz, D-01609 Röderaue, Germany. [In Ger.]

December 2009 (#144). Peter Leinemann's article on the European Championships in Modern Pentathlon (for men and women) held in Leipzig in June 2009 opens this issue. The 1924 Paris Olympic Games receive attention with articles on Olympic airmail (Lippert), the philately of those Games (Manikian), and autographs of the athletes (Fritz). Modern private post has become a big business in Germany in recent years. Wolfgang Marx discusses these in two articles. The first concerns football and basketball theme CITIPOST issues from Oldenburg, while the second looks at sports-related items from Turbo P.O.S.T., Kempton, Morgen Post, Media Logistik and JonAS-MAIL.

February 2010 (#145). The 2009 World Athletics Championships in Berlin are the focus of a major article by Peter Leinemann. In addition to stamps and cancellations, which are featured, he looks at numismatics, postal stationery and private post items. With World Cup 2010 just around the corner, Wolfgang Marx examines German private post material with a football theme. Thomas Lippert catches up readers on the latest philately of the Vancouver 2010 Olympics and provides some interesting covers and cards from the Athletes Village in Beijing during the 2008 Olympic Games. Also included with this issue is the annual IMOS Congress booklet. This year's theme is the 50th anniversary of the 1960 Rome Olympics with numerous articles devoted to all facets of those Games.

April 2010 (#146). Thomas Lippert's review of the 2010 Vancouver Olympics is the featured article in this issue. Ice hockey and gymnastic related numismatics are discussed by Armin Haug. A special booklet from Manfred Winterheimer catalogs the philately commemorating each medal winner at the 1960 Squaw Valley and Rome Olympics.