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By Per Svendsen,  
General Manager

# 2009 Stamp Programme

## Happy New Year

POST Greenland's 2009 stamp programme includes many exiting themes, each representing Greenland's outstanding nature, culture and very special location in the world. So it is my great pleasure to present the stamps here.

### 19th January

Global warming is a fact and the only arguable issue on this topic is the causes. But instead of a fight, what we need more than ever is international understanding and cooperation. For that reason, POST Greenland takes part in this joint issue with many postal services from vast parts of the globe, having global warming as a theme.

Neriuffiit Kattuffiat (Greenlandic Cancer Society) has, over many years, made great efforts in order to fight cancer in Greenland. This year's additional value stamp, created by graphic designer Lis Stender, fully deserves being donated to Neriuffiit Kattuffiat, based in Nuuk. The additional value stamp is issued in regular whole sheets and in souvenir sheets.

The theme of this year's EUROPA-issue is astronomy. Ina Rosing has created our two beautiful stamps, which captures the very unique Greenlandic approach to astronomy. They are issued in regular whole sheets, mini sheets and in a stamp booklet as self-adhesive stamps.

The series 'Fossils in Greenland' is beautifully rounded off with the last three stamps. Three new unique fossil finds from Greenland are highlighted on the stamps in combined intaglio and offset which, once again, are created by illustrator and engraver Martin Mörck.

### 11th June

His Royal Highness Prince Henrik turns 75 on 11th June. The last time the prince was featured on a Greenlandic stamp was at the time of his 50th birthday. POST Greenland celebrates this great royal event with a beautiful commemorative stamp in offset using the original photo by Royal Court photographer Sandra Greig. The stamp will be posted as a subscription on 21st June.

### 21st June

The co-explorer of the North Pole, the afro-American Matthew Henson, returned in 1909 from the North Pole with Robert Peary. On the way back, they stopped off in Thule where Henson was deeply moved by the Inuit culture and spent a long time there. We mark the centenary by issuing a beautiful stamp created by Naja Abelsen. Greenlandic Comics is a brand new series of stamps. Nuka K. Godtfredsen has created the first stamp of the series, which draws attention to his own well-drawn and spell-binding comic-album "Greenland's Prehistory". The stamp issue commemorates the release of "Greenland's Prehistory" in Greenlandic, Danish and English. The stamp is issued in regular whole sheets and souvenir sheets.

The third part of "Contemporary Greenlandic Art" shows unique pictorial art by Naja Abelsen, Camilla Nielsen og Ivola Abelsen. All three women are well-established artists from Greenland. The stamps each reflect three very different interpretations of Greenlandic art. They are issued in regular whole sheets and in a souvenir folder.

On 25th November 2008 the majority of the Greenlandic population voted for Greenlandic home rule. That will be put into force on 21st June - the very date of the Greenlandic national day. POST Greenland marks the great event with a commemorative stamp created by the very well known artist, Aka Høegh. The stamp is issued in whole sheets and souvenir sheets.

### 16th September

In 2007, POST Greenland issued the first stamp in a new series: SEPAC, which is short for Small European Postal Administration Cooperation. The series received a warm welcome from collectors world wide. Our stamp in the second part of the series is created by photographer Ivars Silis whose name will be on a stamp for the first time. It is issued in regular whole sheets and the SEPAC souvenir folder 'Beautiful Corners of Europe II'.

In 1909, Knud Rasmussen set out on his first expedition to the Kap York-area at Thule. By that means, the Inuit population, which up until then lived in isolation, was connected to the rest of Greenland. This epoch-making centenary is marked by a beautiful stamp created by the draughtsman and engraver Bertil Skov Jørgensen, who also débuts on stamps. Cryolite, deep-sea creatures and Greenlandic gold are the themes on POST Greenland's fifth part of the science series that started in 2005. As in 2008, the French Yves Beaujard has engraved the three new science stamps.

Part seven of our popular and praised expedition series shows a new, good looking stamp by Martin Mörck. This time it is the Swedish Otto Norden-skiöld's turn to be commemorated for his arctic exploits. Otto was the nephew of the Finnish Adolf E. Nordenskiöld, who was commemorated on stamps in our joint issue with Finland in 2008. The stamp is issued in regular whole sheets, souvenir sheets and a souvenir folder.

The two Christmas stamps of the year are created by another debutant in relation with Greenlandic stamps: Naja Rosing-Asvid. It makes a delightful finale to the 2009 stamp year in Greenland. As usual, the Christmas stamps are issued as regular whole sheets and in a self-adhesive stamp booklet.

We are very much looking forward to issuing these new stamps during the year and hope that they will be well received. Enjoy!

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During 2008 POST Greenland has issued a total of 19 new stamps showing the diversity of Greenland's culture, nature, history and society.

Now you can vote for your favourite – cast your vote for the 2008 Greenlandic Stamp of the Year poll. The Grand prize to be drawn among all voters is DKK 10,000 in cash. Cut out this side of the page, fill it in and send it to the below address. Or cast your vote online on our website [www.stamps.gl](http://www.stamps.gl). Your vote must be in by 1st March 2009. Please also note our special offer on the back of the page!

Note: Only one vote per person.  
The result of the poll and the winners will be published in Greenland Collector No. 2, May 2009 and on our website at [www.stamps.gl](http://www.stamps.gl).

To the left all stamps from 2008 are displayed with their G-No.

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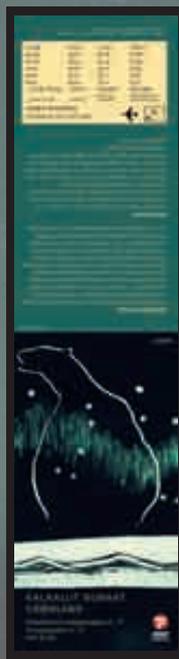
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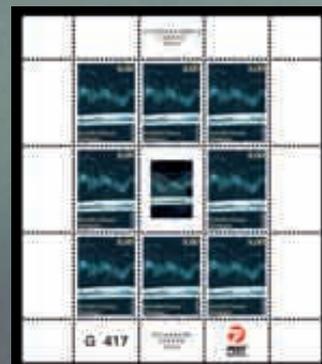
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Day of Issue: 19th January 2009  
(Contains self-adhesive stamps  
– 6 each of the two EUROPA 2009 stamps)



01107416  
Mini Sheet  
EUROPA 2009  
– Astronomy 1  
Price: 50.00 DKK  
Day of Issue:  
19th January 2009



01107417  
Mini Sheet  
EUROPA 2009  
– Astronomy 2  
Price: 64.00 DKK  
Day of Issue:  
19th January 2009

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# Astronomy

Astronomy is the theme of the 2009 EUROPA-stamp issue. Post Greenland is always happy to contribute to this collage of pictures made by European postal services. POST Greenland issues two stamps for this year's EUROPA-theme, two Mini Sheets and one Stamp Booklet containing self-adhesive stamps. Creating the images is the Danish/Greenlandic artist Ina Rosing. She has previously designed stamps for POST Greenland and is an established graphic artist on the international scene. As a daughter of the well respected stamp artist Jens Rosing who passed away in Spring 2008, she brings the name Rosing into the future Greenlandic stamp art. Here she tells about her motivation for creating the EUROPA-stamp issue 2009 and the artistic process behind the stamps and the significance astronomy has to Greenland.



By Ina Rosing

Making an astronomy stamp was a task I immediately wanted to do. Astronomy is on the one hand something distant, mysterious and difficult scientifically and, on the other hand, something well-known. We have all watched the stars and said magic words to ourselves like Milky Way, the Great Bear and Venus and also whistled to the Polar Lights to make them dance.

In Greenland the starry sky always looks more enormous and brighter than other places because of the insignificant amount of man made light compared to the enormous extension of the Universe.

It is so quiet you can hear the sky talking. In the Winter darkness the northern lights and stars hold Life and Light.

The constellation Great Bear/Ursa Major is the starting point creating my stamp. Arctic is named after Arctikos in Greek and means "close to the North star". Ursa Major is, in Greenlandic, called Qilugtusat and is central in the Eskimo mythology with the myth of the bear, betrayed by a woman and surrounded by barking dogs, rises to the sky.

I have created the stamps as a monotype, meaning a single print. You paint the image directly on a copper plate with a print colour and that is later on transferred onto paper in a printing press. As suggested, it is only possible to make a single print of each image.



01100416  
EUROPA 2009 – Astronomy 1  
Value: 6.25 DKK  
Day of Issue: 19th January 2009  
50 stamps per sheet  
Size: B  
Printing Method: Offset  
Paper: Sopal  
Typography: Dorit Olsen  
Artist: Ina Rosing



01100417  
EUROPA 2009 – Astronomy 2  
Value: 8.00 DKK  
Day of Issue: 19th January 2009  
50 stamps per sheet  
Size: B  
Printing Method: Offset  
Paper: Sopal  
Typography: Dorit Olsen  
Artist: Ina Rosing

# Fossils in Greenland

## Part two

By: David Harper and Bent Lindow

**This is the second and final part of Post Greenland's series about fossils in Greenland and consists of three stamps demonstrating aspects of the extensive and exciting fossil record of Greenland. The second group of images continues our journey through some of the key events in the history of life on our planet, beautifully illustrated by yet more unique fossils. These three fossils, a plant, an invertebrate and a vertebrate, are from the younger part of the fossil record, ranging from about 200 million to just some 8,000 years ago.**

### **Schizoneura carcinoides**

One of the five 'big' mass extinction events occurred some 200 million years ago at the boundary between the Triassic and Jurassic geological systems. Beautifully-preserved plant fossils have been known for many years from Jameson Land in East Greenland derived from ancient forests that survived this

extinction event. The horsetail *Schizoneura carcinoides*, with its distinctive spiky leaves, grew in marshes and if present in sufficient numbers could generate coal. In East Greenland these plants were common near Scoresby Sound and were first described over 70 years ago. Now they are helping scientists assess climate change during the mass extinction event.

### **Scaphites rosenkrantzi**

The end of the Cretaceous extinction period, 65 million years ago, is better known since it is linked to a massive environmental catastrophe associated with the impact of a giant asteroid and major volcanic eruptions. During this period the dinosaurs and various types of giant marine reptiles, such as the mosasaurs and plesiosaurs, disappeared from Earth for ever. Another fossil group, the ammonites, similar to modern nautilus, became almost extinct with possibly only a couple of stragglers surviving into the Tertiary. During the later Cretaceous, however, the

ammonites began to develop some fascinating and unusual shell shapes. *Scaphites rosenkrantzi* from the Cretaceous rocks of Nussuaq, West Greenland is a spectacular example, where the coiled shell of the animal has started to unravel. Despite its strange shape it could undoubtedly maintain its buoyancy in the water and probably swam quite fast.

### **Mallotus villosus**

*Mallotus villosus* or the capelin is a small smelly fish, common today in the Arctic seas, prized for its roe but also as a base for fish meal. The capelin, however, is also found as fossils in the Quaternary sediments of West Greenland, some nearly 8,000 years old, appearing identical to its living relatives. These fossils were brought to the attention of scientists in Europe more than 200 years ago by whalers, who probably collected them from localities such as the head of Søndre Strømfjord, where they are still common today.



01100418  
*Fossils in Greenland II 1/3*  
– *Schizoneura carcinoides*  
Value: DKK 2.00  
Day of issue: 19th January 2009  
40 stamps per sheet  
Format: G – horizontal  
Printing method: Combination  
Paper: TR4  
Artist and engraver: Martin Mörck



01100419  
*Fossils in Greenland II 2/3*  
– *Scaphites rosenkrantzi*  
Value: DKK 11.50  
Day of issue: 19th January 2009  
40 stamps per sheet  
Format: G – horizontal  
Printing method: Combination  
Paper: TR4  
Artist and engraver: Martin Mörck



01100420  
*Fossils in Greenland II 3/3*  
– *Mallotus villosus*  
Value: DKK 22.00  
Day of issue: 19th January 2009  
40 stamps per sheet  
Format: G – horizontal  
Printing method: Combination  
Paper: TR4  
Artist and engraver: Martin Mörck



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### Bent Lindow

Bent Lindow is a palaeontologist at the Natural History Museum of Denmark (University of Copenhagen). He studies the evolution of birds and how it was influenced by prehistoric climate change. Bent has given numerous lectures and participated in radio- and TV-interviews on palaeontology and the evolution of life in Denmark and abroad.

# The Fight against Cancer in Greenland

By Allan Pertti Frandsen

POST Greenland is proud to present Neriuffiit Kattuffiat (Greenlandic Cancer Society) as the receiver of this year's additional value for the charity stamp in Greenland. The health of the population is generally improving as a natural consequence of the rising standard of living. Still, the numbers of recorded cases of cancer are increasing. Since 1998 Neriuffiit Kattuffiat has guided and collected financial means to fight cancer in Greenland. That is great and admirable work. Graphic designer, Lis Stender has created a very pretty stamp, symbolizing the true meaning of charity work, which Neriuffiit Kattuffiat performs every day.

Neriuffiit Kattuffiat is collaborating with the public health care service and provides an indispensable supplement to the governmental founded medical effort in order to prevent and fight cancer. A part of Neriuffiit Kattuffiat's work is also to amplify the population's knowledge about cancer through educational activities. Furthermore they collaborate to a large extent with social- and health authorities in order to guarantee the best, continuous treatment and care. The society is located with departments in

several Greenlandic towns, including Nuuk, Sisimiut, Qasigiannuguit and Paamiut. Support groups for patients have also been established in many towns and settlements. These networks contribute to making sure that the help and support to the patients and the relatives arrives.

Patients, in most cases the relatives of the patient, have the opportunity to apply for a one-time given grant. This kind of economic grant can make a significant difference, due to the fact that the patient often has to give up hunting or a wage earning job during the treatment of the illness. Every grant donated by Neriuffiit Kattuffiat is thus most welcome.

Given that the cancer patient in most cases has to go to Denmark to receive treatment, it is a very demanding task for Greenlandic society to fight this illness. The expenses of flight tickets and accommodating the patient rapidly mount up in thousands of Crones for a single patient. So for that reason, it is Neriuffiit Kattuffiat's goal that most of the funds raised are in the widest possible extent spent on activities that support the actual people suffering from cancer.

It is POST Greenland's hope that this charity project is met with massive support shown through a great interest in this year's additional value stamp. In this way you have an opportunity to make an important difference, if you purchase this charity stamp. The stamp is issued in regular whole sheets and in souvenir sheets.



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A reader recounts...

# Adventures in Greenland's Animal Kingdom

By Rolf Dörnbach

With his 19 travels to Greenland, Rolf Dörnbach is an experienced traveller in the country. Nature and the animals have given Rolf Dörnbach many life long adventures. Yet, he would not have escaped one of his visits alive, had he been a little more unlucky.



## Polar bear!

Our group had just arrived and was pitching tents at Myggbukta in Stordalen at "Hold- with -Hope" in the North Eastern Greenlandic National Park. Suddenly somebody shouted: Polar bear! Actually, in the north eastern corner a white spot showed up. A couple of kilometres away we could watch a polar bear through our binoculars. As prescribed on trips to the area we had a rifle with us. None of us were experienced sharp shooters and knew very well that a wounded polar bear definitely is dangerous. So we were not very comfortable with such a "fire cracker". The beast/animal got out of Stordalen from a blind alley in the mainland. What was the animal looking for there? Thank God the wind was blowing from a direction that hindered the polar bear in picking up our scent and polar bears sight is not especially good. Without noticing us, the bear moved and finally disappeared behind a hill top in the direction of the sea.



## Polar wolves

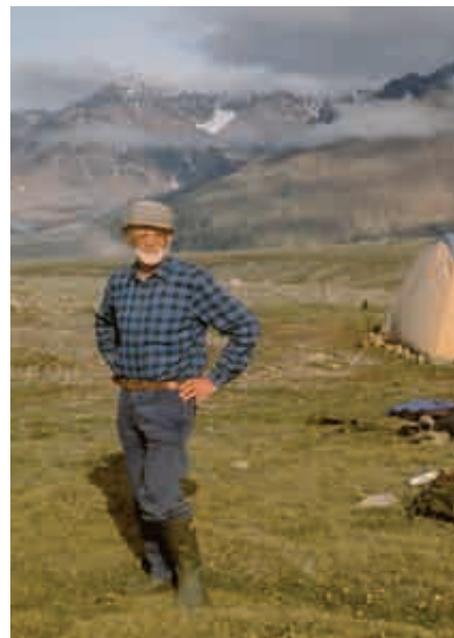
I had a memorable experience on the very same trip. On the way back to Myggbukta we had pitched tents in the middle of Badlandsdal. In an eastern valley I observed through my binoculars two white spots. Being luminously I decided to move over there. Appro-

ximately 150 meters away, two white polar wolves and three or four tufts of wool were standing. Without my camera I therefore observed the animals through my binoculars. Suddenly, the male wolf disappeared. On the way back, looking back over my shoulder, I noticed the male wolf had steered upon me. I possibly would have been attacked, had I stayed at the campsite. Returning to the campsite the next morning, I found an empty den. The wolves had brought their cubs to a safer place.



## The musk ox

The most exciting experience happened to me at Grønvedal (Kangilnnguit) at the Ikka-fiord. I was far away from our group and passed a narrow valley with steep slopes. As I mounted the opposite side, I was suddenly confronted with a musk ox bull, standing about forty steps away from me. Hoof pawing the ground he was blowing aggressively. He then ran against me. I succeeded in finding a horizontal space where the musk ox could not follow me. Trapped there, I hung on to the scrub and could hear the raging bull just one metre above me. Ten minutes later and having watched the scene, my friends told me that the way was clear. The musk ox bull now peacefully pastured down in the valley.



Rolf Dörnbach at the Pingo Pass near Ittoqqortoormiit (Scoresbysund) in Eastgreenland. The Stauning Alps is seen in the background. Private photo, 1996

## Tell your story!

Do you have memories and experiences from Greenland you wish to share with our readers. Or do you want to share your interest for philately, the possibility is here. Send your story, in 2.500 words (with space), to POST Greenland, Philatelic, Post-box 121, 3913 Tasiilaq, Greenland. Readers-stories reproduced in this magazine are given a philatelic-surprise gift.



# - Save the poles and the glaciers

By Carl-Erik Holm



**"A stamp is a receipt for postage paid, but it is also a media. Millions of people all over the world will see this message and its appeal", said Philatelic Director Markku Penttinen as he initiated the campaign amongst postal services with the aim to extend our consciousness about the Polar Regions and make us protect the areas.**

During 2009, around 30 countries and postal operators will issue stamps on the theme 'Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers'. POST Greenland will also contribute to the campaign with the issue of 19th January, which focuses on the recent discussion on global warming. This we will do by issuing a beautiful stamp designed by the Greenland artist Julie Edel Hardenberg. The stamp depicts an ice crystal of

humans and animals. The idea of a common stamp campaign was initiated in Finland and Chile during the visit of the Chilean President Michelle Bachelet to Finland in May 2008.

Actually global warming is noted very fast here in Greenland. It is claimed that the glacier at Ilulissat is melting faster than ever before. As a matter of fact you can follow the melting of the ice at the Greenlandic newspaper Sermitsiaq's webcam (<http://sermitsiaq.gl/icecam/>). Some years ago POST Greenland issued a stamp from the glacier at Ilulissat.

The greatest part of Greenland is covered with ice. Should the entire icecap melt, then the oceans would rise some seven metres. Changes in the climate are not new here in Greenland. Mankind and animals

have earlier been subject to changes in the climate. Around 1,000 years ago the population at Serqaq at the Disco Bay disappeared due to climate changes. The reindeer and polar wolves left and, thereby, an essential part of human subsistence. The difference between then and to today is that we nowadays know that our way of life does affect the climate.

This stamp cooperation with focus on the global climate changes is a natural continuation of The International Polar Year (IPY 2007-2008). It included several scientific projects and the propagation of information on the Polar Regions. By using the stamps as a tool for spreading information, the public can be informed about the consequences specifically for the Polar Regions.



Global warming exposed to Greenlandic humour. Comic by the comic artist Robert Holmene from the Greenlandic paper Sermitsiaq's website: [www.sermitsiaq.gl](http://www.sermitsiaq.gl)



01100414  
Global Warming  
Value: 5.00 DKK  
Day of Issue: 19. January 2009  
20 stamps per sheet  
Format: E  
Printing Method: Offset  
Paper: Sopal, white paper  
Typograph: Dorit Olsen  
Artist: Julie Edel Hardenberg

# Well-known Stamp Engraver in Greenland



*The engraving process was followed with great interest.*

The diligent and popular stamp engraver, Martin Mörck, visited POST Greenland in Nuuk in September 2008. Martin Mörck has engraved more than 60 stamps for POST Greenland. The beautiful series about fossils in Greenland, with part two being issued on 19th January 2009, is counted amongst them. Yet, he has never engraved a Greenlandic stamp in Greenland inspite his many journeys to the country. Consequently, this event one Thursday afternoon was blessed with a touch of history.

The visit of Martin Mörck was a great success. Pupils from 5th grade of all the elementary schools in Nuuk were especially invited to watch the engraving process. The engraving coming to life on that day will be the next stamp in POST Greenland's expedition series. We are very much looking forward to seeing the final stamp in the autumn of 2009.

## Biographic data on Martin Mörck:

Born in Sweden in 1955 and has since become a Norwegian citizen. Engraved his first stamp in 1977 for the Swedish postal service. Has engraved about 560 stamps for different postal services world wide. Has visited Greenland three times and is very fond of the country. Illustrates many books and other publications and has written a book about the history of engraving.

## Final sale on 31st March 2009

The following stamps and philatelic products will be withdrawn from our sales list on 31st March 2009, provided that they are not sold out prior to this date. Any remaining stock will be shredded.



01100351. 31.10.2005  
Ekspedition III  
Robert E. Peary  
DKK 27.50



01106362. 29.03.2006  
Souvenir Sheet "Northern  
Mythology II"  
DKK 21.00



01100368. 06.11.2006  
Science III/1  
Kap København  
DKK 0.50



01107365. 22.05.2006  
Mini Sheet, Edible Fungi III/1  
The Gypsy  
DKK 44.00



01100371. 22.05.2006  
Ekspedition IV  
Alfred Wegener  
DKK 20.75



01107366. 22.05.2006  
Mini Sheet, Edible Fungi III/2  
Saffron Milk Cap  
DKK 56.00



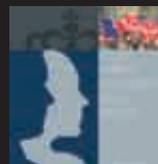
01100381. 15.01.2007  
International Polar Year 1/2  
DKK 7.50



01301214. 22.05.2006  
Stamp Booklet No. 14  
Edible Fungi II  
DKK 75.00



01100385. 21.05.2007  
Modern Art II/2  
DKK 8.50



01303018. 14.05.2004  
Souvenir Folder, Wedding  
Crown Prince Frederik &  
Crown Princess Mary  
DKK 35.00



01100390. 01.10.2007  
SEPA. Landscape I  
DKK 6.50

## Sales figures for sold out souvenir sheet, item no. 01106321: Otto Sverdrup

*The sales figure of the Sverdrup souvenir sheet, original print, issued 26.3.2004, and announced sold out in GC No. 3/2007 is 52.294 souvenir sheets.*

*The sales figure of the Sverdrup souvenir sheet, reprint, issued in September 2006 and announced sold out in GC No. 1/2008 is 20.000 souvenir sheets.*

# Frimærkeforum in Fredericia

By Finn Larsen

The stamp exhibition "Frimærkeforum '08" with the theme "Letter-writing" was this year located in Dronning Margrethe Hallerne in beautiful Fredericia, Denmark. It was nice seeing so many happy people showing up when the exhibition opened on Friday 7th November at 10am. During the weekend philatelist visitors and other interested spectators had reached 3,200 in number.



Once more there was a lively run to POST Greenland's booth of happy people who came to trade Greenlandic stamps or to greet Greenlandic artist Linda Riber Sørensen and the Norwegian engraver Martin Mörch who both spoke about their exiting work of drawing images for Greenlandic stamps.

On Saturday, Bent Lindow PhD at Copenhagen University gave a very interesting lecture on fossils in Greenland and the audience had the opportunity to touch the old fossils.

The big competition of the year "Win a journey to Greenland", with 4 difficult questions about Greenlandic stamps, was a great success. On the very last day of the exhibition the lucky winner of a journey to Greenland was chosen and the winner was Jeppe S. Skovmose from Aalestrup. POST Greenland wishes to say congratulations and wish the winner a good journey.



## Praga 2008 surpassed all expectations

By Allan Pertti Frandsen



The very successful World Stamp Exhibition PRAGA 2008 took place from 12th to 14th of September. It was proven to all of us that the Paris of Eastern Europe can attract not only philatelists, but thousands of people of any age. 45.000 visitors were more than even the most optimistic expectations. It was wonderful to see so many young collectors had

found their way to the exhibition halls.

Contributing to the great number of visitors was the simple but ingenious marketing strategy. The organisers had chosen not to use expensive advertisements and instead made full use of the local press, a simple but effective idea. During the weeks before PRAGA 2008, Czech television showed small commercials questioning whether the 'Blue Mauritius' would arrive in time for the exhibition. The Czech adored the story about the rare and desired piece from Queen Elisabeth's collection. During the entire exhibition the visitors queued for hours to see the wonder.

PRAGA was divided into a collector's hall with stamps, coins and minerals: 'Sberatel – Collector – Sammler' in one hall and an exhibition hall with exiting exponents in the other hall. Many collectors had made a big effort in preparing their exhibit on time and displaying it.

POST Greenland's booth was well visited during all three days. It was a delight to meet so many new collectors of which the greater part was from the Czech Republic and Eastern and Central Europe. Greenlandic stamps are certainly getting popular in the new EU-countries. This was also noticed by the great interest of the purchasers.

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## WIPA '08

By Allan Pertti Frandsen



The weekend after PRAGA, from 18th to 21st of September, another world exhibition took place in Central Europe, WIPA 08. It took place in Austria Centre Vienna. Even though the number of visitors reached 35.000 it was obvious that two world exhibitions on two consecutive weekends within a geographical perimeter of only 500 kilometres, simply was too optimistic.

It was noticeable that the collectors and visitors at WIPA '08 enjoyed the fact that it was the postal services and their own employees that manned the booths. Many of the collectors visited POST Greenland at the common 'Top of The World' booth, and they expressed their desire to share their experiences of Greenland with us. The direct contact with our thousands of faithful collectors who visited us at WIPA gave all of us unforgettable memories.

WIPA emphasised that many of our German speaking collectors have profound feelings for Greenland and our stamps. Danke Schön – und auf Wiedersehen.

**Read more at [www.wipa08.com](http://www.wipa08.com)**

## New rates for letters, parcels and fees as from 19th January 2009

Effective from 19th January, POST Greenland will adjust their prices for letters, parcels, fees and additional fees. As an example, the rates for a priority letter up to 20 grams domestic in Greenland will rise from DKK 5.75 to DKK 6.25. The rate for the same letter to be sent from Greenland to Europe will increase from DKK 7.50 to DKK 8.00. Priority letters from 500 – 1,000 grams to be sent overseas will decrease from DKK 238.50 to DKK 180.00 and priority letters between 1,000-2,000 grams will decrease from DKK 419.25 to DKK 300.00. Inpayment forms to Greenland and Denmark will increase from DKK 23.00 to DKK 25.00 and C.O.D. for letters and parcels domestic in Greenland will increase from DKK 25.00 to DKK 27.50.

### Letters – Airmail ( A Prioritaire) – New Prices

Max weight	Greenland	Europe	Overseas
20 g.	Kr. 6.25	Kr. 8.00	Kr. 9.00
100 g.	Kr. 11.50	Kr. 15.50	Kr. 33.00
250 g.	Kr. 22.00	Kr. 30.00	Kr. 75.00
500 g.	Kr. 41.50	Kr. 57.50	Kr. 129.00
1000 g.	Kr. 66.00	Kr. 94.50	Kr. 180.00
2000 g.	Kr. 102.75	Kr. 179.00	Kr. 300.00

### Letters – By sea ( B Economique) – New Prices

Max weight	Greenland	Europe	Overseas
20 g.	Kr. 6.00	Kr. 7.00	Kr. 8.00
100 g.	Kr. 9.00	Kr. 11.50	Kr. 18.00
250 g.	Kr. 15.25	Kr. 23.50	Kr. 48.00
500 g.	Kr. 25.00	Kr. 39.00	Kr. 95.00
1000 g.	Kr. 45.00	Kr. 65.00	Kr. 165.00
2000 g.	Kr. 56.00	Kr. 85.00	Kr. 285.00

## News from POST Greenland

### Exhibition Cancellation

Up until the end of June 2009, POST Greenland will participate in following stamp exhibitions:

- IBRA - Naposta", Essen, 6th - 10th May.
- 23rd Asian International Stamp Expo", Hong Kong, 14th – 17th May.
- Nordia 2009", Hafnafjörður (Reykjavik), 28th – 31st May.
- Napex 2009", Washington DC, 5th – 7th June.

A special Greenlandic cachet will be produced for each of the above mentioned exhibitions. Envelopes to be cancelled with this cancellation must be received by POST Greenland, Filatelia, no later than the day before the opening of the exhibition.

POST Greenland will also be represented at:

- Byt i Vig", Vig, 1st February.
- Byttedag", Næstved, 15th February.
- Københavns Filatelistdag", Lyngby, 22nd February.
- Norphil 2009", Täby, Sweden, 27th – 29th February.
- Samlermesse", Nykøbing Falster, 5th April.
- "Frimynt", Helsingborg, Sweden, 18th April.

Please note: No special Greenlandic cachets will be produced for these four events.



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- Prince Henrik 75th Birthday
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- POST Greenland in Reykjavik, Essen, Hong Kong
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## Net payment within 30 days

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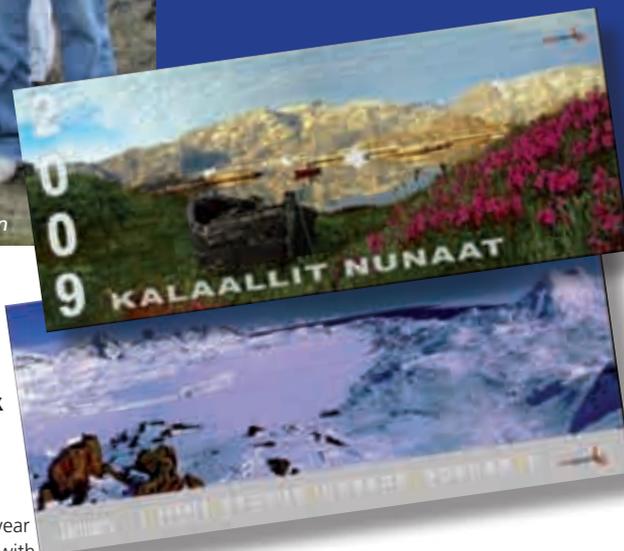


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