

August 2022 New Issues Polonus Bulletin

Janusz Korczak – Outstanding Educator, Physician, and Author

Janusz Korczak was the pen name of Henryk Goldszmit (1878-1942), also affectionately known as *Pan Doktor* and *Stary Doktor*. He was born into a Polish Jewish family. This A-denominated (3.60-zł) postal card honors his life work serving Poland and helping Polish children. In 1904, he became a pediatrician, and subsequently wrote extensively on children's issues. In 1912, he established the Orphan House (*Dom Sierot*) in Warsaw. During World War I, and later in the Polish-Soviet War, he served as a military doctor. After these hostilities, he returned to his orphanage, continued writing, and hosted a radio program where he promoted and popularized the rights of children. His most famous book, entitled *King Matt the First* (*Król Maciuś Pierwszy*), was a children's adventure story wherein he employed a fairy tale to prepare young readers for the dilemmas and difficulties of adult life.

After the occupying Germans created the Warsaw Ghetto in 1940, his orphanage was forced to relocate and suffer there. Then, in August 1942, nearly 200 of the orphans and about a dozen of the staff, including Korczak, were transported by train to the Treblinka extermination camp, located about 60 miles northeast of Warsaw, and were never seen or heard from again. The background photo on the card shows the crowded dining room at his orphanage from 1940.

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Polish Madonnas

These two stamps, each valued at 4.50-zł, are part of a continuing series of issues on this subject. The first stamp recognizes Our Lady of Dzierżoniów (*Matka Boża Dzierżoniowska*), an icon housed at the Church of St. George in the town of Dzierżoniów (German: Reichenbach im Eulengebirge). The town is located on the Piława River at the foot of the Góry Sowie (Owl Mountains) in southwestern Poland; it is situated in the Dolny Śląsk (Lower Silesia) Voivodeship, near the border with the Czech Republic. The Church of St. George was built in the mid-13th Century, and expanded in the 14th, 15th, and 16th Centuries. The Madonna is clothed in a light blue gown, holding the baby Jesus with both hands; he is clothed in a brick-orange robe. Each has a halo and ornate crown.

The second stamp portrays the Smiling Madonna of Pszów (*Matka Boża Uśmiechnięta z Pszowa*), an icon housed at the Basilica of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the town of Pszów (German: Pschow). The town is located in the Śląsk (Silesia) Voivodeship in southwestern Poland, close to Rybnik, near the border with the Czech Republic. Although a wooden church was originally built at the site in the late 13th Century, the present church dates to 1747. The Madonna is clothed in a black and gold gown, holding the baby Jesus, who is dressed in an orange-brown robe. Each is wearing an ornate crown within a pronounced yellow halo. Mary's halo is capped with

12 stars. Each of the two panes of stamps has a QR and numeric bar code in the lower margin.

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Two Panes of 9 Stamps
Photogravure
Pawel Myszka

MATKA BOŻA DZIERŻONIOWSKA



POLSKIE MADONNY
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MATKA BOŻA UŚMIECHNIĘTA Z PSZOWA



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XXIII International Congress of Historical Sciences Poznań 2020/2022

This A-denominated (3.60-zł) postal card highlights the meeting of the International Congress of Historical Sciences (ICHS) in Poznań on August 21-27, 2022. The ICHS was founded in 1926 as a non-governmental organization aimed at promoting historical scholarship worldwide. ICHS Congresses are held every five years at different venues around the world. The ICHS Congress in Poznań was originally scheduled for 2020, but was postponed to 2022 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The XXIII Congress consisted of over 100 sessions, with over 550 papers presented in many different fields of historiography. Over 700 researchers from 70 countries participated; the largest representation was from China, Italy, and the USA. About 40 percent of the attendees participated online.

The last meeting of the ICHS that was held in Poland was in 1933 in Warsaw. The 2022 event was organized by the ICHS, the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, and the Committee of Historical Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences; logistical preparations were handled by the Poznań International Fair; and technological support was provided by the Poznań Supercomputing and Networking Center. A total of \$10,000 in awards was given to the top five presentations. The imprinted postage on the card depicts the Collegium Minus building at the Adam Mickiewicz University; the card also shows the Zamek Culture Center in Poznań and the official logo of the XXIII Congress.

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100th Anniversary of the Union of Poles in Germany

This 3.60-zł stamp celebrates the centennial of the founding of the Union of Poles in Germany (*Związek Polaków w Niemczech*) (German: *Bund der Polen in Deutschland e. V.*), an organization that continues to represent the Polish minority in Germany. Through the years, the Union has represented the interests of over a million expatriate

Poles, excluding the years 1939-45 when it was outlawed in Nazi Germany. Following World War II, the Union split into two organizations, one that recognized the Polish communist government and one that did not; however, the two groups reunited in 1991.

The Unions' first president was Count (*Hrabia*) Stanisław Sierakowski (1881-1939) who is shown on the stamp. He owned family lands in East Prussia, and remained there after refusing to move to Poland as part of the resettlement program for national minorities after World War I, as established by the Treaty of Versailles; and he remained in Germany after the subsequent plebiscite vote in the area.

The symbol of the Union, adopted in 1933, is the Rodło, a portmanteau of *rodzina* (family) and *godło* (coat of arms) – it depicts a stylized representation of the Vistula River, white and red in color. It was originally intended to differentiate the Union from the Nazis and their symbolic swastika. The Rodło is shown on the official first day cover for the stamp. [Note: Poczta Polska issued a 50th anniversary stamp showing the Union's Rodło in 1972.]

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Photogravure
Jacek Konarzewski



Polish Aviation Day

This A-denominated (3.60-zł) postal card celebrates Poland's Aviation Day held on August 28 every year since 1993. The holiday honors all military and civilian aviators and associated personnel, including flight attendants, air traffic controllers, and ground handling personnel, as well as aircraft designers and manufacturers. A wide array of celebrations occurs throughout Poland, including such events as air shows, film exhibitions, and concerts. By comparison, the United States celebrates National Aviation Day on August 19 -- the birth date of Orville Wright.

August 28th is the anniversary date of the sensational victory of Captain Franciszek Żwirko and pilot engineer Stanisław Wigura at the International Tourist Aircraft Competition – Challenge 1932 -- held 90 years ago in Berlin. The two-man Polish team flew the specially-designed RWD-6 as shown on the imprinted postage on the card; and the background of the card shows the two Polish heroes. [Note: In 1933, the Polish Post issued a stamp celebrating their victory; in 1934 two specially overprinted stamps were issued in their honor; in 1978 another stamp showed them; and in 1982 a souvenir sheet of two stamps honored them.]

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40th Anniversary of the Gorzów August

This 4.30-zł (Economy M) stamp commemorates the 40th anniversary of one of the many anti-government street demonstrations in cities throughout Poland on August 31, 1982. The demonstrations were organized by underground Solidarity (*TKK*) to protest martial law and celebrate the second anniversary of the Gdańsk Agreement. [Note: The Gdańsk Agreement was referenced in the summary of a stamp issued for Anna Walentynowicz on June 24, 2019, appearing in Polonus Bulletin 582 in March 2021; another stamp on this subject was issued on March 8, 2020, and described in Bulletin 583 in June 2021; and another reference to this subject appeared in the summary of the stamp celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Solidarity, issued on August 31, 2020, and described in Bulletin 584 in August 2021.]

The widespread August 1982 protest demonstrations were the subject of a stamp issued on March 8, 2020, that was described in Bulletin 583 in June 2021. In the western city of Gorzów Wielkopolskie, about 5,000 people gathered in front of the Cathedral of the Virgin Mary, located on the old market square. The gathering turned into a riot that lasted several hours. The stamp shows a crowd gathered in front of the cathedral, with the ZOMO riot police approaching.

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Photogravure
Maciej Jędrzyk



War Destruction

This A-denominated (3.60-zł) postal card focuses attention on War Destruction (*Zniszczenia Wojenne*) in Poland during World War II. Specifically, the imprinted postage on the card shows the ornate Saxon Palace, or *Palac Saski*, in Warsaw in 1939, while the background on the card shows the ruins of the palace in 1945. This specific subject was addressed in the description of one of two stamps issued on June 30, 2022, on Lost Architectural Treasures.

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