



PALEONTOLOGY

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New Listings



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GUINEA 2016 March 18 (500th anniv Conrad Gessner)^[1] (MS/4 & SS/1)

Conrad Gessner (1516–1565) was the first naturalist to write a book about fossils: Gesner, Conrad (1565) *De omnium rerum fossilium genere, gemmis, lapidibus, metallis, et huiusmodi*.

a	10000fr	Gessner elder portrait & book with illustrations		R
b	10000fr	Book illustrations from <i>History of Animals</i> (dromedary)		R
c	10000fr	Book illustrations from <i>History of Plants</i>		R
d	10000fr	Gessner younger portrait & book illustrations		R
	SS 40000fr	Gessner portrait (with bird, rhinoceros, and dog illustrations)		

GUINEA BISSAU 2016 January 18 (Dinosaurs)^[1] (MS/6 & SS/1)

a	500fr	<i>Ceratosaurus</i>	†Ceratosauridae	A
b	500fr	<i>Pteranodon longiceps</i>	†Pteranodontidae	A
c	500fr	U/I Pterosaur	Order: †Pterosauria	U
d	500fr	<i>Parasaurolophus walker</i>	†Hadrosauridae	A
e	500fr	<i>Utahraptor ostrommaysorum</i>	†Dromaeosauridae	A
f	500fr	<i>Torosaurus</i>	†Ceratopsidae	A
	Margin	Bot: <i>Koolasuchus</i>	†Chigutisauridae	Z
	SS 3000fr	<i>Tupandactylus imperator</i>	†Tapejaridae	A
	Margin	LL: <i>Allosaurus fragilis</i>	†Allosauridae	Z
		MR: <i>Velociraptor</i>	†Dromaeosauridae	Z
		LR: <i>Triceratops</i>	†Ceratopsidae	Z
		Top: U/I Pterosaur	Order: †Pterosauria	U Z

ST THOMAS & PRINCE ISLANDS 2015 December 29 (Stamps-on-Stamps)^[1] (SS/1)

SS 96000d	LL: † <i>Elephas</i> (= <i>Mammuthus</i>) <i>planifrons</i> (Nepal Sc#943 s-o-s)	Elephantidae	Z
	(Cap: <i>Archidiskidon planifrons</i>)		
	Bkgrd: Dinosaurs (USA Sc#3136 s-o-s)		C Z
	Bot: Human evolution		R Z

SERBIA 2016 February 23 (125th anniv Serbian Geological Society)

Serbian Geological Society building in the background and Jovan M. Žujović on the foreground. Žujović was an anthropologist known as a pioneer in geological and paleontological science in Serbia. Printed in a sheet of eight stamps and central label. A fossilized ammonite is depicted on the label.

23d	Jovan M. Žujović & Serbian Geological Society building		R
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SIERRA LEONE 2015 December 12 (Charles Darwin)^[1] (MS/4 & SS/1)

a	6000Le	<i>Stegosaurus stenops</i>	†Stegosauridae	A
b	6000Le	Darwin younger portrait (with HMS <i>Beagle</i>)		R
c	6000Le	Darwin elder portrait & <i>Allosaurus fragilis</i>	†Allosauridae	B
d	6000Le	<i>Dimorphodon</i> (= <i>Pterodactylus</i>) <i>macronyx</i>	†Dimorphodontidae	A
	SS 24000Le	Darwin elder portrait & <i>Tyrannosaurus rex</i>	†Tyrannosauridae	A
	Margin	R: <i>Iguanodon</i> (?)	Clade: †Hadrosauriformes	Z

SIERRA LEONE (continued)		2016 March 26 (Prehistoric Water Animals) ^[1] (MS/4 & SS/1)		
a	6000Le <i>Dunkleosteus</i>		†Dunkleosteidae	A
b	6000Le <i>Tylosaurus</i>		†Mosasauridae	A
c	6000Le <i>Nothosaurus</i>		†Nothosauridae	A
d	6000Le <i>Henodus</i>		†Henodontidae	A
	Margin LL: <i>Ichthyosaurus</i>		†Ichthyosauridae	Z
	LL: Ammonite		Subclass: †Ammonoidea	Z
	Bot: <i>Crococaurus</i>		†Metriorhynchidae	Z
	Ctr: <i>Shonisaurus</i>		†Shastasauridae	Z
SS 24000	Top: <i>Carcharodon megalodon</i>		Lamnidae	B
	Bot: <i>Diplocaulus</i>		†Diplocaulidae	B
Margin	UL: Thalattoarchon saurophagis		Order: †Ichthyosauria	Z
	Top: <i>Ichthyosaurus</i>		†Ichthyosauridae	Z
	Ctr & MR: <i>Mosasaurus</i>		†Mosasauridae	Z
	Bot: <i>Crococaurus</i>		†Metriorhynchidae	Z
	LR: <i>Ichthyosaurus</i>		†Ichthyosauridae	Z
SLOVENIA		2016 March 25 (Mammal Fossils in Slovenia: Cave Bear)		
	58c Cave Bear, <i>Ursus spelaeus</i> (skull)		Ursidae	A

Other Stamps to Consider

LIECHTENSTEIN **2016 March 7** (Archaeological Finds in Liechtenstein: Utensils) (Set/3)
The dagger was made of flint, prehistoric man's steel, in the Neolithic period.

1676 100rp Dagger (flint tool) R

FALKLAND ISLANDS **2016 March 30** (Historic Dockyard Museum) (Set/4)
£1.01 †Falkland Islands Wolf or Warrah, *Dusicyon australis* (skull) Canidae A

The warrah was the Falklands' only native land mammal. Its existence in isolation on the islands fascinated Charles Darwin. (Darwin and a warrah are depicted on Falklands Sc#346 and Sc#978.) To this day it remains something of an enigma.

GERMANY **2016 April 7** (Moselle Loop) (s/a Pair)
The Moselle is a river flowing through France, Luxembourg, and Germany. The present source region of the Moselle was formed about 50 million years ago. Some small marine fossils are found in the region.

a 90c Moselle River (left-hand loop) R
b 90c Moselle River (right-hand loop) R

CHINA (Taiwan) **2016 April 20** (Taiwan Scenery – Taitung County) (SS/4)
One stamp shows the National Museum of Prehistory, Taiwan's first museum dedicated to prehistoric and indigenous cultures. It is also the first museum to contain a prehistoric site and eco-park on the premises, and the first national museum built on the east coast of Taiwan. There are at least two permanent exhibitions that fit our topic: "The Ice Age" and "Human Evolution."

d \$12 National Museum of Prehistory R

SERBIA **2016 May 5 (Europa – Think Green)** (Set/2)
69c Human Evolution R

Attention: Fake!

Some fossil stamps of Dansolihon appeared on some online auctions. Dansolihon is a place with a very small population in the province of Cagayan de Oro, Philippines. These stamps are illegal issues.

Local Stamps

Note: According to *Fédération Internationale de Philatélie* (FIP) regulations, issues of countries that are not recognized by the Universal Postal Union are not allowed in exhibitions organized or sponsored by the FIP. The FIP recommends that collectors avoid these stamps in their collections.

[*Ed. Note: Transnistria (also called Trans-Dniestr or Transdnjestria) is a partially recognized state located mostly on a strip of land between the River Dniester and the eastern Moldovan border with Ukraine. It is governed by the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic (PMR) and does not issue its own postage stamps. These issues may be valid for postage only within Transnistria. The rate diagram below is given to interpret the letter denominations.*]

TRANSNISTRIA		2016 March 18 (Prehistoric Animals) (4ea MS/4 & SS/1+4 labels)	
a	A <i>Sinosauropteryx</i>	†Compsognathidae	A
b	K <i>Velociraptor</i>	†Dromaeosauridae	A
c	T <i>Giganotosaurus</i>	†Carcharodontosauridae	A
d	B <i>Tyrannosaurus</i>	†Tyrannosauridae	A
a	A <i>Ophthalmosaurus</i>	†Ophthalmosauridae	A
b	K <i>Nothosaurus</i>	†Nothosauridae	A
c	T <i>Allosaurus</i>	†Allosauridae	A
d	B <i>Ichthyosaur</i>	Clade: †Eoichthyosauria	A
a	A <i>Stegosaurus</i>	†Stegosauridae	A
b	K <i>Euoplocephalus</i>	†Ankylosauridae	A
c	T <i>Triceratops</i>	†Ceratopsidae	A
d	B <i>Parasaurolophus</i>	†Hadrosauridae	A
a	A <i>Tropeognathus</i>	†Ornithocheiridae	A
b	K <i>Microraptor</i>	†Dromaeosauridae	A
c	T <i>Rhamphorhynchus</i>	†Rhamphorhynchidae	A
d	B <i>Pterodactylus</i>	†Pterodactylidae	A
	SS P <i>Mamenchisaurus</i> (body extends on labels)	†Mamenchisauridae	A

Code & Rate	Destination	Sender	Nominal Value (PMR rubles)
A – Intercity letters up to 50g	Inter-City	Individuals & Government Entities	0.75
B – Registration fee	All	Commercial Enterprises	10.45
K – Registration fee	All	Individuals & Government Entities	3.40
P – Intercity letters 100–250g	Inter-City	Commercial Enterprises	24.05
T – Intercity letters up to 50g	Inter-City	Commercial Enterprises	6.00

Source: Appendix №1 to the Order of the State Service of Communication, Information, and Media of the PMR

Postal Stationery & Special Covers

MOLDOVA

2016 March 14 (Lev Semyonovich Berg)

Lev Semyonovich Berg (14 March 1876–24 December 1950) was a leading Soviet geographer, biologist, and ichthyologist who served as President of the Soviet Geographical Society between 1940 and 1950. He also developed his own **evolutionary theory** (Nomogenesis) as opposed to the theories of Darwin and Lamarck. He studied both modern and prehistoric fishes. One of his most famous publications is, “Classification of fishes, both recent and fossil” (1940). Between 1934 and 1950, he was Director of the Laboratory of fossil fish of the Zoological Institute of the USSR in Leningrad (now St. Petersburg).

1.75L L.S. Berg (postal stationery with imprinted stamps)

Personalized Issue

FRANCE

2016 May 19 (89th Congress of FFAP)

(1st)	<i>Tyrannosaurus</i> skeleton (?) (Natural History Museum at Paris)	†Tyrannosauridae	A
Margin	<i>Turritella</i> sp. fossil (with amethyst crystal)	Turritellidae	Z

Commemorative Postmarks

CZECH REPUBLIC

2016 January 6 (250th anniv Kaspar Maria von Sternberg)

On 6 January 2016, the Post of Czech Republic made a commemorative postmark used on a new commemorative sheet featuring Kaspar Maria von Sternberg (1761–1838), the “Father of Paleobotany.” Von Sternberg previously appeared on another souvenir sheet in 2011.

GERMANY

2016 May 6 (250th anniv Kaspar Maria von Sternberg)

Postmark with a prehistoric elephant (*Palaeoloxodon antiquus*). The postmark also feature diatom algae.

Future Issues

2016.05.09: Serbia: Human evolution on CEPT stamp

2016.05.26: Canada: Dinosaurs (second set)

2016.06.09: Ukraine: Commemorative cover for “50 anniversary of The National Museum of Natural History at the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine” (paleontology exhibition)

2016.10.12: Croatia: “Paleontology,” MS/8

2016.10.12: Czech Republic: Postmark with ammonite

2016.06.30: Spain: Dinosaurs (second set)

2015.11.05: Moldova: Extinct fauna of Moldova (very likely prehistoric animals, similar to the set from 2010)

Delayed: Cuba: Prehistoric animals “Dinosaurs” set/6 + 1 blocks (was planned for 2016.01.31)

Next Year:

2017.03.24: Slovenia: “Mammal Fossils in Slovenia: Cave Lion”

2017.??.??: Nepal: “Prehistoric Mammals,” set/8 proposed by Natural History Museum. If it is accepted, it will be the third set from Nepal to show local prehistoric mammals.

Notes:

[1] Commercial issue: Stamps issued only for sale to collectors, not used for postal purpose. Stamps of countries that issued excessive or too expensive stamps. Not recommended for serious collectors.

If you know about any recent or future Paleontology-related stamps not listed above, please send a short message to Associate Editor Mr. Michael Kogan (admin@paleophilatelie.eu), or by post to the Editor, Jack R. Congrove (address on inside cover).

Images and detailed descriptions of all stamps mentioned above can be viewed on the following website: <http://www.paleophilatelie.eu/year/current.html>.