

**Philat. Trans. 025**  
(Incorporating Philat. Trans. 9)  
Revised August 1994 & January 1999

**Literatur Nachrichten**  
**January 1951, Volume 1, Issue 1**

**Translation Digest**

---

Translation produced by Brian J. Birch,  
33 Boar's Head Avenue, Standish, Wigan, WN6 OBH, UK  
February 1983. (Revised July 1991, August 1994 & January 1999)

---

**Literatur Nachrichten: January 1951, Volume 1, Issue 1**  
**Translation Digest**

(Note: A **Translation Digest** provides a translation of the article titles and general headings for a complete issue of a specialised bibliographic periodical and includes full translations of all articles of permanent interest to bibliophiles.)

pp.1-3

**AIM AND PURPOSE OF LITERATUR NACHRICHTEN**

By Chr. Otto Müller [Ed]  
(Formerly issued as Philat. Trans. 9)

Without literature, philatelic science is today quite inconceivable.

Such men as Bacon, Carl Beck, Alex. Bungerz, Fraenkel, Glasewald, Herzog, Dr. Kalckhoff, König, Krasemann, Rommel, Suppantschitsch, Thalmann, Tiffany, Ton et al. have laid the foundations of philatelic bibliography, and in more recent times Abele, Billig, Blanc, Ihm, King-Farlow, Kronenberg, Michaelis, Ernst Müller, Scharfenberg, Schmittdiel, Zirkenbach et al. have taken it further.

Philatelic libraries are available to serious collectors in Berlin, Bern, Frankfurt am Main, Halle, London, Munich, New York, Stockholm and Vienna.

Modern photocopying methods now enable the contents of non-loanable, irreplaceable works to be made available to a wider circle.

A great deal of work is still needed in the field of philatelic literature to meet present-day requirements, especially in view of the fact that the war bore especially heavily on philatelic literature. The most important tasks include:

1. The planning and establishment of philatelic book shops.
2. The production of philatelic literature.
3. Literature information.
4. Reviews of new literature.
5. Survey of the scope of philatelic literature in public libraries.
6. Additions to the philatelic section of the Munich City Library.
7. Bringing together authors in the same field of study to prevent duplication of effort.
8. Making possible the publication of useful manuscripts.
9. Protection of authors against misuse of their intellectual work (copyright).
10. Bringing together lovers of philatelic literature with a view to exchanges.
11. Clearing up bibliographical questions.
12. Questions of organisation.
13. Making microphotography available for the ends of philatelic literature.

At the 1949 meeting of Section B (philatelic literature) in the Munich Philatelic Book Shop, then the largest functioning German specialist philatelic book shop, it became clear that success would only come from assembling large numbers of small studies. The leader of Section B was always looking for co-operation with ideally placed working bibliophiles.

So far the following gentlemen have come forward as collaborators with Section B:  
(See the list on page 3 of the original.)

Section B is looking for further advice on how to produce the index to philatelic magazine literature (see above - 3. Literature information).

---

pp.3-11

**SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SPECIALIST PHILATELIC PERIODICALS**

[This is a list of world-wide philatelic periodicals with their subscription details.]

pp.11-13

**LITERATURE FOR SALE**

- a) Literature wanted.
- b) Offers.

pp.13-14

**GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING AND STARTING A PHILATELIC LIBRARY**

By Chr. Otto Müller [Ed]

It should be a point of honour for every collectors' society to have a library of handbooks at least. It should contain some specialised periodicals, the most up-to-date stamp catalogues and such important reference items as the Kohl-Munk Stamp Handbook, the Rudolphi Handbook for Philately, the colonial handbooks by Friedemann or Dr. Ey; Müller-Mark: Old Germany

under the magnifying glass, the Infla-Germany Library: Krapp: ABC of Philately (if the Bungerz Lexicon is not available).

If there are several societies in a larger town, one of them could undertake the task of setting up a centralised collection which could also include the monographs still available, such as:-

Sebastian	-	Thurn und Taxis
Sebastian	-	Nordd. Postbezirk
Hofinger	-	Monographie der Französ. Briefmarken
Simon	-	Baden-Handbuch
Schmidt	-	Handbuch der deutschen privatpost-wertzeichen

etc.

To get hold of standard works that are already out of print, the collector should contact dealers in philatelic books.

To use the external loans service of the philatelic section of Munich City Library, application should be made via a public library in the place of residence, or via a society affiliated to the League of German Philatelists. External loans are made on the condition of postage being paid both ways.

---

pp.14-15

**THE MOST IMPORTANT ADDITIONS TO THE PHILATELIC SECTION OF MUNICH CITY LIBRARY IN 1950**

p.15

**MANUSCRIPTS WORTH PUBLISHING**

Many studies of value to philately fail to get published because of the high cost of reproduction and the limited demand. To get an idea of what should be allowed for printing, Group B asks all authors of as-yet unpublished works to answer the following questionnaire. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

- |          |    |   |
|----------|----|---|
| Question | 1. | Title and contents of papers.                     |
|          | 2. | Length (N <sup>o</sup> . of pages of typing, A4). |
|          | 3. | Has any approach been made to a publisher?        |
|          | 4. | How big should the edition be?                    |
|          | 5. | Cost of the manuscript?                           |

---

pp.16-20

**LITERATURE RECORD**

Contents of inland and foreign postage stamp magazines (Jan. 1951).

p.20 (lines 5 - 14)

[This is a preview of the next issue of Literatur Nachrichten and details of the subscription.]

p.20  
Supplement to the journal list [on pp.3-11].

**END**