

Victor Suppantschitsch
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Victor Suppantschitsch was born in Laibach on 31 October 1838, the son of a merchant, completed his studies at the High School there and then, after finishing trips to Germany, Switzerland and Italy, entered the University of Vienna in 1858. He graduated from the Faculty of Law and Political Studies there with a degree in juridical-political studies. In August 1862 he entered State service as an assistant in the Royal and Imperial Supreme Court in Graz and was married in the year 1863. He was interested in scientific collecting from his youth, became a philatelist in 1864 and has remained true to his favourite occupation up to the present day. His literary activity began in the year 1877. From then on, practically every issue in the leading philatelic journals in Austria and Germany had a contribution from his pen and it could be said that the philatelists of Germany relied on his judgement as on no-one else's. This period showed the beginning of his association with Ferdinand Mayer, with whom, in the course of time, he developed the most intimate ties of friendship that were only broken by the sudden death of Mayer in December 1882. At the beginning of 1880, Suppantschitsch had his famous *Leitfaden der Philatelie* [*Guidelines to Philately*] published by Wartig in Leipzig. This quickly became known wherever the German language was spoken and was awarded a bronze medal by the Société de Timbrologie of Paris. In the year 1883, a small album for beginners was published by Moriz Schauenburg of Lahr and in 1885 came his great world stamp album, the second edition of which appeared in 1887.

Suppantschitsch is one of the oldest members of the Internationalen Philatelisten-Vereins, an honorary member of the former Hamburger Philatelisten-Clubs and has taken part in his time in the exhibitions at the Vienna and Dresden. Many of the ideas formed in his writings were ahead of their time and have now found general acceptance. In the year 1869, he became a Deputy at the Supreme Court in Laibach, in 1873 Deputy Official Prosecutor and in 1874 District Judge in Adelsberg. At the beginning of 1883, he was appointed to the Council of the Provincial Court of Kärnthen in Klagenfurt, a post he retains to the present day.

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