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Volume II of the catalogue, dedicated this time to foreign philatelic and postal periodicals, is an additional publication belonging to series E of the cycle of scientific documentation editions of the collections of the Postal and Telecommunications Museum in Wrocław.

The bibliographical descriptions in this catalogue relate to periodicals which arrived at the museum between 1921 and 1985, mostly in the form of donations and transfers, but also, more recently, in the form of purchases (subscriptions).

The periodicals published by central philatelic organisations of European socialist nations arrive at the museum by subscription. Actually, in the interest of collaboration and exchange, the museum receives publications edited by both European postal & telecommunications administrations and other museums, notably those in Prague, Belgrade, Paris, Nantes, Stockholm, Frankfurt-am-Main, Hamburg and Vienna.

The oldest volumes of periodicals in German, French, Russian and Ukrainian, gathered together following the year of publication and beautifully bound, plus certain journals that have a complete set of numbers in the year, come from the collection of Vladimir Rachmanow (1886-1968), long-time president of the Polskie Towarzystwo Filatelistyczne [Polish Society of Philatelists], editor of the monthly *Nowy Filatelista* [The New Philatelist] appearing in the years 1922-1924, and a highly appreciated donor to the museum.

In the catalogue we have also taken account of several publications of State authorities and offices, for example that which is entitled: *Amst-Blatt der Königlichen Regierung zu Breslau* (Official Journal of the Breslau Royal Administration).

The bibliographical descriptions of periodicals were drawn up in conformity with the rules of the International Standard Bibliographic Description for Serials - ISBD(S) which was followed except in a few justifiable cases. Nor have we fully listed the minutiae of a description. The place of publication and the name of the printer were omitted, unless the name of the editor was not apparent.

We have listed, as the basis of a periodical's description its first year of publication (its first number) and have used the earliest year of the periodical in the library's collections if the very earliest issues were missing from our collection simply because of the impossibility of finding the necessary data from other sources. To aid in distinguishing between the numbers, the second number was placed in round parentheses.

The philatelic periodicals published through Polish emigration to the United States of America, Great Britain, Australia and Canada are presented separately.

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