

MAURITIUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Founder Members - Mico Antoine - Yvan Martial



News Bulletin

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Edited by Mico W. Antoine

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

Dear Member,

The Society realises that during the last two years our Overseas members have had to rely on the Newsletters for news on the activities of the Society.

During 1991 the Newsletters were released late, in fact only two numbers were released No 7 and No 8. No 9 scheduled for the end of 1991 come out in March 1992 and No 10 is scheduled for the end of May 1992. There will only be four editions of the Newsletter in 1991.

The future of the Newsletter, in its present format, is currently under discussion. Whether the Newsletter will continue to be published in its current form or whether a Year Book will replace the Newsletters is a matter for the Committee to decide. When a decision is taken our Overseas members will be advised accordingly.

The Committee has in the meantime decided that Overseas members be supplied with a Bulletin every three months so that they have some news on the activities of the Society.

The Committee regrets any inconvenience caused to Overseas members by our silence in the past and hopes that the Bulletin will be of some help. At least we can keep in touch this way.

As Editor of the Newsletter I personally accept responsibility for the delay in getting the Newsletters out in time and also for dispatching the Newsletters out to our Overseas members late - very late sometimes.

Philatelically Yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mico W. Antoine', written in a cursive style.

M. W. Antoine

January 1992 Meeting: 11th January 2 p.m.

The monthly meeting was held on the second Saturday of the month. It was decided that the first Saturday, 4th January, would not be suitable as most members would not attend because of its closeness to New Year's Day. It turned out that 11th January was also unsuitable as only 17 members turned up. It must be noted that in December the question of whether or not the January meeting be cancelled was raised and the majority on the Committee decided that a monthly meeting is a monthly meeting therefore the January meeting would be held. One contributing factor to the low turn out was because notice of the meeting was not sent out and the other (maybe) the locals were still celebrating Saint Sylvestre (the French for New Year's Day) on the 11th of January.

Ah Lan Lam put up a display on the History definitive reprints and Mico Antoine accompanied Ah Lan's main display with some items on B.I.O.T. and Sweden.

The planned kiloware raffle was cancelled as was the Spot Auction. Philatelic Accessories and the Purchase List brought in Rs 640.- and Rs 815.- respectively.

The beer and refreshment recoveries showed a deficit.

Greeting cards received from Overseas members and contributors to the Newsletter were affixed to the Notice Board. These were from Peter Ibbotson, Steve Pendleton, Jim Drummond, Rick Millar, John Ng Wong Hing and Brian Mc Cloy.

The meeting ended at 4.30 p.m.

February 1992 Meeting: 1st February 2 p.m.

The monthly meeting was held at College St. Esprit the usual venue.

Dr Jalal Shuja, Honorary Secretary of the Mauritius Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was our guest speaker. The theme of his address was the sterilisation programme and the stray dog problem in Mauritius. Antoine Sauterelle, the Humane Education Officer of the M.S.P.C.A., accompanied Dr Shuja.

A Stamp Display on the Animal World was put up jointly by:-

Diane Sherkhan: Cats and Dogs

Seesambah Rago: U.K. stamps on Animals

Jean Dequaire: Fauna of Madagascar and Dinosaurs

Mico Antoine: Wild Life East and Central Africa

The display was a preview of material selected for a stamp exhibition to be staged at Rose-Hill from 19th to 29th of February 1992.

A kiloware of stamps raffled		
at Rs 10.- a ticket brought in	Rs	760.-
The Purchase List	Rs	3,260.-
The Spot Auction	Rs	3,230.-
Accessories Sales	Rs	4,185.-
Society Covers, etc	Rs	625.-

S. Ramdewar won the kilo of stamps. He had also won a kilo of stamps raffled a year ago.

35 members attended the February meeting which ended at 5.30 p.m.

March 1992 Meeting: The A.G.M. - 7th March

The A.G.M. was held at College St. Esprit at 2.30 p.m. 36 members attended.

The 1992 Budget and the Accounts for 1991 were presented.

The following were elected to serve on the Committee for the year 1992.

- Albert Koenig - President
- Kishore Seegobin - Vice President
- Ah Lan Lam Yan Foon - Treasurer
- Mustapha Khan - Vice Treasurer
- Patrick Kwan Cheung - Secretary
- Thoolassingham Coothen - Vice Secretary
- Yvan Martial - Member
- Patrick Lincoln - Member
- Mico Antoine - Member

The outgoing Secretary, Treasurer and President presented their reports and the outgoing President thanked all those who has served on the Committee and those who had in one way or another contributed to the success of the Society during 1991.

A display of stamps showing the subject selected for our exhibition in June was shown and members were asked to participate in the 2nd Society Stamp Expo scheduled for 19th to 27th June. The theme this year: "The Sea - La Mer".

Proceeds from the afternoon's sales were as follows:-

Purchase List	Rs	2,740.-
Spot Auction	Rs	2,645.-

Accessories	Rs	2,260.-
Society Material	Rs	<u>1,060.-</u>
TOTAL	Rs	<u>8,705.-</u>

The meeting ended at 17.30.

NEW MEMBERS

The following were admitted as members of the Society between January and March 1992.

ALLY PIRBHAI MUSTAK (Junior)	Mauritius
SHAFIK BHUHOOKHAN (Junior)	Mauritius
SAJIR MOHAMADBHAI (Junior)	Mauritius
ETIENNE SINATAMBOU	Mauritius
NORBERT CHAROUX	Mauritius
JEEWAN BHUGOBAUN	Mauritius
RAMESH BHUTAN	Mauritius
A HASSEN DILMAHOMED	Mauritius
ALAIN NG TAT MEW	Mauritius
PILLAY RAMSAMY	Mauritius
LIN YU TUNG	Taiwan
M. LEDEUX-LESOURD	France

1991 STAMP PROGRAMME

The stamp programme for 1992 was rendered public in mid-February 1992.

The dates of release are subject to confirmation.

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| 1. | Accession of Mauritius to the status of Republic | March |
| 2. | African Games | July |
| 3. | Silver Jubilee of the Bank of Mauritius | August |
| 4. | Local Events | December |
| (a) | A stamp on "Commission de l'Océan Indien" | |
| (b) | "Fleurir Maurice" | |
| (c) | Humane Education | |
| (d) | Swami Krishnanarji Maharaj | |

REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

On 12th March 1992 a set of four stamps titled "Republic of Mauritius" was released.

The stamps featured:-

- 40c. The President and his official residence Réduit.
- R4. The Prime Minister and Government House, Port-Louis.
- R8. A group of "Arc-en-Ciel" children looking "enthusiastically" at a gaudy rainbow.
- R10. The Presidential "Flag".

The official first day cover was illustrated with the Trochetia Boutoniana - the official flower of Mauritius.

On 12th March 1992, a public holiday, 19 post-offices were opened exceptionally from 8 a.m. to Noon for:

- (a) the sale of first day covers
- (b) the sale of stamps
- (c) the registration of letters

No other services were offered on the 12th March 1992.

The post-offices opened on the 12th March were:-

- (1) Port Louis G.P.O. Counter
- (2) Port Louis Philatelic Bureau
- (3) Beau Bassin
- (4) Rose Hill
- (5) Quatre Bornes
- (6) Phoenix
- (7) Vacoas
- (8) Floréal
- (9) Curepipe
- (10) Réduit
- (11) Rivière du Rempart
- (12) Grand Baie
- (13) Pamplemousses
- (14) Triolet
- (15) Central Flacq
- (16) Mahébourg
- (17) Rivière des Anguilles
- (18) Black River
- (19) Rose Belle



M.S.P.C.A EXHIBITION**M.S.P.C.A.**

Animal World Philatelic & Numismatic Exhibition

at JALAH SHUJA HUMANE EDUCATION CENTRE - Rose-Hill

20th to 29th March 1992

A special rubber hand-stamp with the above wording was used at Rose Hill post office to commemorate an exhibition staged at Rose Hill by the Mauritius Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

This exhibition, the brain-child of Dr Shuja, was arranged by Mico Antoine with the assistance of Jean Dequaire, Diane Sher Khan and Seesambah Ragoon.

Non-philatelic items such as coins and bank notes were provided by Dr Shuja and his colleagues.

All the material on display (stamps, covers, post cards, illustrations, coins, bank notes) featured (as complete as possible) aspects of the Animal World.

The range of specimen shown included dinosaurs, big game; domestic pets, reptiles, insects, marine life, extinct and endangered species, etc.

The exhibition which had very wide media coverage was officially inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Mauritius the Right Honourable Sir Aneerood Jugnauth on the evening of 19th February 1992.

The Mauritius Philatelic Society on T.V. and Radio

On 23rd February the M.S.P.C.A. exhibition was featured on the television programme "Bonjour Bon Dimanche". Mico Antoine did the commentary on the stamps shown during the programme.

On 8th March Yvan Martial and Mico Antoine appeared on the programme "Bonjour Bon Dimanche". Yvan Martial narrated the "History of Mauritius on Stamps" on stamps issued from 1968 to 1991. This programme was part of the build-up leading to the accession of Mauritius

to the status of Republic on 12th March 1992.

On 21st March Jacques Maunick's programme "Contact Inter-îles Océan Indien" was aired on Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation radio services. The programme was based on an interview which Jacques Maunick had with Mico Antoine, and the programme was also aired on the radio services of Francophone islands of the Indian Ocean.

JUNE 1992 STAMP EXHIBITION

The 2nd Society Stamp Exhibition is scheduled to be held from 19th June to 27th June at Max Boullé Gallery, Rose Hill.

Preparations are progressing satisfactorily. Contact with Overseas members have been fruitful and two members, Rick Millar of Rhode Island (U.S.A.) and Jim Drummond of Bucks (U.K.) have so far provided material for display. The active participation of local members is assured. This exhibition will therefore have the active participation of both Local and Overseas members and that is a very welcome development.

The theme this year is "The Sea - La Mer".

The 1991 Accounts and the 1992 Budget will be published in the next Bulletin

Have you paid your 1992 subscription? If not, please do so.

All correspondence must be addressed to the Honorary Secretary.

Suggestions Welcome.

Best Wishes to all our Overseas Members.

*The Management Committee
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23rd April 1992