THE POSTAL HISTORY OF KINGDOM OF HUNGARY 1900 - 1918

The exhibit presents all-important aspects of the Hungarian Royal Post postal services during the years 1900 - 1918.

On 1st January 1900, new stamps and stationery were issued and new postal rates introduced due to the change from currency forint/krajczár

korona/fillér. Between 1900 and the collapse of the Hungarian Kingdom on 16th November 1918 there was great variety in the letter mails including four postal-rate



periods (1st January 1900, 11th January 1902, 1st October 1916 and 15th June 1918) for domestic postcards, three for letters and to the foreign discounted (1st January 1900, 1st October 1916 and 15th June 1918) the non-discounted one destinations; local and long distance mails;

mandatory postal rates for registration, express, postal receipt and messenger-mail; and their combinations.

Outstanding pieces include mixed krajczár-fillér frankings (1 krajczár/forint=2 fillér/korona) during the 1st January to 30th September 1900 grace period; mails with express delivery and return receipt; courier delivery mails with special express fee; air-crash mail; submarine mail; high foreign postal rate mails.

Rare items are marked RRR (up to 2 recorded), RR (3 - 5 recorded) and R (6 - 10 recorded). The rarest pieces are framed in red.

PLAN OF THE EXHIBIT

A. Domestic mails

- A.1. Postcards
- A.2. Samples without value
- A.3. Printed matters
- A.4. Letters
- A.5. Other mails (newspaper wrappers, declared value letters, parcel notes/cards, telegrams)

B. Foreign mails

B.1. Discounted countries

- B.1.1. Postcards
- B.1.2. Samples without value
- B.1.3. Printed matters
- B.1.4. Letters
- B.1.5. Other mails

B.2. Non-discounted countries

- B.2.1. Postcards
- B.2.2. Samples without value
- B.2.3. Printed matters
- B.2.4. Letters
- B.2.5. Other mails



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