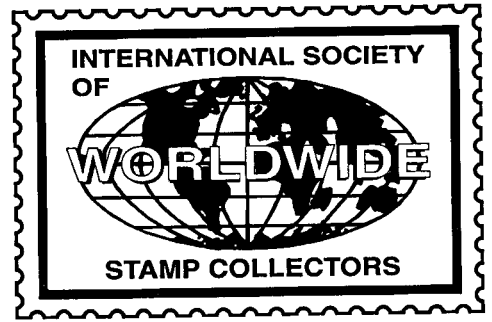


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## Emperor to Ceres

by Napoleon  
Part 5 of 5 in a Series

In 1853, France issued imperforate stamps showing Emperor Louis Napoleon (Napoleon III). The usual cancellation was the diamond-of-dots, the *losange*. Another common cancel was a circular date stamp. But there were other cancellations in use, and occasionally a supplemental marking ended up on the stamp.

Some of the cancels used many small dots, *petits points*, to form a pattern. The cancel in Figure 1 was a circle filled with small dots. Figure 2 shows four other patterns: a rectangle (upper left), a rectangle with sloping columns (upper right), an octagon (lower left), and a star without a center numeral (lower right). Cancels using larger dots were still in use. Figure 3 shows a pattern of medium-sized dots in six rows.

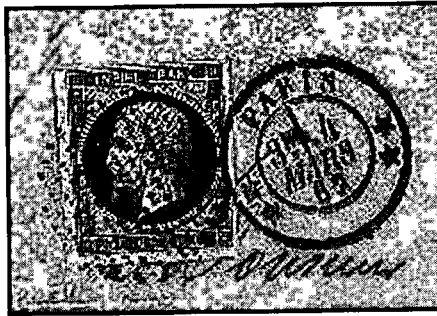


Fig 1: Round cancel of dots

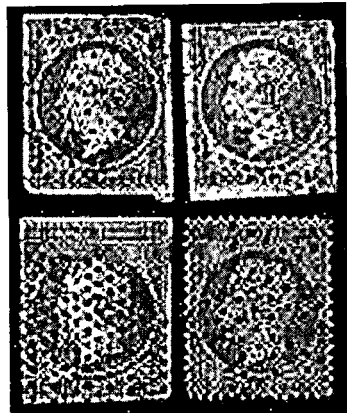


Fig 2:  
Cancels of small dots

numeral in the center. This was the same time at which the large-numerals-in-diamond-of-dots, *losange*, cancels went into use for cities other than Paris.

Mail handled by ships or French mail posted in foreign ports came with a variety of cancellations. Figure 4 shows a British postal cancel (Malta) in the upper left, a Spanish cancel from Barcelona in the upper right, a cancel from Napoli (Naples) in the lower left, and, in the lower right, part of the FRANCIA VIA DI MARE cancel for French mail posted with a ship captain headed for an Italian port. A somewhat common foreign postal marking was a red "LONDON PAID" on French mail transiting London (Figure 5).



Fig 3:  
Rectangle  
of large,  
square dots

For those who recall the Sage article in this series, the cancellation in Figure 6 may be familiar. This was a typographical cancel, created by printing a newspaper with the stamp attached to the paper before printing. Thus the newspaper was ready for mailing without the post office having to cancel a stamp on each copy.

Postmen were supplied with marking devices to use on mail collected on their route. These



Fig 4: Foreign cancels

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# President's Column

by Randy Smith (#1111) – ISWSC President

*Happy New Year!* As we welcome in the year, it is my pleasure to greet you on behalf of the new ISWSC board. I am honored (and humbled!) to begin serving you as president, especially following the excellent leadership of **Tony Zollo** (#856). I am very pleased that he will be continuing in his role as Executive Director and that past president, **Tom Fortunato** (#379), will be serving as Vice President for Public Relations. I hope you will join me in thanking **Tony, Tom, Dalene Thomas** (#101) and other members of the board for their outstanding contributions and dedication to the ISWSC. I look forward to working with them and the new board members to strengthen and expand the ISWSC!

To prepare for writing this column, I decided to re-read the President's columns from the past two years. If I had to summarize

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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE:**

**JANUARY 20, 2002**

# ISWSC 2001 Elections: And the Winners Are...

**C**ongratulations to the winners in the ISWSC 2001 elections! Our new elected officers are as follows:

**President:** Randy Smith

**VP for Charitable**

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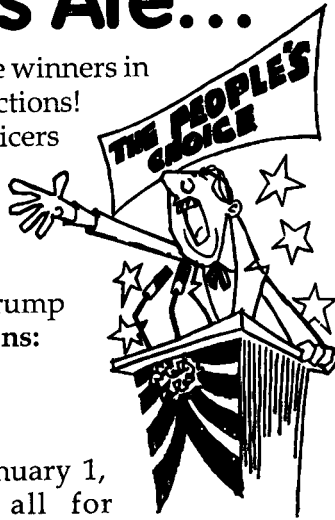
**VP for Public Relations:**

Tom Fortunato

**Secretary:** Joanne Berkowitz

Their term begins January 1, 2002. My thanks to all for volunteering. Also a thank you to Fred Kolcz for stepping forward to run (you'll win next time!!).

See page two for a complete list of all ISWSC officers, managers and services.



## President's Column

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the past two years in a single word, I'd choose "transition". In nearly every column, transition in the management of one of more ISWSC programs was discussed – either thanking a past leader, introducing a new leader, or seeking a volunteer to fill openings.

As we begin this new year, my wish is that all ISWSC members will make a resolution to do what they can to continue to strengthen the ISWSC and the stamp collecting hobby. Possibilities within the ISWSC include volunteering for an open position, helping existing managers with their programs, participating in the various ISWSC programs, and/or encouraging others to join the society. Re-reading the past President's columns was a good reminder that the health of this society is dependent on one thing – YOU!

I encourage all members to contact me at any time with questions, comments, suggestions, or to volunteer. I look forward to hearing from you!

Happy Stamping!



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### Dues Information:

Single/Dealer/Club membership: \$12.00\*

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Family membership (up to 4 persons in one residence): \$19.00\*

\*Plus 250 large commemoratives for the Youth Program or equiv. donation in US\$. Dues above are for one year and include six newsletters per year. You may sign up for three years at a time. For an application or further information send SASE or IRC to: ISWSC, P.O. Box 150407, Lufkin TX 75915-0407, USA. *There will be a \$2 per year discount if the renewal is received at least one month prior to the current expiration date.*

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For reasons of accountability, only members of the ISWSC, APS or ASDA may place ads. All ads dealing with philatelic concerns are acceptable. We reserve the right to edit out objectionable language. Advertisers are expected to respond to all inquiries, so be sure you can handle the responses before you offer to trade, buy or sell. If you have a bad result from answering an ad, contact the Editor. We will try to resolve the conflict.

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First 30 words, including name, address, and ZIP code are \$3. Additional words are 20 for \$1.

NOTE: State abbreviations = one word; "P.O. Box 1234" = two words; ZIP code = one word.

**Make all checks payable to ISWSC in U.S. funds. Send text and payment for ads to the Editor. All addresses can be found on page 2.**

# Swap Circuit Program Explained

## 2002 Fees Due by March 1

by Randy Smith (#1111)

ISWSC President & Swap Circuit Coordinator

The ability to participate in the Swap Circuit program is one of the many benefits of being an ISWSC member. The program is designed to assist you in filling those empty spaces in your collection, while putting your quality traders to good use. Except for the programs' annual fees, no cash is needed — for each stamp you select, you simply replace it with another stamp, without regard to the catalog value! In order to maintain the quality of the program, members are, however, encouraged to only swap desirable stamps — common and damaged stamps are not allowed.

The program currently offers four circuit types: Regular, Super, Small, and CTO. The Regular circuit consists of 100 large stamps per mailing, while the Super circuit consists of 200 large stamps per mailing (stamps bigger than approximately 1" x 1 1/8" are considered "large" while stamps less than that size are considered "small"). The Small circuit usually contains between 100-150 stamps per mailing, most of which are definitives. The CTO circuit may contain stamps of any size, however all of the stamps are cancelled to order. Stamps in the circuit are all off paper, but may be mint or used, hinged or unhinged.

While the Coordinator oversees the entire program, the individual circuit managers do all the

work! The circuit manager creates an individual circuit by putting together a packet of stamps and selecting 4 or 5 people from their roster of participants. A routing sheet, containing the names and addresses of those on the circuit, and the stamp packet are then sent to the first person on the list. This person selects the stamps he/she wants and replaces them with an equal number of stamps, then mails the routing sheet and stamps packet on to the next person on the list.

The process continues until the last person on the list receives the circuit. After making his/her swaps, the last person mails the circuit, along with mint postage for a future circuit, back to the manager. The manager then creates a new packet of stamps, changes the order of the names on the routing sheet, and sends the circuit back out. After each person on the circuit has been in each position on the circuit (i.e. first through last), the manager starts the whole process over, selecting a new set of 4 or 5 names.

In order for the program to operate, fees are charged to Swap Circuit participants each year (the term "fees" is used to distinguish them from the dues charged annually to be an ISWSC member). Those new to the program are encouraged to join at any time, however if you join prior to March 1, you will, in essence, receive up to 2 months free (service will

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## Emperor to Ceres

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Fig 5: Red  
"London  
Paid"

include a single capital letter in a circle (used to mark mail collected from a rural mailbox) and an OR in a circle. OR stood for *origine rurale*, canceling stamps on a letter picked up by a rural postman and later delivered by him. As with other cancels mentioned but not illustrated in this series, images of these are available from the author by e-mail.

Fig 6:  
Typographical cancel



## About the Author

Napoleon is 60 years old and a member of his local stamp club, having served as treasurer, secretary, vice-president, and president. He also belongs to the local chapter of the Germany Philatelic Society, to the France and Colonies Philatelic Society (U.K.), and to the APS.

The articles on early French cancellations are an English-language introduction to the topic. An article identifying early French stamps is a summary of information given to interested Internet auction sellers who have trouble differentiating between the various Ceres-head issues.

Questions or comments? Contact the author at: [napoleon@voyager.net](mailto:napoleon@voyager.net).

# Swap Circuit Program

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begin as soon as your fees are received)! **Current participants must send in their annual fees by March 1, 2002**, otherwise their name will be removed from the circuits.

Fees for 2002 remain the same as last year: a single \$2.00 fee plus the stamp fee. The amount of stamp fees is dependent on the type of circuits and the number of concurrent circuits requested, as shown in the box below.

Participants may choose to substitute \$4.00 per 100 stamps listed above (this money will be used to purchase additional stamps for the program). For Regular and Super circuits, you may specify if you wish to receive circuits with participants living only in the USA or Canada, circuits with participants living any where in the world, or a combination of the two. Unfortunately, due to the fewer number of participants, this preference cannot currently be

honored for Small or CTO circuits. As long as the proper amount of fees are paid, you are free to participate in any combination of the circuit types, however restrictions are placed on the number of concurrent circuits you may request of a single circuit type. For the Regular, Super, and Small circuits, you may request to be on a maximum of 9 concurrent circuits. For the CTO circuit, you may request to be on a maximum of 4 concurrent circuits.

To join the program or to renew, complete the form accompanying this article and mail it with your fees to the address on the form. If you would like more information prior to joining the program, please contact the Coordinator at the address listed on the form or send an e-mail to [rasmay4@earthlink.net](mailto:rasmay4@earthlink.net).

I look forward to your participation!

CIRCUIT TYPE	1-4 CIRCUITS	5-9 CIRCUITS
Regular	100 large stamps	200 large stamps
Super	200 large stamps	400 large stamps
Small	100 small stamps	200 small stamps
CTO	100 CTO stamps	n/a

**Fill out the form below to join the Swap Circuit Program.**

*Send this original or a photocopy to the address below.*

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Collecting Interests \_\_\_\_\_

# Circuits \_\_\_\_\_ (USA & Canada members only)

# Circuits \_\_\_\_\_ (Worldwide members)

**# STAMPS**

**\$ AMOUNT**

Stamp Fee:  Regular Circuit

Monetary Fee: \$2.00

Super Circuit

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Small Circuit

CTO Circuit

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Cash, sent at your own risk, and checks (made payable to "ISWSC") should be in US funds only.*

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# PR Activities: Past & Present

by Thomas M. Fortunato (#379)  
ISWSC V.P. for Public Relations

First, let me take this opportunity to thank the membership for voting me into my new role, actually one which I'm very familiar and comfortable with. I began my activities with the ISWSC in that position many years ago under the tutelage of Dave Nelson.

Let me first congratulate British Isles regional secretary Chad Neighbor and now former president Tony Zollo on a real coup. The 2001 *Guide to Worldwide Stamp Collecting* published by "Stamp Collector," one of several philatelic newspapers in the U.S., featured three references to the ISWSC in the 24 page pull-out supplement:

- Chad wrote a clever article entitled, "The World is My Oyster." It describes how he became interested in stamps, and specifically worldwide issues.
- The inside back cover of the supplement has society and membership details, including where to write to sign up!
- Lastly, another article in the issue describes

the wealth of information found on the society's web page.

I will continue to hold ISWSC formal and informal meetings at various stamp shows in the U.S., Canada, and elsewhere whenever possible. Two informal gatherings will take place during Sandical in San Diego February 1-3, and at the National Topical Stamp Show in Orlando in June 21-23. I'll be judging both shows and would be happy to speak with any members in attendance.

A more formal meeting will take place at the annual APS Stampshow, being held in August in Atlantic City. More details on that will follow in subsequent Circuit issues.

What's next? Well, that's where you come in. What are your thoughts and ideas on increasing the ISWSC membership? The officers have been discussing this in depth. The ISWSC has always been a grass-roots organization from its very beginning, so what better audience to ask this question of than the current membership? Write or email me per my address in the officer masthead.



## The Land of the Rising Sun A Quick Look at Japan

by Jennifer Arnold  
The Circuit Editor

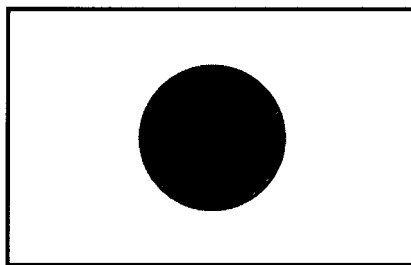
Nihon-Koku. The Land of the Rising Sun. Japan is a nation firmly rooted in its culture and traditions.

Japan lies off the east coast of China in the Pacific Ocean. Four large islands make up the bulk of Japan: Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku



and Kyushu. The remaining 2% of the country consists of about 4,000 smaller islands, including the Ryukyus.

The island's diverse landscape comes from the very unstable portion of the earth's crust that Japan is sitting on. Volcanic activity and violent earthquakes are a constant worry for the



*Officially adopted in 1870, this design had been used by Japanese emperors for many centuries.*

people of this nation.

Despite the fact that the Japan's terrain is very mountainous and the country is not very big (slightly larger than Italy), Japan has the seventh highest population in the world. This means it is one of the most densely populated countries in the world because of the lack of habitable areas.

Japan was first populated by immigrants from Korea and elsewhere on the Asian mainland. The earliest settlements were on the southernmost island of Kyushu. The country was divided into several clans by the 5th century A.D. Of these, the most powerful was the



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