

Hungarian Stamps 2008

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MAGYAR POSTA – STAMP ISSUE

CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF GYÖRGY KONECSNI

9/2008
regular

19/2008
special

Magyar Posta's stamps Arts 2008 and Christmas 2008 mark the centenary of the birth of the painter, graphic artist and stamp designer György Konecsni (1908-70).

György Konecsni studied painting at the College of Fine Arts and then worked as a graphic artist. As a stamp designer he first came to prominence with his work set and block 'Art' in 1940. After the Second World War he made posters, paintings and stamp designs. From the 1960s

onwards he won commissions for murals and mosaics. In 1946 Konecsni set up the Department of Applied Graphics at the Academy of Applied Arts. In 1949 the Department moved to the College of Fine Arts, where he taught until 1954, and, after a ten-year break, again until he died. He won two major Hungarian recognitions, the Kossuth Prize and the Artist of Merit, as well as numerous international awards. (Source: <http://hu.wikipedia.org>)

The stamps use previously unissued designs by György Konecsni, the Annunciation on the HUF 70 stamp and the Adoration of the Magi on the HUF 100 stamp. The special cover shows the Adoration of the Shepherds and the special postmark features the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus.

1,600,000 copies of the special stamp have been made, while the number of copies of the regular stamp will be determined by current demand.

Order code:	2008162010011/special stamp	Perforated size:	33 x 26 mm
	2008163010031/regular stamp	Printing process:	Three-colour triplex offset
	2008163060032/FDC with the series	Printed by	Pénzjegynyomda
Date of issue:	28 October 2008	Frame designed by	Eszter Domé



CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF EDE TELLER

20/2008
special

Magyar Posta commemorates the centenary of the birth of the physician of Hungarian origin Ede Teller (Budapest, 15 Jan 1908 – Stanford, California, 9 Sept 2003) by issuing a stamp.

Ede Teller studied at the Technical University in Budapest and then in Germany, obtaining his PhD in physics in 1930. He obtained a post as a researcher in Göttingen, then joined the researchers around Heisenberg, Bohr and Einstein. After Hitler came to power he went to Denmark and then moved to the United States, later becoming an American citizen. In 1941 he became involved in the Manhattan plan, and took part in making the first atom bomb in Los Alamos, led by Oppenheimer. As early as 1940 Teller speculated whether the heat produced by a fission bomb

could set off a larger thermo-nuclear reaction, the hydrogen bomb. When the Soviet Union exploded its first atom bomb, President Truman ordered the fusion weapon to be developed and in 1952 the first American hydrogen bomb was tested. The Hungarian Academy of Sciences elected Teller an honorary member in 1990. (Source: www.omikk.bme.hu)

The stamp design shows a portrait of Ede Teller with a sketch diagram of a fusion nuclear reaction in front of experimental equipment in the background. The first day cover shows the entrance of the school in Trefort Street in Budapest, where the physician studied between 1917-25. The postmark is a stylized drawing of nuclear fission.

Order code:	2008180010011/stamp	Perforated size:	40 x 30 mm
	2008180060012/FDC	Number of copies:	200,000
Date of issue:	3 November 2008	Printed by	Állami Nyomda
Face value:	HUF 250	Designed by	László Dudás



BICENTENARY OF THE LUDOVIKA ACADEMY

21/2008
special

Magyar Posta is marking the 200th anniversary of the codification of the establishment of the Ludovika Academy by issuing a special stamp. The Ludoviceum was an institution providing the highest level of military training and higher education in Hungary prior to 1945. Its purpose was to train young volunteers under the age for military service and to turn them into active officers, as well as to provide the opportunity for officers to pursue higher education military studies. Its establishment was announced by the Diet in 1808 and the Academy was named after Queen Mária Ludovika, the third wife of King Francis I. After the Second World War, the building was regrettably allowed to fall into a state of disrepair. Today the attractively restored southern wing houses a school. The former covered stables and the main building are now the Hungarian Natural History Museum. (Source: <http://hu.wikipedia.org>)

The stamp design shows a detail of the deed of foundation for the Academy, its coat-of-arms and a contemporary drawing of the building. The first day cover depicts a group of statues in a park behind the former Academy building. The special postmark is a stylized drawing of an ornamental sword.

Order code:	2008190010011/stamp	Perforated size:	30x40 mm
	2008190060012/FDC	Number of copies:	60,000
Date of issue:	5 November 2008	Printed by	Állami Nyomda
Face value:	HUF 300	Designed by	Ervin Widerkomm

