



MaltaPost p.l.c. issues new commemorative set of stamps

The Philatelic Bureau of MaltaPost p.l.c. will be issuing a philatelic commemorative set of 2 stamps titled EUROPA 2011 – FORESTS.

The United Nations General Assembly declared 2011 as the International Year of Forests to raise awareness on sustainable management, conservation and development of all types of forests. The United Nations was founded immediately after the Second World War by 51 countries committed to international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations and promoting social progress, better living standards and human rights.

Following this UN initiative to promote awareness of the importance of forests through the declaration of an International Year, PostEurop has chosen the same subject for the 2011 EUROPA Stamp.

To represent this theme, MaltaPost is issuing a set of two stamps each individually designed by young artists; Nicole Sciberras aged 14, student of Malta School of Art, Valletta and Brenda Camenzuli aged 14, student of St Ignatius College, Blata l-Bajda. The stamps depict the artists' personal interpretation of "Forests" in the context of the Maltese Islands. These designs are the result of a Stamp Design Competition organised by MaltaPost in November 2010 for students between Form 1 to Form 5 attending any secondary school in Malta or Gozo.

The €0.37 stamp will participate in the Best EUROPA Stamp Contest amongst all official EUROPA stamps. This contest is an annual online event where creative entries from across Europe compete for the best design. The best EUROPA stamp will be voted by web viewers and PostEurop members and the winning stamp will be announced at the PostEurop Plenary Assembly to be held between 12 and 13 October 2011 in Turkey.

An amount of 70,000 stamps will carry a face value of €0.37, while another amount of 70,000 stamps will carry a face value of €1.19. The stamps measure 44.0mm x 31.0mm with a perforation of 13.9 x 14.0(comb). All stamps have been offset printed on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper by Printex Limited and are available in sheetlets bearing 10 stamps.

The stamp set EUROPA 2011 – FORESTS will be available as from Monday 9th May from all Post Offices in Malta and Gozo and from the Mobile Post Office. For more information about this set and pre-orders of this issue can be done through the Philatelic Bureau (tel. no.: 2596 1740, email: philately@maltapost.com, postal address: 305, Triq Ħal-Qormi, Il-Marsa MTP 1001).

Maltapost p.l.c. toħroġ sett ġdid ta' bolli kommemorattivi

Il-Philatelic Bureau ta' Maltapost p.l.c. se joħroġ sett filateliku kommemorattiv ta' żewġ bolli bit-titlu EUROPA 2011 – FORESTS.

L-Assemblea Ġenerali tal-Ġnus Magħquda ddiċjarat l-2011 bħala s-Sena Internazzjonali tal-Foresti biex jiżdied l-għarfien fuq l-immaniġġar sostenibbli, il-konservazzjoni u l-iżvilupp ta' kull tip ta' foresta. Il-Ġnus Magħquda nħolqot immedjatament wara t-Tieni Gwerra Dinjija minn 51 pajjiż bl-impenn tal-paċi internazzjonali u s-sigurtà, l-iżvilupp ta' relazzjonijiet ta' ħbiberija fost il-ġnus, il-promozzjoni tal-progress soċjali u ta' standards ta' ħajja aħjar u d-drittijiet umani.

Wara din l-inizjattiva li tippromwovi kuxjenza fuq l-importanza tal-foresti bid-dikjarazzjoni tas-Sena Internazzjonali, PostEurop għażlet l-istess suġġett għall-Bolla EUROPA 2011.

Biex tirrappreżenta din it-tema MaltaPost qed toħroġ sett ta' żewġ bolli, kull waħda disinjata mill-artisti zġhażagħ Nicole Sciberras ta' 14-il sena, studenta fl-Iskola tal-Arti, il-Belt, u Brenda Camenzuli, ukoll ta' 14-il sena, studenta fis-St Ignatius College, Balta l-Bajda. Il-bolli juru l-interpretazzjoni personali tal-artist tal-foresti fil-kuntest tal-Gżejjer Maltin. Id-disinji huma riżultat ta' kompetizzjoni ta' disinn ta' bolli organizzata minn MaltaPost f'Novembru 2010 għal student ta' bejn il-Form 1 u l-Form 5 li jattendu kwalunkwe skola sekondarja f'Malta u Għawdex.

Il-bolla tas-€0.37 se tieħu sehem fil-kompetizzjoni Best EUROPA Stamp. Din il-kompetizzjoni hi avveniment ta' kull sena li ssir online, fejn sottomissjonijiet kreattivi minn madwar l-Europa jikkompetu għall-aħjar disinn. Il-pubbliku jivvota għall-aħjar bolla EUROPA minn fuq l-internet hekk kif il-membri ta' PostEurop jivvutaw ukoll. Il-bolla rebbieħa titħabbar waqt l-Assemblea Plenarja ta' PostEurop li ser issir bejn it-12 u t-13 ta' Ottubru 2011 fit-Turkija.

Ammont ta' 70,000 bolla se jkollu valur ta' €0.37, u numru ieħor ta' 70,000 bolla se jkollu valur ta' €1.19. Il-bolli għandhom qies ta' 44.0mm x 31.0mm b'perforation ta' 13.9 x 14.0 (comb). Il-bolli huma stampati bl-offset fuq karta bil-marka tas-Salib Malti minn Printex Limited u huma disponibbli f'sheetlets b' għaxar bolli.

Is-sett EUROPA 2011 – FORESTS jista' jinxtara mit-Tnejn 9 ta' Mejju mill-fergħat kollha tal-posta f'Malta u f'Għawdex u mill-Mobile Post Office. Għal aktar taġħrif fuq dan is-sett u għall-ordnijiet wieħed jista' jċempel lill-Philatelic Bureau fuq in-numru 2596 1740, bl-email fuq philately@maltapost.com, indirizz postali 305, Triq Ħal-Qormi, il-Marsa MTP 1001.