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Brazil



The City Council of Itumbiara surprised Dante Amaral on September 30, 2015 (his 35th birthday) with a personalized stamp to perpetuate the admiration and recognition of the athlete who made history in the national volleyball team.

Itumbiara is the birthplace of the athlete. The stamp is a photo of Dante, with open arms celebrating his third World Championship title, won in 2010 in Italy.

The stamp has a face value of 1 Porte Carta Comercial, in that period R\$ 1,40. Issued were 280 sheets of 12 stamps each.

At 19, Dante was already part of the Brazilian team and has a long list of titles: Gold in the 2004 Olympics, Silver in 2008 and 2012; three World Championships (2002, 2006 and 2010); two World Cups; seven World Leagues titles, five South American Championships and Gold at the Pan American Games in 2007 and bronze in 2003.

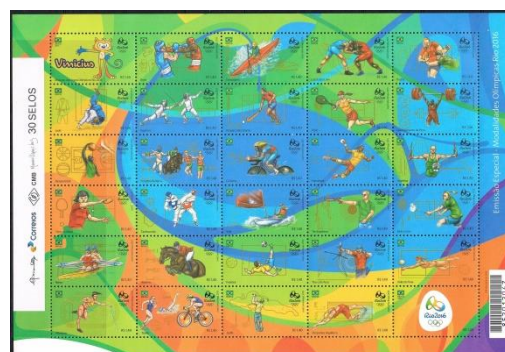
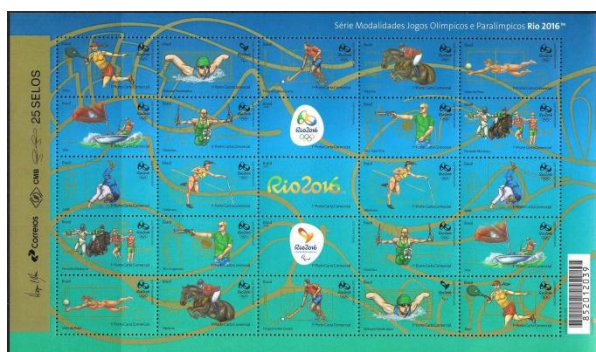
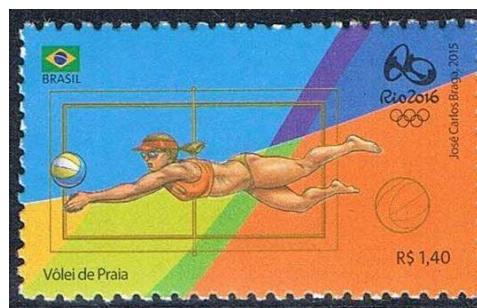


Not on November 29 – as announced the whole year – but on December 12, 2015 Correios do Brasil issued the third sheet commemorating the Olympics 2016. The two previous issues – with a face value of R\$ 1,30 - had 2 x 10 stamps but this time the sheet has 25 stamps. Two times ten stamps with Olympic sports incl. beachvolleyball; two times one stamp with a Paralympic sport (swimming); mascot Vinicius and the two logos of the Games. The stamps have a face value of 1º Porte Carta Comercial (1st class rate for domestic commercial mail till 20 gr.) = R\$ 1,40 at that moment. Printed were 3.750.000 stamps = 150,000 sheets. The designs from all issues are from graphic designer and illustrator José Carlos Braga. Two days later the rate for 1º Porte Carta Comercial changed from R\$ 1,40 to R\$ 1,50.



And three day later – December 15 – a sheet was issued with 30 different stamps being 28 Olympic sports with a.o. beachvolleyball; mascot Vinicius and the logo Rio 2016. The face value of each stamp is R\$ 1,40. Printed were 6,600,000 stamps = 220,000 sheets. The designer is José Carlos Braga again. The stamps from this issue have the flag from Brazil in the upper left corner. All stamps are available on private made FDC's.

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- See more at:

<http://blog.correios.com.br/correios/?p=14804#sthash.VviRDmHl.dpuf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7jyBZ3KEe8>



On february 23, 2016 Correios do Brasil announced a self-adhesive stamp with the logo of the Olympic and the Paralympic Games which can be personalized.

The product can be purchased at the post offices. The customer only needs to deliver the image wanted and should be printed or recorded on a CD.

The stamp can be used for letters up to 20 grams to any address in the country.

The stamp is printed in a sheet of twelve (12) stamps with the logos of all Olympic sports. If the same sheet will be used to

commemorate the gold medals won is unknown so far but since 2000 it is a repeating issue from each organizing country.

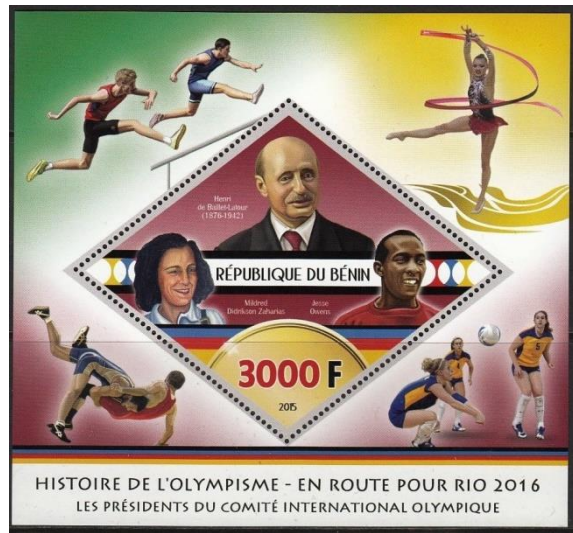
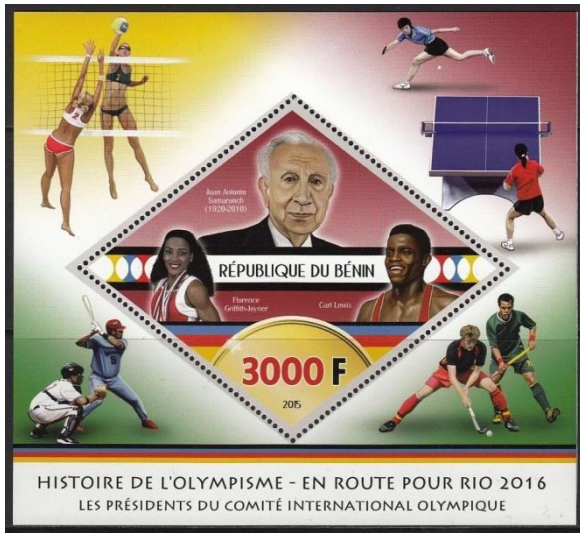
<http://blog.correios.com.br/correios/?p=15307>

<http://www.rio2016.com/en/news/new-batches-of-rio-2016-commemorative-coins-and-postal-stamps-launched>

Benin

La Poste Benin issued on April 16, 2015 sixteen (16) blocs commemorating all presidents of the IOC and two of them have volleyball in the sheet margin. The face value of these blocs is 3000 Francs each being the rate for airmail covers till 100 gr. to America (North and South); Asia and Oceania. All blocs have a FDC also. <http://www.laposte.bj/index.php>

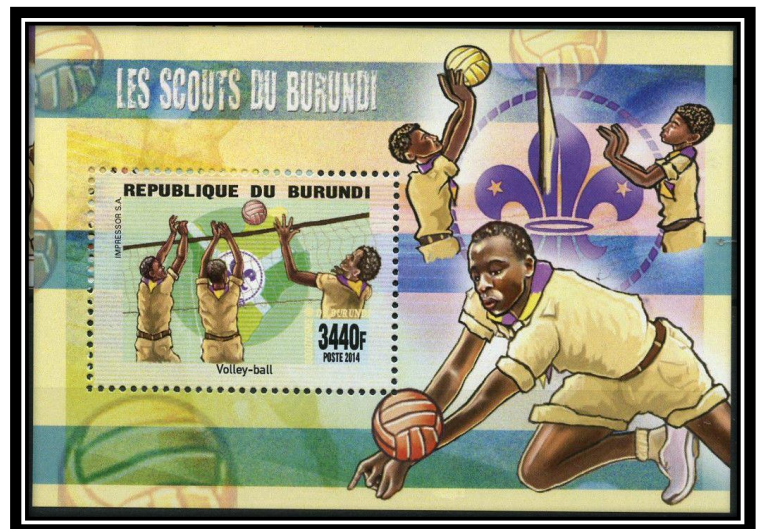
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Burundi

The Postal Administration of Burundi issued in **2014** a set of four stamps with boy scouts playing African chess, chess, volleyball and table tennis. The set is printed in a M/S; in four blocs and perhaps (see remark) the four stamps in one big bloc. REMARK: On May 19, 2014 Burundi Postal Administration issued ten sets of four stamps each. Eight sets of them were printed in a M/S; four blocs and a big bloc with the four stamps. These issues were also printed in an imperforated version. Source: Catalogue Official de Timbres-Poste Anciennes Colonies Belges 2016.

<http://upap-papu.org/en/>



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Djibouti



On March 15, 2016 Djibouti Post issued a set of four stamps and a bloc to commemorate the Olympic Games in Rio. The set is printed in a M/S.

Both exist also in an imperforated version and both are issued in 1000 *numbered* sheets. The designer of the stamps used paintings, but both (designer and painter) are unknown to me.

How it can be done is to be seen in the movie from Dutch designer Peter de Jong who used paintings from Erik van Ommen for an issue from April 25, 2016.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-EaQ7nSOyQ>

Germany



On November 1, **2013** the private company PostMODERN (Media Logistik GmbH) issued a sheet with ten self adhesive stamps with a face value of € 0,50 – being the rate for standard mail within Germany in that time - from the Dresden SC women's team.

The sheet was also available with a FD cancel.

It was the second time that PostMODERN paid attention to Dresden SC.

On May 12, **2007** four different sheets with ten self adhesive stamps each was issued to commemorate the German title in the saison 2006/2007.

In 2010 TNT Post (now PostNL) and PostModern had an agreement for their shipments to Dresden and the Netherlands. According to information received from PostModern the shipments abroad are done by Deutsche Post. But it seems that nowadays this agreement does not exist any longer as all three stamps from the sheet from 2013 are hidden by PostNL. On the stickers they put a Priority PP cancel for delivery without further costs for the receiver. But PostModern's pricelist still offers shipments for Germany and the rest of the world. Two days after my correspondence the volleyball sheet from 2013 was out of sale.

<http://www.dresdnersportclub.de/>

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corina_Ssuschke-Voigt



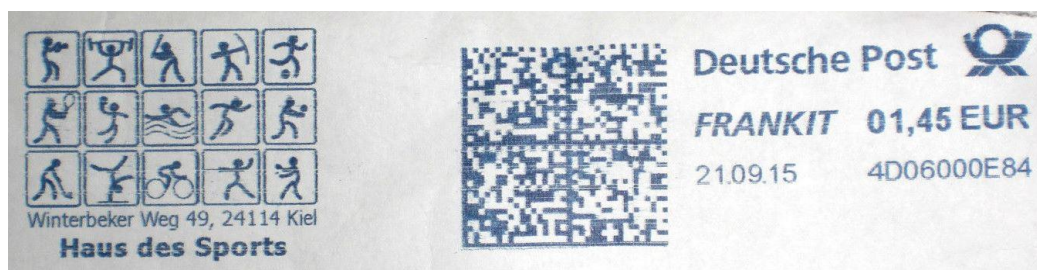
Corina Ssuschke (9)



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The Landessportverband Schleswig-Holstein (e.V.) use(d) a meter cancel in their headoffice in Kiel with a volleyball picto.

<https://www.lsv-sh.de/>



Guinea Bissau



On February 19, 2016 La Poste from Guinea-Bissau issued a S/S and a bloc to commemorate the Olympic Games in Brazil. Both exist also in an imperforated version. The perforated sheet is printed in 1000 (*numbered*) sheets and the imperforated sheet only in 50 (*numbered*) ones. All four items have also a FDC.

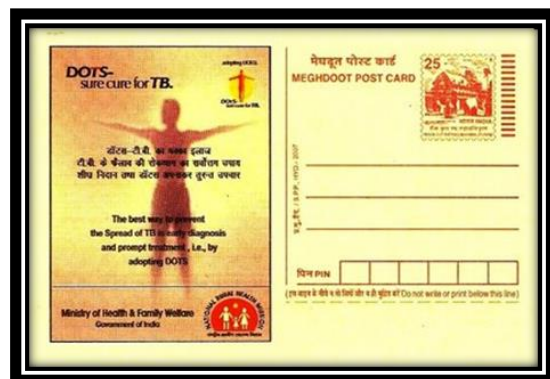
The face value of the stamps is 825 FCFA (Franc des Colonies Françaises d'Afrique). The stamp has the text: voleibol de praia em jogos de verão de 2016 = beach volleyball at the 2016 Summer Games.

It seems that the volleyball image is a composition of two photos. In front it could be Taiana Lima but on their back is to be seen "IGE" and that means that it should be Doris or Stefanie Schwaiger from Austria. From all female beachvolleyball players it is the only possibility.

On the other side of the net it is clear that Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh-Jennings from USA are pictured. The photos could be from August 1, 2012 during the previous Olympics.

<http://guinea-bissau.post-stamps.com/>

India

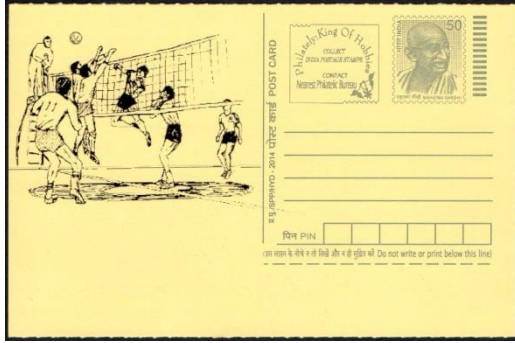


On September 20, 2011 the Business Development & Marketing Directorate from India Post published an Office Memorandum about printing of advertisements on postal stationaries (Postcards, Inland letter cards (ILC), large envelopes, aerogrammes and Meghdoot postcards).

The size for advertisement space on ILC's and large envelopes became 9,0 x 2,5 cm. The size of space of 9,0 x 4,5 cm for large envelopes is discontinued.

Meghdoot postcard from 2011

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A stamp dealer in India used ILC's and envelopes to print volleyball images on it. He wrote me: "It's issued during exhibitions in limited issue to commemorate the sport....it's part of sport set of postcards.....not a private....rather official.... But the ILC's have a perforation and come from advertising material during stamp exhibitions without a topic. The dealer offers much more stationaries with all kind of topics.



The envelopes are related to the National Championships 2015 and offered early 2016. The 63rd Senior National Championships for Men and Women were held in Chennai from January 3 till January 11, 2015 and at least one picture comes from a newspaper.



G.R. Vaishnav (right) was superb at the net as Tamil Nadu beat Punjab in straight sets. Photo: M. Vedhan.
<http://vdvba.com/node/1495>

<http://www.thehindu.com/sport/other-sports/63rd-senior-national-volleyball-championship-confusion-mars-opening-day/article6751866.ece>

REMARK: When a postal administration, a federation/organisation or a club use stationaries to ask attention for their activities it is no problem but when a stamp dealer offers more or less the same the issue is doubtful (for me). Dealers from China & Spain did the same in the past.

Italy Update from newsletter 22

The information about the cancel from the 1st Edition of the Mediterranean Games on the beach in Pescara was not correct.

The cancel from Sep 5, 2015 is the only one that exists. The cancel was available on the day of the finals.



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Poland

Most of the Polish volleyball issues can be found here:

<http://i-kf.pl/index.php/sport-w-filatelistyce/247-siatkowka-na-znakach-poczty-polskiej.html>



Russia

On January 19, 2016 Russian Post issued a stationary (card) to commemorate the Spartakiad of Executive authorities of the Government with volleyball, swimming and football.

The rate "B" (RBL 35,40 = about € 0,43) is for surface- and airmail shipments to all destinations in Russia.



Qatar

Qatar Postal Company celebrated the Sports Day of the state on February 11, 2016, through the establishment of a sports program, containing walking on the Corniche – Doha (a promenade), where the postal employees assemble in the main building (GPO) at eight o'clock in the morning, to start effectively the sports program at nine o'clock, walking from GPO to Sheraton Doha Hotel and vice versa.

Mr. Faleh Al Naemi, Chairman and Managing Director of QPost and a large number of the employees, who were keen to attend and participate in the activities of the special day sports to the state, expressing their happiness in participation in the events by the early morning, saying that today is a great opportunity for the renewal of activity.

Prior to this was the issue of a sheet on February 8, 2016 with volleyball on the sheet margin



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My only comment = From Russia with love (Movie with James Bond).

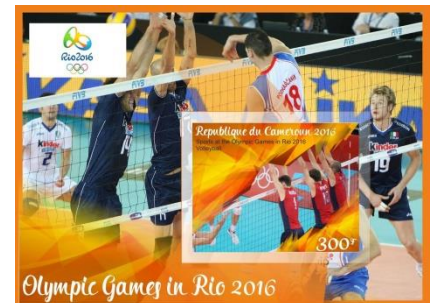
Benin



Cabo Verde

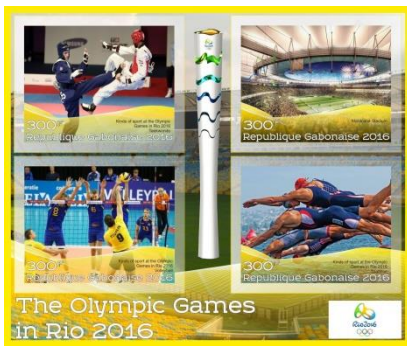
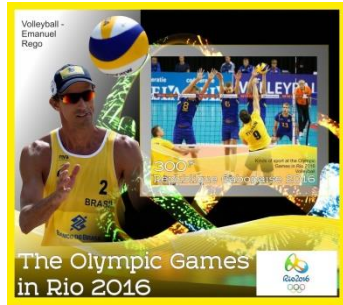


Cameroun



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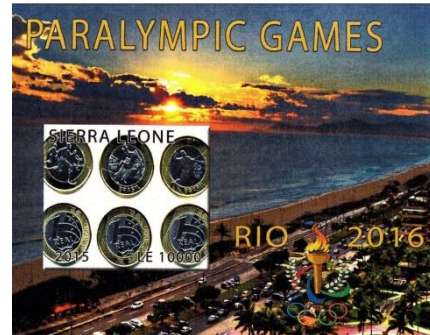
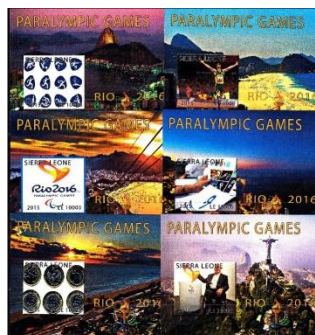
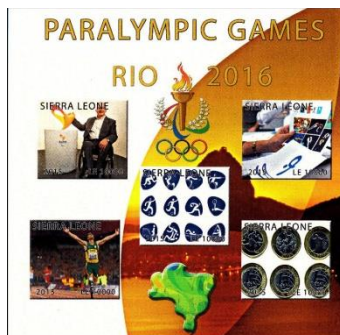
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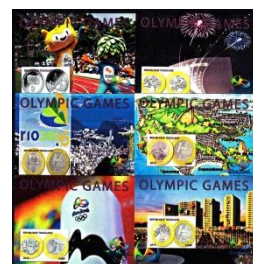
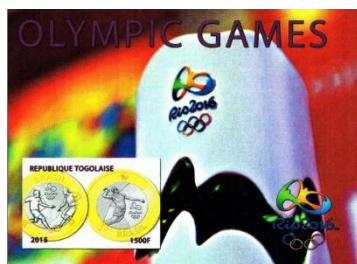


Sierra Leone



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Togo



When will the first stamp be issued about this new activity???

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPJWi6R4WKs>

Memories

The fifth set from the Worldchampionship final in 1970 in Sofia between Bulgaria and DDR.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYPLsSIRRaM>

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