

CZECHOSLOVAK PERFIN STUDY GROUP

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF ACTIVITIES AND PHASES

I. BACKGROUND

- The SCP Perfins Study Group was formed in 2020
 - Brought to the SCP by Jerry Hejduk who, after Board approval, has organized and guided its efforts
 - Who we are:
 - An active group of Czechoslovak Perfin Collectors
 - Significant Czechoslovak language expertise in some members
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 - How do we communicate:
 - Snail mail, email and Zoom
 - Zoom meetings hosted by Jerry the 2nd Saturday of each month at 4PM EST
 - What have we done so far:
 - Czechoslovak perfin catalogs found, copied, distributed, and translated
 - Perfin related articles found, copied, distributed, and translated
 - Articles written and in the process of being published in the SCP Specialist
 - Detailed analysis of the Hradčany issue of perfins
 - Inventory of member's collections
 - Significant assistance given to the developers of Monografie 24, especially around English translation services
 - Website established and populated. Much, if not all the material mentioned above can be found on the website

II. GOALS OF THE SCP PERFIN STUDY GROUP

- Promote the collecting and exhibiting of perfins in the Czechoslovak Territories of:
 - Austrian Kreuzer currency perfins (1874-1898)
 - Austrian stamp issue perfins (1899-1918)
 - Hungarian Kreuzer currency perfins (1881-1899)
 - Hungarian stamp issue perfins (1900-1918)
 - Czechoslovak perfin stamps 1918-1938/1939
 - Polish perfin stamps used in the Těšín (Teschen) region (1919-1920)
 - German perfin stamps used in the Sudetenland (1935-1945)
 - Hungarian perfin stamps used in the territory annexed to Hungary (1938-1945)
 - Perfin stamps of Slovakia (1938-1945)
 - Perfin stamps of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia (1939-1945)
 - Czechoslovak perfin stamps (1945-1979)
- Continue the detailed analysis into Czechoslovak perfins
 - By stamp series, type, year of issue, territory and/or perfin pattern
- Develop an understanding of the differences in the availability, market, collecting methods, presentation methods and exhibiting methods between the Czechoslovak and international perfin collectors.
- Develop an informational database on the users of the Czechoslovak area perfins and understand the impact to scarcity related to user factors such as type of business, location, ethnicity of owner, etc.

III. OBJECTIVES OF THE SCP PERFIN STUDY GROUP

- Develop an understanding as to how to value perfins from the Czechoslovak areas
 - Perfined stamps
 - Perfined governmental postal stationery
 - Perfined non-governmental mail (postal history)
 - Perfined revenues/fiscals
 - Perfined ephemera
- Develop, update, maintain and publish (via the SCP Website) a data base of Czechoslovak area perfin information and other data derived from the Study Group's efforts concerning:
 - Perfined stamps
 - Definitives
 - Commemoratives
 - Special Issues
 - Governmental and Private Postal Stationery having Perfins
 - Postal stationery is mailable products, issued by postal authorities, such as envelopes, letter sheets, postcards, lettercards, aerograms or wrappers, on which the amount of postage has usually been pre-printed with an imprinted stamp or indicium, at the rate required for a particular postal service. Postal stationery is generally sold at post offices. Of the various categories of postal stationery, the following are known to perfin collectors:
 - Category 1: Known usage of perfins with Postal Stationery during the Hradčany period
 - Postal Cards (CDV)
 - C.O.D. Forms (CPP)
 - Postal C.O.D. Dispatch Forms (CDP)
 - Category 2: Other types of Postal Stationery potentially used with perfins
 - Letter Cards (CZL)
 - Collect Telegrams (CTU)
 - Postal Collection Forms (CPV)
 - Pneumatic Tube Mail (CPO)
 - Change of Address Card (CAZ)
 - Postal Order Sheets (CPA)
 - Perfined Non-Governmental Mail (Postal History)
 - Postal history broadly covers the following aspects of the postal system:
 - Postal rates – which therefore usually concerns the stamps used
 - Postal routes – how the cover travelled from sender to recipient
 - Markings – the postmarks and notation added to a cover during its journey
 - Perfined revenues/fiscals (including purpose of revenues)
 - Perfined ephemera (seals, poster stamps etc.)
- Develop a cross reference of stamp catalogs to facilitate the SCP international membership's ability to participate in the perfin census and for the Perfin Study Group to quickly integrate a Czechoslovak perfin collection into the database
 - Stamps:
 - Pofis (the Standard used by the Study Group)
 - Merkur
 - Michel
 - Scott
 - Yvert & Tellier
 - Stanley Gibbons
 - Revenue & Fiscal Stamps

- Czechoslovakia Revenues. J. Barefoot Ltd., 2001
 - Fiskální ceniny na území Československa by Jiří Kořínek
 - Fiscal Stamps of the Territory of Czechoslovakia
 - CSR Revenue and Railway Stamps, 1976 by Rev. Severin Gottsmich
 - The General Revenue Stamps of Czechoslovakia, 1971 by Josef Burianek & William Ittel
- General Philatelic Information
 - Glossary of Philatelic Terminology
- Develop a cross reference of perfin patterns and their associated numbers among the various Czechoslovak (and other countries) perfin catalogues
 - Katalog Perfinů z území Československa, Maxa, Fejtek & Janeček, 1987 & updates
 - PERFINY NA ZNÁMKÁCH HRADČANY KATALOG, Marenčík & Špreňar, 2015
 - Pofis, Monografie 24, 2021
 - Pofis, Österreichische Firmenlochungen, Rakouské Perfiny, 2017
 - Pofis, Protektorát Čechy A Morava 1939 – 1945, 2021
 - Lente István, A Magyar Perfinek Katalógusa, 2007 and updates/corrections
 - Katalog der Firmen-und Behördenlochungen Deutschland, September 2018