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Report of the Annual General Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Belgian Congo Study Circle 2025
Held at the Ferme Mont-Saint-Jean, Waterloo 23rd March 2025
Chaired by Thierry Frennet (President BCSC)

Part 1 AGM of the BCSC

Present:

Thierry Frennet (President), Laurent Bierny, Dominique Bilmans, Jean Pierre Flamand, Charles Hénuzet, Michel Hopperets, Marc Oblin, Henk Slabbink, Georges Allard, Bruce Lockhart, Yves Winand, Mme & Marc Van Goethem, Patrick Janssens, Bart Willekens.

Apologies:

andUdo Elste, Charles Lloyd, Ludo Achten, Patrick Maselis, Walter Dejnckens, Stefan Vanden Eynde, Filip Van der Haegen, Bernard Grutering, Jean luc Payen.



Left to right : Mme Van Goethem, Mr. Van Goethem, P.Janssens, B.Willekens, D.Bilmans, M.Oblin, T.Frennet, C.Henuzet, Y.Winand, G.Allard, JP.Flamand, M.Hoppretes, L.Bierny and the photographer is B.Lockhart. absent in the photo H. Slabbink



Opening:

The President opened the meeting at 10:00 and warmly welcomed members to both the BCSC AGM and the Annual Meeting.

In 2026 the BCSC celebrates its 75th anniversary. To mark this milestone, we are planning to have an exhibition in the Hainaut. No details yet.

The Study Circle had been notified of the deaths of three members – Lucien Janssens (BE), Marc van Daele (BE), Michel Lemaire (BE), Thierry invited all present to observe a minute of silence to their memory.

Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 23 March 2024

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were presented and approved unanimously as being a full and correct record.

Officer's Reports

Report of the Honorary Secretary (2024-2025)

I understand that those of you who attended the AGM last year enjoyed a great day out (philatelic & social). I was disappointed not to be with you then, as I will be this year. The combination of several health issues makes travelling inadvisable at this time.

The Secretary apologized for not organizing a Zoom meeting in 2024. This was due to his and his late wife's serious illnesses (throughout the year). It is his intention to host a Zoom meeting in 2025. Topics and offers to display are requested. The success of any Zoom meeting depends on both members contributing displays and attendance! The best day is Saturday and the optimum time is 10:00 Brussels time. Contributions and participation are required!

Membership at the time of the AGM:

Country	@ 1/2/24	@ 1/2/25
Belgium	70	62
UK	15	14
USA	13	14
Germany	3	3
Sweden	3	3
Denmark	2	2
Netherlands	2	2
Australia	2	1
France	2	1

Country	@ 1/2/24	@ 1/2/25
Spain	1	1
Canada	1	1
South Africa	1	1
Poland	1	1
Thailand	1	1
New Zealand	1	1
Czechia	1	1
Canada	1	1
Portugal	1	0
Total	122	110

This year, I report a fall in the number of members (by 12). Mainly, this has been the result of tidying the membership list, removing individuals who have not paid their subscription for at least 2 years. I recognize that in their number there could be some individuals who have passed away and about whom we have not been informed. Sadly, I do know that Lucien Janssens, Marc van Daele and Michel Lemaire (all Belgian) died in the past year.

A global distribution of members has been maintained. As in previous years, three countries dominate membership - Belgium, 56%; UK, 13%; & USA, 13%. (Almost identical values to last year). It is important that we recruit new members for the future wellbeing of the Study Circle.

I am sure you will join me in thanking all our officers and officials who have devoted much time and worked so diligently throughout the year to continue the success of the Study Circle.

Charles Lloyd

Report of the Honorary Treasurer 2024 - 2025

The full details on activity in both the International Account (held in the UK), and the Belfius, CBC and PayPal accounts (held in Belgium) were presented at the AGM. In the following table the conversion rate applicable on the day of the AGM has been used (£1 = € 1,1976). There was an operating surplus of € 1.328,85 for the year that ended on the 28th of February 2025.
The funds held in our 5 accounts total € 18 838,39.

The bank accounts at BNP have been closed.

	Situation on	
Finance in Euros	February 28, 2024	February 28, 2025
BNP Paribas Fortis	€ 6 980,28	--
BNP Paribas Fortis	€ 7 066,19	--
BCSC International TSB account	€ 801,91	€ 675,65
Belfius		€113,91
Belfius Savings		€ 10 000,00
CBC		€ 6 271,61
PayPal	€ 3 287,14	€ 1 775,22
Overall position	€ 18 141,52	€ 18 836,39

Subscription / Dues rates for 2026

Ludo proposed that the subscription rates for 2026 should remain unchanged:

Region	**Subscription / Dues**
Belgium	€ 18 (postal) (€ 18 for the Bulletin by e-mail only)
Other European countries	€ 24 (---‖---) (€ 18 ---------‖)
UK	£ 20 (---‖---) (£ 15 ---------‖--------)
USA	$ 29 (---‖---) ($ 20 ---------‖--------)
Rest of the World	€ 30 (---‖---) (€ 18 ---------‖--------)

Note: Our PayPal account will accept payments in €, US$ and GB£.
Members are responsible for the payment of all bank and PayPal charges.

Ludo Achten

Report of the auction Sales Secretary 2025

Two auctions have been held since the last AGM (sales 2024-1 & 2024-2) with a total of **286 lots** offered by 13 different sellers (6 sellers for 1 auction, 7 for both auctions). Those **286 lots** were bid for, in each auction, by an average of 24 buyers.
144 of these lots were sold, which means **50.3 %** of the offered lots, a little less than last year, when it was 53.4%. The total amount of sales was **€ 2 992.10**. (A third, 2024-3, was held but the result has not been finalized)

Please note that many unsold lots are offered in following auctions, sometimes at a reduced reserve price, and it generally happens that they sell quite well at the second or third attempt.

Among the many excellent results, let's highlight a 1910 cover from DIMA to Bruges (Belgium), with a rare mixed correct franking (50c) : one 40c L4 (of 1909 local overprints issue) + two 5c stamps of the unilingual 1909 issue (sold at € 252, the reserve price being 150 €) or a stamp of the 1909 issue Brussels overprint B6 (sold at € 232).
My conclusion is that our auctions still work very well. I believe that sellers and buyers are satisfied.

Marc Oblin

Report of the Bulletin Editor 2024 -2025

Since I last reported at the 2024 AGM, three bulletins (numbers 197, 198 and 199) have been published. They contained a total of 85 pages of articles, an average of 28 in each copy (21, 21, 43, respectively). I would like to thank all contributors.

There was an auction accompanying each of these bulletins. (Auctions 2024-1, 2024-2 and 2024-3). 442 lots in total on an average of 7 pages in each copy of the bulletin.

I depend upon members submitting suitable material to achieve the target of a quarterly publication, each with an adequate number of pages. I urge all members to submit material (short or long) for publication and to share their knowledge.

Charles Hénuzet

Report of the Secretary of the Expertisation Committee 2024-5

In 2024-5, 74 certificates were issued (an increase from 60 issued in the previous year). Of these 18 were free (13 previous year), being member's entitlements and 56 were paid for (47 last year).

While income is not of primary importance, expertisation created an income of € 224 for the Study Circle.

Authentication of valuable and rare stamps by an accepted authority (in this case the BCSC) assures the owner (and any future buyer) that he has a good copy. A certificate is issued with the expertisation.

In the past, rarer stamps have been the target of forgers and some of these fakes were expertly done (both the stamp and postmark). Members are encouraged to make full use of their entitlement.

Members are entitled to 2 free expertisations per year. The prices for additional expertisations remain unchanged:

	€	£	$
Single Stamp	4.00	2.50	4.50
Block of 4	5.00	3.50	6.00
Postal Stationery	6.00	5.00	9.00
Cover	6.00	5.00	9.00

Postage (at a specified level of coverage) is the responsibility of the member.
Payments to be made to our Belfius or PayPal accounts in Belgium. (UK members may pay into our TSB account).
The stamps and certificates are always returned to members only by registered letter.
I would like to thank the committee members and consultants for the time, care and effort they gave to our work this year.

Charles Hénuzet

Webmasters Report 2024

Three auctions were hosted in 2024. Minor improvements were made to the site.

A link to Charles Stockmans' site on Les Cahiers du Congo site was added

In 2024 there were 26,041 visits with an average visit time of 1 minute 12 seconds. This is an increase of 5,461 visits from 2023.

86% of the connections were made with desktop computers and 14% with mobile or tablet devices.

This year the most visits came from USA, China, Ireland, and Singapore. with Belgium in fifth place.

Top 50 countries by visits

1	U S A	3316	18	India	182	35	Spain	39
2	China	2561	19	Australia	173	36	Moldova	38
3	Ireland	2088	20	Finland	130	37	Lithuania	35
4	Singapore	1773	21	Italy	103	38	Czechia	34
5	Belgium	1440	22	South Korea	86	39	Argentina	33
6	France	1099	23	Vietnam	73	40	Algeria	29
7	Germany	999	24	Poland	69	41	South Africa	29
8	Israel	702	25	Portugal	67	42	Bangladesh	26
9	Russia	682	26	U A E	66	43	Georgia	26
10	Netherlands	567	27	Austria	54	44	Slovakia	26
11	U K	479	28	Ukraine	53	45	Luxembourg	25
12	Sweden	370	29	Switzerland	48	46	Turkey	23
13	Bulgaria	316	30	Seychelles	47	47	Morocco	22
14	Canada	301	31	Denmark	46	48	Norway	22
15	Japan	259	32	Romania	45	49	New Zealand	18
16	Hong Kong	251	33	Indonesia	42	50	Cambodia	15
17	Brazil	220	34	Egypt	41			

Time spent on site:

1-60 secs	(89.24%)
1-10 mins	(6.42%)
10-30 mins	(3.28%)
30+ mins	(1.07%)

Bruce Lockhart

Officers 2025 – 2026

The Honorary Secretary, Charles Lloyd has not received any nominations for office. No existing officer has indicated he will resign. The officers will remain as:

President	*Thierry Frennet*
Honorary Secretary	*Charles Lloyd*
Regional Secretary. – Belgium	*Patrick Maselis*
Honorary Treasurer	*Ludo Achtens*
Regional Treasurer – UK	*Charles Lloyd*
Bulletin Editor	*Charles Henuzet*
Bulletin distribution – Belgium	*Patrick Maselis*
Bulletin distribution – USA	*Ken Goss*
Bulletin distribution – UK and R of W	*Charles Lloyd*
Web Master	*Bruce Lockhart*
Auctioneer	*Thierry Frennet*
Auction Secretary	*Marc Oblin,*
Auction Secretary	*vacancy*
Auction Finance Officer	*Ludo Achten*

<u>The AGM approved the reappointment of all the above officers.</u>

Expertisation Committee:
Membership of the Expertisation Committee is reported as a matter of record. Decisions on membership are the responsibility of the committee Chairman / Secretary

- Secretary / Chairman	*Charles Henuzet*
- Members	*Thierry Frennet,*
	Marc Oblin,
	Filip Van der Haegen
- Consultants	*Marc Frevelhausen*
	Michel Hopperets,
	Luc Van der Marcken
	Jean Pierre Flamand,

Date of AGM 2026

SAVE THE DATE !

Friday 28 Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 August 2026

75ème Birthday of the Belgian Congo Study Circle

At LA LOUVIERE (Belgium)

With an exhibition by the BCSC membership

Meeting 28th to 30th August 2026

Dear Members,

I know that each of you has a very interesting collection, and I am sure that you would wish to display it to fellow members at this outstanding meeting so that they can share the pleasure it gives you and with that increase their understanding of your specialty.

I hope that as many of you as possible will present at least one selected part of your collection.

(Because one side of a display frame accommodates 16 sheets, any presentation should be 16 sheets or a multiple of 16)

We are looking forward to your response.

In the next newsletter, we will provide you with more details regarding the organization of the event.

We wish to give each member the opportunity to present their material at the exhibition.

Thierry Frennet
President

A.O.B

1 Founded in 1951, the BCSC will celebrate its 75th anniversary at an exhibition scheduled for August 26-27-28, 2026, in La Louvière (Louve Expo). This anniversary will be held in association with the Fédération des Clubs philatéliques de Belgique, thanks to our member Filip Van der Haegen, at a major national philatelic exhibition organized simultaneously. The BCSC will retain its independence, however, and hold its event in a separate hall. We'll have 75 frames at our disposal, with 16 sheets per frame. A meal will be organized on Saturday evening for BCSC members. Details will follow later, and a call will be made to members wishing to exhibit. Non-Belgian members are cordially invited to visit us for this great event.

2 Proposal by President Thierry Frennet for Belgian members only to join the Fédération des Clubs philatéliques de Belgique. This proposal has many advantages: participation in exhibitions in Belgium, help in organizing exhibitions, free subscription for Belgian members to the Federation's magazine, etc. The annual cost will be 2 euros per Belgian

member, paid from the BCSC treasury. This proposal was unanimously approved by the members present. It was made clear that the intention is for the BCSC to remain a British Specialist Philatelic Society with an international membership. (At present, just over half the members are Belgian).

3 The Bulletin editor, Charles Hénuzet, deeply regrets a lack of articles submitted by members. Marc Oblin, auction officer, suggested publishing the Bulletin without articles, but with only the sale, if we have no articles at the date of publication. Reassuringly, this situation would be an exception.

A.O.B. report produced by Marc Oblin

Part 2 - Annual BCSC Display, 2025

1. Bierny Laurent :
   Cancellation without date of MATADI (1889-1891) & LUKUNGU (1889-1897)
2. Hopperets Michel :
   Kigoma's linear claws
3. Flamand Jean pierre :
   AVION labels and AVION stamps on airmail mail
4. Henuzet Charles ;
   The white smoke stamp of the 1922 issue (5 c./50 c.)
5. Winand Yves :
   Mechanical franking of mail in the Belgian Congo
6. Willekens Bart :
   A curious cover from Cameroon to Belgian Congo and back in 1942, or is it from Belgian Congo to Cameroon and back ?

Can you help?

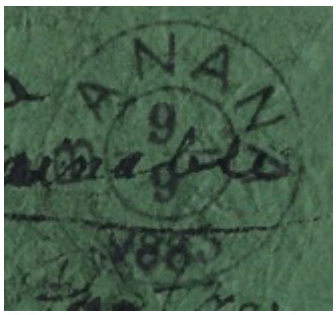
Wants:

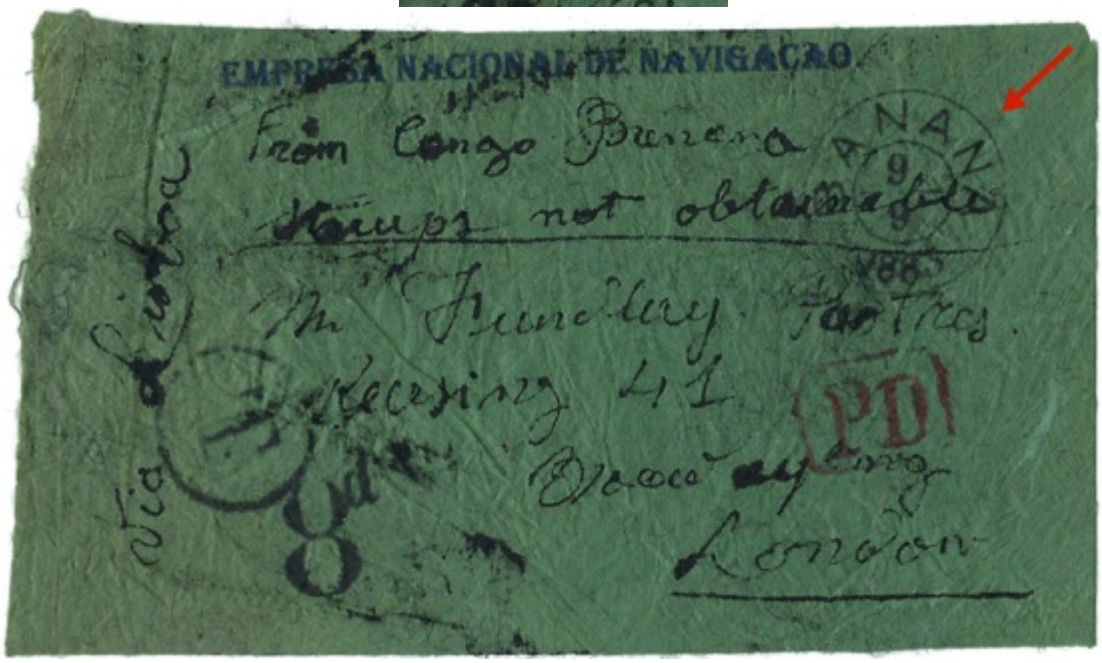
Some members undertaking research appeal for information. Can you help? If you can, please will you send this to the bulletin editor.

1) A member wishes to know the origin of this cancellation on the 15 C.



2) A second member is looking for information on this Banana hand-stamp. If you have any example, please could you send a scan?

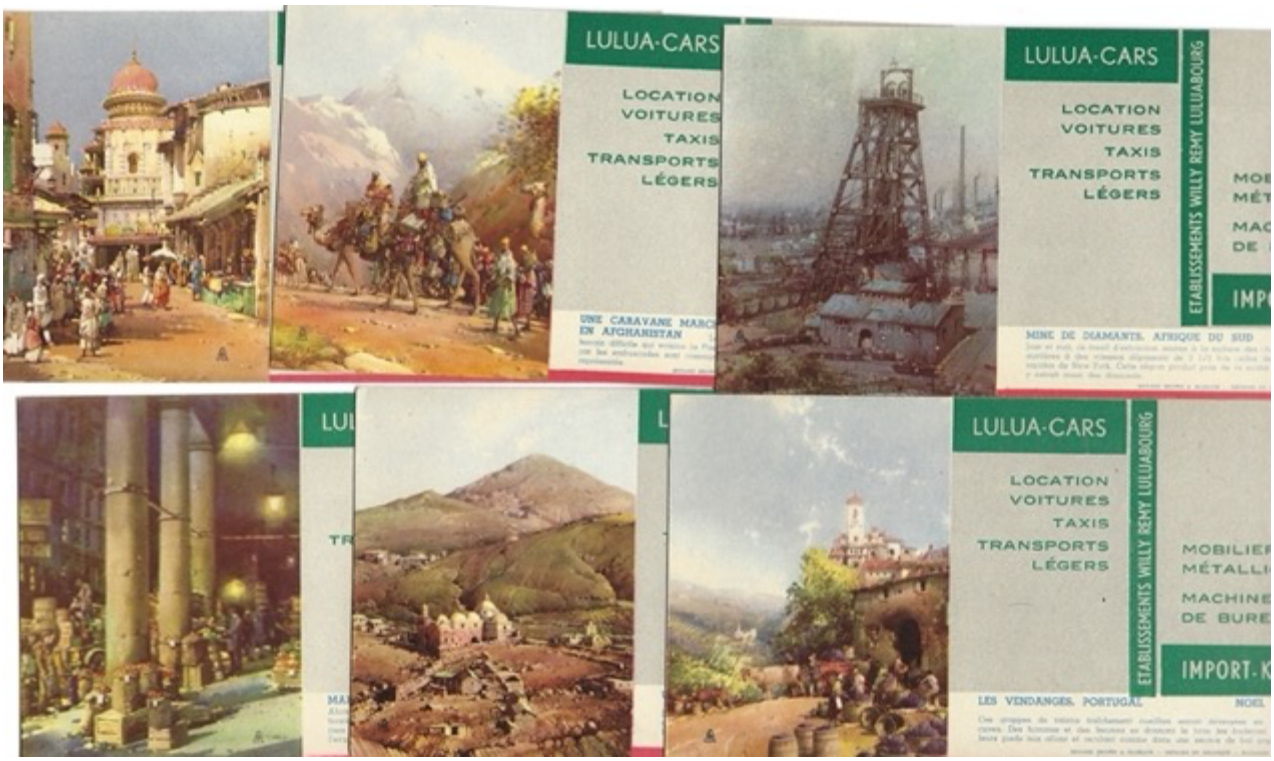




3) Another member has a set of advertising cards (see below). Can anyone explain their origin?



some other examples from this set of cards. (Nothing is printed on the other side)



From the editor

Your article(s) could be here

Since 1951, this journal has existed, containing informative reading thanks to members who contribute articles (of 1 or more pages).

Today, we look forward to receiving your articles. ALL subjects are interesting.

We can help with the layout and language is not a problem.

Membership News

New member:

BELGIUM	GEERT CALLEBAUT	Bosmanstraat 59, 9610 Lockeren

Change of address:

USA	BILL KELLY	3016 Jodi Lane, Palm Harbor, FL 34684

An expected journey

Charles Loyd

If a philatelic inspired cover receives out of the ordinary treatment in the post, then it can be argued that its status might have been changed to that of a regular item of mail. By this action, an otherwise a reasonably common item might be transformed into a much more interesting piece. This is the case for the cover shown here.

The heyday of aerophilately was in the 1930s when new international airline routes were being developed, and with them interconnected airmail services. As well as first flights other events were celebrated. It is probable that commemorative mail was a financially successful venture and seen as good publicity for the airline, which resulted in professionally produced illustrated covers. In this instance it is to celebrate the 100th flight on the SABENA Brussels – Stanleyville – Elisabethville service.



An envelope produced to mark the 100th SABENA flight on its Brussels – Stanleyville-Elisabethville route. It was posted by a Mr J Stephen, who addressed it to himself – *Poste Restante, Elisabethville, Belgian Congo*. He added his return address with the instruction - *Retourner S.V.P. à J. Stephen 12 Cook St, Liverpool 12,*

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[1] With apologies to J.J.R. Tolkien, Oxford University Professor and novelist. A subtitle "An Unexpected Journey" was added to the title of his book "The Hobbit" for the 2012 film adaptation of part one. Like the hero of the book, Bilbo Baggins, this cover went on a journey that was different to the one intended!

Angleterre.[1]" He franked the envelope with five stamps to the value of 8d. Each of these was postmarked "LIVERPOOL 14 / 8-PM / 17 NOV / 38" and the letter forwarded to the British Office-of-Exchange, London F.S. Unfortunately, the rate from the UK to the Belgian Congo on SABENA routes was 1sh 3d (15d). The oblong boxed cachet (the one in darker ink) "Insufficient Paid for Transmission by Air Mail" was applied, under which the sorting clerk added "Sabena", in pencil. This endorsement indicates that the sorting clerk knew of more than one air route to the Congo and that underpayment applied only to the SABENA routes. The British GPO airmail leaflet of the time quoted both 8d (I.A.) and 1sh 3d (Air France / SABENA) as rates for sending a letter to the Belgian Congo by airmail.

The letter was transferred to the Imperial Airways Africa Service mail bag. In so doing, the clerk had carried out his duty faultlessly. He had ensured the letter would be dispatched to its specified destination by air without delay or taxation. The Post Office has always believed that the function of the envelope is only to contain the message, show the address and carry the franking. Its obligation alone was to deliver it to the address stated. In this case this was done – contract fulfilled. (However, it must be said that most postmasters were aware of the special needs of collectors and handled their covers with care.) From Mr Stephen's perspective the delivery to Elisabethville may have been made <u>but the purpose of sending the cover was lost since it had not been carried on the 100th SABENA flight!</u>



Imperial Airways flight DS146 to Durban (South Africa) departed from Southampton (England) on the 19th November. It was an accelerated Empire Flying Boat service, that

[1] This is an office address in the centre of Liverpool. Coincidentally, it is just 170m from 10 Matthew St, which 20 years later, would become the famous "The Cavern Club" where the Beatles rock group started its career.

flew along the East African coast when south of Mombasa (Kenya). There were two options for the scheduled stop at which mail could be offloaded for onward delivery to the Congo and thence to Elisabethville: 1. Dar es Salaam (to Kalemie, Albertville, Kamina and finally Elisabethville) or 2. Beira (through Rhodesia to Elisabethville – see the map). Beira is the more likely because well-established regular rail and mail services could be used.

The flight landed at Beira during the morning of the 24th of November. The handstamp on the rear of the cover shows that it was received at Elisabethville four days later, on the 28th November. (A journey time that was consistent with rail travel from Beira via Salisbury, Bulawayo and Broken Hill).



It is likely that many similar covers were received at Elisabethville and there would be no need to delay the return of any. This one could be returned as soon as it was convenient. It arrived back at London on the 9th January 1939. This would be possible only if it was sent by air. Unfortunately, its arrival at Elisabethville was too late for it to be put on the 100th SABENA return flight which had left already, on the 25th November. According to the SABENA timetable, the next two northbound flights were due to depart on the 25th and 29th December. Both would arrive in Brussels with adequate time to complete the letter's carriage to London even with an allowance for delays which were a common occurrence in those days.

The boxed cachet applied at the London office-of-exchange explains: "Returned from Abroad. Reason for Non-Delivery Not Stated". This message partly obscures the date of the day on the postmark but it can be deciphered by digitally manipulating the image. A postal clerk added instructional marks using red crayon (a colour specified for this purpose) to direct the return the letter to its British sender: He crossed out the Congo delivery address and outlined the return address, writing the word "TO" next to it. Finally, a large circled "L'pool" was placed in the centre to help the sorters at the London F.S. office.

Back in January 1939 Mr Stephen may have been disappointed not to receive his SABENA 100th flight commemorative cover but he had the good fortune to be given a far more interesting item of regular mail. We cannot know whether he knew this at the time but he did keep it and not discard it or, as was the practice then, steam the stamps off the envelope and just keep the stamps alone.

POSTAL AUCTION SALE 2025-1

REALISED PRICES

LOT	PRICE	LOT	PRICE	LOT	PRICE	LOT	PRICE	LOT	PRICE
1	6,25	41	12,50	81		121			
2	6,25	42	6,25	82	1,25	122			
3	6,25	43	5,25	83	8,50	123	2,75		
4		44	6,25	84	1,75	124	1,50		
5		45	5,25	85	4,00	125	35,00		
6		46	12,25	86	6,00	126	33,00		
7		47	9,25	87	11,25	127			
8		48	8,25	88	1,50	128			
9	33,00	49	2,55	89	1,30	129			
10	17,00	50	4,00	90	2,50	130			
11	11,00	51	5,25	91	260	131			
12		52	5,25	92	1,75	132	15,00		
13	1,50	53	1,30	93	5,05	133	15,00		
14	7,55	54	75,00	94	1,75	134			
15		55		95	6,50	135	22,00		
16	2,50	56		96	24,00	136			
17	4,05	57	3,00	97	24,00	137			
18		58		98		138	14,00		
19		59		99		139			
20		60		100	3,80	140	5,50		
21		61	1,50	101		141	10,25		
22		62	9,50	102		142			
23		63		103	1,00	143	5,25		
24		64	8,00	104		144	2,00		
25		65		105		145			
26		66	1,05	106		146			
27		67		107		147			
28		68	42,00	108	0,75	148			
29	27,00	69	2,00	109	4,00	149			
30	41,00	70	14,00	110	11,25	150	10,25		
31	5,00	71		111	4,05	151			
32	14,00	72		112	2,75	152			
33		73		113	3,25	153			
34		74		114		154			
35	72,00	75		115	1,65	155			
36	13,00	76	39,00	116	0,75	156			
37	7,05	77	4,05	117	102	157	15,25		
38	11,25	78		118	112	158	12,25		
39	21,25	79		119	65,00	159			
40		80		120		160			

Bidding form - BCSC 2025-2

To be sent to

Th.FRENNET – Rue la rue 17 – B-1420 Braine-l'Alleud – Belgique/Europe

Or by E-mail at : Thierry.frennet@fthsprl.be

CLOSING DATE FOR BIDS – 25 th JULY 2025

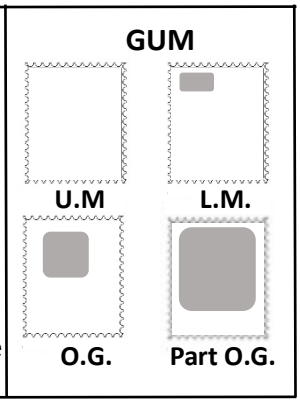
Name : …… Date : ……..

Full Address: …….. Signature : ……

Auction Rules

Abbreviations used

U.M.	= unmounted mint – unused with original gum in Post Office state, never hinged.
L.M.	= lightly hinged - unused with original gum, mounted with a peelable hinge.
O.G.	= original gum - unused with gum slightly disturbed or alternatively having a previous hinge
Part O.G.	= part original gum – unused with original gum. Large hinge remnants may or may not be present.



CB – Congo Belge; COB – Catalogue Officiel Belge number; RU – Ruanda-Urundi;
Designation of cancellations are in accordance with the Heim & Keach classification

Bidding steps

0	to	5 €	per	0.05 €
5€	to	25 €	per	0.25 €
25€	to	50 €	per	1.00 €
50€	to	250 €	per	2.00 €
250€	to	500 €	per	5.00 €
	over	500 €	per	10.00 €

Postage on lots will be charged to buyers

See also our website: www.Belgian-congo-study-circle.be

Lot No.	Limit (Euros)	Lot No.	Limit (Euros)	Lot No.	Limit (Euros)

To submit more bids, please send them entered on a 2nd (& more) copy/copies of this bidding form.

Lot	SALE 2025/2 Description	COB #	Min. Bid €
	Postal Stationery		
	Note: Postal stationery (Catalogue numbers are those of the 2021 catalogue edited by BCSC & Société belge de l'entier postal, which is available upon request to our President)		
1	1886 issue, card 15c blue on light blue, unused, *pristine condition*	2	1,00
2	1889 issue, card with paid reply 15c +10c black, unused, type I	7, type I	1,25
3	1892 issue, card with paid reply, 5c green + 10c carmine on blue, used, *international usage with added 10c stamp*, Matadi cancellation	12, b	20,00
4	1897 issue card, 15c orange, type c, used, Leopoldville to Leipzig, Germany	15, type c	3,75
5	1897 issue card with paid reply, 15c blue + 15c brown on azure, used, Banana to Germany (Bavaria)	17	3,75
6	1898 issue, card with paid reply 15c blue + 15c brown on azure*, international usage of message card*, used, Stanleyville 25 sept 05 to Copenhague, Denmark, arrival Danish cachet	17	3,50
7	1899 issue, card with paid reply 15c blue + 15c brown on azure, *international usage of reply card*, used, to Vilvorde, Belgium	17	12,00
8	1909 issue, card with paid reply 15c blue + 15 c brown, *Congo Belge typo overprint*, unused	23T	2,50
9	1909 issue, card 10 on 15c orange on cream, manual overprint, unused	35L	1,25
10	1910 issue, card 10c carmine on blue *(small format)*, unused	40	1,00
11	Katanga 1960 issue, letter-card 3,50/3F purple on light green, unused	1	1,50
	Belgian Congo stamps & covers		
12	1909 Princes issue, 40c blue-green, LH	44PT	80,00
13	1909 Princes issue, 5F carmine-red, used	48PT	35,00
14	1909 local overprint issue, 25c blue type 1 (perf15) + type2 (perf 14 1/2) *one short perf,* used	33L+ 33La	4,00
15	1909 local overprint issue, 1F carmine local overprint L1, *2 short perfs* + 5F carmine L1, used	36L1 + 38L1	28,00
16	1909 local overprint issue, 10F green L1 overprint, Leopoldville telegraphic cancellation	39L1	27,00
17	1887 issue 50c red-brown, beautiful BOMA cancellation 10 avril 1888	9	9,00
18	1938 issue miniature sheet, used (special cancellation 06.10.38)	BL2	18,00
19	1949 issue, 4F violet-blue, block of four sheet corner, UM + 1957 Red Cross issue full set (3), UM	297(4) + 341/3 (3)	2,75
20	1947 issue, 100F in block of four, UM	295	9,00

21	1953 issue, full set in block of six, UM	325/6	7,50
22	1941 issue, 50c violet, 75c rose, 1,75F orange, 5F olive-green, 10F red, all blocks of 4 + 2,50 carmine-red block of 8, all UM	216/18-220/21-223/24	25,00
23	Airmail 1930 issue 15F sepia, vertical strip of 3, UM	PA 5	4,50
24	Airmail 1934 issue 30F orange, strip of 3, UM	PA14	2,25
25	Airmail 1930 issue full set in pairs, UM	PA5/6	8,00
26	1942 issue 50F blue, block of six + 100F carmine, block of four, both sheet corner, UM	247/8	30,00
27	1947 issue 20F UM, block of 8, sheet corner	293	6,50
28	Incoming mail : Airmail cover from South Africa (1942) to Sakania. South African censor tape. Elisabethville transit cachet on reverse		5,50
29	Incoming mail : 2 items : (1) picture postcard (Sea front & Pier) from Worthing (GB) 1921 to Kambove, B. Congo. Arrival cachet of Kambove + (2) cover from Dar es Salaam with picture of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, to Albertville. Arrival cachet Albertville 30-11-37 on reverse		1,25
30	1953 issue, full set on cover (CTO) special cancellation *Festival Kivu 1953*, *9.1.53*		1,75
31	Airmail cover 1st flight Leopoldville-Brussels, by Boeing 707, 21th of January 1960, red boxed handmark on reverse. Returned to the sender (belgian handmarks)		4,00
32	1942 issue, full set imperforated in blocks of four, UM, *pristine condition*	228/67	200,00
33	Ruanda-Urundi 1919 postage due stamps issue, full set with taxes surcharge and KIGOMA cancellations, on pieces (CTO ?)	TX1/8	36,00
34	Runda-Urundi 1919 postage due stamps issue, full set with taxes surcharge and KIGOMA cancellations, on pieces (CTO ?)	TX1/8	36,00
35	Ruanda-Urundi 1919 postage due stamps issue, full set with taxes surcharge and KIGOMA cancellations (CTO ?), on pieces except for the 15c (hinged on a piece of paper)	TX1/8	35,00
36	Ruanda-Urundi 1919 postage due stamps issue, 5c (3, included 1 on piece), 10c, 25c, 5F with taxes surcharge and KIGOMA cancellations (CTO ?)	TX1/2, TX4, TX8	3,75
37	1894 issue 50c olive (50) full sheet, UM	25	150,00
38	1941 issue 10c grey, inverted surcharge, LH	121-Cu	12,00
39	Congo Republic 30.06.1960 issue African Animals 6,50F black surcharge + 3,50/3F displaced surcharge, UM	409A + 407	0,50
40	1909 issue local overprint L1 5c green, 10c carmine, 15c ochre, 40c blue-green, 50c olive, 1F carmine, all L1 and LH or MLH	30L/32L, 34L/36L	30,00
41	1909 issue local overprint L1 5F carmine LH, adherences	38L	16,00
42	1909 issue typo overprint, full set + both types of the 25c blue, LH, very good condition	40/49 + 43a	90,00

43	1909 issue typo overprint, full set + both types of the 25c blue, used, a few missing perfs on 1F carmine, nice telegraphic cancellations on 50c & 5F	40/49 + 43a	37,00
44	1894 issue 3,50F vermillion, perf 14, fine BOMA cancellation 26 octo 1908	27	50,00
45	1894 issue 5F carmine & 5F rose-carmine, perf 15, both BOMA cancellation	28 + 28a	30,00
46	1894 issue 10F green perf 12, Boma cancellation	29a	15,00
47	1894 issue 10F green perf 13 1/2 x 14. Nice Matadi telegraphic cancellation	29	15,00
	Postage Due Stamps		
48	1908 issue 40c blue-green DIMA cancellation	TX5	2,50
49	1908 issue 1F violet + 1F carmine (a few short perfs for the 1F carmine), used	TX6A + TX6Aa	14,00
50	1908 issue 10F green, perf 14 1/2, used	TX6D	30,00
51	1909 issue 25c blue type I & II, local overprint, OG & LH, perf 14 1/2	TX10 + 10a	25,00
52	1909 issue 40c blue-green, local overprint L2, perf 14 x 13 1/2, LH. Several short perfs	TX11	9,00
53	1909 issue 1F carmine, local overprint L5, perf 13 1/2	TX 13	35,00
54	1909 issue 3,50F red, typo overprint, perf 13 1/2, cancellation BOENDE	TX 24	16,00
55	1909 issue 5F carmine, typo overprint, perf 15, nice cancellation INONGO 1912	TX 25	25,00
56	1909 issue ful set : 5c (LH), 10c (UM), 15c (no gum), 50c (LH)	TX27/30	15,00
57	1910 issue full set LH or UM (5c, 25c, 1F, 3F)	TX31/40	70,00
58	1915 issue full set LH (except 40c : UM)	TX41/48	17,00
59	1921 issue 3 main values of the series (3F red, 5F carmine, 10F green), used	TX62B/C/D	12,00
60	1908 issue, 3,50F red, fake overprint (boxed TAXES)	TX6B	25,00
	Stamps & Covers		
61	Postal Stationery card, palmtrees 1F/60c green on yellow, cancellation BOMA 27.1.49. Internal mail to Costermansville	77	3,00
62	Postage free mail : Aketi 14.10.57 (sender : Centre extra-coutumier)		2,00
63	Postage free mail : Elisabethville 27.5.58		2,00
64	1964 Local Stanleyville issue, full set UM + card with same stamps cancelled by large decorative handmark AND round Stanleyville 21.10.1964 first day cancellation (COB = 275 €)	(COB 1/5)	55
65	1947 issue 20F on registered airmail cover, NYA-LUKEMBA 24-5-56 cancellation + registration label, to Brussels. Transit mark BUKAVU-1-A on reverse	293	2,00
66	Incoming mail : Airmail cover from DDR (East-Germany) 21-5-60 to Stanleyville		2,00
67	Postal stationery card palmtree 15c blue (reply card) Lusambo (hardly legible) 1904 cancellation, to Brussels. Leopoldville transit mark, Brussels arrival mark	17d	15,00

68	Incoming mail : cover from Arlon 27-12-35 (Belgium) to Jadotville		8,00
69	Incoming mail : airmail cover from Blankenberghe, Belgium, to Jadotville. Handwritten "Via Imperial Airways". On reverse : Brussels & Elisabethville transit marks, Jadotville arrival mark		20,00
70	Incoming mail : airmail cover from Diekirch, Luxemburg, 23-9-38 to Jadotville + additional belgian stamps (airmail fee) & Elisabethville transit mark on reverse		30,00
71	Incoming mail : airmail cover from Diekirch, Luxemburg, 12-9-38 to Jadotville + additional belgian stamps (airmail fee), Luxembourg & Elisabethville transit mark, Jadotville arrival mark on reverse		30,00
72	RUANDA-URUNDI 1944 "Message" blocks, full set UM	BL1/4	120,00
73	1910 issue 3F red, cancellation Boma	61	3,00
74	1947 issue, 100F red-rose & black, strip of 3, UM	295	5,50
75	1915 1F olive, block of four, used, BOMA cancellation	70	1,00
76	1923 & 1925 Vloors issues, blocks of four : 10c green UM, 20c olive-green LH/UM, 25c red-brown LH/UM, 30c pink no gum, 45c violet UM, 60c carmine UM, 20c green no gum, 50c orange-red no gum, 1F50 blue no gum	107-109/11-118-123/24-130	1,75
77	1921 issue 25c/15c block of four, UM	88	3,75
78	1894 issue 10c carmine, block of four UM (but "tropical gum"), perf 14	19	3,75
79	1910 issue 40c blue-green ("tropical gum") + 1F carmine, blocks of four, UM & LH	58+60	9,00
80	1930 issue, full set, UM	150/8	36,00
81	1931 issue miniature sheet of 8 stamps (from booklet) 75c carmine-red, UM (tropical gum)	175	1,50
82	1931 issue, 2,50F in miniature sheet of 8, 2,50F blue, UM	178A	3,00
	Ruanda-Urundi Stamps		
83	1929 issue, full set used + 1931 issue full set used	79/80, 90/1	1,25
84	1924 Vloors issue, full set LH, 2 short perfs on 5F	50/61	7,00
85	1924 Vloors issue, full set used	50/61	5,50
86	1930 issue full set UM	81/9	40,00
87	1941 "Meulemans" issue, full set UM	114/7	32,00
88	1941 "Meulemans" issue, full set used	114/7	11,00
89	1925 issue full set UM + 1934 issue LH + 1936 issue, full set LH + 1925 Vloors issue 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 75c & 1F, LH	77/8, 107/10, between 62 & 71	1,00
90	1931 issue full set LH + 1937 issue full set LH	92/106 + 111/3	3,00

91	1918 Red Cross issue nearly full set, used (only 50c is missing). NB : 15c : perf 15 (rare)	36/44	3,00
92	1931 issue full set used + 1937 full set used + duplicates (10) + 1,25 used pair (Usumbura 20.04.41) + 40c green with PAQUEBOT linear mark	92/106 + 111/3	3,25
93	1944 issue "Messages" miniature sheets full set of 4, stamps UM but hinges on sheet border	BL1/4	130,00
94	1944 issue "Messages" miniature sheet 5F orange-red, without border, stamp UM but small trace of hinge on sheet border	BL4	12,00
	Belgian Congo Stamps & Covers		
95	1886 issue 10c pink + 50c olive, LH	2, 4	3,25
96	1910 issue 5c green (2x4), 15c ochre (3x4), in blocks of four, UM or LH or no gum	54-56	0,75
97	1915 issue, 5F orange, perf 15, OG	71	0,75
98	1915 issue, 15c green variety "cut palmtree", in block of four, UM but adhesions	66V	32,00
99	1915 issue, 5c green (6x4), 10c carmine (4x4), 15c green (1x4), 25c blue (3x4), 40c carmine-brown (1x4), 1F olive (1x4), 5F orange (1x4), all in blocks of four, many UM or LH, a very few no gum	64/8,70/1 + 65a	26,00
100	1915 issue, 5F orange, block of four, UM	71	4,50
101	1910 issue 5c green + 15c ochre, perf 15, in blocks of four, LH & UM	54-56	1,00
102	1910 issue 5c green, 15c ochre (perf 15), 40c blue-green (some gum adhesions for the 40c), in blocks of four UM	54-56-58	3,00
103	1921 issue 1921 overprint on 10F green (3, included 1 with a missing perf), used	94 (x 3)	2,50
104	1921 issue, overprint 1921 on 1F carmine, 3F red, 5F carmine & 10F green, all LH. The 10F with watermark !	91/3 + 94-Cu	12,00
105	Postage due stamps issue 1923, 50c ultramarine (4) & 50c light blue (8) in blocks of four, used	TX70/71	1,00
106	1935 Kings' issue, chosen cancellations on 50c (4), 1,25F (6), 1,50F (2), 2,50 (3)	185/7-189	2,25
107	1937 issue, Miniature sheets airmail stamps 1F carmine + 4,50F ultramarine, UM	PA8 + PA11	7,00
108	1886 issue, 5c green, 10c pink, 50c olive. Banana cancellations.	1,2,4	9,00
109	1887 issue 5c yellow-green no gum (1), used (3); 5c green used (1); 10c pink used (1), 25c blue used (4), no gum (1)	6,6a,7,8	2,75
110	1887 issue 50c red-brown + 50c dark brown, used	9, 9a	18,00
111	1894 issue 5c red-brown + 15c ochre, LH	15, 20	4,50
112	1894 issue, 5c red-brown + 50c green (perf 16), no gum	15, 24	0,50
113	1894 issue 5c blue, 5c green, 10c blue, 10c red-brown, 25c blue, 40c blue-green, 50c olive, 1F carmine, 1F violet, used	14,16,17,18 22,23,24,26	14,00

114	1894 issue, 3,50F vermillion, used	27	45,00
115	1894 issue 5F carmine, used	28	12,50
116	1909 issue typo overprint 5F carmine typo overprint type 2, plate I1 + A1, pos 20, used	48	10,50
117	1909 "unilingual" issue, full set LH	50/3	14,50
118	1909 issue typo overprint 25c blue typo overprint type 2, pos 31, no gum	43a	3,00
119	1915 issue full set, used except 1F olive LH. Nice cancellation on 5F	64/71	2,25
120	KATANGA 01.03.1961 issue, full set, LH	KA52/65	0,50
121	Indian free postage stamps in Congo (Indian Contingent of United Nations Force), India stamps with overprint U.N. FORCE (INDIA) CONGO, full set UM	1/6	9,00
122	1889 issue 3,50/5F grey, boxed colis postaux surcharge, missing perf on inferior left corner, LH	CP5	14,00
123	1953 Flowers issue, full set LH	302/23	5,00
124	1953 Flowers issue, 1,25 F in pair UM	311	0,50
125	1938 miniature sheet "international congress of tourism", used (special cancellation Costermansville 6 OCT 1938)	BL2	20,00
126	1925 Vloors issue, 40c lilac, 50c orange-red, 1F grey-blue on registered cover, Elisabethville 14.5.26 to Belgium	121-123-127	9,00
127	Two unwritten picture postcards of S.S. Elisabethville : (1) view of the boat, (2) 1st class dining room		2,00
128	Unwritten picture postcard, view of passenger ship Elisabethville (ca 1960 ?)		2,00
129	1909 issue Brussels overprint B2, 40c blue-green LH	34B2	14,00
130	1887 issue 5F grey, Boma 13 JANV 1894 cancellation	12	30,00
131	1889 issue 3,50/5F grey, boxed "Colis-postaux Fr 3,50" surcharge, fine BOMA cancellation, one short perf at inferior left corner (COB>240 €)	CP5	27,00
	Ruanda-Urundi		
132	1941 issue, full set, 1,75 F & 2,75 F with surcharge, LH (nearly UM)	122/3	2,00
133	1918 Red Cross issue, 1F olive (2), perf 14, LH and OG, perf 14	42	0,75
134	1930 issue, full set, LH	81/89	14,00
135	1941 issue 5c/40c green UM	114 + 95	5,00
136	1925 Vloors issue 1,75/1,50 blue, block of four, UM/LH + 1925 Colonial Campaigns issue, block of four	76 + 77/8	2,00
	Belgian Congp		
137	1928 Stanley issue, 5c gray-green, strip of 3 (small format) + 10c violet strip of 4 (large format), UM	135/6	0,50

138	1939 issue, full set LH	209/13	8,50
139	1942 issue, 50F & 100F, used	247/8	2,00
140	1894 issue 5F carmine, LH	28	14,00
141	1930 issue, full set LH	150-58	17,00
142	1937 issue, miniature sheet, variety "light bulb" (on stamp #4), LH (stamps are UM)	BL1-V	3,00
143	1894 issue 15c ochre UM (1), LH (2), used (12)	20	7,50
144	1894 issue 10c blue LH (1), used (3), no gum (3) + 25c orange OG (1), used (3)	18 + 21	5,50
145	1887 issue 5c yellow-green, 10c rose + 10 c deep-rose (# 7a), 25c blue, 50c grey, used	6/8 + 7a + 10	1,50
146	1887 issue 50c red-brown (2), BO(ma) & BANANA cancellations	9	17,50
147	1887 issue, 5F grey, used	12	32,00
148	1894 issue 5c green (2), 10c carmine (1), 15c ochre (1), 25c orange (1), 40c blue-green (1), 50c green (2), 50c olive (1), 1F violet (1), LH or OG	between 16 & 26A	8,00
149	1894 issue 5F carmine (3), used. One thinned stamp, another w/1 short perf	28	13,00
150	1894 issue 5F carmine, fine BOMA 1897 cancellation	28	12,00
151	1894 issue 5F carmine MATADI 1908 cancellation	28	12,00
152	1894 issue, 10F green perf 14 1/4, MATADI cancellation 190?	29	13,00
153	1894 issue, 10F green perf 14 1/4, BANANA cancellation ??-??-1900	29	12,75
154	1894 issue 5c red-brown + 10c red-brown (perf 15), no gum	15 + 17	1,75
155	1894 issue 3,50F vermillion, used	27	32,00
156	1894 issue 25c orange, 50c green, 1F violet, LH	21, 24, 26A	9,50
157	1928 Stanley issue, full set LH	135/49	12,00
158	Miniature sheets UPU, full set LH (hinge in the margin : stamps are UM) Congo + Ruanda-Urundi (12 miniature sheets) COB value : + 2500 €, Rare	BL3A/10A + BLU1A/4A	700,00
	Stamps, Covers & Miscellaneous		
159	Censored cover from Elisabethville 10.11.43 to Bath, UK. Congo & South-African censor labels.		10,00
160	Censored cover from MATADI 10.05.43 to Nigeria. Congo & British censor labels. Arrival mark on reverse 5 ju 43		20,00
161	Registered cover with 1894 issue 5c, 10c (2), 25c, 50c , from BANANA 2.8.1900 to Germany. A few pale rust spots	16(2), 19, 22, 25	75,00
162	Katanga 1960 issue COB 4/5, full set UM	COB 4/5	3,00
163	Burundi 1962 flowers issue, full set UM	1/7 + 3A	6,00
164	Congo Republic 28.12.1966 issue. President Kennedy miniature sheets, full set	BL17/20	20,00

	UM		
165	1894 issue 50c olive, block of four, (upper left) sheet corner, UM	25	16,00
166	1930 issue, full set, LH or UM	150/8	15,00
167	Ruanda-Urundi 1918 issue, full set, UM. Several stamps w/ sheet margins or sheet corner; 25c : 1 missing perf	36/44	75,00
168	Ruanda-Urundi 1944 issue full set UM	150/3	3,50
169	Ruanda-Urundi 1955 issue full set UM	196/9	5,00
170	1889 issue 5F violet surcharge "Colis postaux 3,50 Fr" Regummed. With certificate BCSC. Bargain !	CP4	140,00
171	Congo Republic collection of about 220 stamps (years 1960-80), included several full sets UM, LH, used		18,50
172	Airmail Cover from Abbeville (France), special cancellation 8-8-60, to Hamburg (Germany), with oval geen mark "wegen Kongoeinsatz Flug ausgefallen - SABENA" (due to Congo operation flight cancelled). Rare		10,00
173	Part of front of unfranked cover from Kamina, Katanga, july 1960. Violet cachet Base Militaire Kamina, straight-line mark in black Réfugié Vluchteling KAMINA, mechanical cancellation CTR/MDN - TRC/MLV 14-7-1960 (ministery of Defence). Rare		30,00
174	Airmail cover from airdisaster Rome 13 FEB 1955. On reverse violet 3 straight-lines mark "Postes Rome Gare Avion/correspondance recouvrée/dans le désatre d'avion du 13 FEB 1955". Transit marks Leopoldville & Luena. No (more) stamps		20,00
	Miniature Sheets		
175	1915 issue full set of 4 miniature sheets UM, type A (?), one (5c, 10c) or two (15c, 25c) margin(s) missing. COB +155 €	64/7	15,00
176	1915 issue 5c green miniature sheet, type C, UM	64	2,50
177	1915 issue 5c green miniature sheet, type C, UM	64	2,50
178	1915 issue 10c carmine miniature sheet, type B, UM	65	6,00
179	1915 issue 10c carmine miniature sheet, type A (?), UM	65	5,00
180	1915 issue 15c blue-green miniature sheet, type C (?), UM, missing corner of the sheet	66	2,50
181	1915 issue 25c blue miniature sheet, type B (?), UM	67	35,00
182	1937 issue full set of 5 miniature sheets (50c, 75c, 1,25F, 1,50F, 2,50F), UM	173/5/7/7A/8A	12,50
183	1937 issue 50c violet miniature sheet with plate # 1, UM	173	6,00
184	1937 issue 75c carmine red miniature sheet with plate # 1, UM	175	3,50
185	1937 issue 1,25F red-brown miniature sheet with plate # 1, UM	177	3,50
186	1937 issue 1,50F grey miniature sheet with plate # 1, UM	177A	5,00

187	1937 issue 2,50F blue miniature sheet with plate # 1, UM	178A	6,00
188	1937 issue 1,25F red-brown miniature sheet with plate # 2, UM	177	3,50
189	1915 issue 5c green three miniature sheets, type C (?), regummed	64	4,00
Belgian Congo. Ruanda-Urundi & Katanga			
190	1950 issue 3F blue chosen cancellations (18)	298	2,00
191	1950 issue, full set on FDC (Elisabethville, 12.8.50)	298/9	3,00
192	R.-U. 1916 issue 40c carmine-brown vertical pair, rare perf 15, sheet margin, UM (tropical gum)	32	45,00
193	R.-U. 1941 issue, full set UM	114/7	32,00
194	R.-U. 1942 issue, full set UM	148/9	0,75
195	R.-U. 1942 issue, full set in blocks of four, UM	148/9	3,50
196	R.-U. 1961 issue, full set in blocks of four, UM	216A/B	2,50
197	Katanga 01.03.61 issue, full set 1st day cancellation on official leaflet "Etat du Katanga", cancellation Elisabethville D5 1.3.61	52/65	1,50
198	Congo Republic 03.1965 issue, full set imperforate, UM in pairs	573/79	4,50
199	Congo Republic 04.1965 issue, full set imperforate, UM, in blocks of four	580/85	9,00
Books			
200	"CMB", 50-page hardcover book written on the Companie Maritime Belge with some pictures. Year of publication around 1970. Very good condition		6,00
201	Catalogue Willy Balasse Congo Belge (until the 1947 issue). Hardcover. Correct but worn condition		15,00