

PRESS RELEASE



The Ukrainian Collectibles Society (UCS) of Australia announces the release of a Personalised Stamp™ and souvenir first day of issue envelope to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Ukraine's Independence.

A first day cover (FDC) with the stamp will be cancelled at the Lidcombe NSW post office on 24 August 2011 and the stamp and FDC will be officially released at the 3rd National Ukrainian Collectibles Exhibition UCSPEX-2011 at 11:00 am on Saturday 27 August 2011. The venue for UCSPEX-2011 is the Ukrainian Youth Hall (Club area downstairs), 11-15 Church Street, Lidcombe NSW 2141.

The Personalised Stamp™ will comprise an Australian 60-cent domestic rate *Wattle* postage stamp with attached label with a specially designed image. The image has been designed by a Ukrainian-born Adelaide artist specially to commemorate this milestone in Ukraine's history and is the first time the Ukrainian Collectibles Society has commissioned such a project.

The first day of issue (FDI) envelope will comprise the special Australia Post Personalised Stamp™, cancelled at the Lidcombe post office, a decorative envelope cachet, the Society's FDI imprint, with descriptive text in both Ukrainian and English on the reverse of the envelope.

Orders for stamps and first day envelopes must be placed directly with the UCS on the prescribed Order form (which is attached). Orders for the 20th anniversary stamp and envelope must be received and fully paid for by **6:00 pm, Sunday 14 August 2011**.

Stamps and envelopes will also be available for sale over the two days of UCSPEX at Lidcombe – Saturday 27 August (between 10:00 – 6:00) and Sunday 28 August (11:00 – 5:00).

The UCS is Australia's only organisation solely dedicated to the collecting and promotion of Ukrainian collectibles, *Ukrainica*. Formed in 1994 the UCS and its members are major contributors to Ukrainian theme philately and collectibles in Australia and around the world.

The email address for all orders is: bandura@ozemail.com.au

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The Order Form **MUST** be completed and fully paid for.

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**The UCS encourages you to place your order
before the cut-off date of 14 August 2011**