

for philatelists

From the beginning of October this year the United Nations Postal Administration has been able to issue Swiss-denomination stamps valid for correspondence posted at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

This is the first time that the UN in Geneva has been able to send mail using its own postage stamps and is therefore of great interest to philatelists. The principal aim of the UN Postal Administration is to make UN activities and those of the specialized agencies better known in the world through stamps. In 1969 there have been issues in honour of the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the Economic Commission for Latin America, the International Law Commission and the International Labour Organisation (ILO). Among those next year will be a stamp to commemorate the efforts of the World Health Organization (WHO) to fight cancer.

There are eight denominations in the new Swiss issue, each with special designs. They are 1 franc (designed by Rashid-ud-Din, Pakistan); 10 centimes, 30 centimes and 75 centime (Ole Hamann, Denmark); 5 centimes (Jozsef Vertel, Hungary); 3 francs, showing the statue in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, New York; 50 centimes (Olav S. Mathiesen, Denmark); and 20 centimes (Georges Hamori, Australia).

agency privileges and immunities

Switzerland has become the thirty-fifth Member State to be a party to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Its Resident Representative, Ambassador Alfred Eschler, deposited his Government's instrument of acceptance on 16 September. This is the fourth such instrument to be deposited with the Agency since the beginning of this year, the others being Ecuador on 16 April, Niger on 17 June and Vietnam on 31 July.

Students at a medical radioisotope course conducted in Ghana by an Agency staff member. Photo: IAEA/Belcher