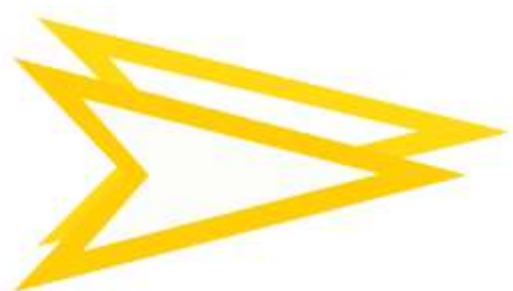




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Micronations and their stamps



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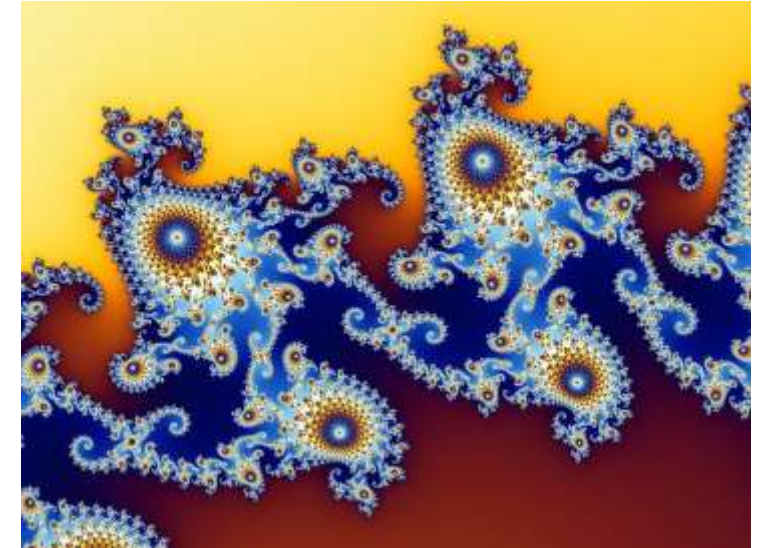
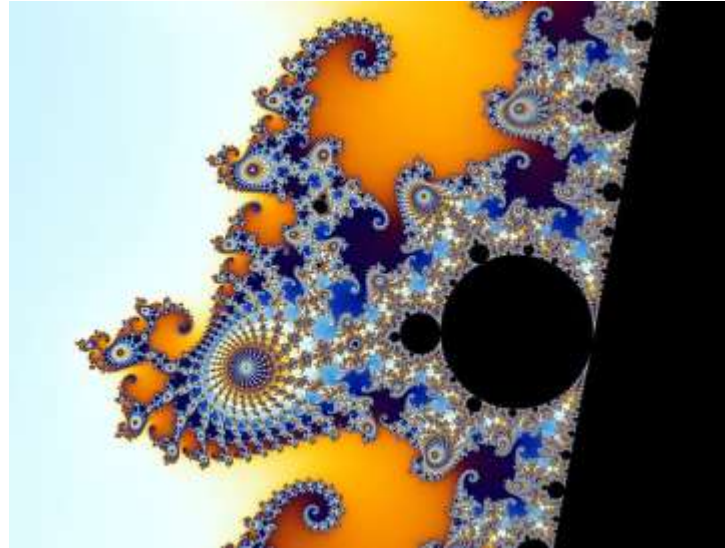
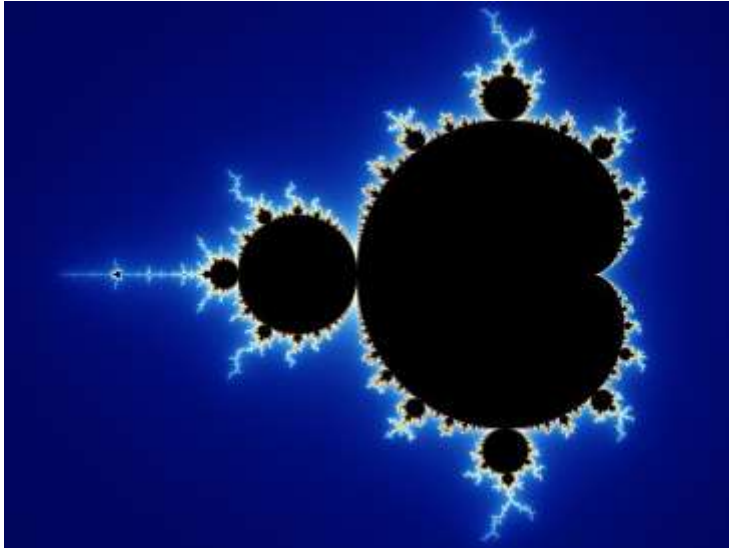
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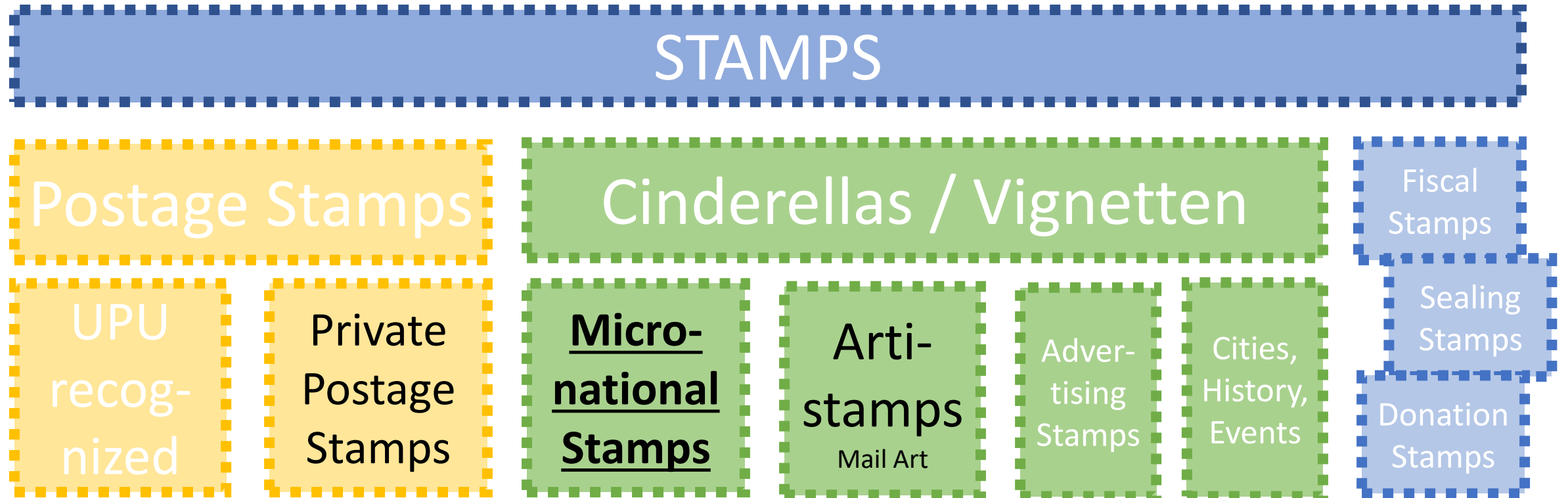


Images: Wikipedia / Wolfgang Beyer

- Mandelbrot set aka „Apfelmännchen“
 - Fractal graphics based on simple mathematic rule
 - Zooming in shows ever more details

*Many areas of knowledge
can contain a seemingly
infinite number of details!*

Postage stamps, Cinderellas and Micronational Stamps - a taxonomy



Micronational Stamps - Definition



- Small piece of paper
- Gummed or self-adhesive
- Detachable via perforation
- Dedicated to a certain purpose
- Displays issuing state, value, possibly symbols, year

- Formal aspects of a state (government, symbols...)
- Not officially recognized
- Territorial, claimed territorial, non-territorial

Stamp



Micronation



**Micro-
national
Stamp**

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- Earliest „Micronational Stamps“ based on existing territories
 - **Sedang** – 1888/89
 - Located in the highlands of Vietnam (then French)
 - Founded by Charles-Marie David de Mayréna
 - Mayréna sold titles and decorations
 - Stamps sold to collectors in Europe
 - „Reborn“ in the present – Bruce Grenville





Maluku Selatan – South Moluccas

- Maluku Selatan
 - Multiple islands in the Indonesian archipel
 - Christian, pro-Dutch population
 - Declaration of Independence 1950
 - Subdued by Indonesia 1955 / 1963
 - Exile Government in the Netherlands
- Maluku Selatan Stamps – 3 groups
 - Overprinted Indonesian (rare)
 - Exile Government – UN / UPU themes
 - Unauthorized by NY stamp dealer



Other “Grey Area” stamp issues

- Stamps for post Soviet Union territories
 - Unrecognized territories like Karabakh, Abkhasia, DNR / LNR
 - Decorative fake issues for Tatarstan, Chechnia etc. – „Lady Di and Dinosaurs“
 - Fake overprints on Soviet stamps
- Literature based stamp issues
 - Ankh Morpork and other Discworld™ (Terry Pratchett) issues
- Stamps for imagined countries or colonies
 - Latvian Tobago (Bruce Grenville)
 - Not really a Micronation
 - Historic Courland colony
 - British West Florida
 - Genuine UK colony 1763-83
 - Micronation (sort of)



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Republic of Rose Island / Respubliko de la Insulo de la Rozoj



- Founded in 1968 by Giorgio Rosa
- 400m² platform outside Italian Territorial Waters
- Destroyed by Italy in February 1969



Film on Netflix!

First stamp issue 1968:

- 5000 printed
- 1000 survived
- ebay: **€ 4700** for block of 3
- Article by Fabio Vaccarezza



Principality of Sealand

- Principality of Sealand
 - Former British Coastal Defense Platform
 - Located 12 sea miles off Suffolk
 - Occupied in 1967 by Paddy Roy Bates & Family
 - Attacked in 1978 by mercenaries during coup attempt
 - Still managed by Michael Bates (Prince Michael of Sealand)
- Stamps of Sealand
 - Several colourful issues in 1970
 - Ships, Pirates, Fishes
 - Intermittent issues in the following decades
 - Easy to find & acquire



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Aramoana – Successful Resistance



- Independent State of Aramoana
 - Village at the eastern coast of southern New Zealand
 - 1974: Save Aramoa Campaign, protest against planned Aluminium smelter
 - 1980: Declaration of Independence
 - Passports, stamps issued
 - First Day Covers!
 - 500'000 NZ\$ collected by campaign
 - 1981: Smelter project cancelled.
Official reintegration into NZ



Principality of Hutt River

“Not A Micronation!”

- Hutt River Principality
 - Located in Western Australia
 - Founded in 1970 by Leonard Casley
 - 2017: Prince Graeme takes office
 - 2019: Death of Prince Leonard
 - 2020: Principality dissolved due to tax issues
- Hutt River stamp issues
 - First issue 1973
 - Continuous issues until 1995
 - Since 2007 printed by **yourstamps**



2010 – Prince Leonard



2010 – Princess Shirley, P.L.,
Steve Baikie & Spouse



1973 – First Issue “Wildflowers”

Hutt River Stamp Issues I



1974 – Prince Leonard



1992 – Pirate issue „Cyclethon“



1980 – Harvesting Technology

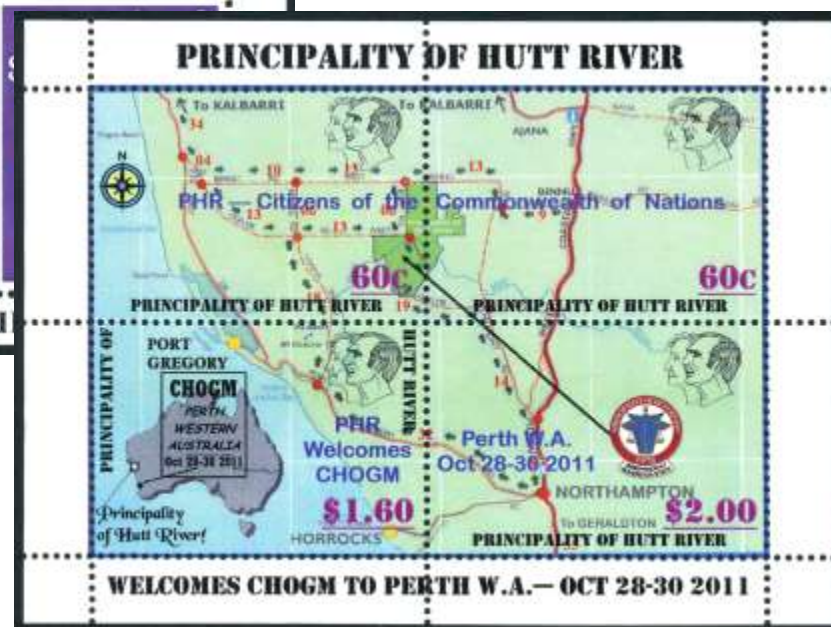
Hutt River Stamp Issues II



2009 - Seal



2015 – Nature Spirit



2011 – Commonwealth Heads of Government



PtM 2010 – PHR 50th Anniversary

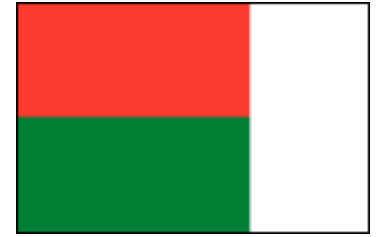
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More than 50 years of Micronationalist stamp artistry - Bruce Grenville



- “Occussi-Ambeno” as a micronational / philatelic art project
 - Based in New Zealand, described as Anarchist, Artist, Collector
 - A.k.a. Bruce Henderson
 - In 1968, started a Bicycle Mail service in Timaru, NZ
 - Micronational collaboration with a group of friends
 - ICIS, Waikoa Island, Kemp Land, Upper Yafa, Liegerland, Muggy, ...
 - Continuous issue of stamps since 1968, documented on websites
 - Overview article by Geir Sør-Reime



Kemp Land - Matthew Campbell

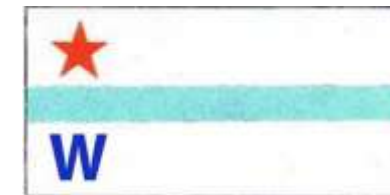


Mevu - Geir Sør-Reime



Muggy – Geoff Weston

Bruce Grenville – Waikoa & ICIS



“International Council of Independent States”
(Geir Sor-Reime / Bruce Grenville)

Waikoa Island – Protectorate of Mevu

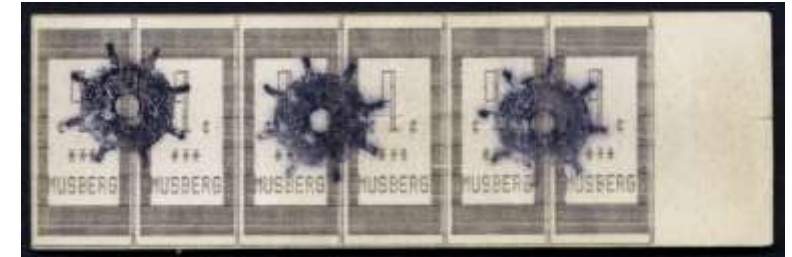


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Posta tal Musograd

- Posta tal Musograd
 - Founded in 1985
 - Serving most states of the Federated Micronations of the Musanian Lands
- Stamps of PtM:
 - Following the history of Musograd
 - Artworks, Events, Symbols
 - October 3rd – Independence Day
 - Serving to demonstrate & develop abilities of yourstamps



Recent issues of Posta tal Musograd



International Events:



New Definitives series (A. Wulf):



Christmas:



Local Events and Developments:



Capricornia Post – Open For The World



- Republic of Capricornia
 - Seceded from Musograd 2006
 - Joined F.M. as State in 2009
 - Relatively active foreign policy
 - Named after the Australian region of Capricornia (QLD)

- Capricornia Post
 - Distinctive stamp designs
 - Subsidiary: Capricornia Post Extraterritorial Agencies (CPEA)
 - Servicing Frya Nordland Territories (B.Krauth) and other entities



First issue, 2006



Georgia and Ukraine, 2008

Midnight Oil Concert,
Gelsenkirchen, 2019



Capricornia Post and CPEA – Recent Issues



Capricornia Post

Refugee Ships 2022



Hong Kong and Belarus, 2020



Frya Nordland Territories (Bernhard Krauth)



Capricornia Post Extraterritorial Agencies

Joint Sovereign Base, 2021



Mediterranean Service and Baltic Service



Sandy Island (printed by Bruce Grenville)



Fabio Vaccarezza,
renowned philatelist

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Yourstamps - a genuine micronational stamp manufacturer since 2003

- Founded in Mainz, 2003
- Moved to Berlin in 2005
 - Office in Berlepsch St., Zehlendorf
 - Visit us when in Berlin!
- Officially registered as a business!
- Operating with student employees and freelance designers
- Using our own stamp printing software “Mstamp”
- Customers: Micronations, Islands, Artists, Micropostal services etc.



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Dedication to an impossible task- the Catalog Makers

Why “impossible”?

- Geir Sør-Reime

- WICICON and WOPHAD Catalogues since 1993

- Ralph Phillips

- Catalogs covering most “grey area” stamp issuers
- Dedicated Catalogue “Micronations of the World”
- Available as CDs via yourstamps!

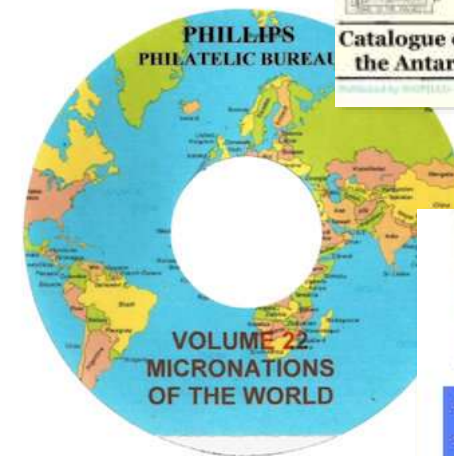
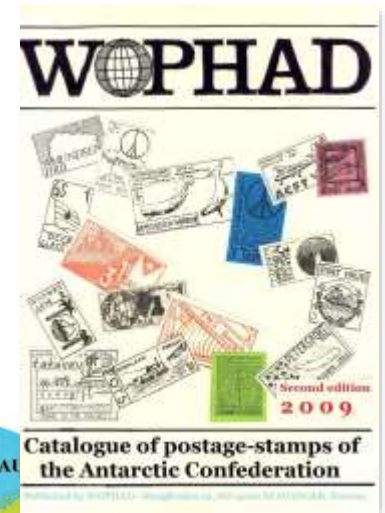
- Bernhard Lürssen

- Catalogs for Hutt River and Kingdom of Elleore



- Anders Backman

- Catalogs for Maluku Selatan and “The Smaller Channel Islands”



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How to create Micronational Stamps

To Start, Use Your
STATE SYMBOLS

Do Add The Following:

- Name of the State
- Value & Currency Unit
- *Year / Designer (small)*

Do-It-Yourself Tech
Or
Printing Service?
Yes!



Bumbunga (Australia), 1980

Distribute Freely
Amongst Friends
And Micronations!
Or maybe **POSTCROSSING**

Further Design Ideas & Suggestions



Ideas for Themes:

- State Symbols
- Micronational Events
- Local Views
- Local Events
- Political Events
- Joint Issues
- Christmas and similar
- Anniversaries
- Personal Interests



Ideas for Layout:

- Minisheets
- Se-tenant sets
- Printed sheet borders
- Triangular stamps
- ~~Circular stamps~~

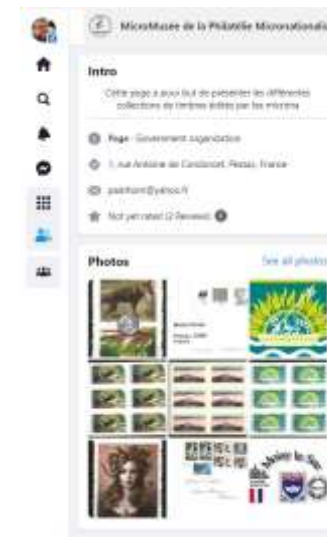


Do Not Forget Cancellations!



How To Collect Micronational Stamps

- Get a large stockbook for stamps!
 - 60 pages (black), eg “Leuchtturm” brand, about 20€
 - Enough room for both stamps and envelopes
- Maybe a pair of tweezers and a magnifying glass?
- Start collecting!
 - Exchanging with other Micronations
 - Auction sites Ebay / HipStamp / Delcampe
 - Check out Facebook
 - Micronational Postal Association
 - MicroMusee de la Philatelie Micronationale
 - Get (or create) Micronational stamp catalogs!



Thank you!



"MicroCon 2022":
Joined Issue by
West Who (John Farr) and
Westarctica (Travis McHenry)