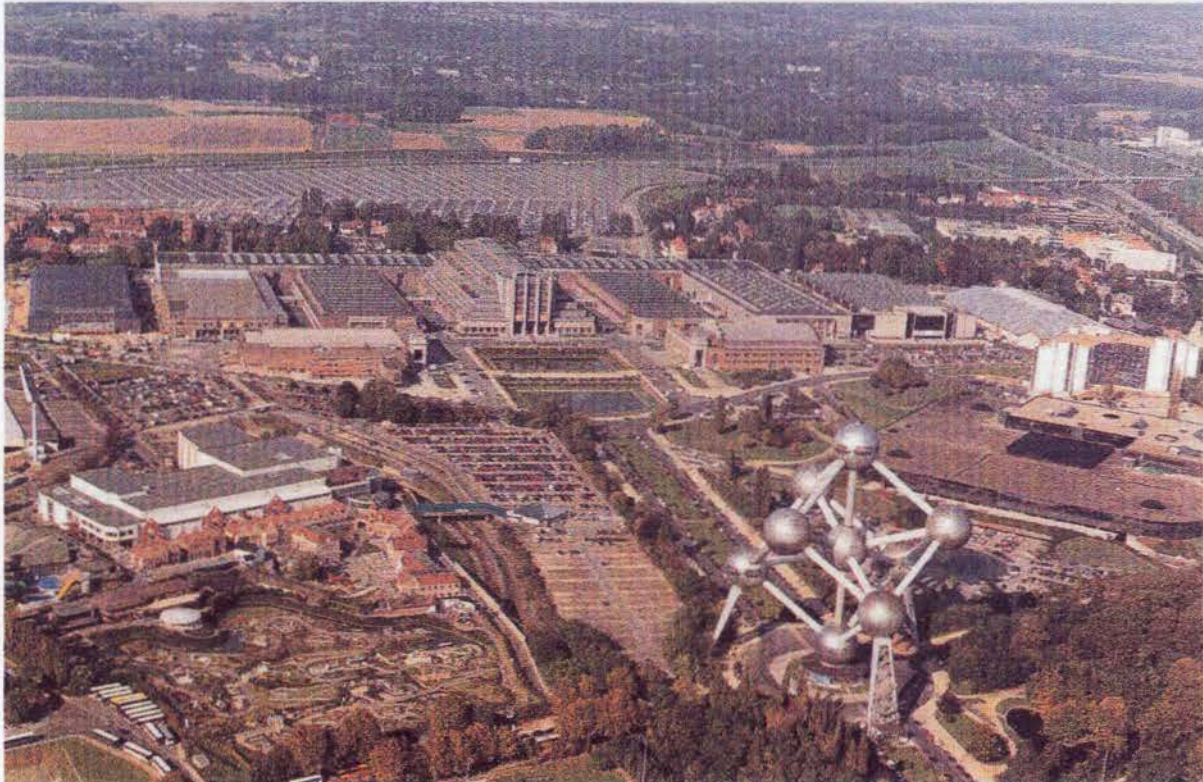


## Expo '58, Brussels Universal & International Exposition

Expo '58 was the first important post war exhibition. Overall, it was their 9<sup>th</sup> such venture. Initially proposed in 1947, it soon fell victim to the cold war rumblings and viewpoints. Postponed from 1955, due to the Korean War, It ran from 17 April - 19 October 1958. By the time it opened with its towering Atomium as centrepiece, Expo '58 had become a place to test and shape the possibilities of human existence under the then shadow of nuclear destruction.



The Expo was held at Heysel (photo above c1990), where the 1935 Exhibition had been held. King Baudouin donated nearly 500 acres of his private estate parkland to provide extra space for the exhibition. This was beautiful rolling countryside, which made the setting for the fair one of the prettiest ever. Its very size created a transport headache, which was duly solved.

Baron Georges Moens de Fernig was Commissioner-General and Charles Everaerts de Velp from the Ministry of Economic Affairs was Secretary-General. Marcel van Goethem was chief engineer, while the Atomium was suggested and designed by André Waterkeyn. Architectural styles were not set as in previous fairs, but should be along modernist lines. Even the Russian pavilion was modern, not Stalinist Gothic.

Besides making a feature of cold war politics, Germany, Japan and Italy were allowed pavilions. The small, unimposing German one was much liked, very different from the 1937 Paris monument to Nazism. Both Japan and Italy also had modest, simple pavilions. None of these is shown.

By 1958 British and French Empires were shrinking. Both featured small colonial exhibits. Belgium on the other hand had a large display covering 19 acres of tropical gardens and seven pavilions, showing the civilising mission of the Belgian colonial rule in the Congo. As a display of imperial aims, the exhibit was a success. As a display of colonial realities, it hid more than it revealed as the world discovered two years later when the Congo erupted in a bloody independence struggle. Belgium's pavilion and stamps along with those issued by the United Nations are shown in this exhibit.

The role of the fair in promoting peaceful nuclear energy development cannot be underestimated. USA, France and UK all showed nuclear reactor models for electricity generation and other uses as did Russia.





Brussels acquired several hundred additional acres of parkland, while the Atomium became a permanent addition to the skyline and is still a popular tourist attraction today.

The Atomium represents a nine atom crystalline molecule of the element iron balanced on one corner. Standing 102 m tall, each sphere is 18 m in diameter. The spheres are connected by escalators, which symbolise binding molecular forces. The spheres contained exhibits about the future uses of atomic energy as well as restaurants. The top sphere provides spectacular views over Brussels and Expo.

The Atomium was both instructive and awesome; it helped spread the message about the atom's power for both good and evil.

On the lighter side, there was a recreation of a typical 1900 Belgian village, where visitors could enjoy a nostalgic trip with nightclubs and cabarets of yesteryear.

Maxi card dated 15 April showing the Atomium. Expo officially opened on 17 April.

In the course of building for the fair, Brussels acquired 30 miles of new roads and 5 miles of tunnels to speed traffic flow. Some 15000 Belgian and foreign workers were employed during construction. After Expo '58 some of the buildings were sold off locally, others returned to their own countries for further use. For example Liège bought the transport hall, which became a covered market and Finland bought the Vatican's building.

The Expo was officially opened on 17 April 1958 and closed seven months later on 19 October. Was it a success? Overall 41,454,000 visitors passed through the turnstiles. The official loss was given as 3 billion francs (75,000,000 euros), but with all the money spent on travel, accommodation, food and additional sightseeing in Belgium, the government reckoned they were ahead overall. Whether the cost of the roads and tunnels were included in this figure, I do not know. Their benefit alone since would have saved the 3 billion francs many times over.

To promote the 1858 Brussels Expo, a set of four stamps (one shown on the card above) was issued 17 April 1957. Designed by Edouard Meert and engraved by Leon Janssens, they were recess printed in sheets of 30 stamps and perforated 11½. They may still be used legally.

**Historical Dictionary of World Fairs & Expositions 1851-1988, J Findling (Pub Greenwood)**





N° Printed 15,676,706  
Issue date 17 Apr 57

10,381,697  
4 Feb 58

135,466  
17 Apr 57

4,548,717  
4 Feb 58



EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE - BRUXELLES 1958  
WERELDTENTOONSTELLING - BRUSSEL 1958



Architectes :  
a. pirnay, r. jeanne et g. martin

Porte BENELUX Poort

1er jour d'émission. • 1ste dag van uitgifte. P 53



FDC for 1958 stamps on official envelope & using Exhibition CDS



BRUXELLES  
BRUSSEL 1958

1er jour d'émission.  
1ste dag van uitgifte.

Editions Rodan - Bruxelles

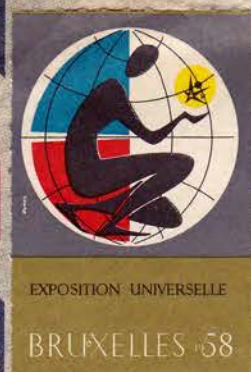


EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE  
WERELDTENTOONSTELLING



FDC for Expo 1958 stamps on official envelope & using Brussels 1 cds

These two stamps were issued in April 1957 as initial Expo advertising



PAR AVION  
PER Vliegtuig  
BY AIR MAIL  
VIA AEREA

Mr. U.F. BILLMEIER  
3624 Lincoln Avenue  
Chicago 13,  
ILLINOIS / U.S.A

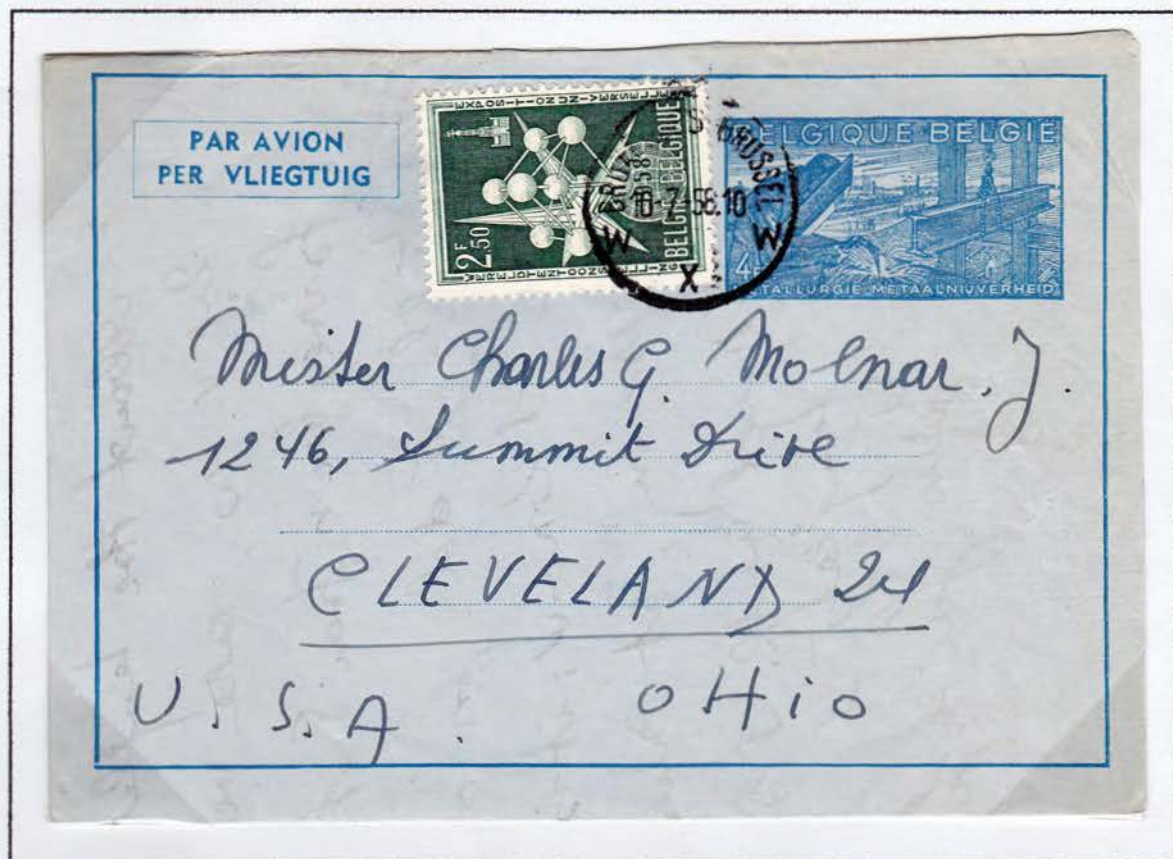
Airmail letter with Exhibition sticker to USA

Brussels 1 cds of 11 Jun 57. 4 Fr postage & 2<sup>50</sup> Fr airmail / 5 gms

LETTER INSIDE 3gm total

Brussels 1958 3a.pub





Aerogramme from Brussels to Cleveland using a 2<sup>50</sup> Fr stamp to make up the current 6<sup>50</sup> Fr franking  
 Posted in July 1958, during Expo, the aerogramme rate for USA had been increased from 4 to 6<sup>50</sup> F on 1 October 1957



Letter from Brussels to Hamburg (October 1993) using a still current 2 Fr stamp

15 Fr postage (1992-1994) within EEC



D.C. 1985.

VERREKENING  
REMBOURSEMENT

331

Naam en adres van de geadresseerde :  
*Mr. G. B. Dijkman*  
*Postbus 26*  
*Westende*

Remboursement (1)  
 Postcheckrekening n° *458477*

Aangegeven waarde (1)  
*Waarde door de Europese Mij verzeker*

(1) In letterschrift.

Naam en adres van de afzender : *Op 15 9*  
*Veegmeier*  
*Postbus*  
*Ruislede*  
*Teng*

Bij niet-aflevering, verzoeke : *aan*

Aard van het goed (voor BREEKBARE en BEDER-  
 FELIJKE waren) : *aan*

Colis Postaux

Colli ontvangen — Colis reçu

de le om a

*an Verband.*  
*16 X-57*  
*102*

Railway parcel waybill from Ruislede to Westende paying 21 Fr costs  
 And using a 4 Fr stamp (the least common value)





### Airmail letter from Brussels to Geelong

Bruxelles XAC cds of 25 Jun 1958

Postage	5 Fr ( $\leq 20$ gm)
Airmail	21 Fr (10-15 gm)

All stamps normal paper





Postcard from Brussels to USA  
Postage 3 Fr Airmail 2<sup>50</sup> Fr

Text makes interesting reading - Russian exhibit best by far



## Two first flights



### Initial flight Brussels to London by Lufthansa

Postage EEC rate 2<sup>50</sup> Fr. (GB was not in EEC then, but imprimé postage was covered, so no extra charge)



### Initial helicopter flight Brussels to Paris (598A) Pilot Blondiau

Postage 3 Fr (double journey postcard), and Paris poste restante backstamps 1 Fr charge





### Registered seairmail letter from Brussels to Detroit

Bruxelles - Brussel 1 EA cds of 5 Apr 58

Postage	5 Fr
Registration	6 Fr
Franking	11 Fr



### back stamps

Detroit, Michigan / Reg. Div. of 20 Apr 58  
Fenkell Sta. Of 22 Apr 58

Fenkell Station was the post office on Fenkell Ave, Dearborn, which was then Detroit 38



Comité National  
du Monument Léopold I  
à La Panne

Secrétariat Général :  
22, Rue du Chêne  
BRUXELLES

Nationaal Comité  
van het Monument Leopold I  
te De Panne

Algemeen Secretariaat :  
22, Eikstraat  
BRUSSEL



Monsieur PERBAL Marcel  
32 av. Cardinal Mercier  
BRESSOUX



### Registered letter from Ixelles to Bressoux

Ixelles-Elsene 3c cds of 11 Jul 58

Postage	2 <sup>50</sup> Fr
Registration	6 Fr

Notes - Postage rose internally from 2 Fr to 2<sup>50</sup> Fr and externally from 4 to 5 Fr on 1 October 1957.

Also registration rose from 5 to 6 Fr at the same time.

This prompted the issue of the above values on 1 Feb 1958 to supersede the two issued on 17 Feb 1957.



On 15 April 1958 and corresponding with the first day for visitors to Expo 58, a set of 6 charity stamps was issued. These were designed by Jean Van Noten and engraved by Leon Janssens for recess printing. The small sizes were printed in sheets of 50 stamps, whilst the 5 Fr was in sheets of 25. Again they were perforated  $11\frac{1}{2}$ . Quantities printed are shown below the mint stamps.



2,342,735



1,896,809



1,650,366



1,115,271



919,628



1,080,510







Eglise Notre-Dame du Sablon, Brussels



### Belgian Antarctic Base to Brussels via Cape Town

Antarctic base cds of 3 Jan 1959    Brussels arrival cds of 5 Mar 1959  
 Printed matter postage 1 Fr.    Airmail 3<sup>50</sup> Fr Cape Town to Brussels  
 Postage correct if 30+20c value of stamps used. 20c should go to charity not postage





Corner of the Grand Place

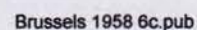


Brussels to Munich

EEC postage 1<sup>50</sup> Fr



A color photograph of the Atomium structure in Brussels, Belgium. The structure is a large, metallic, three-sphere lattice, resembling a molecular model. It stands prominently in a park-like setting with trees and a paved walkway. Several people are visible walking around the base of the structure. A tram is visible on the left side of the image. The sky is clear and blue.





Two days later, for the official opening on 17 April, a set of ten postage and six airmail stamps was issued to commemorate the participation of the United Nations at the Universal Fair in Brussels. The set was only available by subscription, except 1, 1<sup>50</sup>, 2<sup>50</sup> & 5 Fr, which could be used postally, internally or abroad, when purchased at the special post office within the exhibition grounds or the UN post office in New York (these stamps are shown in centre row below). Letters had to be posted in the special UN post boxes. They were available until 17 October 1958 when the Universal Exhibition closed. The airmail stamps were all available for postal use. Designers and quantities printed are listed below the stamp. Both sets were recess printed in sheets of 30 stamps using four plates per value, and were p 11½. The engravers are not known, but I assume this would have been done at Malines.



Jean Van Noten  
340,771



M. Wijckaert  
340,771



M. Maniel (Paris)  
340,771



Jean Van Noten  
680,843



O. Harmann (Copenhagen) L.Roda-Jacobo (Madrid)  
777,896 466,267



Jean Van Noten  
479,894



K. Plowitz (NY)  
340,771



DF. Rogers (NY)  
340,771



Leon Janssens  
340,771



## UN airmail stamps for use abroad

339,272 sets were printed. They were demonetised on 17 October 1958



Jean Van Noten



Jean Van Noten



Jean Van Noten



L. Turner



M. Maniel



C. Bottiau



"In health there is freedom", painted  
by Hans Erni for the World Health Organization

Mural in United Nations pavilion



Siège des NATIONS UNIES à NEW-YORK  
 Secrétariat du Bâtiment de l'Assemblée  
 (Vue aérienne prise de l'East River)



LES NATIONS UNIES  
 à l'Exposition de BRUXELLES 1958



*Mail Dispatcher*

*U. N. Postal Administration*

*United Nations*

**NEW-YORK**

(U. S. A.)

7Y13447

Picture postcard from Brussels Expo to New York with special UN Expo stamps

United Nations, Brussels cds of 19 October 58 on bottom card

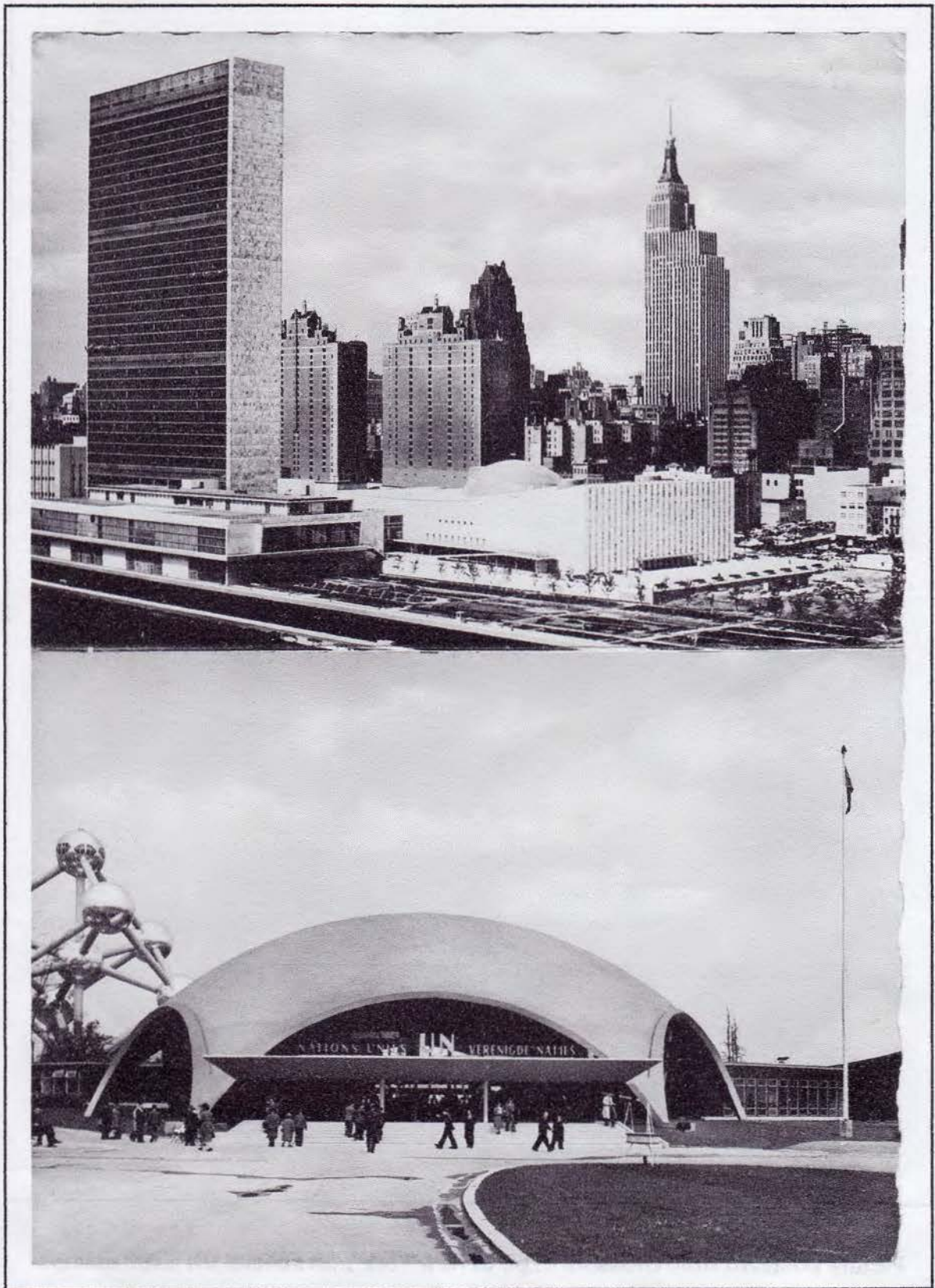
Postage  
 Airmail

5 Fr (letter rate)  
 5 Fr (2.50 Fr / 5 gm)

In New York, card had two UN stamps affixed and FDC slogan added

See over for illustration of double card





**Top - United Nations Building in New York - aerial view over East River**  
**Lower - United Nations pavilion at Expo in Brussels**





16 UN stamps on a FDC  
dated 17 Apr 58.

United Nations Expo cds  
UN registration label

This registered envelope was sent  
through the post unsealed and received  
two backstamps as shown below in USA.

Postage	5 Fr
Registration	6 Fr
Airmail	2 <sup>50</sup> Fr/ 5 gm

#### Backstamps



The 6 envelopes on the following  
pages, which contain the 16 stamps,  
are rare, as most of these stamps  
were available only by subscription.

(See notes at the top of page 7 concerning this  
issue)

Postage for each envelope	5 Fr
Airmail	2 <sup>50</sup> Fr







PENSIONNAT  
des  
RELIGIEUSES URSULINES  
FOURON-LE-COMTE

PAR-AVION



Rev. Brother Werner Dobner

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**Philatelic letter from Brussels Expo to West Germany**  
showing the complete Belgian postal set

Brussels Expo cancel dated 15 May 1958

Correct postage

5 F





**Registered philatelic letter from Brussels to Berne**  
showing the complete Belgian Exhibition postal set

**Bruxelles-Brussel F36F** cds dated 13 Sep 58

Postage	5 Fr (≤ 20 gm)
Registration	6 Fr

Letter contains 13<sup>30</sup> Fr franking

**Brussels 36** used to be a postal agency in the Banque Nationale building in downtown Brussels.  
On 10 Mar 1958, Brussels 36 was reassigned to **Forest (Brux.) / Vorst (Brus.) 1**  
Interestingly, this CDS makes no mention of the suburb.





**Commercial registered airmail letter from Koekelberg to Newark, USA**  
showing the complete Belgian Exhibition postal set

**Koekelberg 1C cds dated 11 Aug 58**

Postage	5 Fr ( $\leq 20$ gm)
Registration	6 Fr
Airmail	2 <sup>50</sup> Fr / 5 gm

Letter contains 15<sup>50</sup> Fr franking, which is underpaid 50c for a 10 gm letter (envelope is 6 gm now)  
Such commercial letters are seldom seen; they are usually philatelic



Newark (Registry) backstamp of 13 Aug 58



Two airmail letters from De Panne to Luluabourg, Belgian Congo



De Panne 1 slogan cds of 21 & 22 Aug 1958

Postage	3 Fr ( $\leq 20$ gm)
Airmail	3 Fr ( $\leq 10$ gm)
Additional airmail	2 Fr ( $10 < \text{gm} \leq 15$ gm)

Total franking correctly 8 Fr

Luluabourg is now Kananga. It has a population of nearly 500,000, and is an important commercial and administrative centre.





**Registered seairail letter from Louvain to Montevideo**

**Leuven 3C cds of 16 Aug 1958**

**Leuven 3 registration label**

Postage	5 Fr (≤ 20 gm)
Registration	6 Fr
Poste restante fee	30c (assumed)

<b>Total franking</b>	<b>11<sup>30</sup> Fr</b>
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Each country seemed to levy their own poste restante fee. Belgium's was then 1 Fr  
Letter collected 15 Sep 1958 (rubber stamp under restante)





### Picture postcard from Brussels Expo to Scotland

Belgian Expo canceller N° 1 of 26 Apr 58  
Postage to UK 1 Fr for ≤ 5 text word



UK Government Pavilion (verso of above card)





#### Unsealed letter to Scotland

Belgian Expo N° 1 cds dated 30 Aug 58.  
Postage 1 Fr for unsealed envelope abroad



#### Picture postcard showing US (LHS) and Vatican pavilions (RHS)

30c stamp with Belgian Telexpo cds, while 1 Fr stamp has United Nations cds, both of 9 Jun 58





Belgium Avenue (Ave du Centenaire in 1930) and Hall of Graphic Arts



### Postcard to Munich

Bruxelles-Exposition cds of 27 May 1958

!50 Fr internal & Dutch, German rates





Picture postcard posted to UK on the closing day of Brussels Expo

Nations Unies Bruxelles / Brussel Verenigde Naties  
United Nations cds 19 Oct 1958

2 UN stamps used to pay 3<sup>50</sup> Fr postage



## 1958 EUROPA STAMP ISSUE



**Picture postcard of Brussels pavilion by night used for Europa FDI**

**Bruxelles.Brussel.Europa c&s dated 13 September 1958**

Two Europa stamps issued for all 8 member countries on 13 Sep 58, who then were Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxemburg, Holland, Saar\* & Turkey

The Saar was only included for 1957 & 1958 resulting from the Treaty signed in 1956 between France and Germany





30 + 20c Benelux Gate



1 Fr + 50c Civil Engineering Arrow





1<sup>50</sup> Fr + 50c Belgian Congo & Ruanda-Urundi

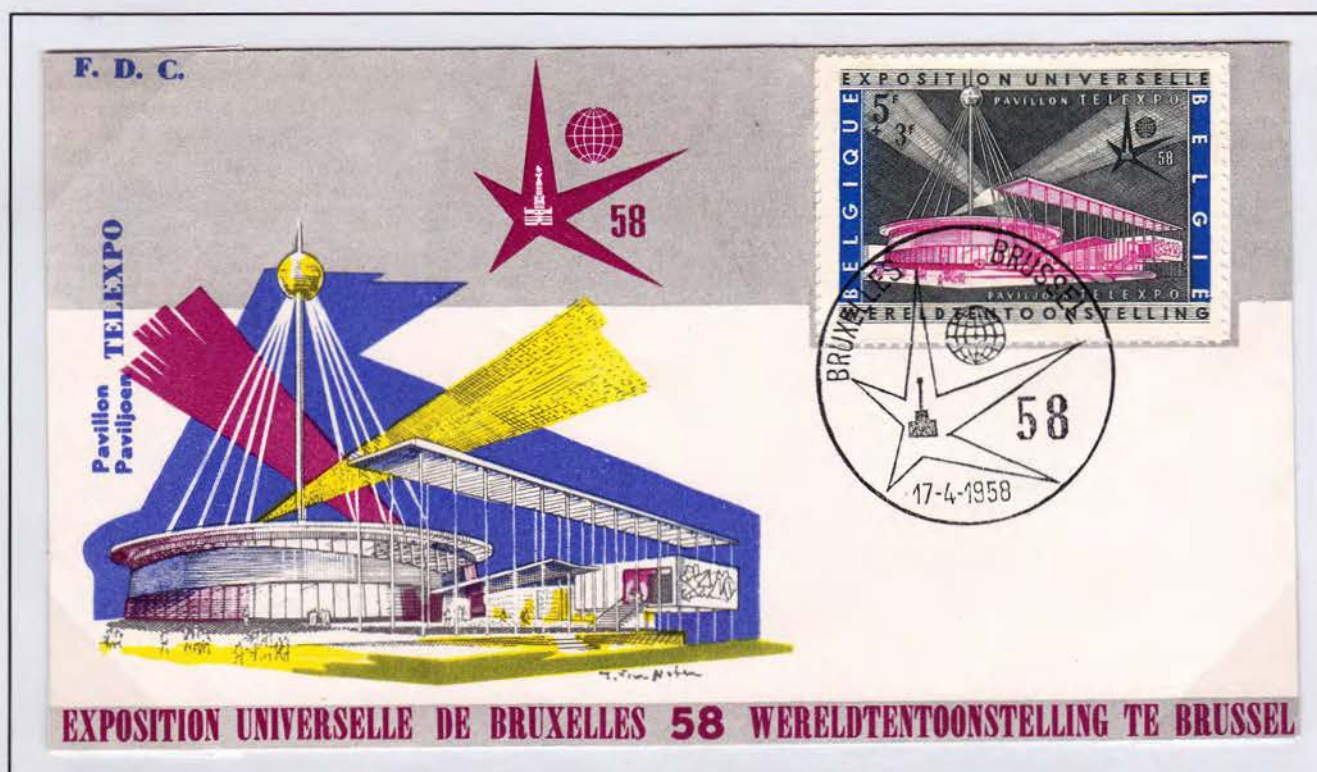


2<sup>50</sup> Fr + 1 Fr Belgium in 1900



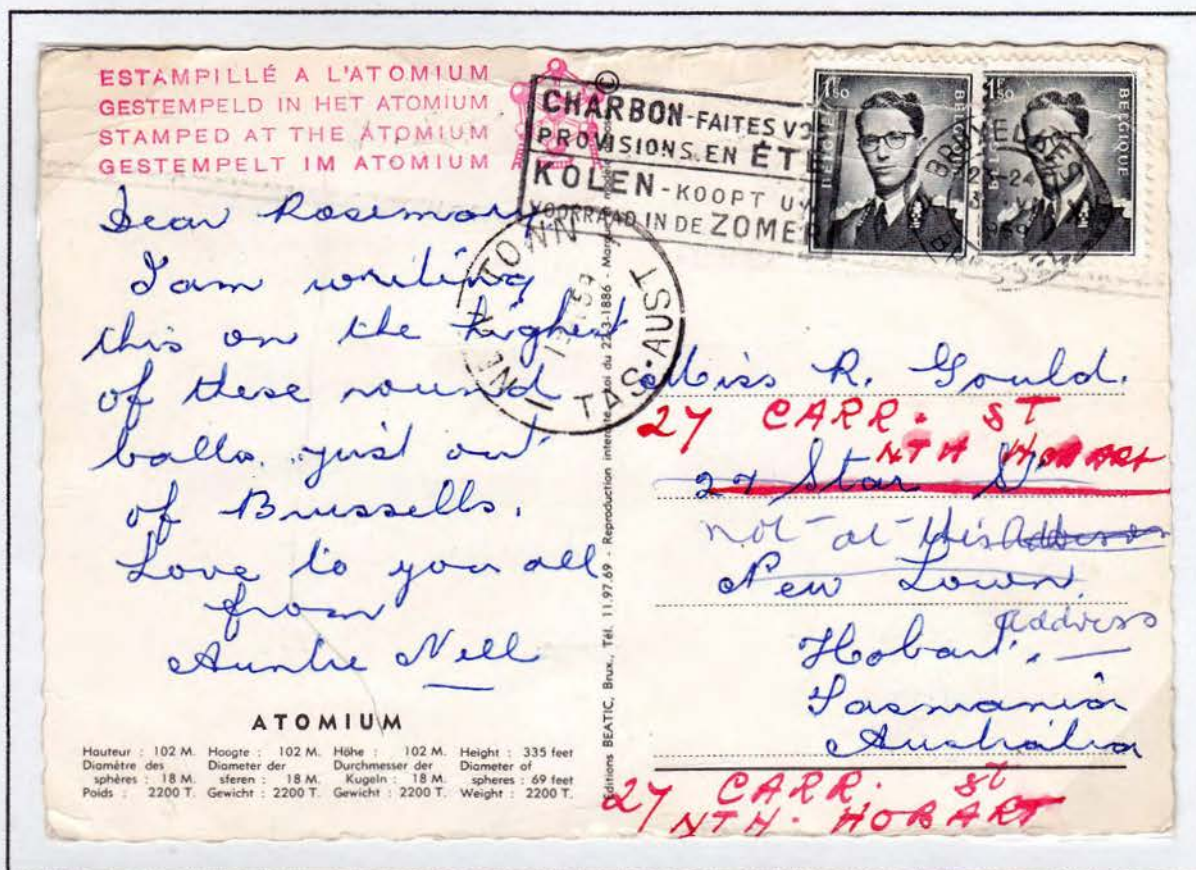


3 Fr + 1<sup>50</sup> Fr Atomium



5 Fr + 3 Fr Telexpo

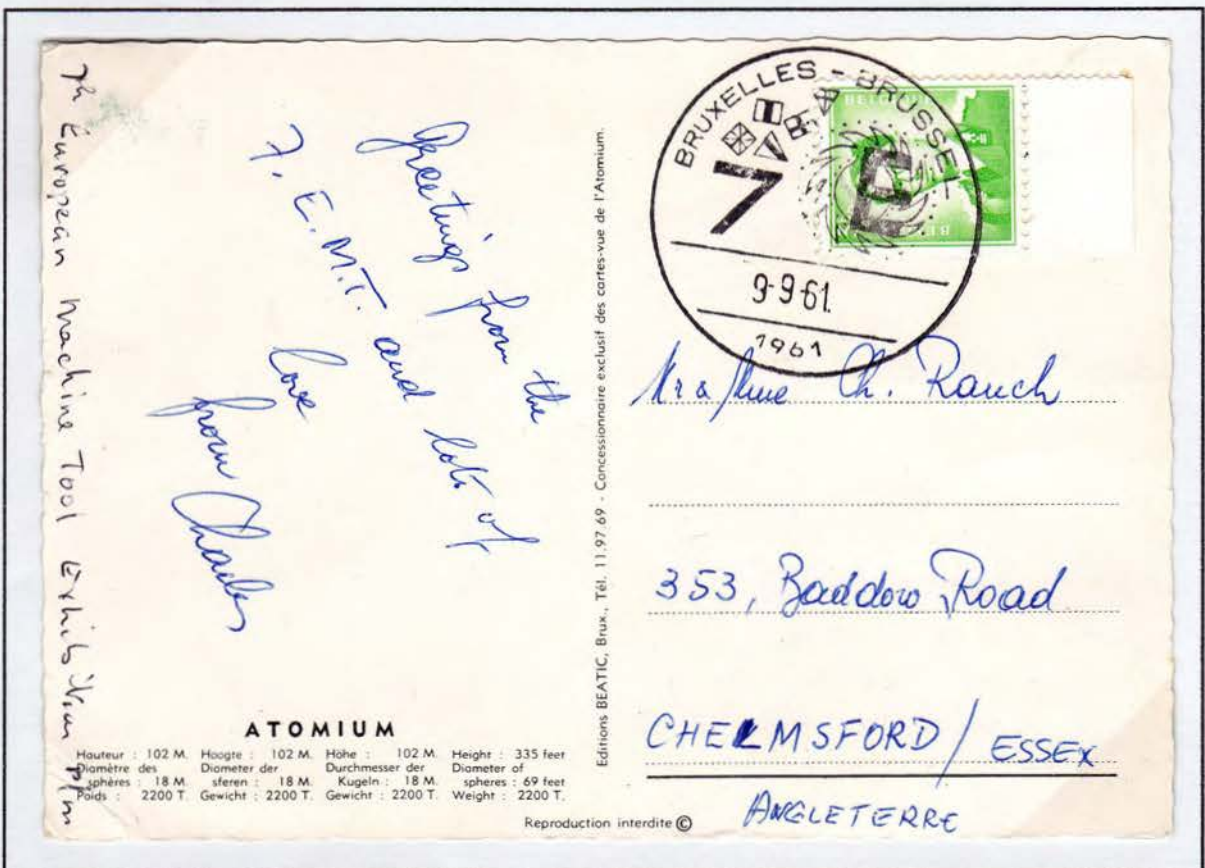




Readdressed 1959 PPC of Brussels to Tasmania

3 Fr sea mail postage





PPC of Atomium from Brussels to UK

Brussels 7E cds of 1961

Postage rose to 3<sup>50</sup> Fr on 1 November 1959



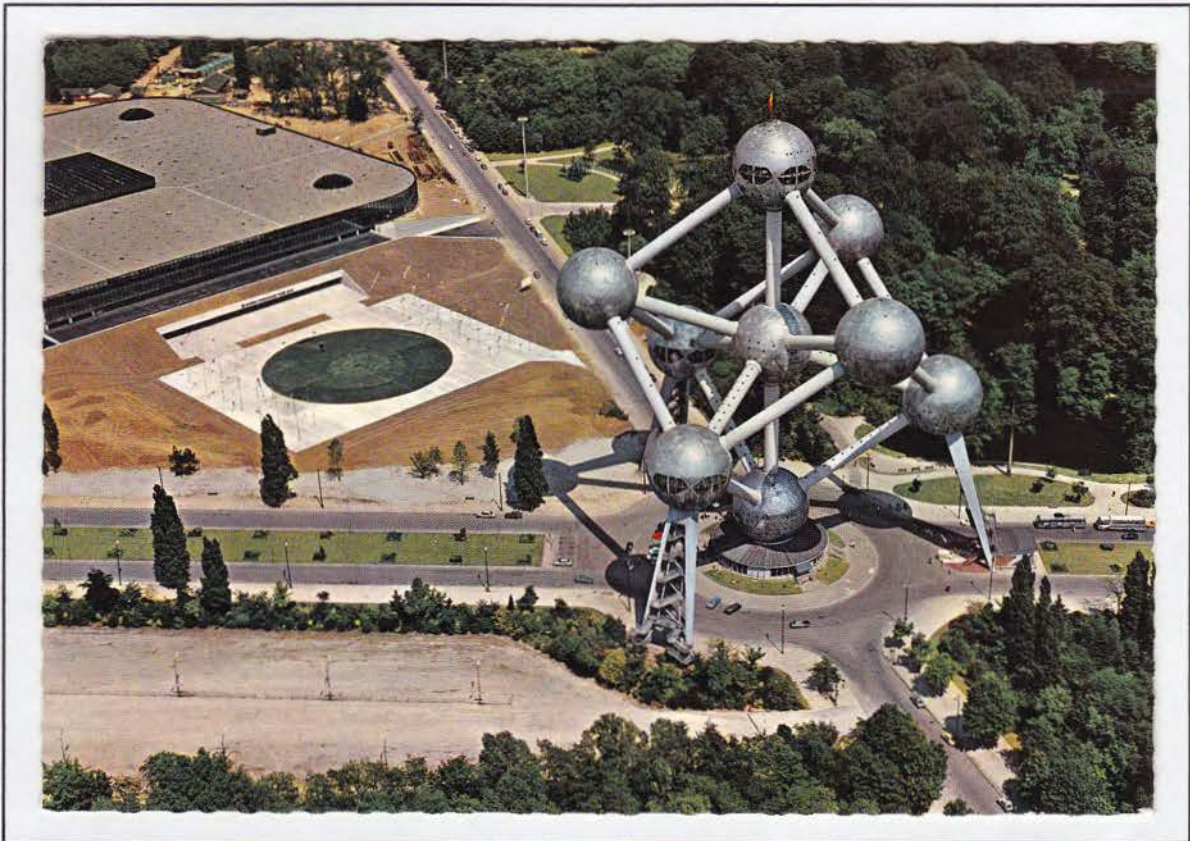


PPC of Atomium viewed from Main Halls across the lake  
Originally sent to Queregnon, but stap removed since



Rare Expo liveried ham radio QSL card  
QSL cards are used by ham operators to confirm contacts





**Aerial view of Atomium as it is today  
Still with a restaurant in the top sphere**

Overall height	335 ft or 102 m
Spheres diameter	69 ft or 18 m
weight	2200 tonnes



## Stamps issued by foreign countries for Expo 58

22 countries, besides Belgium, issued stamps to celebrate Expo 58. 18 of these built pavilions as well. Bulgaria and Romania, while they issued stamps, probably attended as part of the Russian Bloc. Haiti and Panama were thus the sole issuer of stamps, which did not have a presence at Expo.

**Brazil** Stamp issued 17 April



**Brazilian Pavilion**  
(to left of Mexican pavilion)



SOBRECARTA OFICIAL DA PARTICIPAÇÃO DO BRASIL NA  
EXPOSIÇÃO UNIVERSAL DE BRUXELAS 1958  
ENVELOPPE OFFICIELLE DE LA PARTICIPATION DU BRESIL A  
L'EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE DE BRUXELLES 1958

FDC cancelled in Rio de Janeiro, then Brazil's capital



Czechoslovakia Set of five stamps issued 25 March



Czech pavilion  
issued 17 July



Jewelry



Toy dolls



Draperies



Kaplan turbine



Glassware



FDC Cancelled in Prague (1 of 2)





FDC cancelled in Prague (2 of 2)



FDC of 1<sup>95</sup> Koruna stamp cancelled in Prague





Photo of lady and sign to Pension Libuse



PPC mailed in Prague area with Expo stamp

Ceske Budejovice - Praha b cds dated 29 Jun 1958

Postage

30 h



**Dominican Republic** stamps issued 9 December (after Expo had closed)



Airmail



Postage



airmail



Official miniature sheet



France stamp issued 12 April



French Pavilion



FDC cancelled in Paris or Brussels using Expo CDS





**Celebrating French National Day at Expo**  
(celebrated in France on 14 July as Bastille day)

Set of six stamps issued on 15 April at the opening of Expo 58





**PPC showing French Pavilion from Paris to Vandre**

**Paris RR / Philatélie cds of 13 Nov 58**



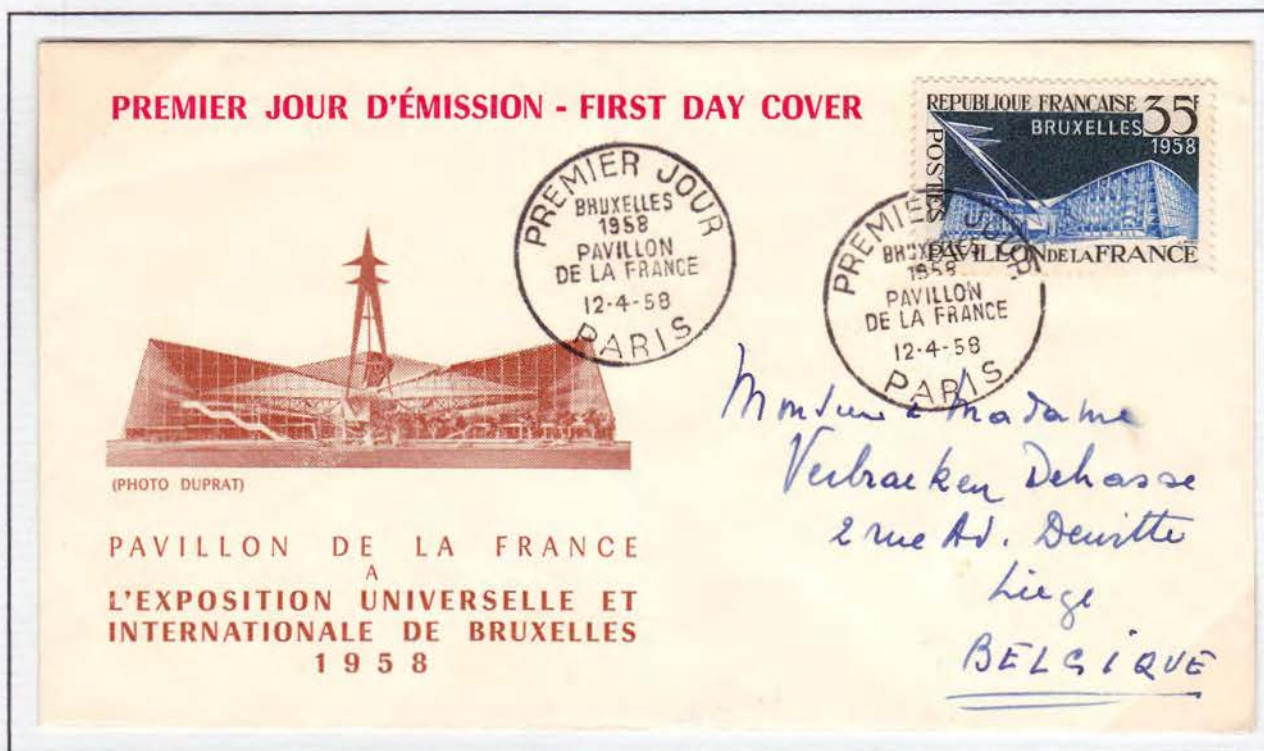
**View of the French pavilion and footbridge from the opposite direction**

**Official Expo postcard**





PPC showing French Pavilion and United Nations Square  
Card went from Brussels to Ypres



Opening day commercial letter to Liège from Paris Pavilion





French Pavilion - general view

Dear Martha

Had a nice trip  
over and Bill and family  
are all moved in to their  
new home which is modern  
and nice with a wonderful  
park adjoining the back  
of house.

We are over here in Brussels  
taking in the Fair for a few  
days and enjoying the  
city too.

17 - Exposition Universelle et Internationale  
de Bruxelles 1958

Pavillon de la France. Vue générale.  
Paviljoen van Frankrijk. Algemeen zicht.  
French Pavillon. General View.

IRIS  
MEXICHROME

SACRA 58  
LOUVAIN-LEUVEN  
OCTOBRE  
OCTOBER



Martha Lord  
Rt 2 Box 686  
Wahongah  
Wash  
U.S.A.

Edit. de l'Occident 99 de la Brabant

Brussels to Washington, USA

Brussels X cds of 6 Oct 58

Postage 3 Fr seairail



## Haiti

Haiti did not have a pavilion at Expo. The view over Expo would appear to show a Haitian Pavilion, but it does not show on the map, nor do records show it was ever built  
stamps issued 22 July







FDC cancelled at Port-au-Prince containing the 4 postage stamps



FDC cancelled at Port-au-Prince containing the 2 airmail stamps





Hungarian girl in costume



Hungarian Pavilion



Map of Hungary & exhibits



Budapest Parliament



Budapest Chain Bridge



Arms of Hungary  
& Belgium



Mannekin Pis



Brussels Town  
Hall



Expo Emblem





Two FDCs cancelled at Budapest





Imperforate stamps FDC cancelled at Budapest



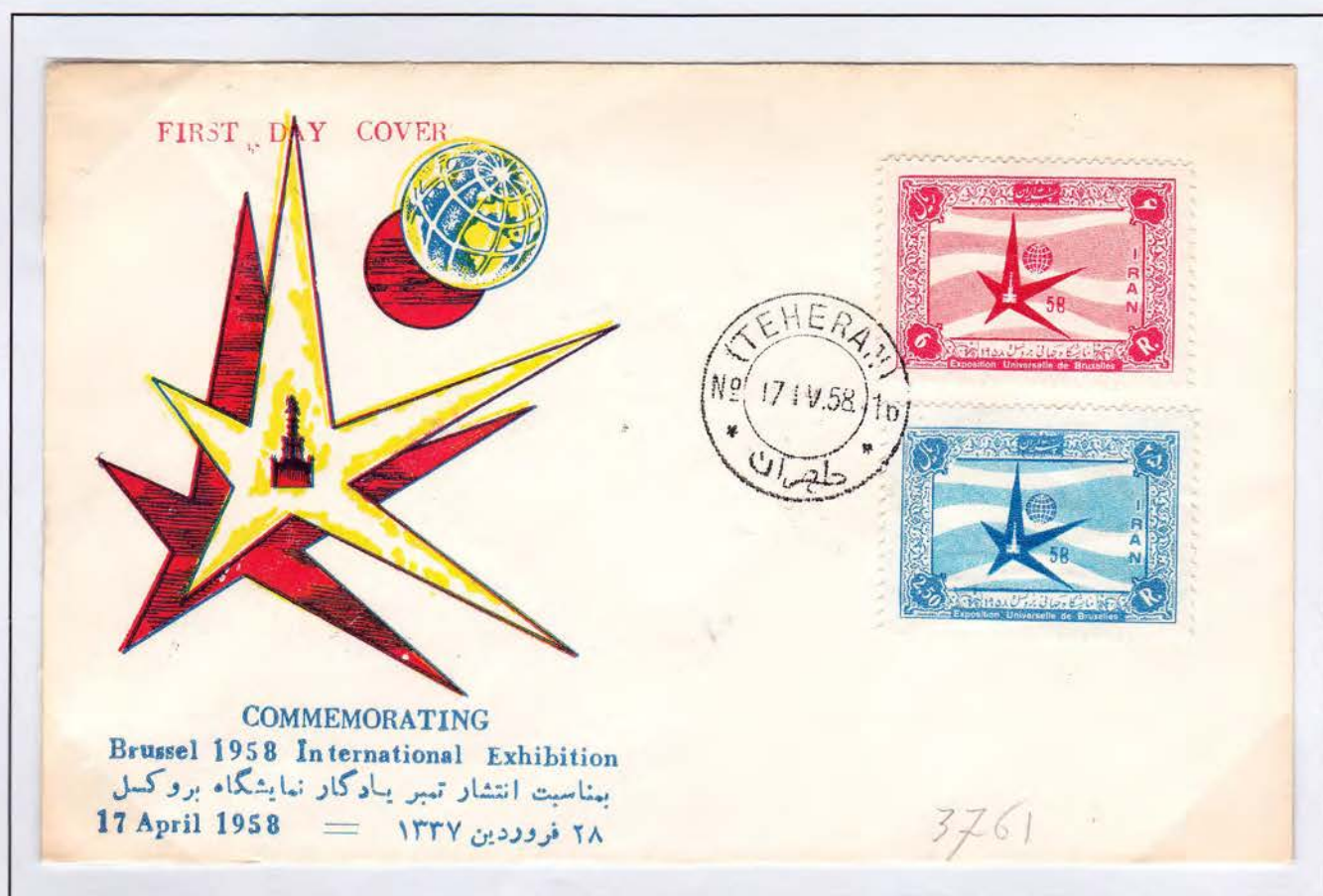
Iran stamps issued 17 April



Iranian Pavilion in front, Japanese behind



Exhibition emblem



FDC cancelled in Teheran



Italy stamps issued 12 June



Roman road & Expo emblem

FDC cancelled in  
Naples



Ultimo Giorno  
=====



Last day  
cancelled at  
Mobile  
PO at  
Expo

ESPOSIZIONE UNIVERSALE E INTERNAZIONALE  
PADIGLIONE ITALIANO  
BRUXELLES





**Registered letter on 1st flight from Rome to Rio de Janeiro on 3 September 1958  
with a 60 lire Brussels Expo stamp**

**Visita del Presidente della Repubblica in Brasile / Roma-Flar / Posta Aerea** cds of 3 Sep 58  
**Chegada Aeroporto de Galeao / Correio Rio de Janeiro** transit cds of 4 Sep 58 (verso)  
**Correio Aero-Curitiba-Noite / Parana** transit cds of 21 Sep 58 (verso)  
**Cerro-Azul-Texeg PR** arrival cds of 22 Sep 58 (recto & verso) (hard to read)  
 Cagliari registration label (black lettering)

Rectangular violet slogan -

**Special flight by Alitalia  
Rome - Rio de Janeiro  
Voyage of the President of the Italian Republic to Brazil  
3 September 1958**

Sender's address is Cagliari in Sardinia. Cerro-Azul is on the train line west of Rio de Janeiro



**Verso (part)**

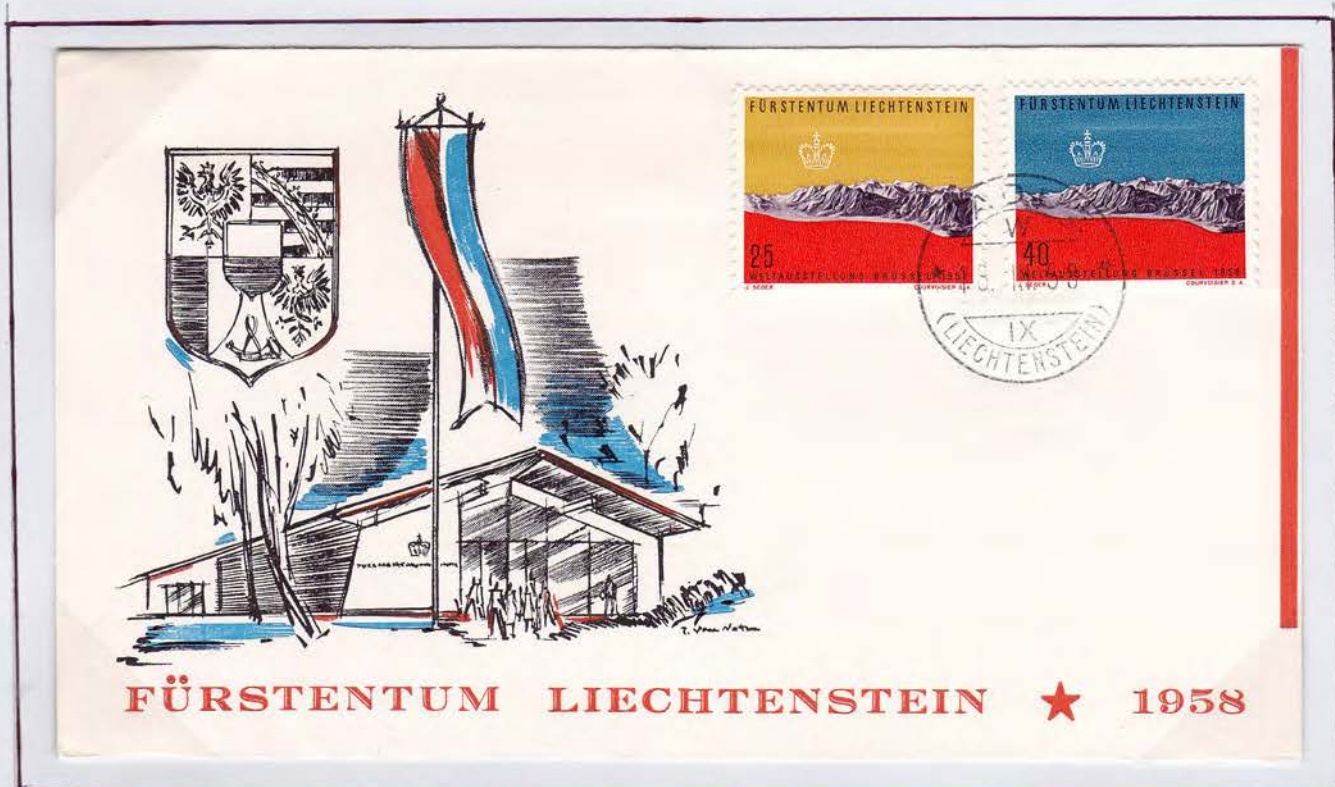
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**Liechtenstein** stamps issued 18 March



Relief map of Liechtenstein



**Luxembourg** stamp issued 16 April







FDC cancelled using Luxembourg CDS



Maximum card with Luxembourg-Ville CDS dated 24 Nov 1958  
(after Expo had closed)





**Letter from Rumelange (Luxembourg) for the inaugural Lufthansa flight between Leipzig and Karl-Marx-Stadt (Chemnitz)**

Rumelange c bridge canceller of 24 Apr 58

DLH flight cachet 2 May 1958

Karl-Marx-Stadt 4 arrival cds of 2 May 58 at 8 pm (verso)

EU Postage (internal)	2 <sup>50</sup> Fr
Airmail per 5 gm	1 <sup>50</sup> Fr
Poste restante fee	1 Fr

**Notes on probable route -**

1. Letter went by rail from Luxemburg to Cologne, West Germany, Lufthansa's base.
2. Brussels Expo stamps were used.
3. Letter carried gratis by Lufthansa from Cologne to Leipzig, which was in the GDR
4. Letter flown from Leipzig to Chemnitz on the inaugural flight on 2 May
5. Letter taken by Lufthansa back to West Germany gratis and thence by rail to the sender.



Part of verso





Morocco Pavilion



FDC cancelled at Casablanca



**Nicaragua** stamps issued 17 April 3 designs, Expo Emblem, Nicaraguan Coat of Arms, Nicaraguan Pavilion all for Airmail use





SOBRE OFICIAL - F. D. C.

PABELLÓN  
DE NICARAGUA



EXPOSICIÓN UNIVERSAL E INTERNACIONAL DE BRUSELAS 1958



First Day cover made from a miniature sheet



## Panama

Panama, like Haiti, did not attend Expo 58  
stamps issued 8 September



Brazilian pavilion

Argentinean pavilion

Venezuelan pavilion

English pavilionb



Vatican pavilion



USA pavilion



Belgian pavilion





Two FDCs cancelled in Panama



PRIMER DIA DE EMISION



**Feria Mundial  
de Bruselas**

A SMITH COVER

Homenaje de Panamá a la  
Exposición Universal de Bruselas de 1958



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FDC of miniature sheet



## Portugal and Colonies

Portugal issued its two stamps 7 April



Brussels Expo logo



FDC cancelled in Brussels using special cds





**Commercial airmail letter from Lisbon to UK**

**Correa Lisboa 3 / CTT cds of 23 Apr 1958 at midday**

**3.30 Escudo stamp paying airmail to UK**



## Portuguese Colonies

various issue dates as shown under stamps



Angola  
issued 7 July



Timor  
issued 1958



Macau  
issued 8 November



Guinea  
issued 19 July



Cape Verde Island  
issued 6 August



Goa, Damão & Diu  
issued 15 December



Mozambique  
issued 5 September



St Thomas & Prince Islands  
issued 15 July



FDC cancelled in Bissau



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FDC  
cancelled  
in Luanda,  
Angola



FDC cancelled  
in St Thomas



Portugal  
Pavilion

Cancelled in  
Guiné Port  
20 Jan 59





Timor FDC cancelled in Dili after Expo had closed

Nº 316 of 600 covers issued (verso)



Timor FDC cover cancelled in Dili 1 Dec 58





**Mozambique FDC cancelled in Lourenço Marques**

**8 October 1958**





Benelux Avenue - Goa issue



Pan-American World exhibit - Cape Verde issue





**Brussels Expo logo and Mt Titano**



**FDC card showing footbridge and French Pavilion**

While San Marino had a small pavilion, I have yet to find a photo.

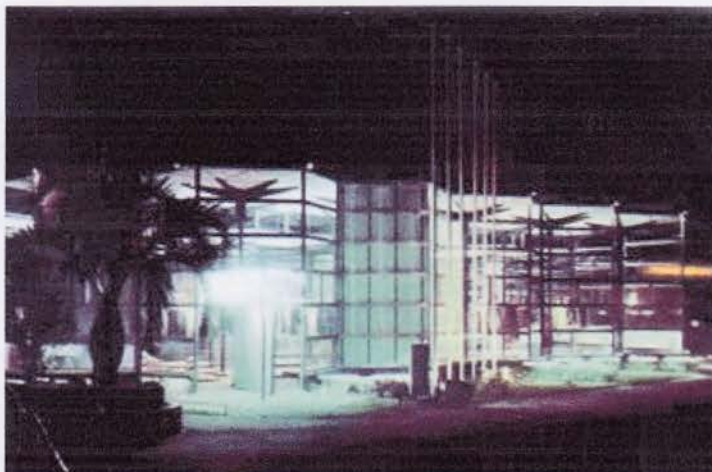




**Official Commemorative First Day sheet**



**Spain** stamps issued 7 June to coincide with the National Stamp Show in Madrid



Spanish pavilion by night



Brussels Expo logo



Miniature sheets for Madrid Stamp Show





Commemorative envelope cancelled in Madrid





**Seamail letter to Chicago**

**Barcelona 9 mechanical canceller of 29 Jul 1958**

Postage                      3 pesetas



Tunisia stamps issued 17 April



Tunisian pavilion front right



Left

Miniature sheet with undated Expo cachet

Below

FDC showing the Mannekin Pis statue and cancelled at Expo





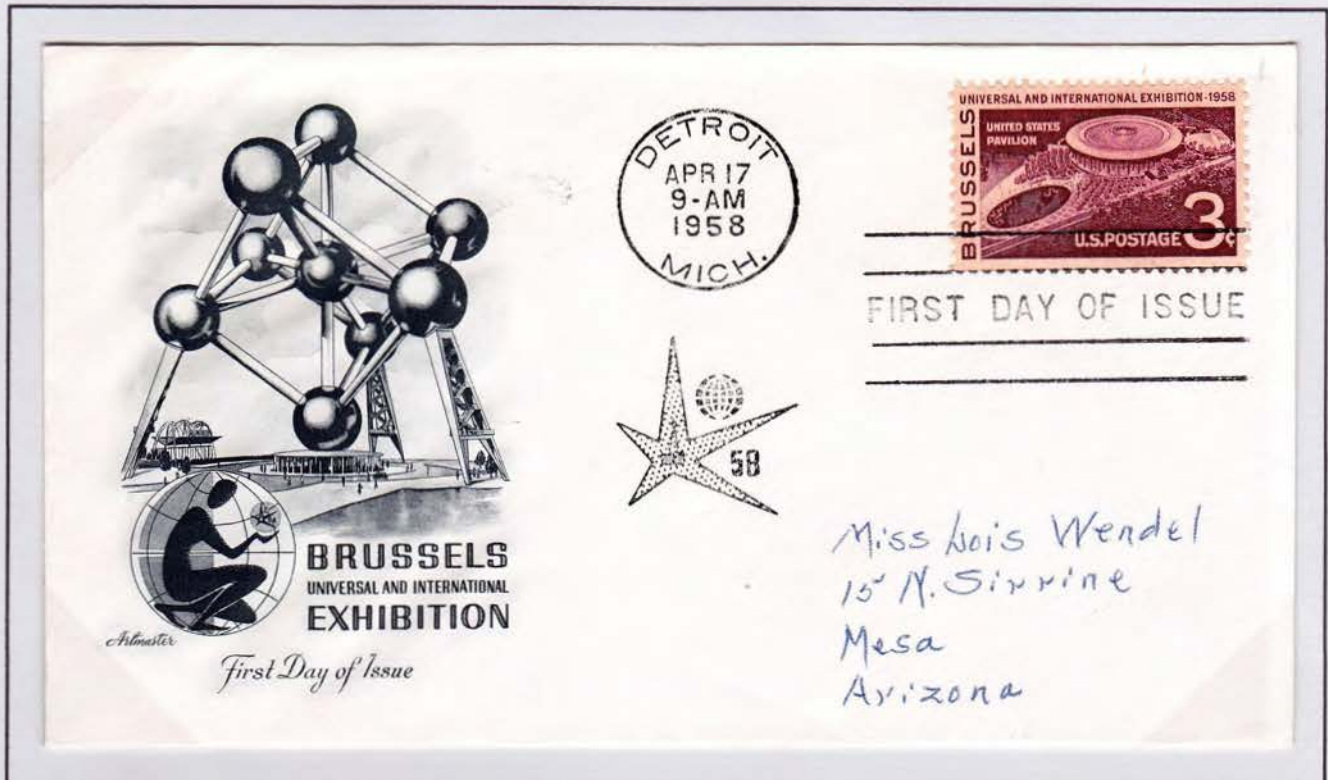
USA stamp issued 17 April



FDC posted in Detroit paying internal postage



## Two First Day Covers



FDC posted in Detroit showing the Atomium



FDC posted in Detroit showing the US Pavilion in the apple grove





Last of Expo CDS with slogan "Brussels Universal and International Exhibition"



UN slogan cancel "Visit UN pavilion Brussels Fair 1958"





Souvenir cover cancelled at Expo with special cachet



USA Pavilion at night





**Russian Pavilion (left) and USA pavilion (ahead)**

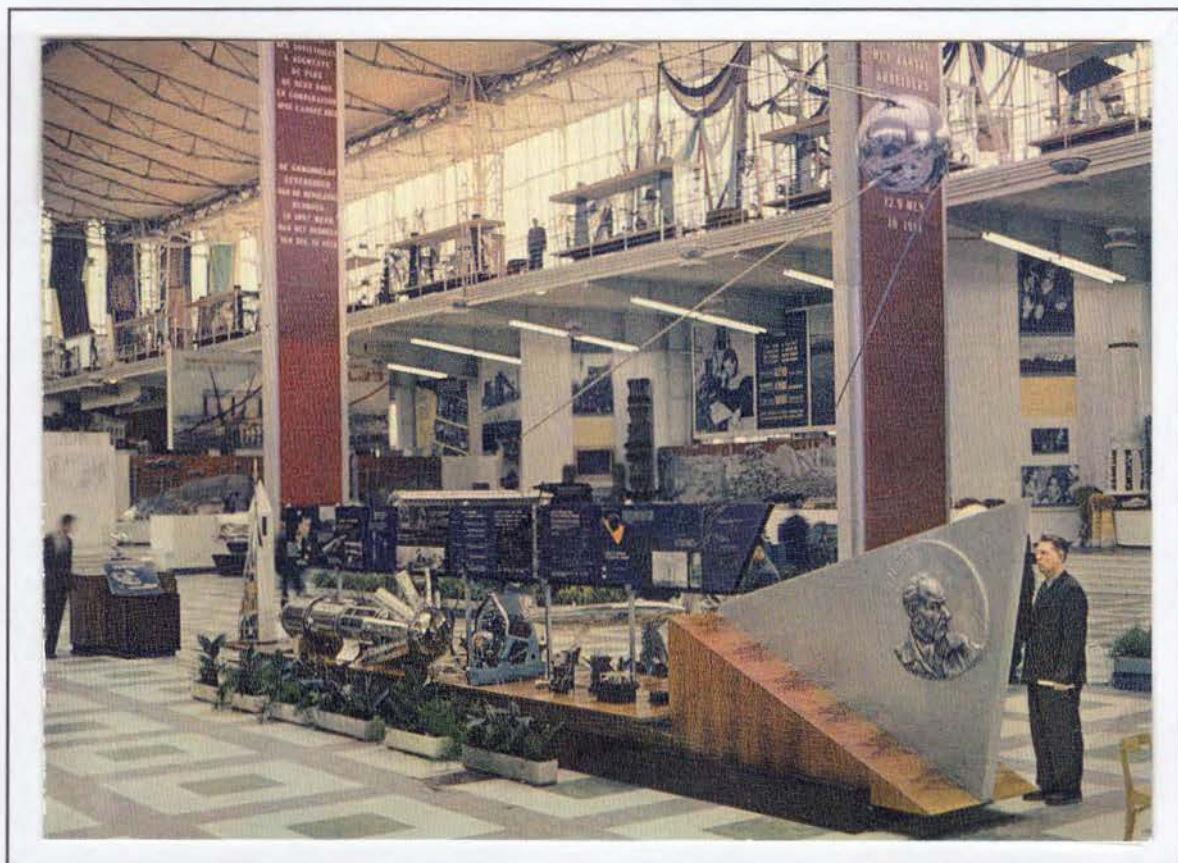


**USA day at Expo - 2 July 1958**  
**30c stamp is for internal imprimé rate ( $\leq 5$  words text)**



**USSR (with Bulgaria & Romania)** Russia issued stamps 14 April

Neither Bulgaria nor Romania had their own pavilions. They may have had space in the USSR one.



Inside the USSR Pavilion





Issued on Russia's National Day

**Bulgaria** issued its stamp on 13 October near Expo's close





Romania issued surcharged stamps on 20 July

The 25 bani and 3<sup>75</sup> lei stamps were issued 6 November 1957 to commemorate the launch of the Russian Sputnik into orbit. Both sheets were surcharged in 1958 for the Brussels Expo. While a strip of three stamps is common, blocks with nine stamps (minimum quantity to show the construction and surcharging) are quite rare.







**Triptych with inverted overprint for Brussels Expo**

**Bruxelles Expositia Universala 1958 cds of 1 Sep 1958**



Vatican City stamps issued 19 June







Registered letter from Vatican City to Besenzone  
Citta del Vaticano / poste cds of 16 Sep 58

#### Two verso markings



Parma-Piacenze rail TPO  
17 Sep 58



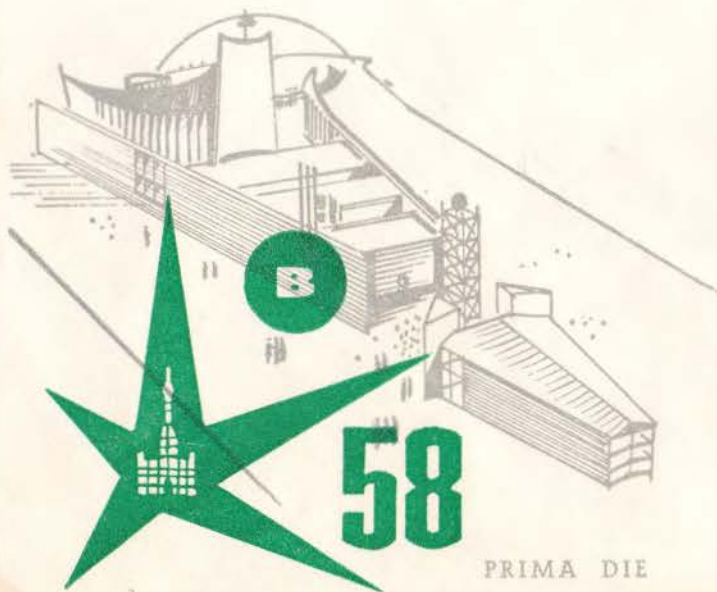
Besenzone (Piacenza)  
arrival cds  
17 Sep 58





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FDC of miniature sheet cancelled in Vatican City



National Day for two exhibitors, who did not issue stamps for Expo but were present.



Egypt - 22 July



Venezuela - 16 August