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We are looking for more articles on Ottoman and Turkish philatelics and forgeries.

This is the final issue for the year 2003. The first issue for 2004 will be mailed in January. Please make a note to renew your membership before the end of this year.
The number which appears in the upper right corner of the mailing label indicates the year through which your dues have been paid; i.e., 2 = 2002, 3 - 2003, etc.

New members are urged to print out the Membership Application from our Website or request the form when sending payment.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting

Dear members.
Our third annual meeting was held at BALPEX in Hunt Valley, Maryland, on Saturday 30 August, at 2:00 pm.
President Bob Stuchell presided, with the following members: Don Heller, Dick Stevens, Earl Galitz, David Sheby, Bill Sandrik, Seref Bornovali, George Brown, Nathan Zankel, and Gary Theodore. Guests were Henry Hahn and George Wesley (possible new member).
The first order of business was to determine our future meetings. Henry Hahn spoke about the benefits of NAPEX in McLean, VA for 2005, so the consensus supported NOJEX for 2004, NAPEX in 2005, and the International show in Washington, D.C., in 2006.

The Levant journal. Articles are always needed, even half-page or one-page items are welcomed; members can offer the results of their research, observations on stamps or postal developments, auctions, etc. ONEPS is chartered with a broad scope covering not only former Ottoman territories and Turkey, but the entire Near East.

Auction. The idea of an auction was discussed, but there seemed to be no urgency for the Society to sponsor such an event at this time.

Secretary's Report. Timur Kuran, Haluk Bakir, and David Sheby inaugurated the Ottoman and Turkish Document Project (OTDP) at the last annual ONEPS meeting in