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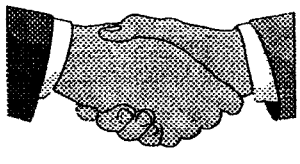
The number which appears in the upper right corner of the mailing label indicates the year through which your dues have been paid; i.e., 3 = 2003, 4=- 2004, etc.

Membership renewal slips are included with this issue, so that you will find it easy and convenient to keep your dues up to date. Please return your renewal by 15 November 2004, so that we can make solid plans for 2005.

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.

Due to changes in the international monetary exchange rates, membership dues outside the Western Hemisphere have been changed, effective 1 June 2004.

UK - **From £17 to £15.**



FOURTH ANNUAL ONEPS MEETING
NOJEX, Secaucus, N.J., USA. May 29, 2004

Nine ONEPS members were in attendance: George Brown, Carl Catherman,Earl Galitz, Don Heller, George Michaels, Pinar Ozand, Dick Stevens, Bob Stuchell and Gary Theodore.

1) Treasurer's Report
Gary Theodore reported that as of May 20, 2004 we have $5,757.33 cash in the bank. As we enter our fifth year, we are in good financial condition. We have 124 paid members of which 42 (about one third) reside outside the US. The split of non-US members is as follows:
Turkey - 13; UK - 9; Canada - 5; France - 4; Greece - 3; Germany - 2; Saudi Arabia - 2 and one each from Australia, Israel, Netherlands and Switzerland. Our strong showing in Turkey is due in good part to the hard efforts of our Turkish Representative Mr. Mahmut Emirmahmutoglu.Mike Fulford has been a big help in gathering dues in the UK.

2) Future Annual Meetings: The 2005 annual meeting will be held at NAPEX in McLean, Va.(near Washington) in early June. The 2006 annual meeting will beheld at the Washington 2006 International Show in June. ONEPS will have a club table and present a one frame display giving information on our society and showing some of the kinds of material we collect.
We will investigate holding the 2007 meeting either in Chicago or on the West Coast.

3) The Levant - The journal is coming along well thanks to the excellent work of our editor, Richard Rose. Richard has commitments for several articles but can always use more material.