

WTSC JULY LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 2, 2024 via Zoom, the topic for our 10th virtual Learning Workshop of the 2023-2024 season is: 'I really like this subject'.

As with previous topics based on a **letter of the alphabet**, some "I" terms are not often seen, a few may be obscure, while others are well-known — with related stamps perhaps viewed as illuminating.

Here are a few examples:

* 'Imperforate' refers to stamps without perforations. There are also stamps 'Imperforate Between'.



* Plate blocks are also known as 'Inscription Blocks'.

* 'Imprimatur' stamps are the first ones printed from an approved and finished printing plate.

* Stamps used to mail newspapers in Turkey in the late 1800s were overprinted 'Imprime'.



* 'Imprint' refers to tiny type below the design on a stamp issued by a foreign postal service, citing the year it was printed, plus the names of engravers and printers.

* 'Inland Revenue' refers to stamps produced in Great Britain, plus non-postage King George V War Tax stamps Canada issued during the First World War, with some improperly used as postage.

* 'International Reply Coupon': Coupons that may be bought in participating Universal Postal Union (UPU) member countries, Canada Post notes. "They may be sent in a letter or parcel for a recipient to exchange in any member country of the UPU."

* 'Intaglio', an Italian-sourced word that refers to a stamp produced from an engraved or etched die.

* 'Invalidated Stamps' are demonetized issues no longer valid for use as postage.

* 'Invert' refers to a stamp with one or two colours or overprinted text mistakenly applied upside down.



There are or were more than a dozen stamp-issuing countries or states with the **letter "I"** at the start of their name. This letter was also at the start of overprints applied to stamps in various countries.

As with any subject, **philatelic topics beginning with "I"** can be intriguing, influential and — in some cases — irreplaceable. Join us for another inspirational evening.

- Ian Robertson

