

Czesław Słania

Stamp and Banknote Designs on Phone Cards of the World

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Every Słania collector is familiar with his stamp and banknote designs, but very few are aware of some of these images being used on phone cards and other collectable cards. I have become aware of some of these images through the issues of *Close-Up*, the official newsletter, of the now defunct U.S. “Czesław Słania Study Group.” I was Charter Member #13 of the CSSG.

I began my search, several years ago, to see how many I could locate. This article is the “fruit of my labor.” Some of the cards are “a long stretch” (Monaco and Lithuania), but I decided to include them in this article anyway.

My biggest discovery was the Singapore Cash Card, which I also included in this article.

Most of these cards are available for purchase on sites like eBay and delcampe. They are priced for less than \$10 to \$100+ for the Singapore Cash Card. The numbering system used here, is my own creation. Numbers in () are quantity issued.

If anyone is aware of other Słania designs on cards, please contact the author at: rharmel@yahoo.com. I consider this “a work in progress.”

Notes on Brazil phone cards:

The Brazil phone card (RH #1 shown at bottom left) uses a Brazilian banknote portrait, specifically the 500 Cruzados Novos banknote. The portrait of Augusto Ruschi, a Brazilian agronomist, ecologist, and naturalist, was engraved by Słania.

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(*Data on these Brazil phone cards obtained from: <https://colnect.com/en/phonecards/companies/country/30-Brazil/t-hemel/619-Banknotes>)



Brazil RH #1. (200,000)

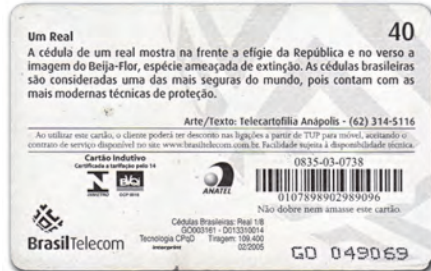


Brazil RH #2. (150,000)





Brazil RH #3a. (61, 700*)



Brazil RH #3b. (104,400*)



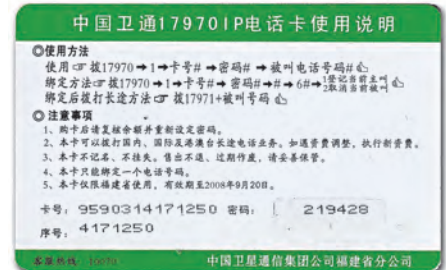
Brazil RH #3c. (61,700*)



Brazil RH #3d. (55,100*)



China RH #4. (Unknown)



China RH #5. (Unknown)

Notes on Denmark phone cards:

In 1994, four Danish telephone companies created individual phone cards featuring Słania's design for the then current definitive stamps of Queen Margrethe. A different stamp from the series is reproduced (reduced in size) on each card. The card itself is designed to look like a cover printed on rough paper and addressed to the stamp and phone card show. The phone cards were issued for distribution at the 1994 Stamp and Phone Card Fair in Essen, Germany.

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Denmark RH #1. (2,000)



Denmark RH #2. (2,000)



Denmark RH #3. (2,000)



Denmark RH #4. (2,000)



Israel RH #1. (500)



Israel RH #2. (Unknown)



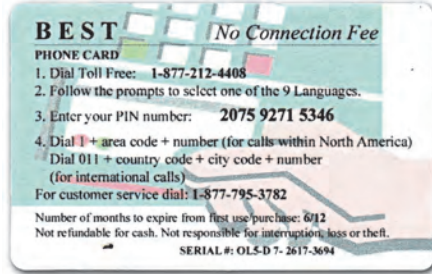
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Israel RH #4. (Unknown)



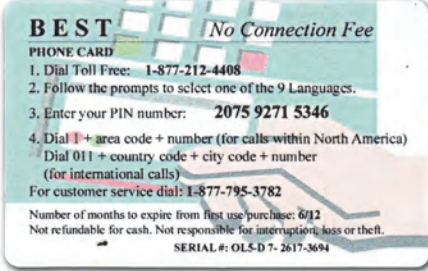
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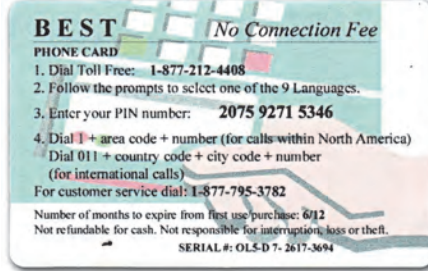
Israel RH #6. (Unknown)



Israel RH #7. (Unknown)



Israel RH #8. (Unknown)



Israel RH #9. (Unknown)



Lithuania RH #1. (Unknown)



Monaco RH #1. (20,000)



Sweden RH #1. (2,025)

Notes on Sweden phone card (left):

Issued for NORDIA 2000, this phone card uses an illustration of a Rococo Silver Coffee Pot depicted on a 1979 Swedish stamp (Scott 1097). This was a favorite of Słania's. The reverse of the card lists details of NORDIA 2000, a major philatelic exhibition held in Stockholm, Sweden from 17-19 March 2000.

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Other types of cards:



(Left) Singapore cash card issued on 9 September 1999. The card depicts the first president of Singapore, Yusof Ishak, on a Słania-engraved stamp.



Singapore Cash Card (3,999)

(Right) Sweden Post produced a fancy laminated ID card in 1991 for its stamp subscribers. The front reproduces a Swedish stamp engraved by Słania featuring the coronation of King Gustave III in 1772.

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Sweden Post subscriber card