

## Varia litteraria

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Dr Gwen Prout graduated from the School of Medicine, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. Post graduation she was involved with The Congenital Heart Disease Museum, Department of Paediatrics.

For over 35 years she has collected stamps and related material on „The History of Medicine and Science”. The main topics in her extensive collection include issues on Nobel Prize winners in medicine, chemistry and physics (thus the interest in Maria Skłodowska-Curie).

Other topics of interest include radiology, cancer, cardiology, diabetes, diseases (bacterial, viral, tropical), neurology, organ transplantation, ophthalmology and the blind, and the disabled.

Dr Prout exhibited 70 frames of stamp and other philatelic material relating to radiology in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of the discovery of x-rays by Wilhelm Roentgen in 1895, when the meeting of the Canadian Radiology Association was held in Vancouver, BC.

Her book „*The Nobel prize in physiology or medicine (1901-2000) – a philatelic odyssey*” is a journey through medical history in the 20th century. It discusses the men

and women who made such remarkable discoveries as insulin, penicillin, DNA, and those who determined the cause of diseases such as tuberculosis and malaria. It touches on modern-day techniques such as heart catheterisation, CT scan, molecular genetics and organ transplants.

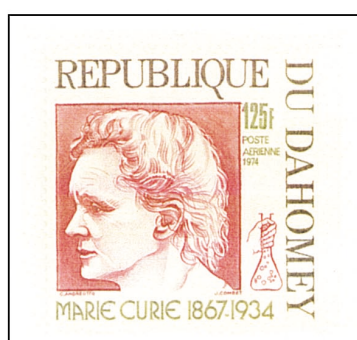
The book is illustrated in colour with relevant philatelic material. It has been received in over 16 countries world-wide. It received a Large Vermeil Award at the International a Expozitie Filatelica in Romania 2001, held in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Romania Red Cross.

Recently, dr Prout wrote and illustrated the article „From Darwin to DNA and Beyond” – a time-line on the history of genetics up to the human genome project. It will appear in *The Journal Philatelia Chimica et Physica* this spring in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the discovery of DNA in 1953.

Her other interests are in classical music, and travel to photograph animals in their natural habitat. She resides in Vancouver, BC, Canada, and is a member of International Philatelic Associations.



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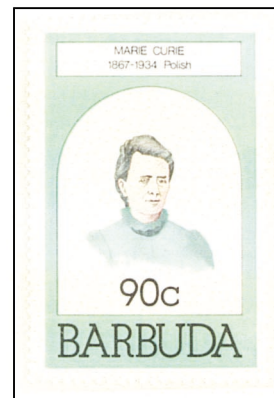
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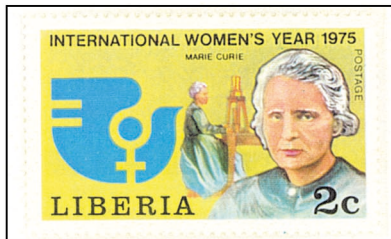
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