

“Speed Dating”

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Instead of the usual wordy discussion, we’re trying some bullet-point listings. These are either in the Polonus website links, or we expect to add them shortly:

1. **Stamp Encyclopaedia Poland** - <http://www.stampspoland.nl/>
 - Overview of Polish philately with description and images of issues from 1858 - 2009
 - Excellent supplement to the Fischer catalog (English)
 - Link to Polish-English glossary of philatelic terminology - <http://bennieb.org/dictionary/dictionary.php>
2. **Polonica** - <http://www.polonica.info/>
 - Comprehensive catalog of non-Polish stamps with Polish themes
 - Presented with a choice of four languages: English, Polish, German, and Dutch
 - Organized by topic (People, Organizations, Places, and Events) and by issuing country
3. **Info-Poland** - <http://info-poland.buffalo.edu/>
 - Thousands of Polish-oriented links organized in five major groupings and many sub-groupings.
4. **Ask Phil** - <http://www.askphil.org/>
 - Wide variety of general philatelic links and information
 - Glossary of over 30,000 philatelic terms in several languages, including some Polish terms
5. **Filatelistyka.org** - http://www.filatelistyka.org/index_dictionary.jsp
 - Polish-English philatelic dictionary downloadable PDF
 - English-Polish, Polish-German, Polish-Russian and reverse dictionaries
6. **MAPY WIG** (Map Archive for the Military Geographical Institute of Poland (WIG), 1919 - 1939) <http://english.mapywig.org/news.php>
 - Many maps from the Polish archives and other sources.
7. **American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE)** - <http://www.aape.org/>
 - Examples of winning exhibits
 - Guides to exhibiting
 - Mentoring program for members
 - Back issues of journal available online
8. **Exponet** - <http://www.japhila.cz/hof/>
 - Hundreds of on-line philatelic exhibits

ABC’s of Polish Philately (Cont.)

Even though Poland was under Russian administrative control, the Poles used the Gregorian calendar for personal use and both dates were used on official documents. Today, when one sees both dates on documents as in **Figure 1** or dates on cancellations as in **Figure 2**, the earlier date is from the Julian calendar and the later date is from the Gregorian calendar. Hopefully, this article will help you understand and interpret dates found on documents and covers.