

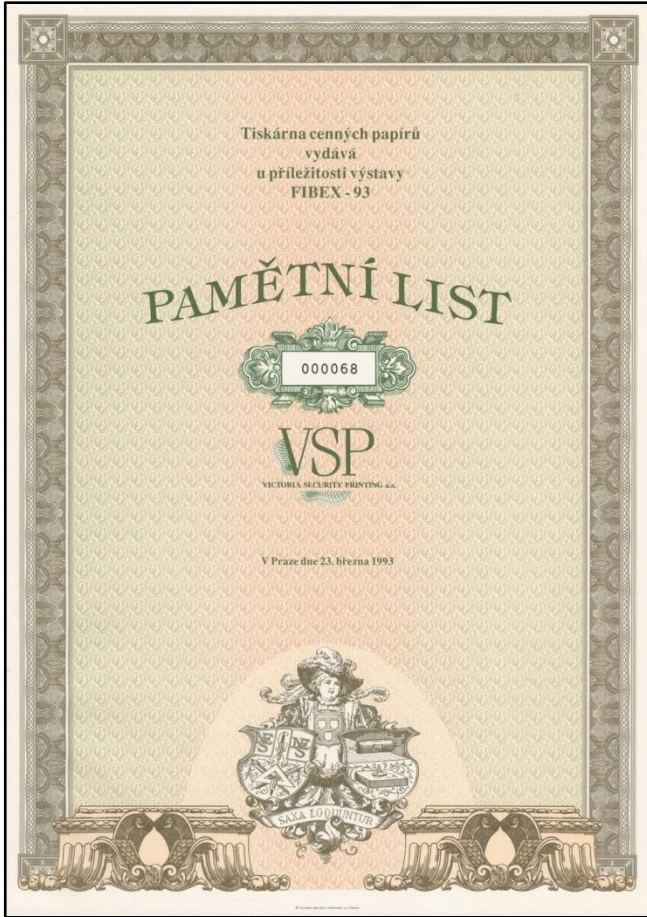
STC and Other Commemorative Cards for FIBEX

STC stands for STÁTNÍ TISKÁRNA CENIN) or State Printer of Czech Republic. The newly created National Bank of Czechoslovakia started production in its new banknote printing works in January 1928. In 1953, this function was transferred to STC. They produce all the banknotes for the now Czech Republic, as well as test notes, advertising sheets, security information sheets, and other high security products. STC produced souvenir sheets for FIBEX, mostly numbered, and named PAMĚTNÍ LIST, which translates Commemorative Sheet from 1994 through 1998.

VSP stands for Victoria Security Printing. Founded in 1991, they were the first private printing house in the Czech Republic. They produced the first known card for the FIBEX 1993 event as well as sheets for the 1994 and 1997 events.

A second commemorative sheet for the 1996 FIBEX, possibly for BVV was produced. BVV was the organizer of all FIBEX events. Since 2001 the official name of the company has been Veletrhy Brno, a.s. (BVV Trade Fairs Brno, joint-stock company). Derived from its original name the abbreviated form BVV stands for Brněnské Veletrhy and Výstavy.

FIBEX is an acronym for the International Finance, Investment and Banking Fair held at the Brno Exhibition Center in the Monrovia area of the Czech Republic from 1992 to 1999. It appears the Czech National Bank was a sponsor or at least main vendor at the fair. Though the numbers for the Commemorative Sheets are six or seven digits, I have not observed but the first four with numbers other than zero. Whether these were given to all attendees and/or exhibitors is not known. There were 382 exhibitors from ten countries at the 1994 event. Unfortunately, I have yet to find any attendance figures for these events. In any case, one would suspect leftover sheets would find their way to the secondary sales market. Once most of the large banks failed to register as exhibitors in 2000, the decision to cancel FIBEX was made at the last moment.



watermark

Figure 1- VSP, 1993 security paper with watermark. Gravure printing - engraving, offset printing.

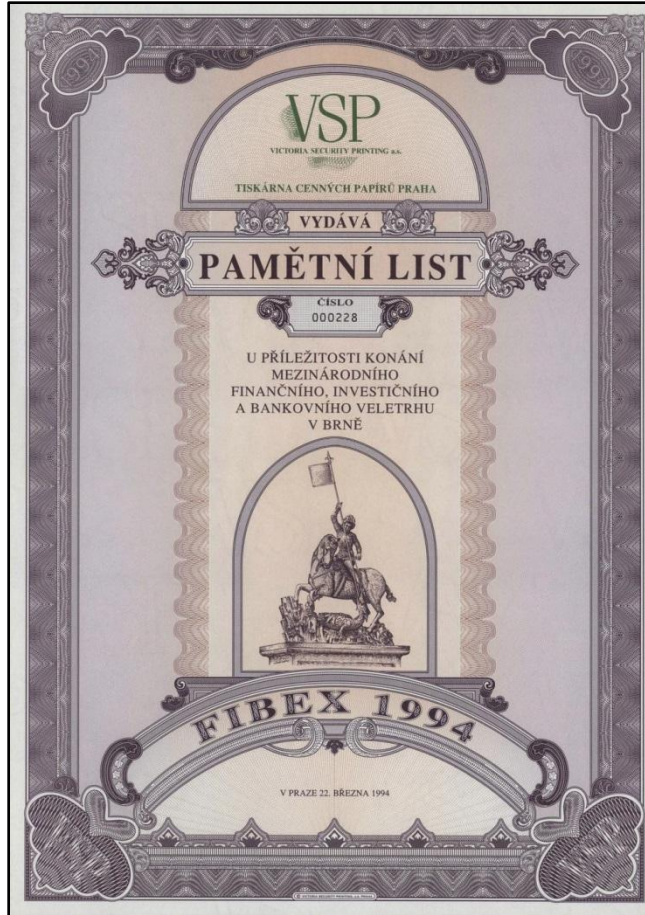


Figure 2- VSP, 1994 security paper with watermark. Gravure printing - engraving, offset printing

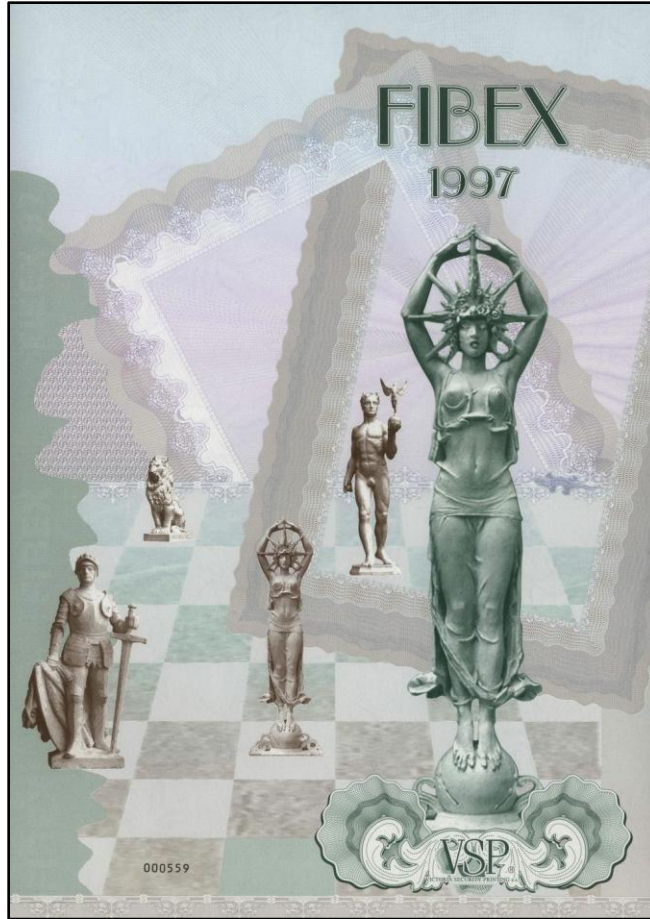


Figure 3- VSP, 1997 security paper with watermark. Gravure printing - engraving, offset printing

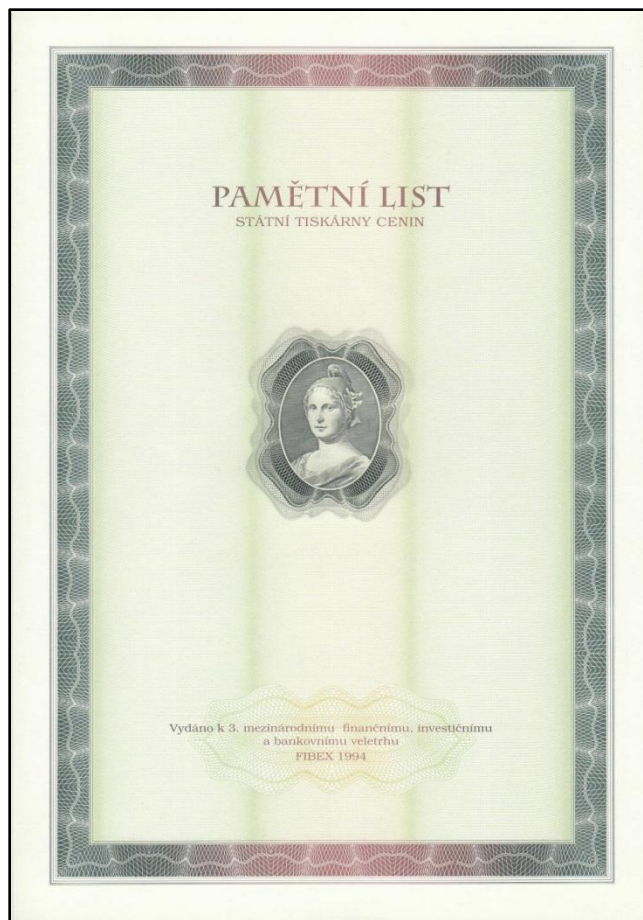


Figure 4- STC, 1994 plain paper without watermark. Gravure printing - engraving, offset printing.
The image is a Woman with Phrygian cap from the 100 Korun of 1945 (P67a)



Figure 5 - STC, 1995 security paper with watermark. Gravure printing - engraving, offset printing.

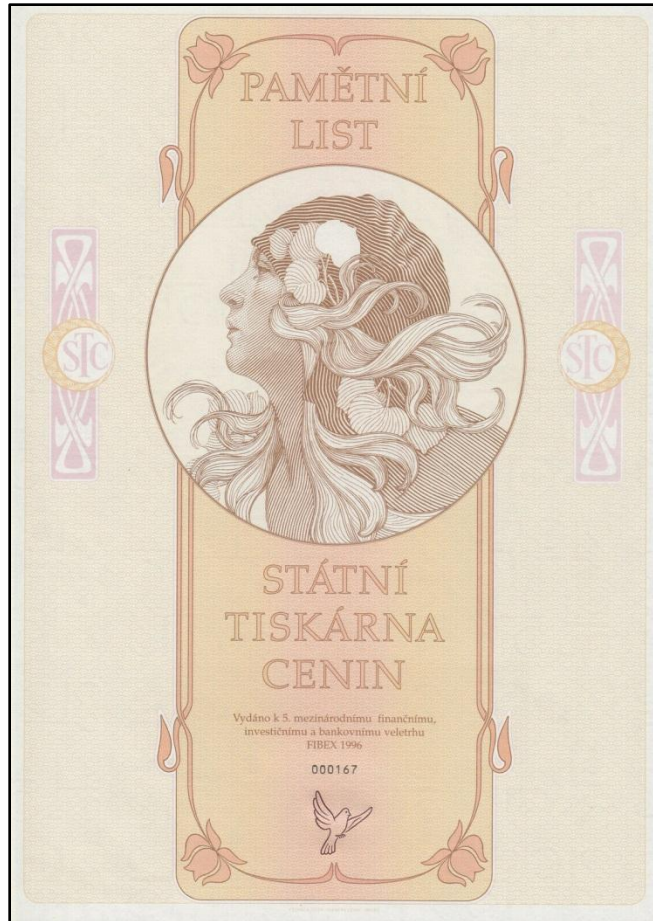


Figure 6- STC, 1996 Security paper with watermark. Gravure printing - engraving (dove), offset printing. The image is one of the many ladies produced by Alfons Mucha. It is displayed with the girl facing right on the 50 Korun of 1929 (P22a)



Figure 7- BVV ?, 1996 plain paper with no watermark



Figure 8 - STC, 1997 Security paper with watermark. Gravure printing - engraving (logo under the text "FIBEX 1997"), offset printing

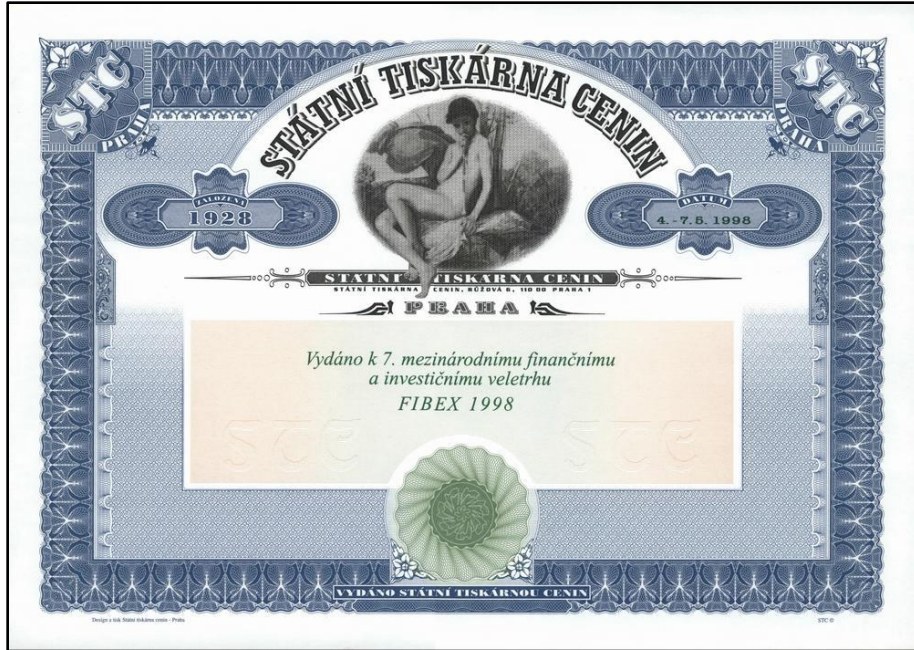


Figure 9 - STC, 1998 Plain paper without watermark. Gravure printing - engraving, offset printing