POSTAGE STAMPS OF OPHTHALMOLOGICAL INTEREST*

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POSTAGE stamps of ophthalmological interest include portrait figures of two practising ophthalmologists, Ferdinand Ritter von Arlt (1812–87) and Franz Cornelius Donders (1818–89). Four further portrait figures of scientists who have directly or indirectly contributed greatly to ophthalmology are shown in the stamps commemorating Johannes Evangelista Purkinje (1787–1869), Hermann von Helmholtz (1821–93), Gregor Johann Mendel (1822–84), and Ramón y Cajal (1852–1934). Practising ophthalmologists who have gained distinction in other spheres of life are commemorated in stamps showing Carlos Juan Finlay (1833–1915), a pioneer in the conquest of yellow fever; Lazarus Ludwig Zamenhof (1859–1917), the inventor of Esperanto; and José Rizal (1861–96), who died in the cause of Philippine independence. The XV International Congress of Ophthalmology held in Cairo in 1937 was commemorated by a suitable polyglot stamp.

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VON ARLT.
AUSTRIA. 1937
30 groschen, maroon

DONDERS.
NETHERLANDS. 1935.
6 centimes, grey-green.

PURKINJE
Czechoslovakia. 1937
50 heller, grey-green.

HELMHOLTZ. German
Democratic Republic. 1950.
10 pfennig, grey.

MENDEL
DANZIG. 1939.
10 pfennig, maroon

RAMÓN Y CAJAL.
SPAIN. 1931.
30 centavos, umber.

FINLAY.
CUBA. 1934.
5 cents, blue.

ZAMENHOF. BRAZIL. 1945.
1.20 cruzeiros, umber.

RIZAL.
PHILIPPINES. 1948.
2 centavos, green.

ZAMENHOF. U.S.S.R. 1927.
14 roubles, green & brown.

XVth International Congress
of Ophthalmology. EGYPT. 1937.
20 mills, blue.