

Geoscientific Themes of IGY Stamps

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The International Geophysical Year (IGY) was one of the most ambitious and successful scientific programs ever undertaken. It was an 18-month “year” from July 1, 1957 – Dec. 31, 1958 when scientists representing 67 nations measured many characteristics of the Earth over much of its surface.

I count 19 countries that issued IGY stamps during the IGY or the follow-up period continuing through 1959. Below I include one IGY stamp from each of these countries, noting the general theme of the stamp, in alphabetical order by country.

<p>Argentina Antarctic claim</p> 	<p>Bulgaria Sputnik 3</p> 	<p>Canada Microscope</p> 	<p>Chile Antarctic claim</p> 	<p>Columbia Altitude instrument</p> 
<p>Czechoslovakia Radio telescope</p> 	<p>Ecuador Sputnik 1</p> 	<p>French Southern Territories Aurora and magnetism</p> 	<p>Germany (East) Radiosonde</p> 	<p>Haiti Vanguard 1</p> 
<p>Hungary Gravity meter</p> 	<p>Indonesia Satellite</p> 	<p>Japan Satellite/Antarctica</p> 	<p>Korea (North) Sputnik 1/rocket</p> 	<p>Netherland Antilles Geodetics</p> 
<p>Norway Arctic</p> 	<p>USA Solar activity</p> 	<p>USSR Icebreaker</p> 	<p>Yugoslavia Ocean sounding</p> 	<p>IGY logo</p> 