

User Manual for the

Interactive Indices

to the Czechoslovak Specialist: 1939-2010

Introduction

The *Interactive Indices* to the 1939-2010 issues of the *Czechoslovak Specialist* support searches by author and subject as well as by two sets of catalog numbers: *Scott*, the standard American tool, and *POFIS*, the major Czech language catalog. The indices are called **interactive** because every citation contains a hyperlink to a readable PDF copy of the article cited. Multiple articles may be reviewed simultaneously.

Within the more than 400 pages that make up the indices are some 15,000 citations, 3400 subject headings, and nearly 700 author headings. For quick reference purposes, thousands of the citations are annotated with catalog numbers. In essence, users have at their fingertips an immense encyclopedia devoted to Czechoslovak philately.

The award winning *Czechoslovak Specialist*, published by the Society for Czechoslovak Philately continuously since 1939, is filled with information useful to collectors. There are lists in the various languages current in the Czech and Slovak territories of post office and place name equivalents. The journal's dictionaries assist in translating philatelic terms and it has published extensive descriptions of newly released stamps for the past seventy years. Issues contain thoughtful and focused articles about every aspect of Czechoslovak philately ranging in level from beginner to expert. On occasion, the *Specialist* provides translations of lengthy works published in serial form. More information about the *Specialist* and the Society for Czechoslovak Philately may be found on its web site, www.csphilately.org.

Four very able proofreaders spent their valuable time improving the indices: H. Alan Hoover, Richard Palaschak, Philip Rhoades, and Lois Verner. Any remaining errors are attributable to its author.

System Requirements

The indices were tested with PCs running Windows' Vista™ and XP™. The most current version of any standard browser is required: **Internet Explorer 8™**, **Firefox 3.5™**, or **Safari 4.0™**. Earlier versions may fail to display the indices properly. The suggested browsers, and the latest Adobe Reader™, are available free of charge from their respective websites.

While every Windows PC tested opened the cited articles to the correct page in the *Specialist*, Apple™ computers appear to be configured to open only to the first page of a PDF document rather than to the page requested by the citation. Apple users may scroll through the document or use the *Adobe Reader's go to page* function to get to the actual page of a cited article.

Using the Indices

In addition to this *Help* document, there are four different kinds of pages in the indices: a *Home Page*, the *Author/Subject* pages, the two separate sets of *Scott* and *POFIS Catalog Number* pages, and a page used to access specific issues of the *Specialist*. The features of each page type are described below.

The Home Page

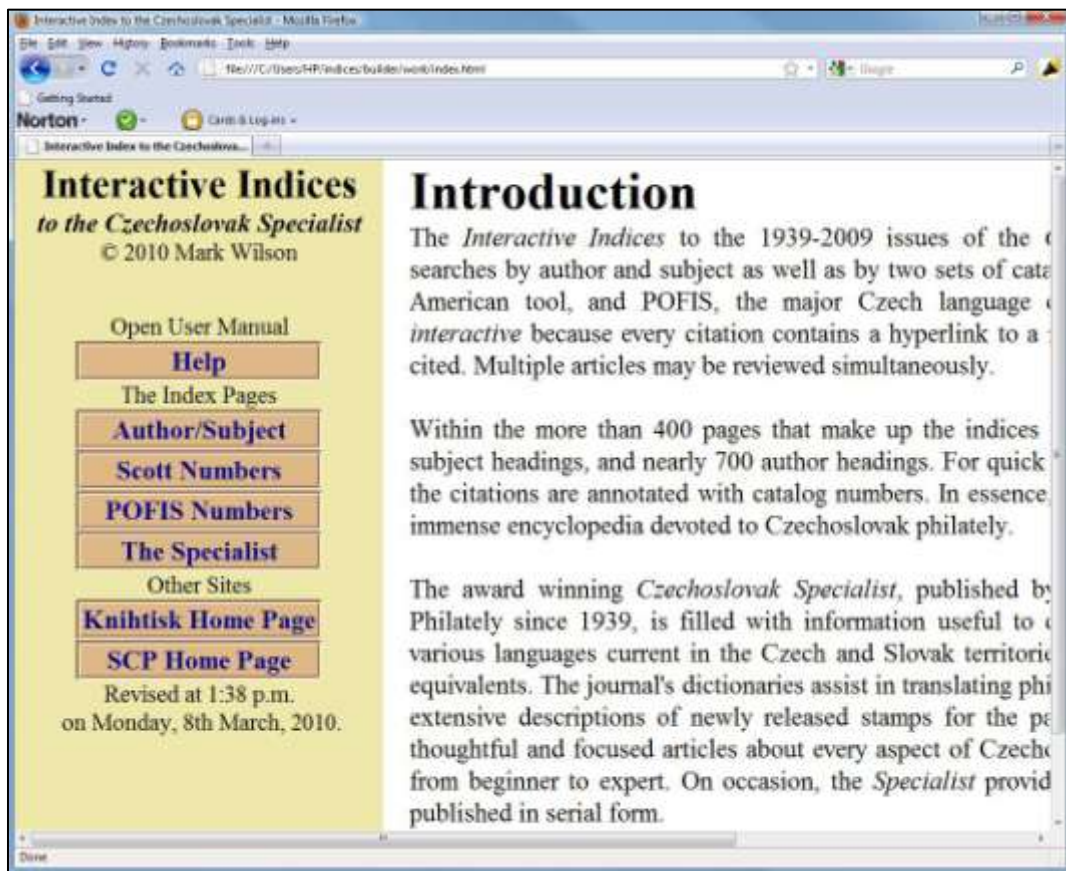


Figure 1: The Home Page.

The indices open to the *Home* page. The **buttons** on the **navigation sidebar** at the left side of the screen may be clicked to open specific sections of the indices. **Help** opens this document. The **Author/Subject** button opens the author and subject sections. The sections arranged by catalog number may be opened by clicking on either the **Scott** or **POFIS** buttons. Specific issues of the *Specialist* may be accessed with the **Specialist** button. Use the one of the lower two buttons to return to those web sites.

The current revision time and date appear at the bottom of the navigation bar. The *Home* page's content consists of general information about the indices and the *Specialist*.

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The Author/Subject Pages



Figure 2: The Author/Subject Pages.

The *Author/Subject* pages may be reached from any page by clicking on the **Author/Subject** button on the navigation sidebar.

The first item on this page's navigation sidebar is a grid, each cell containing a letter. One may move to any of the thirty alphabetical sections of the Author/Subject index by clicking on the appropriate letter within the grid. A **depressed button** indicates the current selection. The **white** button below the letter grid provides access to a printable copy of the current section of the Author/Subject index – in the case of *figure 2*, all of the **H** pages. See the *Key to the Author/Subject Color Codes* explanation on the next page for help in decoding the information found on the Author/Subject pages.

Words starting with the diacritical consonants **Č**, **Ř**, **Š**, and **Ž** have their own sections, but vowels with diacritics file as though no diacritic were present. An ordinary keyboard without diacritics is sufficient for searching pages with the browser's **find** function.

From this page, each of the two catalog numbers sections may be opened by clicking on the **Scott** or **POFIS** button. Specific issues of the *Specialist* may be accessed by clicking on the **Specialist** button. The **Home & Help** button returns to the Home page.

Key to the Author/Subject Color Codes

Hradčany Issue [Hradcany Issue] (*Scott Czechoslovakia* 1-53; *POFIS Československo* 1-26) (see also [First Postage Stamp](#))
[Here are listed articles about the Hradčany stamps. See "Hradčany" for articles about the place.]
Czechoslovakia's first postage stamps. Jindřich Nováček, edited by A. Thomas. [Apr 1959 p.56](#).
New usage. L. Kunc. [Nov/Dec 2001 p.1](#); {Comment: *Errata*. A F. Dewey. [Mar/Apr 2002 p.26](#).}

- **100h** (*Scott Czechoslovakia* 8; *POFIS Československo* 20)
Types. Mark Wilson. [Jul/Aug 2001 p.3](#); [Sep/Oct 2002 p.46](#).

Hugar, John
Random thoughts. [May/Jun 2007 p.3](#).

Hugar, John [Translator]
POFIS catalog: 1999. [Jan/Feb 1999 p.12](#).

Figure 3: Key to Author/Subject Color Codes.

A subject heading begins with the main topic in bold crimson. One may find any (or none) of the following pieces of information on the same line as the main topic. When the main topic contains diacritics, a bracketed transliterated version in gray appears immediately after the topic itself. If the main topic describes a stamp, it is usually followed by the Scott and POFIS catalog names in green and their respective catalog numbers in gray. A final piece of information may be present: blue **see also** cross references. Clicking on a blue cross reference takes the searcher to the suggested subject heading. Under some subject headings is a scope note explaining the kind of articles listed for that topic. A scope note may contain suggestions for related topics, but they are not clickable links.

Subject headings may be broken down into as many as three red colored subdivisions. Each level of subdivision is indented incrementally and is preceded by an indication of its level: one dash for the first, two for the second, and three for the third level.

A list of articles in alphabetical order arranged by title follows subject headings and subdivisions. The names of the author and other responsible parties appear after the title. Clicking on a blue citation at the end of an article's entry opens a readable copy of the *Specialist* to the page cited. If additional information about the cited article has been published, a gray **Comment** note in braces is inserted directly after the referenced citation. When an article has been serialized over several issues of the *Specialist*, that article will have multiple citations arranged in ascending chronological order.

Author headings, in bold black, have no subdivisions. Author headings may be repeated when followed by self-explanatory labels such as **[Translator]**.

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The Catalog Number Pages



Figure 4: Scott Catalog Number Pages

The *Scott Catalog Number Pages* may be reached from any other page by clicking on the **Scott** button found on the navigation sidebar. Each of the Scott catalog segments listed on its page's navigation sidebar may be opened by clicking on the respective button.

The depressed button indicates the current selection. A printable copy of the current catalog segment may be obtained by clicking on the white button. The catalog numbers are in ascending order and articles related to specific numbers are listed alphabetically by title under that number or range of numbers. Click on a blue citation ([Mar/Apr 1993 p. 14.](#)) to read the article cited.

All of the above also describes the *POFIS Catalog Number* pages. Simply click on the **POFIS** navigational sidebar button to access the **POFIS** section of the indices.

From this page, go to the **Author/Subject** listings by clicking its button on the navigational sidebar. Specific issues of the *Specialist* may be accessed by clicking on the **Specialist** button. The **Home & Help** button returns to the Home page and access to this document.

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Access a Specific Issue Page



Figure 5: Access a Specific Issue Page

Sometimes the indices are not required. When the year and issue of a specific *Specialist* is already known, access this page from any other by clicking on **The Specialist** button in the navigation bar.

To locate an issue, read down the green **years** column on the left side of the table shown in *figure 5*, then across the table until the name of the desired issue from that year is found. Click on its name and the issue will open in a new window. More than one issue may be opened at a time: each new issue opens in a separate window. Grayed out entries indicate inaccessible issues not yet mounted on the Society's website.

The **Author/Subject** listings, as well as the **Scott** and **POFIS** catalog sections, may be accessed by clicking on their respective navigation sidebar buttons. Return to the **Home & Help** page by clicking on its button.