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Struve Geodetic Arc

On September 14, 2017 the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus will issue the souvenir sheet "Struve Geodetic Arc".

Design: Yauheniya Biadonik. **Printing:** offset. **Colour:** fill colour. **Paper:** chalk-urfaced, gummed. **Perforation:** frame 12. **Size of the stamp** in the souvenir sheet: 40x56 mm. **Size of the souvenir sheet:** 73x86 mm. **Print quantity:** 12.000 souvenir sheets.

The souvenir sheet was printed at the Republican Unitary Enterprise "Bobruisk Integrated Printing House named after A.T.Nepogodin".

Souvenir sheet No. 126



No. 1213
Struve Geodetic Arc
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The Struve Geodetic Arc is a unique monument of science and technology of the 19th century, which was created in order to determine the size and shape of the Earth. It brings together 10 countries of the world.

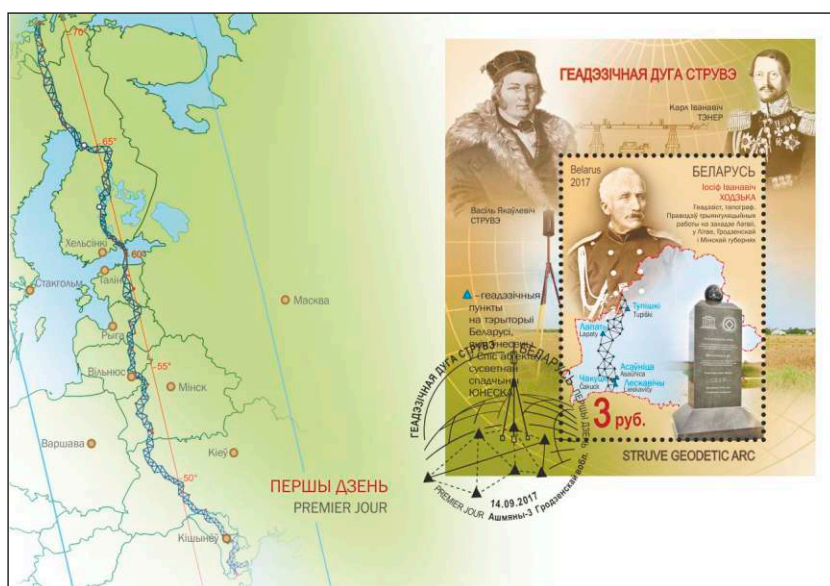
The Arc is made up of 265 geodetic points, which were laid in the period from 1816 to 1855 and named after its founder - the famous Russian astronomer and surveyor of the time Vasily Struve.

The military surveyor general Karl Tener was directly involved in the fieldwork. Under his leadership the geodesic work was performed by Iosif Hodzko. He was a scientist, a surveyor and a topographer, who conducted geodetic triangulation in western Latvia, Lithuania, Grodno and Minsk provinces.

From 31 points, laid in the territory of Belarus in the 19th century, modern Belarusian surveyors found and recovered 19.

In 2005 34 points of the Struve Geodetic Arc were included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Five of them are located in the territory of the present-day Belarus.

The project was prepared in cooperation with the State Committee on Property of the Republic of Belarus.



Colour of the postmark – black.

Special **postmark** and **FDC** designed by Ya.Biadonik.

A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out on the souvenir sheet issuing day at the post office No.3 of Oshmiyan, Grodno region.