

Are you for it or against it?



In line with tomorrow's topic of our virtual lecture: "Allergies on the rise", I came across this document. Not really anything special, but I noticed here that there seem to be congresses **"for"** allergies..., not **"against"**, although in German "for" is probably correct. Regarding such quibbles, my husband has sensitized me.... fits again to the topic tomorrow. Smallest stimuli - like the little word "for" - now trigger bigger

actions in my brain, up to writing this little article. As I said "sensitized"....., but not necessarily smarter..... Philatelically, it is a printed matter from Zurich to - oh, now if one could only read where....? Arrival postmark not available and postal codes did not exist in 1951 either. Swiss Post was the third country to introduce postal codes on June 26, 1964, after Germany (1941) and the United States (1963). Austria introduced them only in 1966. Nevertheless the letter seems to have arrived, as no return postmark can be found.

The stamp used is from the 1949 Landscape and Engineering series, a definitive stamp series that arrived at PTT counters on August 1, 1949. The twelve stamps were limited to the small values of 3 to 70 centimes. Karl Bickel impressively combined technical buildings with partly stylized landscape images. This was also one of the first Swiss definitive stamp series with unlimited validity. What I also did not know: since 1960, all stamps of Swiss definitive stamp series are valid without restrictions. I could therefore frank a letter with these stamps even today... I would be interested to know whether a letter franked using this stamps would indeed arrive today.....

