



# Around The World

## New Boxes from Russia - 2005

Hans Everink, our faithful reporter from the Netherlands, sent in these nice scans of some new box issues from Russia. The butterfly-logo set shown here, of which there are four, is particularly attractive.

But, especially interesting about all of these particular boxes is that they're not put together in the traditional matchbox design. There is no drawer that slides out. Instead, the middle in the box can be opened, so you can take the matches out. The surfaces for striking are put on the boxes, not at the top lid, but rather on the side.

The matches seem to be extracted from some cuttings on the top of the box, so that the box opens there. Apparently, one can also open the box from similar slits on the side.

We're not certain how many are in this set, as Hans doesn't have a complete set, himself...but they're certainly nice!

