Neurological stamp

Anders Celsius (1701-1744)

Celsius, Professor of Astronomy in his native town of Uppsala, Sweden, from 1730 to 1744, devised a temperature scale in 1742. The temperature of melting ice was taken as 100° and the temperature of boiling water to be 0°. A colleague, Martin Strome, inverted the scale eight years later. The modern celsius (or centigrade) has opposite fixed points (freezing 0°, boiling 100°). The word centigrade (centum = 100, gradus = step) describes the scale, but ignores the name of the inventor of this widely used clinical instrument. This stamp was issued by Sweden in 1982 (Stanley Gibbons 1111; Scott 1402).

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