

## SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF *NUMIZMATIČKE VIJESTI*

The year 2014 marks the hundredth anniversary of the beginning of World War I. A lot is being written about this war worldwide and *Vijesti* has contributed to the top historical subject with two articles. One is about medals and plaques whose motifs are connected to people and battles in which Croatian soldiers and high-ranking officers played a prominent role as part of the army of Austria-Hungary. The second article shows how the war was reflected on the life of the Croatian population. It publishes little-known documents about the rationed and guaranteed supply of the population with food and consumer goods. This supply system was introduced during the Great War because of fear from the potential spread of hunger and disease.

Another round “war” anniversary that falls this year has somehow remained in the shadow of commemorating the beginning of World War I. Seventy-five years ago World War II began, and that war year, 1939, is important for our Society, too. It was at the beginning of this year that the Croatian Numismatic Society launched the journal *Numizmatičke vijesti*, which has come out regularly since then.

From its modest beginnings *Numizmatičke vijesti* developed into a distinguished numismatic journal with all the necessary references. It is in the international bibliographic database ERIH (European Reference Index for the Humanities).

It is an interesting fact that during its 75 years *Vijesti* has had only five editors, and it is fitting on this occasion to remember them with respect.

**Ivan Rengjeo** edited numbers 1 to 17/18 (1939-1962). **Miroslav Ćorković** co-edited number 17/18. **Antun Bauer** edited numbers 19 to 27 (1963- 1969). **Bartol Zmajčić** edited numbers 28 to 32 (1970-1975). **Đuro Krasnov** spent most years as editor; he edited numbers 33 to 51 (1979-1998). Since 1999 **Edgar Fabry** has been editor-in-chief of *Numizmatičke vijesti* and has so far edited sixteen numbers – from number 52 to the present number 67.

I thank all the contributors to *Numizmatičke vijesti* and hope that the Croatian Numismatic Society will continue to issue such a fine journal.

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