

## ***BOTH RECESSION AND CELEBRATION***

This year's *Numizmatičke vijesti* was made under somewhat more difficult and complicated circumstances. The periodical is thinner because of the smaller funding we received from the ministries. Although one ministry granted us 6% more funds than last year, the other decreased its grant by 25%. Since each page of the journal has a price, calculations and mathematical operations became an everyday task in putting out *Numizmatičke vijesti*. On the other hand, we received more contributions this year than we could include in the number. Some we could not publish at all, others we had to shorten. Nevertheless, we did manage to publish this slightly thinner number without compromising the journal's high standard. We hope that next year, when our *Numizmatičke vijesti* will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary (1939-2014), the situation in publishing will be better.

On the other hand, this year's activities of the Croatian Numismatic Society included many positive and affirmative events. In September we held the 7<sup>th</sup> International Numismatic Congress in Opatija, with the participation of distinguished numismatists from Croatia and the world. These congresses are an important contribution to the reputation of our Society and Croatian numismatics in general. This issue of the periodical writes about the congress in more detail, and its cover carries photographs of the lovely congress medal.

The most important event this year, however, will be the celebration of the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Society (1928-2013). We will mark this important birthday through work, at the regular Annual Assembly of the Society on 22 December 2013. On that occasion we will also remember our founders and all the people who during many active years in the Society contributed to the importance and quality of its work. In the course of the years many journals and catalogues came out, fine, artistically designed medals were struck, exhibitions and congresses were organised, and so on.

It is interesting that in the 85 years of its existence our Society had only five presidents.

The first president and the founder of the Society was Benko Horvat, president from 1928 to 1954.

The second president was Ivan Meixner, from 1954 to his death in 1985.

The third president was Gjuro Krasnov, who held the position from 1985 until he decided to resign in 1989 because he thought that a younger person should head the Society.

The fourth Society president was Edgar Fabry, from 1989 to 1993. He resigned from the position of president to take over the responsible post of secretary, and since 1999 he has also been editor-in-chief of *Numizmatičke vijesti*.

The fifth, current president of the Society, Damir Kovač, became president in 1993 and is still, after 20 full years, doing the job with great success.

All the presidents have with their strong personalities and undoubted expertise left a permanent mark on the work of the Croatian Numismatic Society in the past 85 years and built into it part of their lives.

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