SUMMARY

MEDALS AND TOKENS OF THE CROATIAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The Croatian Numismatic Society (hereinafter: CNS) was founded 90 years ago on 21 December 1928 at its founding assembly held on the premises of the Archaeological Department of the National Museum in Zagreb. The Society was founded by coin collectors and numismatics enthusiasts to promote interest in and love of numismatics and the organised gathering of numismatic items.
In this way the CNS became the oldest numismatic society in this part of Europe. CNS members always included collectors that belonged to various occupations, many of them were archaeologists, they were noted in the cultural and social life of Zagreb and also of other world countries.

As part of its activities, in 1933 the Society launched and began to publish the journal Numizmatika (Numismatics), which could not come out regularly due to insufficient funding, so in 1939 the Society, encouraged by Professor Ivan Rengjeo, began to publish a smaller journal Numizmatičke vijesti (Numismatic News), edited by Professor Rengjeo. Thanks to its professionally written texts about coins from Antiquity and national numismatics, medal art and later also decorations, the journal, despite financial problems, came out on a constantly growing number of pages. Today it has been included on the portal of scientific journals of Croatia (HRČAK) and also on the European references index ERIH PLUS. Numizmatičke vijesti is today considered a prominent international numismatic journal.

To popularise numismatics, in 1963 the Society began to publish the popular magazine Bilten, which was in 1972 renamed Obol.

The Croatian Numismatic Society publishes its journals once a year. Numizmatičke vijesti has been coming out continuously since 1939 and next year it will celebrate its eightieth anniversary.

However, the Croatian Numismatic Society does not issue only magazines, but occasionally and on certain occasions it puts out medals, plaques and tokens. Since many of the Society’s members or friends were renowned artists, they made donations in the form of producing medals and tokens and thus enabled the Society to issue them.

Medals and tokens were issued to mark the Society’s anniversaries or were dedicated to significant CNS members, whose commitment contributed to the work and development of the CNS and events related to the Society’s work.

The CNS has issued medals, plaques and tokens belonging to several groups:

1. award medals;
2. memorial medals and plaques;
3. tokens of the Croatian Numismatic Society; and