

FACING CHALLENGES

We have before us the 25th issue of *Numizmatičke vijesti* which I have signed as editor-in-chief. One might say that in these turbulent times this is truly a jubilee, reflecting a quarter of a century of continuous and dedicated work with numerous collaborators and authors. I take this opportunity to extend to them the most heartfelt gratitude. So far, our journal has had a total of 76 issues.

However, this issue is special because of our uncertain financial situation, which we managed to surmount with the help of the Croatian Mint. We sincerely thank our sponsor and associates in the journal for their support

Our colleagues - collaborators who contribute to the journal, have for years been doing all they can to maintain the level we are used to. It is with sadness that I have to inform associates and members that we have lost one of our most dedicated colleagues, Mr Amer Sulejmanagić, a distinguished author of numerous scientific papers and a dear friend. He wrote on many interesting topics and we will miss him very much.

In the numismatic sense, this is a new time that is bringing new challenges, but also new opportunities. There is a lot of innovation because recently there have been almost daily changes in the field. This refers to the circle of countries that are now using the same currency - the Euro. All our national currencies are disappearing, turning into a kind of shared money that bears the stamp of the universal but also of national identity. Cryptocurrencies are arriving with great uncertainty, also digital currency wallets, artificial intelligence and so on. It is difficult to predict, but perhaps interest in the survival of some kind of classic coin and wallet may increase. Every new trend always causes some kind of reaction in the sense of turning to the past or to arguably better times.

Tempus fugit or time flies, but we hope that we will continue to enjoy the company of our journal and even welcome the 100th anniversary of the Croatian Numismatic Society.

Until then, best wishes to all associates and Society members!

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