

# 15<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF MEDALS, KREMNICA

National Bank of Slovakia – Museum of Coins and Medals, Kremnica, Slovakia

20 September – 17 October 2021

The main idea of the International Symposium of Medals (ISM) in Kremnica is to create favorable conditions for the creative work of the participating authors, contribute to the exchange of information and creative stimuli on the international level.

The event is an opportunity for medal artists from different countries to get to know the present-day life and cultural activity in Slovakia, to acquaint themselves with the rich history of the town of Kremnica, with its tradition of producing coins and medals. It offers the opportunity of learning about the possibilities for the further development of the medal art with regard for the activity of the Kremnica Mint, which has operated without interruption for almost 700 years.

## Participants

The XV International Symposium of Medals at Kremnica was originally due to be held between 21 September and 18 October 2020. Owing to the adverse epidemiological (pandemic) situation in Slovakia, as well as in the countries in which the symposium participants resided, it was decided to postpone the event until 2021. Since all the authors invited to participate in the symposium in 2020 agreed to participate in 2021, no new authors were invited. The participants do not need to reapply to participate in the 2021 symposium; the applications received last year will suffice. Any new information about the symposium will be sent to participants by email.

## Creation

During the symposium participants create designs for **one original struck two-sided medal** (plaster model must be circular and have diameter exactly 180 mm) and designs for **five cast one-sided medals** or plackets (maximal dimension is 180 mm). The medals realized during the symposium will be presented at the **exhibition** in the numismatic exhibition of the NBS-MMM. The exhibition opening will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

## Themes

The theme for the struck medal:

- **Ecology and Earth protection (an ecological theme such as “environmental footprint” or “environmental tax”, or...)**  
or
- **Art versus COVID-19**

Themes for cast medals are free.

Every participant receives:

- 1 example of each cast one-sided medal
- 5 examples of his own struck medal
- a set of struck medals for each of the 5 participants
- author's reward in the amount of 650 € (for creation of the designs production of the plaster models, consent to use of the works, their production and creative cooperation during their production)

Participant in the Symposium is obligated to:

- bring basic sculpting tools and equipment with him
- meet the deadlines for creating plaster models

## Material-technical and financial securing

1. Traveling expenses and insurance of the participants will be paid by the participants themselves.
2. The organizer will provide the participants in the symposium with accommodation, places to work and basic materials for work (plaster, ...).
3. The originals of the medals created at this symposium will become the property of the organizer of the symposium and will be exhibited in Slovakia and abroad without claim of the authors to an author's reward.

For further information you can contact the organizer on the contact details below:

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