

## **RULES of the XVII International Symposium of Medals in Kremnica**

### **Article 1**

#### **MISSION OF THE SYMPOSIUM:**

To create favourable conditions in which participating authors can create works and exchange information and creative ideas at an international level.

The event is an opportunity for medal makers from different countries to experience contemporary life and cultural activities in Slovakia and to become acquainted with the rich history of Kremnica town and with its coin and medal-making tradition. It also offers an opportunity to find out about future developments in medal-making at the Kremnica Mint, which has been in continuous operation for almost 700 years.

To build on cooperation with medal-making organisations abroad and to seek new opportunities for cooperation, especially within the Visegrad Four countries.

The Symposium is, for the Organiser, a way of enriching its collection of struck and cast medals, which is expertly maintained and made accessible to the general public and professionals alike.

### **Article 2**

#### **ORGANISER:**

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### **Article 3**

#### **VENUE:**

NBS–MCM at Angyalovský dom (Angyal House)

Angyalova ulica 486/24, 967 01 Kremnica

### **Article 4**

#### **DATE:**

**13 October – 9 November 2025**

### **Article 5**

#### **PARTICIPANTS:**

A total of five medal makers will take part in the International Symposium of Medals and they will be chosen by the NBS–MCM from among the authors who applied to participate.

### **Article 6**

#### **OBLIGATIONS OF THE SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Applications to take part in the Symposium shall be sent to the NBS–MCM by **31 July 2025** (by post or email) and they shall include the proposed theme of the medal designs that the author would create during the Symposium in Kremnica between **13 October and 9 November 2025**.
2. Participants shall bring their own basic sculpting tools and equipment.
3. The participants undertake that during the Symposium they will each create a design for one original medal struck on both sides (**the diameter of the plaster model is to be 180 mm exactly**) and designs for five one-sided cast medals or plaques (**with a maximum dimension of 180 mm**) in accordance with Article 9 of these Rules. Plaster models will subsequently be produced according to these designs.

4. The designs (obverse and reverse) for the struck medal shall be made by the participant in such a way that the plaster models can be handed over to Mincovňa Kremnica, š.p., (Kremnica Mint) **by 8. a.m. on 20 October 2025**. Because of the time demands for the production of the struck medal, compliance with this deadline is mandatory and cannot be changed.

The plaster models for the cast medals shall be handed over on an ongoing basis **between 13 and 31 October 2025**.

**In order to meet these deadlines and to allow the production of the struck medals before the end of the Symposium, the participants are recommended to prepare their designs for the struck medal (drawing or relief model) before their arrival at the Symposium.**

#### **Article 7**

##### **OBLIGATIONS OF THE SYMPOSIUM ORGANISER:**

1. The NBS–MCM shall send a binding invitation to the five persons selected to participate at the Symposium by no later than **20 August 2025**.
2. The Organiser shall pay each participant at the Symposium remuneration in the amount of **€750 (seven hundred and fifty euro) for creating designs and producing plaster models, for granting the Organiser consent to use, realise, and distribute this work in accordance with the Contract (on the creation of a work) to which these Rules are attached as an Annex, and for providing artistic cooperation in the production of medals on the basis of this work.**
3. The Organiser shall ensure the realisation of the created designs in the following manner:
  - a) one plaster model of each design created;
  - b) for each author, the casting of five bronze medals, each based on a different one of the five plaster models featuring the author's designs for five one-sided cast medals;
  - c) for each author, the striking of a set of five copper medals that feature each of the five authors' designs for a two-sided struck medal, and an additional five struck medals featuring the author's own design for a two-sided struck medal;
  - d) the striking in duplicate of two-sided struck medals that each feature a different one of the five authors' designs for a two-sided struck medal and, on the basis of the respective plaster models, the casting of single medals each featuring a different one of the five authors' five designs for five one-sided cast medals.
4. The Organiser shall ensure that an artistic technician is present at the Symposium to assist in the preparation of plaster models for the striking of medals and casting of medals in bronze.
5. The participants shall grant the Organiser ownership of the medals stated in Article 7(3)(d) for the purpose of using them in its collections and exhibitions. The use of these medals for any purpose other than that agreed shall be subject to a separate agreement with the author.
6. The vernissage of the exhibition of medals produced at the Symposium will be held on **8 November 2025**.

#### **Article 8**

##### **MATERIAL, TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THE SYMPOSIUM:**

1. Each participant shall meet their own travel expenses.
2. Accommodation during the Symposium, working spaces, and working material (plaster) will be provided to all participants by the Organiser.
3. The NBS–MCM will not arrange for or contribute to the stay of any member of a participant's family.
4. The NBS–MCM will not arrange insurance for participants.

5. The medals referred to in Article 7(3)(d) shall remain the property of the Organiser, and the Organiser is entitled to exhibit them in Slovakia and abroad without the authors being entitled to make any claims for remuneration.

## **Article 9**

### **TECHNICAL CONDITIONS FOR REALISATION OF THE MEDALS:**

#### **Struck medal:**

The theme featured on the two-sided struck medal will be either of the following:

- **Exploring boundaries**  
or
- **Natural elements**

Other conditions for the struck medal:

1. The plaster model for the struck medal shall be round with a uniform diameter of 180 mm exactly.
2. Each medal shall include, on either the obverse or reverse side, the signature of its author and the venue and year of the Symposium (e.g. Kremnica 2025, Kremnica MSM 2025, etc.), which may be written in miniature.
3. If the author is Slovak, he or she shall include the following text on the reverse side: 'XVII. Medzinárodné sympóziu medail' (XVII International Symposium of Medals). Non-Slovak participants may include the same text in their designs in their native language, if they so wish.
4. Based on agreement between the participants, at least one of them will include the names of all the Symposium's participants in a small space on the obverse or reverse side of his or her design.
5. The medals will be struck at Mincovňa Kremnica, š.p. (Kremnica Mint) by **6 November 2025**, with the costs being met by the Organiser. The medals will be made of copper and have a diameter of 60 mm.

#### **Cast medals:**

1. Each author will choose his or her own theme and artistic design for the one-sided cast medal.
2. Each medal shall bear the signature of its author and the year of its production, and each medal shall be no larger than 180 mm.

## **Article 10**

### **FINAL PROVISIONS**

At the XVII International Symposium of Medals, the striking of medals in copper and the casting of medals in bronze shall be subject only to the terms and conditions set out above. No other production techniques will be permitted, nor will the production of small-scale models or medals with a diameter of more than 180 mm.

The Organiser reserves the right, where necessary, to amend these Rules.

## **Article 11**

### **ORGANISATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

The Symposium will open on **13 October 2025**.

1. Slovak participants are to make their own way to Kremnica and may arrive on **12 or 13 October 2025**.

2. Foreign participants may arrange with the Organiser in advance to be met at Bratislava's airport, coach terminal or railway station on **12 October or 13 October 2025**. In this case, the participant must inform the Organiser, using the address of the Museum of Coins and Medals, of the precise details of his or her arrival (day, time, flight number) by no later than **30 September 2025**.