

17th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF MEDALS, KREMNICA
National Bank of Slovakia – Museum of Coins and Medals, Kremnica, Slovakia
13 October – 9 November 2025

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 to learn 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

Five medal artists are chosen by the NBS – Museum of Coins and Medals (NBS-MMM) from among the applying authors. Binding invitations to the selected participants will be sent by 20th August 2025.

Creation

During the symposium participants create designs for **one original struck two-sided medal** (plaster model must be circular and be exactly 180 mm in diameter) 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 8th November 2025.

Themes

The theme for the struck medal:

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

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 750 € (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
- 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.

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Vasilena Stancheva (Bulgaria): 16th International Symposium of Medals, Kremnica 2023, struck medal