

# THE OBVERSE AND REVERSE OF MONEY - MONEY AND MEDALS IN THE HISTORY OF SLOVAKIA



The new numismatic exhibition „The Obverse and Reverse of Money – Money and Medals in the History of Slovakia” was opened at the Museum of Coins and Medals in Kremnica on 23rd May 2003, on the occasion of a meeting of the NBS Bank Board with the participation of the Governor of the National Bank of Slovakia Marián Jusko.

The exhibition is situated on five floors of a reconstructed Gothic townhouse on Štefánikovo námestie in Kremnica. It gives a comprehensive view of the history of money and medal production in the territory of Slovakia from the earliest times to the present. The history of Kremnica and its mines is also presented.

The exhibition deals with past glory. It is located in an environment of unique underground spaces, carved directly into the rock, where different kinds of timber supports, working methods and equipment used in mining are illustrated.

The new exhibition also includes the history of the historic town with an emphasis on the Kremnica crafts, which were the third most important economic activity here, after mining and the mint. The main part of the exhibition, which comprehensively informs visitors about the history of money in Slovakia, is creatively designed. The exhibition also includes documents, recalling the origin of the present Slovak currency. Works from the Slovak, Austrian, German, Hungarian and Czech schools of medal production are also presented in the exhibition.



*A ceremonial opening of the new exhibition on 30th May 2003 opened the doors of the exhibition to the general public. Representatives of the National Bank of Slovakia, the designers of the exhibition, numismatists, members of the general public, and medal designers including participants in the Symposium on medals and small scale sculpture at Nyíregyháza in Hungary, participated in the event.*

*The Chief Executive Director of the NBS Currency Division Ján Mathes and the director of the NBS Museum of Coins and Medals Mariana Novotná spoke to those present. The mayor of Kremnica Miroslav Nárožný also greeted the guests. The designers of construction work for the exhibition, of its artistic and arrangement aspects, and all who significantly participated in its successful installation were given awards by the director of the museum. The opening of the exhibition also included a fine cultural programme and a tour of the museum.*