

XXX ART MEDAL WORLD CONGRESS

Colorado Springs, USA - September 19-22, 2007

The host of the congress was American Numismatic Association (ANA) whose website is www.money.org.

On September 19, the congress was opened with Mr Kenneth Bressett from Money Museum as the Master of Ceremonies. The speakers were Barry Stuppler, ANA President, Mr Carlos Baptista da Silva, FIDEM President, and Dr. Lars O. Lagerqvist, FIDEM Honorary President. The Keynote Speaker was Mr Edmund Moy, US Mint Director.

The afternoon session speakers were Peter van Alfen, Robert W. Hope and Stephen Scher.

The Opening of the Exhibition at the ANA Money Museum took place in the afternoon followed by a reception. FIDEM XXX Parallel Exhibition of medals by 14 sculptors from 14 countries who had reached the age of 70 or more, was opened at the same location. The Grand Prix was announced at the Opening. It was awarded Mr. Helder Batista from Portugal for all his art medals displayed in the exhibition. An Honorable Mention was awarded Mr. László Szlávics Jr. from Hungary.

On September 20, there were three parallel lecture sessions and in the afternoon buses took the participants to an Arts Business Center and to a barbeque in the magnificent Garden of Gods.

Friday September 21 was dedicated to six different lecture sessions. In the evening the congress was invited to the Money Museum to the public opening of the exhibition and to Fine Arts Center where Mr Otakar Dušek from Czech Republic gave a lecture on his medallic art. The event was followed by a reception.

On Saturday, September 22, the General Assembly confirmed the new Statutes for FIDEM and elected the new Executive Committee, the Consultative Committee and nominated the new delegates. Mr Ilkka Voionmaa, Finland, was elected President and Ms Maria Rosa Figueiredo, Portugal, was elected General Secretary. Mr. Claude Arthus-Bertrand was elected Honorary Member of FIDEM.

The Closing Reception and Banquet was held at Cheyenne Lodge at the Broadmoor.

During the dinner, the new FIDEM At 70-medal was given to:

- Mr Kenneth Bressett, ANA,
- Mr Carlos Baptista da Silva, the Past President of FIDEM,
- Dr Lars O. Lagerqvist, the Honorary President of FIDEM.

It was also awarded to:

- Mr Claude Arthus-Bertrand, Honorary Member of FIDEM,
- Mr Mark Jones, former President,
- Ms Mariangela Johnson, former Vice-President,
- Mr Pierre Zanchi, former Vice-President.
- Mr Edmund Moy, US Mint Director had received the medal at the Opening Ceremony.

The Grand Prix, the FIDEM At 70-medal and 2000 euros, was given to Mr. Helder Batista. Diplomas were distributed to the three prize winners and the seven who had reached the second stage of the FIDEM At 70-medal competition. The Post-Congress Tour trip departed on Sunday September 23 to Santa Fe and returned on Wednesday 26.

All in all, it was a beautiful congress. Everything went smoothly, lectures held a high standard and the medals exhibited gave a fine overall picture of medals produced in the world after the FIDEM XXIX Congress in Seixal 2004.

All the lectures given at FIDEM XXX will be published in *Médailles* in due course.