



Between Flood and Storm – NUMISMATA Vienna 2010

Anyone who wanted to cross the ring road in Vienna on 13th May, the day before NUMISMATA, had to be tough. The water was ankle-deep, some drains were bubbling like small fountains and the weather gods continued to send more rain from above. These were certainly not optimum conditions for travelling to NUMISMATA Vienna, which was being held in the empirical capital for the 2nd time. In spite of this, there were few empty tables. All of the exhibitors had fought their way there.

Only visitors from the more distant areas such as the Czech Republic and Hungary were put off by the dreadful weather. Nonetheless, the atmosphere was good. The organisation worked and the combination of the traditional NUMISMATA for coins with the Viennese international stamp exchange produced synergies for the visitors. More and more stamp auction houses are currently expanding their business into coins, which last happened to this extent in the 70s, when the professional association of German coin dealers was formed out of a professional group from the professional association of stamp dealers.

The Viennese NUMISMATA has therefore already become established in Austrian numismatics over the course of the year. Once the stamp collectors have also become accustomed to this new, fixed date in the exchange calendar, NUMISMATA Vienna has the potential to be “the” major numismatic-philatelic event at the heart of Europe. Ultimately, it is not every year that there is a flood...