

Numismata Frankfurt 2008

Roughly 3,000 visitors came to see the 4th NUMISMATA on November 8th and 9th, 2008, in Frankfurt. The coin dealers were already awaiting them with an overabundant range of offers. Since the hall was fully booked, more exhibitors had to be sent away. The diversity was overwhelming with coin dealers coming from quite a number of different countries. 110 German companies alone were present. France, Italy, the Netherlands and Austria were represented by exhibitors ranging from 5 to 15 in number. If that was not impressive enough, no less than 22 nations in sum were present including Argentina, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, the Czech Republic, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malta, New Zealand, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Clearly that left a mark on the good-humored collectors.

The question of how the current financial crisis would probably affect buying behaviour was of special interest to anyone. So far, no considerable repercussions are noted. Last turkey in the shop these days are more speculative coins from the 20th and 21st centuries in low mintage numbers from countries with an admittedly high potential of increase. This autumn, real collectors dispensed their money more economically. After all, money invested in coins is well spent in the long run – and by far safer than shares. Some buyers take advantage of the current lower gold price and assemble their personal small stock.

NUMISMATA Frankfurt only saw happy faces. One reason was the overall friendliness of the Fair's officials making the impossible possible while smiling courteously. This is the right place to thank them again warmly.

NUMISMATA Frankfurt will be held again next year on November 7th and 8th. Prior to that, some dates are of interest to the anxious collector: on March 7th and 8th, 2009, Munich will hold its NUMSMATA followed by Vienna on May 16th and 17th which will present its first NUMSIMATA ever. In autumn, it will be Berlin's turn with the NUMISMATA on October 10th and 11th. Organizers are looking forward to welcoming you.