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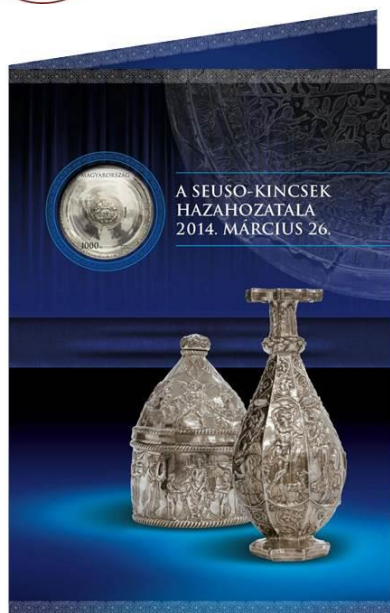
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## REPATRIATION OF THE SEVSO TREASURE



Magyar Posta is issuing a commemorative stamp block to mark the repatriation of the Sevso treasure. The design of the block and its stamps shows the seven pieces of the Sevso treasure returned to Hungary. These are the *Hunting Plate*, the *Geometric Plate*, the *Dionysiac Ewer*, the *Basin*, two *Geometric Ewers* and the *Casket*. In addition to the standard version of the block numbered in black, an imperforate edition with red numbering is also being released. The new issue was designed by the graphic artist *Imre Benedek* and produced by the banknote printing company *Pénzjegynyomda* using embossed and diffraction film printing, and UV ink. The new issue will be available at large post offices and

Filaposta in Hungary from 25 August, but may also be purchased from Magyar Posta's online store.

The best-known piece, which lends its name to the treasure, is a huge silver gilt salver, the **Hunting Plate**, decorated in the centre with figures dining outdoors surrounded by hunting scenes. Another of the returned pieces is the slightly smaller salver for serving food known as the **Geometric Plate** because of the rosette and palmette decoration composed of intersecting octagons and squares adorning the central roundel. The smallest of the ewers of the Sevso Treasure, the **Dionysiac Ewer**, which was probably used for serving wine, is the most impressive in its ornamentation. The two other vessels are covered in floral and geometric motifs, hence their name the **Geometric Ewers**. The upper sections of the body of these ewers have undulating lines of a similar pattern to that of the **Basin**. The bases of these two ewers fit into the centre of the basin precisely, so the three vessels appear to form a set for washing hands. The cylindrical **Casket** has a lid and is adorned with repoussé scenes of women bathing and at their toilette. The perforated silver plate fixed inside suggests it was used to store perfume flasks.

The SEVSO STAMP SET, issued to mark the repatriation of the Sevso Treasure, includes a red-numbered, imperforate edition alongside the standard black-numbered block. The silver artefacts on the stamp block are enhanced by the use of diffraction film and embossed printing. Under ultraviolet light the Latin inscription in verse surrounding the scenes in the central roundel of the silver gilt Hunting Plate, "HEC SEVSO TIBI DVRENT PER SAECVLA MVLTA POSTERIS VT PROSINT VASCVLA DIGNA TVIS" and its Hungarian translation meaning "May these, O Sevso, yours for many ages be, small vessels fit to serve your offspring worthily" are visible.

**SEVSO:** Order code: 2014138030011 (standard version) 2014138060012 (standard FDC), 2014139030011 (imperforate), 2014139130011 (set) • Date of issue: 25 August 2014 • Face value: HUF 3,000 • The selling price of the set is HUF 10,000 • Printing method: offset, diffraction film, embossed, UV ink. • Number of copies: 74,000 (standard version), 6,000 (imperforate). Five thousand copies of the set numbered 1 to 5,000 have been produced each with a standard and imperforate edition bearing the same number. • Perforate size: 30 x 45 mm and 60 x 50 mm. • External imperforate size: 170 x 96 mm • Printed by Pénzjegynyomda • Information source: Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest • Designed by Imre Benedek

# SEVSO TREASURE II



The Sevso treasure is one of the most important finds of late Roman silver. Magyar Posta issued a stamp of the first seven pieces of the treasure in 2014. Another seven objects repatriated in the second phase are shown on the souvenir sheet issued in 2019. The sheet was designed by the graphic artist Imre Benedek and 44,000 perforated and 6,000 imperforated copies were produced of it by the banknote printing company Pénzjegynyomda. The new issue is available from Filaposta, philately specialist services, certain post offices and [www.posta.hu](http://www.posta.hu).

The pieces of the Sevso treasure are characteristic accessories of a dining set for feasts. Most of the artefacts are decorated with reliefs depicting mythological figures and stories. The seven objects shown on the souvenir sheet are the Achilles Plate, the Meleager Plate, an amphora, an animal ewer, and the Hippolytus set, consisting of an ewer and a pair of situlae, or buckets for carrying water.

The silver artefacts on the souvenir sheet are enhanced by the use of diffraction film and embossed printing. The most famous silver gilt piece lending its name to the whole hoard of the Sevso Treasure, the Hunting Plate, has a Latin inscription in verse surrounding the scenes in its central roundel. This applies to all the artefacts in the set and can be seen under ultraviolet light. It reads: "HEC SEVSO TIBI DVRENT PER SAECVLA MVLT / POSTERIS VT PROSINT VASCVLA DIGNA TVIS". The stamp set includes a red-numbered, imperforated edition alongside the standard black-numbered souvenir sheet.

## Order code:

2019210030011 (perforated souvenir sheet)  
2019210060012 (FDC with perforated souvenir sheet)  
2019211030011 (imperforated souvenir sheet)  
2019212030011 (set)

**Issued on:** 8 July 2019

**Total face value:** HUF 3,000 (*On the date of issue, this can be used as a supplementary denomination.*)  
The selling price of the stamp set is HUF 10,000.

**Printing technique:** a combination of diffraction film, offset, embossed and UV printing

**Number of copies:** 44,000 perforated souvenir sheets (with black numbering), 6,000 imperforated souvenir sheets (with red numbering). The sheets in the set are numbered from 1 to 2,000.

**Imperforated size of souvenir sheet:** 170 x 97 mm

**Perforated size of stamps within the sheet:** (2x) 30 x 45 mm, (1x) 50 x 60 mm

**Paper type:** White, wood-free, surface-treated, gummed stamp paper with optical whitener

**Printed by** Pénzjegynyomda Zrt.

**Photographs by** András Dabasi and Judit Kardos

**Source:** Hungarian National Museum

**Designed by** Imre Benedek