

SEVSO TREASURE II



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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.

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 MVLTA / 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.

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Source: Hungarian National Museum

Designed by Imre Benedek