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Linné medals in the Brettauer collection

On November 11, 2016, a group of Swedish numismatists, for a long weekend in Vienna, visited the numismatic department of the University of Vienna. After having presented the department, its staff and its work, the library, the collection of international auction catalogues and stock lists as well as the card file of coins and medals we finished our tour in the collection room where also the well known Brettauer collection „Medicina in nummis“ has its place since 30 years. On this occasion was raised the question if there are medals on the Swede Carl von Linné (Råshult, 23. 5. 1707 – 10. 1. 1778, Uppsala), who had been professor and rector at the university of Uppsala. He was a botanist and zoologist, working on the system of nature, but he also was a physician in Stockholm. In 1756 he has been elevated to the nobility.

Josef Brettauer (Ancona, 8. 12. 1835 – 11. 6. 1905, Triest) was an ophthalmologist in Triest, who collected coins and medals concerning “Medicina in nummis”. He understood this subject extremely broad. After his death, the collection became the property of the University of Vienna. In 1937 – at that time the collection was located in the Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien – a catalogue written by Eduard Holzmair has been published, which has been reprinted in 1989. It counts 5.557 numbers. But many numbers describe more than one pieces, different metals, variants, etc., so in total it should be about 6.500 coins and medals.

During the visit the Linné medals elicited a lively response. The series counts 39 numbers (nrs. 659-697), describing 46 medals, among these a significant heavy gold medal from England. In the catalogue Holzmair organised this series by nationality. The Swedish medals are followed by groups of British, French and Belgian medals. This order is maintained here, even if it is not completely

correct. I would like to present this series of Linné medals which all have been produced before 1905, when the collector died. My guideline will be the book of Eva Wiséhn, *Images of Linnaeus – Medals, Coins and Banknotes*, published in 2011. Passing through the Brettauer series of Linné medals it is possible to add some interesting details and observations to her catalogue.

Part of the Brettauer collection are two inventories, handwritten by the collector, and in most cases his original inventory labels for every medal have been preserved (Fig. 1). So, it is possible to enter the old inventory numbers of Brettauer here. The inventory books usually tell us the provenance and the price paid by Brettauer (Fig. 2). Unfortunately, the currency is not clear. Is it Austrian crowns, or has the original currency of the respective dealer been retained? Brettauer bought from important coin dealers from all over Europe. In the case of the Linné medals the following coin dealers are mentioned: Robert Ball (Berlin)¹, H. Bukowski (Stockholm)², Adolph E. Cahn (Frankfurt a. M.)³, Charles or R. Dupriez



Fig. 1. Brettauer's inventory label of Brettauer no. 667 (21 mm).

¹ Gnechi 1903, p. 182, 1939.

² Gnechi 1894, p. 488, 3555; Gnechi 1903, p. 456, 4470.

³ Grenser 1884, p. 230; Grenser 1886, p. 218; Gnechi 1894, p. 310, 2140; Gnechi 1903, p. 204, 2233.

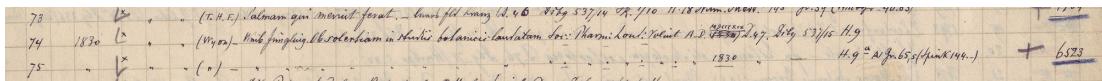


Fig. 2. Brettauer's inventory book, lines concerning Brettauer no. 667. Transcribe as:

"1830 (Wyon) – Weib Jüngling. Ob solertia in studiis botanicis laudatam Soc. Pharm. Lond. voluit A. D. MDCCCXXX D. 47. Dsbg 537/15. H 9". The following line, line 75, describes the gold specimen of the medal with ditto marks ("") referring to information identical with the row above. The differences are written and include the year "1830" in arabic numbers and different references. "H 9a AV Gr. 65 5 (Spink 1442) –"

(Brussels)⁴, Egger (Wien)⁵, Hamburger (Frankfurt a. M.)⁶, Adolf Hess (Frankfurt a. M.)⁷, Jacob Hirsch (München)⁸, Eugen Merzbacher (München)⁹, Jacques Schulman (Amersfoort/ Amsterdam)¹⁰, Spink & Son (London)¹¹ and Adolf Weyl (Berlin)¹². I was not able to find out, who is "Fonda", from whom Brettauer bought the medal no. 660.

The following catalogue gives a short outline of the Linné series in the Brettauer collection. Some annotations try to add interesting new observations, information or details to the catalogue of Eva Wiséhn. Illustrations are given first of all in these cases. Illustrated medals are indicated with a star after the number: 663.*.

Swedish medals

659. Medal 1746, by Daniel Fehrman (1710-1780; signed D.F.).¹³ Dedication medal to Count Carl Gustaf Tessin (1695-1770), offered by Clas Ekeblad, Anders Höpken, Nils Palmstierna and Carl Hårleman. Count Tessin, a Swedish politician, was a great patron of Carl Linné, who was at this time 39 years old. Wiséhn p. 20, 1 (silver, bronze); Hyckert I, p. 250, 1. Brettauer Collection 659. Silver, struck; 33.6 mm; 14.70 g. Old inv. no. 1239 (Hess 3.50).

660. Medal, undated (1758), by Daniel Fehrman (1710-1780; signed D.F.). Dedication medal to Carl von Linné, offered by Count Carl Gustaf Tessin. who thanked for the fact, that Linné had dedicated to him the 10th edition of his *Systema Naturae*. Wiséhn p. 21-22, 3 (gold, silver, bronze); Hyckert I, p. 250, 2, pl. 45, 3. Brettauer Collection 660. Silver, struck; 34.1 mm; 13.27 g. Old inv. no. 1962 (Hess 4.50). Brettauer Collection 660.a. Bronze, struck; 34.4 mm; 12.28 g. Old inv. no. 132 (Fonda 1.50).

661. Medal, undated (after 1764), obverse by Daniel Fehrman (1710-1780; signed D.F.), whether the reverse is also by Fehrman is uncertain. In 1764 the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences bought the dies of the medal of 1758 (Wiséhn 3) from the artist, restruck about 40 pieces and used them as a prize medal. Later the reverse was changed. There is no mention, if this has been done again by Fehrman. Wiséhn p. 45, 59 (gold, silver); Hyckert I, p. 251, 3.a. Brettauer Collection 661. Silver, struck; 34.0 mm; 16.85 g. Old inv. no. 1963 (Hess 4.40).

662. Medal, undated (1780), by Gustaf Liungberger (1734-1787; signed LIUNGBERGER).¹⁴ The Swedish king Gustavus III (1771-1792) gave the order to mint this medal to commemorate the death of Linné on January 10, 1778. Wiséhn p. 23-24, 5 (silver,

⁴ Grenser 1886, p. 200 (R. Dupriez); Gnechi 1894, p. 200, 1208 (C. Dupriez); Gnechi 1903, p. 79, 868 (Charles Dupriez).

⁵ Grenser 1884, p. 280 (Armin, Heinrich, Jacob Egger); Grenser 1886 (Heinrich, Jacob Egger); Gneccchi 1894, p. 182, 1048 (Armin Egger), 1049 (Egger Brüder); Gneccchi 1903, p. 62, 669 (Egger Fratelli).

⁶ Grenser 1884, p. 230 (Leopold Hamburger); Grenser 1886, p. 218 (Leopold Hamburger); Gnechi 1894, p. 310-311, 2146 (Adolph Hamburger), 2147 (L. & L. Hamburger), 2148 (Leopold Hamburger); Gnechi 1903, p. 204-205, 2238 (L. & L. Hamburger).

⁷ Grenser 1884, p. 230; Grenser 1886, p. 218 (Adolf Hess); Gnechi 1894, p. 311, 2152 (Adolf Hess Nachfolger); Gnechi 1903, p. 205, 2242.

⁸ Grenser 1884, p. 254 (Henry Hirsch); Grenser 1886, p. 257 (Henry Hirsch); Gnechi 1903, p. 225, 2477 (Jacob Hirsch).

⁹ Grenser 1884, p. 254; Grenser 1886, p. 257; Gneccchi 1894, p. 331, 2328; Gneccchi 1903, p. 226, 2481.

¹⁰ Grenser 1886, p. 182 (Amersfoort); Gnechi 1894, p. 410, 2975 (Amersfoort); Gnechi 1903, p. 388, 3771 (Amsterdam).

¹¹ Gnechi 1894, p. 383, 2774; Gnechi 1903, p. 265, 2909.

¹² Grenser 1884, p. 214; Grenser 1886, p. 193; Gnechi 1894, p. 295, 2001.

¹³ Cf. Forrer II, p. 82-83.

¹⁴ Cf. Forrer III, p. 446-449, VII, p. 559, VIII, p. 354.

bronze, iron cast); Hyckert I, p. 251, 4, pl. 45, 4. Brettauer Collection 662. Silver, struck; 53.1 mm; 56.23 g. Old inv. no. 2481 (Hamburger 20.-). Brettauer Collection 662.a. Bronze, struck; 53.2 mm; 74.64 g. Old inv. no. 2013 (Hess 2.-).

663.* Medal 1807, obverse by Daniel Fehrman (1710-1780; signed D.F.), reverse by Carl Enhörning (1745-1821).¹⁵ The Linnean Institute in Uppsala, founded in 1800 as *Societas pro historia naturali*, 1802 renamed to "The Zoopholytic Society", celebrated 1807 the 100th birthday of Linné by editing this medal and by changing its name to "The Linnean Institute". Wiséhn p. 51, 68 (silver, bronze); Hyckert I, p. 252, 5. Brettauer Collection 663. Silver, struck; 33.7 mm; 13.78 g. Old inv. no. 1964 (Hess 4.40) (Fig. 3).

664. Medal, undated (1878), by Lea Ahlbom (1826-1897)¹⁶ after Liungberger (1734-1787)¹⁷ (signed LEA AHLBORN IMIT. LIUNGBERGER). The centenary of Linné's death was the occasion for minting this medal. Wiséhn p. 99-100, 178 (silver, bronze); Hyckert I, p. 254, 10, pl. 46, 3. Brettauer Collection 664. Silver, struck; 56.2 mm; 83.96 g. Old inv. no. 3829 (Hamburger 18.-). Brettauer Collection 664.a. Bronze, struck; 56.1 mm; 77.99 g. No old inv. label.¹⁸

British medals

665.* Oval medallion, undated (about 1805-1830), iron cast from Gleiwitz (Gliwice, Silesia, Poland), after a Wedgwood medallion by John Flaxman (1755-1826)¹⁹, on the reverse engraved: VI - 69 and inscribed Linné. The engraved numbers on the reverse indicate series VI number 69 in the production of the Gleiwitz iron foundry. The model probably was a Wedgwood porcelain medallion (Wiséhn 15-21). Wiséhn p. 30, cf. 24 (tin, larger) and 25 (iron, without LINNÆUS inscription under the bust). Hintze

¹⁵ Fehrmann: cf. note 13. Enhörning: cf. Forrer II, p. 21-22, VII, p. 254, VIII, p. 346.

¹⁶ Cf. Forrer I, p. 30-33, VII, p. 8, VIII, p. 308.

¹⁷ Cf. note 14.

¹⁸ The inventories mention two further copies of this medal: Old inv. no. 1060, 2064 (Bukowski 7.55; AE Merzbacher 4.-). So perhaps there was a second one in silver?

¹⁹ Cf. Forrer II, p. 102-104, VII, p. 308-309.



Fig. 3. Brettauer no. 663.

p. 25, no. 69, p. 16 (on dating), pl. 32, no. VI 69. Brettauer Collection 665. Iron, cast; 64.8 x 80.4 mm; 43.35 g. Old inv. no. 6776 (Hess 22.70) (Fig. 4).

666.* Onesided Medal, undated, by John Kirk (1724-1776; not signed).²⁰ In contrast to the illustration of Wiséhn the flat reverse here is not enclosed by a border line. Wiséhn p. 90, 160 (silver, bronze, white metal); Hyckert I, p. 257, 15, pl. 46, 5. Brettauer Collection 666. Bronze, struck; 36.6 mm; 34.60 g. Old inv. no. 3839 (Bukowski 5.-) (Fig. 5).

667.* Medal 1830 (awarded 1840), by William Wyon (1795-1851; signed W. WYON S. MINT on both sides).²¹ The inscription on the reverse tells that this is a prize medal for botanical studies, given by the SOC: PHARM: LOND: Societas pharmaceutica Londoniensis, 1830. If this society really is the later Royal Pharmaceutical Society, which is said to be founded in 1841, is not clear. The engraved inscription on the edge indicates, that the medal has been awarded in 1840: ALFRED JOSEPH TAPSON. 1840. Wiséhn p. 89, 157 (gold, silver, bronze); Hyckert I, p. 259, 18.a. Brettauer Collection 667. Gold, struck; 46.6 mm; 65.56 g. Old inv. no. 6523 (Spink 144.-) (Fig. 6).

668. Medal, undated (1835), not signed. The responsible person for editing this medal is said to

²⁰ Cf. Hawkins p. 59-65; Forrer III, p. 162-165, VII, p. 505-507.

²¹ Cf. Hawkins p. 113-117, 770-774; Forrer VI, p. 650-687, VIII, p. 300-303.

²² A person with this name is mentioned in: The London Medical Gazette. New series. Vol. II, 1840-41 (London 1841), p. 699: University of London. Examination for honours. Anatomy and physiology. Gold Medal. Tapson, Alfred Joseph, University College. Similar entries also in: The Lancet 1840-1841 (London 1841), p. 631-633, under the heading: University of London examinations.



Fig. 4. Brettauer no. 665.

be the Swedish consul in Birmingham. Wiséhn p. 22-23, 4 (bronze, tin); Hyckert I, p. 253, 8, pl. 46, 1. Brettauer Collection 668. Tin, struck; 48.5 mm; 34.79 g. Old inv. no. 232 (Hamburger 2.50).

669. Medal 1831/1841/1844, by William Woodhouse (1805-1878; signed W. WOODHOUSE and W W F).²³ This medal, a entrance ticket, has been issued by the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland, which has been founded in 1830. The date 1831 on the obverse refers to the opening of the Dublin zoo in this year. In 1838 the society has been rewarded with the prefix Royal in it's name, which occurs on the obverse of the medal. The dates on the reverse remember the birth of a giraffe in London on 27 May 1841, which was handed over to the Dublin zoo by the Zoological Society of London on 5 June 1844. The obverse shows the portraits of Carl of Linné and of the French zoologist Georges Cuvier (1769-1832). Wiséhn p. 91, 163 (bronze, white metal); Hyckert I, p. 254, 9, pl. 46, 2. Brettauer Collection 669. Bronze, struck; 30.7 mm; 8.26 g. Old inv. no. 6778 (Hess 23.35).

670.* Medal, undated, by John Sherriff sen. or jun. (signed SHERRIFF).²⁴ The medal has

been issued by the Liverpool Botanic Garden (now Wavertree Botanic Gardens). Wiséhn p. 81, 137 (silver); Hyckert I, p. 258, 17, pl. 47, 1. Brettauer Collection 670. Bronze, struck; 51.1 mm; 63.16 g. Old inv. no. 6777 (Hess 24.65) (Fig. 7).

671.* Medal, undated (around 1839?), by Thomas Halliday (1771-1844; signed T. H. F.).²⁵ Nothing seems to be known about this medal. The empty field on the reverse seems to be ready for engraving a name. Wiséhn p. 90, 159 (bronze, white metal); Hyckert I, p. 260, 22. Brettauer Collection 671. Silver, struck; 45.6 mm; 38.86 g. Old inv. no. 4764 (Hamburger 40.85) (Fig. 8).

672. Medal, undated, by William Joseph Taylor (1802-1885; signed W. J. TAYLOR).²⁶ The medal bears the name of the issuing Society of Agriculture and Horticulture Jersey (now: Royal Jersey Agricultural & Horticultural Society) and has an empty central field, so perhaps this could have been used for engraving a name of an honoured person. Wiséhn p. 80, 136 (silver, bronze); Hyckert I, p. 262, 32. Brettauer Collection 672. Bronze, struck; 50.8 mm; 58.22 g. Old inv. no. 4675 (Bukowski 26.10).

²³ Cf. Forrer VI, p. 550-552, VIII, p. 288. Not in Hawkins.

²⁴ Cf. Hawkins p. 449-451; Forrer V, p. 495. No life data are known for either of them.

²⁵ Cf. Hawkins p. 240-252; Forrer II, p. 388-390, VII, p. 412.

²⁶ Cf. Hawkins p. 711-756; Forrer VI, p. 41-43, VIII, p. 233.



Fig. 5. Brettauer no. 666.



Fig. 6. Brettauer no. 667.



Fig. 7. Brettauer no. 670.



Fig. 8. Brettauer no. 671.



Fig. 9. Brettauer no. 674.

673. Medal, undated, by William Joseph Taylor (1802-1885; signed W. J. TAYLOR. and W.J.T.). The medal is from the same obverse die which has been used for no. 672, but now in combination with a neutral reverse die, also with a free central field. Wiséhnp.86,153(silver,bronze); Hyckert I, p.263,33. Brettauer Collection 673. Bronze, struck; 50.8 mm; 57.98 g. Old inv. no. 4676 (Bukowski 21.75).

674.* Medal, undated, by William Joseph Taylor (1802-1885; signed W.J. TAYLOR.). This is a neutral medal, again with a free field on the reverse. The field is framed by two laurel branches. These are a little different from the medal illustrated in the book of Wiséhn. On Wiséhn's specimen the leaves are a little wider, so that the central field is somewhat smaller. The Brettauer piece has smaller leaves and in consequence a broader central field for engraving. Wiséhn p. 85, cf. 149 (larger leaves; silver); Hyckert I, p. 262, 29. Brettauer Collection 674. Bronze, struck; 38.5 mm; 32.69 g. Old inv. no. 2171 (Egger 1.-) (Fig. 9).

French medals

675. Medal 1818, by Joseph Eugène Dubois (1795-1863; signed under the portrait along the edge DUBOIS F)²⁷, edited by Amédée Durand († 1848; signed on the reverse at lower margin PARISIIS - DURAND EDIDIT)²⁸. Amédée Durand was the editor of a medal suite: Series Numismatica Universalis Virorum Illustrum, in which Linné was the first one. The reverse tells in six lines the data of Linné's life (NATUS ROESHULTAE ...). This first variant of the obverse has no North Star on the coat. On the edge punched inscription: MONACHII (struck in Munich). Wiséhn p. 36, 37 (bronze); Hyckert I, p. 252, 6, pl. 45, 5. Brettauer Collection

675. Bronze, struck; 41.2 mm; 37.36 g. Old inv. no. 5806 (Hirsch 3.-).

676. Medal 1818, by Joseph Eugène Dubois (1795-1863; signed under the portrait along the edge DUBOIS F), edited by Amédée Durand († 1848; signed on the reverse at lower margin PARISIIS - DURAND EDIDIT). This second variant of the obverse has the North Star on the coat hanging in a buttonhole, where two buttons are visible. Wiséhn p. 37, 38 (bronze); Hyckert I, p. 252, 6.a. Brettauer Collection 676. Bronze, struck; 40.8 mm; 35.57 g. Old inv. no. 3826 (Bukowski 8.70).

677. Medal 1818, by Joseph Eugène Dubois (1795-1863; signed on the edge of the shoulder DUBOIS. F.), edited by Amédée Durand († 1848; signed on the reverse at lower margin PARISIIS - DURAND EDIDIT). This variant of the obverse has the signature on the edge of the shoulder and the legend ends with a dot. On the coat there is the North Star hanging in a buttonhole, the coat has one button. Wiséhn p. 38, 41 (silver,bronze); Hyckert I, p. 252, 6.b. Brettauer Collection 677. Bronze, struck; 40.7 mm; 38.93 g. Old inv. no. 2424 (Weyl 3.65).

678.* Medal 1822, by Joseph Eugène Dubois (1795-1863; signed under the portrait along the edge DUBOIS F), edited by Amédée Durand († 1848; signed on the reverse at lower margin DURAND EDIDIT). This variant of the obverse has the North Star hanging in a buttonhole, there is no button visible. The reverse is similar as before, but with new text: NATUS SMOLANDIAE ... Wiséhn p. 40, 46 (bronze); Hyckert I, p. 253, 7. Brettauer Collection 678. Bronze, struck, gold-plated; 41.1 mm; 38.63 g. Old inv. no. 2423 (Weyl 10.50) (Fig. 10).

²⁷ Cf. Forrer I, p. 638, VII, p. 236-237.

²⁸ Cf. Forrer I, p. 668.



Fig. 10. Brettauer no. 678.



Fig. 11. Brettauer no. 680.

679. Medal 1822, by Jacques Jean Barre (1793-1855; signed under the shoulder BARRE F.).²⁹ The obverse has no inscription, the reverse tells the editing society in five lines: SOCIETAS LINNAEANA LUGDUNENSIS INSTITUTA MDCCXXII (Société linnéenne de Lyon, founded in 1822). Although the medal bears the year in which the society was founded, it may have been struck later. Wiséhn p. 74, 120 (silver); Hyckert I, p. 266, 40, pl. 48, 4. Brettauer Collection 679. Silver, struck; 32.0 mm; 15.29 g. Old inv. no. 4763 (Hamburger 29.85).

680.* Medal, undated, by Joseph Eugène Dubois (1795-1863; signed under the portrait near the shoulder DUBOIS F.).³⁰ The medal has been issued by the SOC. LINNAEANA BURDIGALENSIS, i. e. the Société linnéenne de Bordeaux, founded in 1818. The obverse is from a different die as the piece Wiséhn no. 118, which has a very broad bust, while the letters are smaller. The Brettauer piece has a bust a little narrower, but the letters are broader. The word CAROLUS here is measuring 20 mm instead of 17 mm. It seems to be identical with

the obverses of Wiséhn no. 40, 121 and 123.³¹ The reverse has a central field for engraving. – Carde describes two further medals and a plaquette of this society, which are not mentioned in Wiséhn.³² Not in Wiséhn, but cf. p. 73, no. 118 (bronze); Hyckert I, p. 267, 42; Carde, p. 367, 805 (silver, copper, same obverse as in Wiséhn). Brettauer Collection 680. Bronze, struck; 42.1 mm; 33.01 g. Old inv. no. 3827 (Bukowski 2.50) (Fig. 11).

681. Medal, undated, by Joseph Eugène Dubois (1795-1863; signed under the portrait near the shoulder DUBOIS F.). The medal has been issued by the SOCIÉTÉ LINNÉENNE DE MAINE-ET-LOIRE based in Angers, where it has been founded in 1854. The obverse is from the same die as Brettauer 680. The reverse has a central field for engraving. Wiséhn p. 74-75, 123 (silver, bronze); Hyckert I, p. 267, 43.

²⁹ Cf. Forrer I, p. 127-131, VII, p. 51.

³⁰ Cf. note 27.

³¹ Cf. Wiséhn p. 75, illustrations no. 124: silver and bronze from these two different dies, silver with the long, bronze with the short CAROLUS legend.

³² Carde, p. 366-368, 803 (engraved dedication, 1840), 804 (engraved dedication, 1846), 806 (plaquette 1922, engraved dedication).



Fig. 12. Brettauer no. 682.

Brettauer Collection 681. Silver, struck; 42.1 mm; 35.34 g. Punched on the edge: (pipe)³³ ARGENT. Old inv. no. 4678 (Bukowski 11.25). Brettauer Collection 681.a. Bronze, struck; 42.1 mm; 32.12 g. Punched on the edge: (pipe)³⁴ BRONZE. Old inv. no. 3830 (Bukowski 3.45).

682.* Medal, undated, by Joseph Eugène Dubois (1795-1863; signed under the portrait near the shoulder DUBOIS F.). This medal has been issued by the SOCIÉTÉ LINNÉENNE DE NORMANDIE based in Caen, where it was founded in 1823. The obverse is from the same die as Brettauer 680. The reverse has a central field for engraving. Wiséhn p. 74-75, 124 (silver: this die; bronze: different die); Hyckert I, p. 268, 44.³⁵ Brettauer Collection 682. Bronze, struck; 42.1 mm; 31.71 g. Punched on the edge: (pipe)³⁶ BRONZE. Old inv. no. 3833 (recte: 3832) (Bukowski 5.40) (Fig. 12).

683. Medal, undated, by Joseph Eugène Dubois (1795-1863; signed under the portrait near the shoulder DUBOIS F.). This medal has been issued by the SOCIÉTÉ LINNÉENNE DE LYON, founded in 1822. The obverse is from the same die as Brettauer 680. The reverse has a central field for engraving.

³³ This signature has been used in the Paris mint only for short time in 1879 or 1880: Poinçons et Marques de la Monnaie de Paris. https://www.numismatique-31-81.com/Poincons/Poincons_MDP/Poincons_MDP.php (December 1879) (2. 11. 2018); Carde, p. X (1880).

³⁴ Cf. note 33.

³⁵ A copy of this medal in silver with engraved inscription was auctioned by Felzmann (Düsseldorf), sale 148 (11-12 March 2014), lot 1949. The inscription: A / Mr A. E. LETACQ / BAGNOLES / 17 JUILLET 1892.

³⁶ Cf. note 33.

Wiséhn p. 74, 121 (silver, bronze); Hyckert I, p. 267, 41. Brettauer Collection 683. Silver, struck; 42.1 mm; 35.85 g. Punched on the edge: (pipe)³⁷ ARGENT. Old inv. no. 4679 (Bukowski 11.25). Brettauer Collection 683.a. Bronze, struck; 42.1 mm; 32.62 g. Punched on the edge: (pipe)³⁸ BRONZE. Old inv. no. 3831 (Bukowski 2.75).

684. Medal, undated, by Joseph Eugène Dubois (1795-1863; signed under the portrait along the edge DUBOIS F.). The obverse is like Wiséhn no. 38 with North Star and two buttons. The reverse has a free central field for engraving, framed by a wreath of fruits and leaves. Wiséhn p. 75-76, 125 (silver, bronze, plaster cast); Hyckert I, p. 268, 45. Brettauer Collection 684. Bronze, struck; 40.9 mm; 27.70 g. Old inv. no. 4924 (Dupriez 21.80).

685.* Medal 1868, by Joseph Eugène Dubois (1795-1863; signed under the portrait near the shoulder DUBOIS F.). The obverse die is the same one that is illustrated with the bronze medal Wiséhn no. 124. The reverse states as issuer a SOCIÉTÉ D'ETHNOGRAPHIE, an ethnographic society. Added is the word CONSEIL, so the medal concerns the board of this society. In the central field is written, not engraved, but struck: GESLIN 1868. What does that mean? Is this the name of a person or of a locality? Wiséhn knows this medal by the Brettauer piece and understands Geslin as a locality, but gives no explanation concerning it. It also could be, that a person named Geslin was member of the board of the society in 1868. I was not able to find a locality named Geslin. So, I would prefer to understand it as a personal name. In this case the Société d'ethnographie could only be a national, not a

³⁷ Cf. note 33.

³⁸ Cf. note 33.



Fig. 13. Brettauer no. 685.



Fig. 14. Brettauer no. 687.

local society. This function, I think, had the Société d'ethnographie de Paris, founded in 1859. Wiséhn p. 73, 119 (bronze); Klackenberg p. 34-35, 38. Brettauer Collection 685. Bronze, struck; 42.1 mm; 32.32 g. Punched on the edge: (bee)³⁹ CUIVRE. Old inv. no. 4183 (Cahn 1.20) (Fig. 13).

Belgian medals

686. Medal 1847, by Jean Würden (1807-1874; signed WURDEN F. BRUX.).⁴⁰ The medal has been issued by the Société royale Linnéenne de Bruxelles / Agriculture et horticulture (The Royal Linnean Society in Brussels for Agriculture and Horticulture) and is dedicated to the Home Secretary Charles Rogier (1800-1885) on the occasion of the first national exposition. The obverse bears the portrait of Linné. Wiséhn p. 61, 88 (bronze); Hyckert I, p. 265, 38. Brettauer Collection 686. Bronze, struck; 49.8 mm; 45.88 g. Old inv. no. 4847 (Dupriez 4.25).

³⁹ This signature has been used in Paris mint in the period 1860-1879. Poinçons et Marques de la Monnaie de Paris. https://www.numismatique-31-81.com/Poincons/Poincons_MDP/Poincons_MDP.php (1. 11. 2018); Carde, p. X.

⁴⁰ Cf. Forrer VI, p. 561, VIII, p. 291.

687.* Medal 1847, by Joseph Pierre Braemt (1796-1864; signed BRAEMT. F.).⁴¹ The medal celebrates the opening of the agricultural exposition by the Société Linnéenne under the auspices of the government. On the obverse there is the portrait of king Leopold I of Belgium. Wiséhn knows this medal only in smaller size as a bronze medal. Not in Wiséhn, cf. p. 70, 110 (bronze; 32 mm); Hyckert I, p. 269, 47 note (no diameter); not in Tourneur. Brettauer Collection 687. Gold, struck; 37.1 mm; 28.60 g. Old inv. no. 5101 (Dupriez 45.20) (Fig. 14).

688. Medal 1847, by Laurent Joseph Hart (1810-1860; signed HART FECIT).⁴² The medal again celebrates the opening of the agricultural exposition by the Société Linnéenne under the auspices of the government. On the obverse is the portrait of king Leopold I of Belgium. Wiséhn p. 69, 109 (bronze); Hyckert I, p. 268, 47; Tourneur p. 236, 760. Brettauer Collection 688. Bronze, struck; 50.1 mm; 59.60 g. Old inv. no. 6292 (Dupriez 2.40).

689. Medal, undated (1847), by Jean Würden (1807-1874; signed WURDEN F. BRUX. along the

⁴¹ Cf. Forrer I, p. 260-261, VII, p. 112.

⁴² Cf. Forrer II, p. 433-435.

edge).⁴³ The medal has been edited by the Société Royale d'Agriculture et d'Horticulture Linnéenne. The reverse has a central shield for engraving an inscription. The obverse bears the portrait of Linné, the legend has large letters. Wiséhn p. 62-63, 92 (silver, bronze); Hyckert I, p. 265, 39, pl. 48, 3; Tourneur p. 231, 744 (silver), 745 (bronze).⁴⁴ Brettauer Collection 689. Silver, struck; 49.8 mm; 33.52 g. Old inv. no. 3828 (Bukowski 7.55). Brettauer Collection 689.a. Bronze, struck; 49.8 mm; 46.06 g. Old inv. no. 1965.⁴⁵

690.* Medal, undated (1847), by Jean Würden (1807-1874; signed WURDEN F. BRUX. directly under the arm). The medal has been edited by the Société Royale d'Agriculture et d'Horticulture Linnéenne. The reverse has a central shield for engraving an inscription. The obverse bears the portrait of Linné, the legend has letters of medium size. Wiséhn p. 63, 93 (gilded silver with loop, bronze); Hyckert I, p. 265, 39.a; Tourneur p. 231, 743 (silver). Brettauer Collection 690. Silver, struck; 50.2 mm; 39.54 g. Old inv. no. 4677⁴⁶ (Fig. 15). Brettauer Collection 690.a. Bronze, struck; 49.8 mm; 40.75 g. Old inv. no. 3346.⁴⁷

691.* Medal, undated (1847), by Jean Würden (1807-1874; signed WÜRDEN F. BRUX. directly under the arm). The medal has been edited by the Société Royale d'Agriculture et d'Horticulture Linnéenne. The reverse has a central shield for engraving an inscription. The obverse bears the portrait of Linné, the legend has very small letters and large word spacing. Wiséhn p. 63, 97 (silver, gilded bronze); Hyckert I, p. 266, 39.c; not in Tourneur. Brettauer Collection 691. Bronze, struck; 50.2 mm; 45.45 g. Old inv. no. 925⁴⁸ (Fig. 16).

⁴³ Cf. note 40.

⁴⁴ A silver medal of this type, reverse with oval shield with engraved inscription, but no circular legend (not in Wiséhn), has been sold by Dorotheum (Wien), sale 523 (18-19 May 2016), lot 820. The inscription: PRIX / D'HONNEUR / à M^r. / C. Leinweber / 1855.

⁴⁵ Nos. 925, 1965, 3346: Schulman 2.50; Schulman 1.50; Hess 1.90 (not assignable).

⁴⁶ No indication of provenance and price.

⁴⁷ Nos. 925, 1965, 3346: Schulman 2.50; Schulman 1.50; Hess 1.90 (not assignable).

⁴⁸ Nos. 925, 1965, 3346: Schulman 2.50; Schulman 1.50; Hess 1.90 (not assignable).

692.* Medal, undated, by Jean Würden (1807-1874) or Charles Würden (1849-1903), signed WURDEN.⁴⁹ The medal again has been edited by the Société Royale d'Agriculture et d'Horticulture Linnéenne. The obverse shows the coat of arms of the city of Brussels, St. Michael with the Devil. The reverse has a central shield for engraving an inscription. Wiséhn knows the medal, but with a different obverse legend: ANNIVERSAIRE DES JOURNÉES DE SEPTEMBRE. The Brettauer medals refers to the FÊTES NATIONALES, which cannot mean national holiday because of the plural. Following Wiséhn his medal should have been struck in 1887, remembering the reconstruction of the society in 1847. Not in Wiséhn, cf. p. 66, 101 (different obverse legend); not in Hyckert; not in Tourneur. Brettauer Collection 692. Bronze, struck; 54.5 mm; 58.73 g. Old inv. no. 6293 (Ball 3.60) (Fig. 17).

693. Medal, undated (engraved 1850), by Hubert Distexhe (1797-1878; signed DISTEXHE.).⁵⁰ This medal has been edited by the Société Royale d'Horticulture et d'Agriculture de Liège. The obverse shows the portrait of Linné from the left. The coat of arms of the city of Liège, a column between the letters L and G, is in the middle of the reverse. A punched inscription on the edge proves that the medal has been awarded: BELLE CULTURE A M^r E. BIDAUT 1850. Wiséhn p. 72, 116 (silver, bronze); Hyckert I, p. 264, 35.a. Brettauer Collection 693. Bronze, struck; 44.9 mm; 53.09 g. Old inv. no. 4923 (Dupriez 29.30).

694. Medal, undated (engraved 1857), by Hubert Distexhe (1797-1878; signed H. DISTEXHE). The Société des conférences horticoles in Liège (Society for Garden Conferences Liège) issued this medal. An angel wreaths a medallion with the portrait of Linné. A punched inscription on the edge proves that the medal has been awarded: PELARGONIUM A M.^{RS} FERRETTE ET DEPREZ 1857. Wiséhn p. 72-73, 117 (silver, bronze); Hyckert I, p. 264, 36, pl. 48, 2. Brettauer Collection 694. Bronze, struck; 50.0; 52.16 g. Old inv. no. 6908 (Dupriez or Schulman 8.25).

695. Medal 1875, not signed. The medal is a souvenir of the exposition of the Société Royale Linnéenne on the occasion of the 45th

⁴⁹ Cf. Forrer VI, p. 560 (Henri Charles), 561 (Jean).

⁵⁰ Cf. Forrer I, p. 587.



Fig. 15. Brettauer no. 690.



Fig. 16. Brettauer no. 691.



Fig. 17. Brettauer no. 692.

anniversary of the independence of Belgium. Wiséhn p. 70-71, 112 (silver); Hyckert I, p. 269, 49. Brettauer Collection 695. Silver, struck; 34.3 mm; 16.98 g. Old inv. no. 3834 (Bukowski 5.30).

696. Medal 1880, by Adrien Hyppolyte Veyrat (1803-1883; signed VEYRAT F).⁵¹ The medal remembers a horticultural exposition in Brussels on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the independence of Belgium. Wiséhn p. 71, 113 (silver, bronze); Hyckert I, p. 255, 11. Brettauer Collection 696. Bronze, struck; 51.0 mm; 58.95 g. Old inv. no. 6091 (Schulman 1.-).

697. Medal 1885, by Adrien Hyppolyte Veyrat (1803-1883; not signed), struck by Auguste Brichaut († about 1900; signed A. BRICHAUT / DIREXIT).⁵² The medal commemorates the erection of a Linné statue in Stockholm. Wiséhn p. 105-106, 185 (gilded bronze, bronze, silver); Hyckert I, p. 256, 12.a. Brettauer Collection 697. Silver, struck; 50.7 mm; 58.94 g. Old inv. no. 4674 (Bukowski 11.55). Brettauer Collection 697.a. Bronze, struck. 51.4 mm; 51.92 g. Old inv. no. 3833 (Bukowski 1.65 or 3.-).

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⁵¹ Cf. Forrer VI, p. 257-259.

⁵² Cf. Forrer I, p. 282, VII, p. 123.