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MEDAL ON THE THREE HUNDRED YEARS
ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION
OF THE HUNGARIAN CITY SZÉCSÉNY (A Communique)

Three hundred years anniversary of the Vienna victory which fell in September 1683 was celebrated throughout Poland. The celebrations began in Cracow, at Wawel Castle and by king John III's tomb in the cathedral.

Three big exhibitions were opened on the occasion: at Wawel Castle, at Royal Castle in Warsaw and at Wilanów Palace. There were also exhibitions in many other Polish museums. These were accompanied by producing of medals, prints, leaflets, stamps, coins etc.

The anniversary of Vienna victory was also celebrated in many European countries. In Hungary, where this anniversary is celebrated as the date of liberating the country from the longlasting Turkish slavery, the special medal was produced on that occasion (Fig. 53, 54).

It was coined by Szecsény city which celebrated the three hundred years anniversary of its liberation on 10th November 1683. To commemorate this historical event and to show gratitude for its liberator, king John III Sobieski, the obverse of the medal has the bust of the victorious king and the reverse shows the panoramic view of Szecsény and the dates: 1683-1983.



53. Medal (avers) struck to commemorate 300th anniversary of liberation of Szécsény.
Founded by this town



54. Revers of medal