



OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: All Colleagues
Headquarters and Field

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FROM: FAO Money and Medals Programme 

SUBJECT: FAO/CERES ANNIVERSARY MEDAL



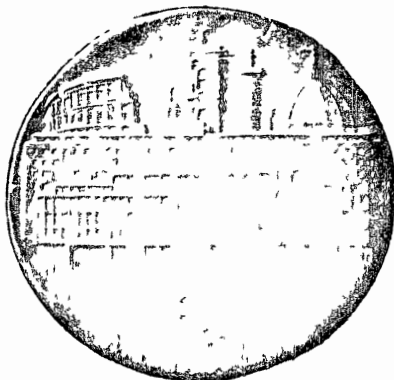
The latest medal to be issued by the Money and Medals Programme commemorating the anniversary of FAO's founding in Quebec on 16 October 1945, will be of particular interest and sentimental value to all FAO colleagues, in Rome and around the world.

The obverse of the medal carries the exact reproduction of one of the most beautiful designs of Ceres to be found on ancient coins, that issued by the moneyer L. Furius Cn. f. Brocchus in the year 63 B.C. The reverse shows the FAO building and emblem in the foreground, with glimpses of some of the principal Roman monuments in the background. An inscription underneath, MCMXLI (1945) underlines the year of FAO's founding.

The medal was designed by Sergio Giandomenico, a leading Italian artist who has sculpted several Ceres medals for FAO and who is responsible for the recent Italian 100 and 200 lire FAO coins.

The medal is available in the three standard versions - 50 mm bronze, 50 mm 925 silver 50 grs, and 28 mm 18 carat gold 13 grs plus an additional 28 mm 925 silver version weighing 17 grs. All medals, except the 28 mm silver, are numbered on the rim and accompanied by a certificate of guarantee.

It is to be hoped that this medal will constitute a perfect souvenir for all FAO staff in Rome, project personnel, consultants and others associated with the work of FAO, apart from making an ideal gift for friends and visitors to the Eternal City.



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