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Dear Friend,

As anticipated in Newsletter 24 of 15 November, we have now released the Ceres medal portraying Sirikit of Thailand. This is illustrated below, together with another Ceres medal issued for the International Year of the Child.



2. The Sirikit Ceres medal also commemorates the 90th anniversary of the International Council of Women. The reverse shows a woman in Thai farming headgear, with a sheaf of rice. Queen Sirikit has made outstanding contributions to the wellbeing of the Thai people, particularly through her involvement in education in country villages and her work with the rural poor in setting up cottage industries. Her efforts have given rural women an opportunity to generate their own income, and her active support of Thailand's National Council of Women has shown her belief in the increasingly important status of women in today's world. The medal was designed by Marie Louise Radziwill, a young sculptor living in Rome.

3. The IYC medal has been designed by Professor Ettore Calvelli, and has been issued to underline FAO's efforts to back projects that are of benefit to children. The UN General Assembly declared 1979 the International Year of the Child to mark the 20th anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, and has called on all countries to promote the wellbeing of children, specifying the right of children to adequate nutrition. The medal portrays a young woman as the goddess of agriculture; on the reverse, against a field of wheat, are two children representing Persephone (Proserpina), daughter of Demeter (Ceres) in classical mythology, and Triptolemos, a young prince whom the goddess showed how to work the plough and teach people to plant and use grain.

New FAO Money Collection

4. Overleaf we list the initial 18 coin FAO Money collection of 1979. The new collection will be presented in a single type of housing, replacing the previous album and panel systems. This will take the form of a new and finer album, with a soft leatherette cover, and with standard pages each to take six coins. The coins themselves will be housed in red plastic frames, 45 mm square, with a hole the diameter of the coin. The coins will be in two rows of three, and underneath each coin will be a square service card, giving details of the coin. The advantages of this system are twofold: first, pages can be sent as soon as any six FAO coins are ready, instead of (as under the old system) waiting for six particular FAO coins, some of which may be held up for months; second, instead of giving only country, denomination and theme (as appear in the earlier albums and panels) we can now put many more details immediately under the coin, details such as appear overleaf.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Yeardate on Coin</u>	<u>Metal</u>	<u>Diameter in mm</u>	<u>Weight in grs</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Mint</u>
Brazil	1 cruzeiro	1979	Stainless steel	20	2	400,000,000	Rio
Cyprus	500 mils	1978	Cupronickel	22.31	14.14	50,000	Llantrisant
Egypt	10 milliemes (IYC)	1979	Brass	21	3.2	2,000,000	Cairo
	5 piastres		Cupronickel	25	4.5	1,000,000	
	1 pound		Silver 720	35	15	50,000	
Fiji	50 cents	1979	Cupronickel	31.51	15.55	800,000?	Canberra
Italy	100 lire	1979	Chrome- steel	27.8	8	100,000,000	Rome
Nepal	10 paise	1979	Aluminium	23	5	2,000,000?	Kathmandu
	50 rupees		Silver 600	40	25.5	20,000?	
Samoa	1 tala	1979	Cupronickel	38.74	27.22	50,000?	Canberra
San Marino	200 lire	1979	Aluminium bronze	24	5	400,000	Rome
Trinidad & Tobago	1 dollar	1979	Cupronickel	32	12.6	1,000,000	Llantrisant
Tonga	1 pa'anga	1979	Cupronickel	47x27	15	25,000	Canberra
	2 pa'anga		Cupronickel	45	32	8,000	
Turkey	50 kuruş (baby)	1978	Chrome- steel	25.4	6	10,000	Istanbul
	1 lira "		" "	27	7	10,000	
	2 1/2 lira "		" "	30	9	10,000	
	5 lira (tractor)		" "	32.7	11	10,000	
	150 lira "		Silver 900	30	9	10,000	
	50 kuruş (tractor)	1979	Chrome- steel	25.4	6	10,000	Istanbul
	1 lira "		" "	27	7	10,000	
	2 1/2 lira (bride)		" "	30	9	10,000	
	5 lira "		" "	32.7	11	10,000	
	150 lira "		Silver 900	30	9	10,000	

5. It will be seen on page 2 that we have listed not 18 but 24 coins, of which we will send out the first 18 to be ready. Because of the better finish, the album will cost more initially but, unlike the previous albums, it will be able to hold as many as ten pages, a total of 60 coins, or what earlier had to be filled in up to two albums or four panels. The first set of three pages with 18 coins should be ready in October, and the next two with 12 coins in December. Meanwhile Albums 6 and 7, and Panels 9-12 of the old series, are sold out.

6. U.S. sales: Recently a large number of FAO Money Panel sets have been sold by a new distributor, International Coin and Currency Inc. (ICCI), P.O. Box 218/3, Mile Bridge Road, Montpelier, Vermont 05602, USA - Tel. (802) 223-6331. The ICCI President Dr. Steven Hochschild, worked as a Peace Corps volunteer in Tanzania and did his doctoral thesis on third world urban development. ICCI has also prepared an attractive slipcase for the FAO Money Panels, to house up to eight panels. The slipcases are available postpaid at \$15 for two, from the ICCI address above.

7. Proofs: In the past, several countries have issued proof versions of the FAO coins, either in the base metal of the original coin, or in silver. We have only occasionally included such proof quality coins in the general FAO collections (notably the coins of the Order of Malta, Panama and Sudan), referring collectors for other proofs directly to the issuing Central Bank, or to dealers. In future we will try to handle FAO proof coins more systematically, through ICCI in Vermont. Thus ICCI will soon have available silver proofs of the two Turkey 150 lira coins listed above, and of the Maldive 5 and 25 rupee coins contained in Album 7/Panel 12.

Booklet and Posters

8. With this Newsletter we are distributing a third edition of our FAO Medals booklet, illustrating all the Ceres medals released to date. Also we now have available six monocolour versions of the poster illustrated in Newsletter 24. The new poster bears a text stressing rural women's advancement, and is available in English (green), French (yellow), German (purple), Italian (pink), Portuguese (blue) and Spanish (brown). Further editions are planned in Arabic and Chinese. The posters are available free, on request from the FAO Money Office.

Projects

9. In Newsletters 23 and 24 we listed 30 projects financed from the sales proceeds of the FAO Money collections. We have since financed a further five projects, as follows:

Colombia	Women's participation in rural development	1978/79	\$50,000
Costa Rica	Recipe manual for low-income families	1979	15,927
Near East & North Africa	Sub-regional training centres for the Near East-North Africa Regional Agricultural		

MONEY**New FAO Money Collection**

	<i>Availability</i>	<i>US\$</i>	<i>Lire</i>	<i>UKL **</i>	<i>FB</i>	<i>FF***</i>	<i>FS</i>	<i>Indian rupees ****</i>
Binder with 3 pages: 18 coins	October	80	68,500	39	2,460	352	138	656

Earlier FAO Money Collections

Panels 1-4	Immediately	150	128,000	73	4,620	660	258	1,230
Panels 1-8	"	300	256,500	146	9,240	1,320	516	2,460
Panels 3A & 4A	"	120	102,500	58.30	3,696	528	206	984

MEDALS (gold 18 ct: silver 925 fine)**New Issues**

Sirikit Ceres:	Gold	28 mm 12.9 grs	140	120,000	68	4,315	616	241	1,150
	Silver	50 mm 40 grs	25	21,500	12	770	110	43	205
IYC Ceres:	Gold	28 mm 15 grs	180	154,000	87.50	5,544	792	310	1,476
	Silver	50 mm 55 grs	30	26,000	14.60	924	132	52	246

Earlier Issues (see booklet - FAO Medals: Rural Women's Advancement)**Single**

1971-75	Bronze:	63 mm	20	17,000	9.70	616	88	34	164
"	Bronze-Gilt:	63 mm	20	17,000	9.70	616	88	34	164
1976-77	Silver:	50 mm 50 grs	30	26,000	14.60	924	132	52	246
"	Gold:	28 mm 15 grs	180	154,000	87.50	5,544	792	310	1,476
1978	Silver:	32 mm 20 grs 1/	20	17,000	9.70	616	88	34	164
"	Gold:	32 mm 25 grs	275	235,000	133.65	8,470	1,210	473	2,255

Medal Collections

1971-75	Bronze:	Set of 30 in 6 Panels	500	427,500	243	15,400	2,200	860	4,100
"	Bronze-Gilt:	Set of 30 in 6 Panels	500	427,500	243	15,400	2,200	860	4,100
1976-78	Silver:	Set of 12 in 2 Panels	300	256,500	146	9,240	1,320	516	2,460
"	Gold:	Set of 12 in Chest	1,900	1,624,500	923	58,520	8,360	3,268	15,580

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* Prices determined in US\$. Prices in other currencies subject to exchange fluctuations
 ** Excluding VAT
 *** Les chèques en francs français doivent être établis à l'ordre du 'Service Philatélique de L'Unesco'
 **** Payment in rupees should be by demand draft payable to UNDP

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 Belgium: Banque Degroof, 44 rue de l'Industrie, 1040 Brussels
 Britain: Crown Agents Coin Bureau, Sutton, Surrey SM1 1EL
 France: Service Philatélique de l'Unesco, Place de Fontenoy, 75700 Paris
 India: FAO Administrative Office, Mr. G. Singh, 55 Lodi Estate, New Delhi 110003
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