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Arthur and Ira Friedberg have been professional numismatists for over thirty years. Their firm, The Coin & Currency Institute, Inc. is a founding member of the elite International Association of Professional Numismatists. In June, 2001, Arthur Friedberg was elected President of the Association, the first American to hold the office. After he concluded his service as president, the IAPN gave him its highest honor, the title of Honorary President. He is also a life member of the American Numismatic Association (ANA) and a member of the Professional Numismatists Guild. For the past forty years they co-authored revisions of Gold Coins of the World and Paper Money of the United States. They also wrote the new editions of Appraising and Selling Your Coins, which has more than a quarter of a million copies in print. Arthur is also the editor of Modern World Coins, a contributor to the Standard Catalog of World Coins and has written numerous articles for The Numismatist. Arthur Friedberg has been a consultant to the Money and Medal Programme of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome, has testified as an expert on coin matters before the United States Senate Banking Committee and the Cultural Property Advisory Committee of the United States State Department. He has also been retained by advertising agencies, law firms, insurance companies and others to provide advice on coinage matters. In 1993 the Friedbergs were awarded the Prix d Honneur of the IAPN for Gold Coins of the World as the best book of the preceding year. They have also been presented the Medal of Merit of the (ANA for distinguished service to the hobby. Arthur has also received the first place Heath Literary Award for being the author of the article judged best in The Numismatist during 1993, the Swiss Vrenelli Prize for outstanding contributions to numismatics, and the American Numismatic ANA's Presidential Award.

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