EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Huntington Award

Dr. Michael Alram receives recognition for his numismatic contributions.

DR. MICHAEL ALRAM recently was presented the 2016 Archer M. Huntington Award by the American Numismatic Society (ANS) for his contributions to numismatic scholarship. A distinguished scientist, researcher and educator, Alram has been a leading figure in the hobby community for four decades.

A highlight of the June 7, 2016, award ceremony at the ANS’ Manhattan headquarters was Alram’s Silvia Mani Hunter Memorial Lecture, “Money and Power in Ancient Bactria.” ANS Executive Director Dr. Ute Wartenberg Kagan observed that Alram is the 95th recipient of the award, but only the third Austrian honoree and the first since World War II.

Alram has worked to expose a wider audience to numismatics. President of the International Numismatic Council, he also has served in leadership capacities at the Coin Cabinet of the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna, the Austrian Academy of Sciences, and the International Committee of Money and Banking Museums.

In 2011, Alram began teaching as a member of the doctoral college at the University of Vienna. Since 1997, he has lectured at the Austrian Institute of Historical Research and, beginning in 1982, at the University of Vienna. “All of us in the numismatic community are indebted to him for his lifelong work and contributions to our field of study,” says Selection Committee Chair Jere Bacharach.

The Archer M. Huntington Award is conferred annually in honor of its namesake in recognition of outstanding career contributions to numismatic scholarship. The medal was designed in 1908 by Emil Fuchs to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the American Numismatic Society.