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### **EMINENT POLISH COLLECTOR AND “CONNOISSEUR OF RUSSIAN ANTIQUITIES” COUNT EMERYK HUTTEN-CZAPSKI AND RESEARCH INTO HIS NUMISMATIC HERITAGE IN RUSSIAN, BELORUSSIAN, AND UKRAINIAN SCHOLARLY CIRCLES**

Count Emeryk Zachariasz Hutten-Czapski (1828-1896) was one of the most distinguished collectors of Polish and Russian coins and medals. In December 1884, he sold his collection of rare Russian coins and medals to Grand Duke Grigory Mikhailovich for 32,000 roubles. The rest of the numismatic collection was obtained by Ivan Ivanovich Tolstoy. Following 1917, the collection of Russian coins and medals in possession of Grand Duke G. Mikhailovich, as well as the coins from the former collection of Emeryk Hutten-Czapski, suffered dispersal. Some of the Russian coins marked with Czapski's stamp are now housed at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. Recent years have brought a number of works by Russian, Belorussian, and Ukrainian scholars dedicated to E. Hutten-Czapski and his collection, which have resulted in the publication of some of the coins from his former collection as well as in the reconstruction of its history. In the article the Author presents medals bearing E. Hutten-Czapski's stamp in possession of the State Russian Museum in St. Petersburg.