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A new book describes the emblematic memory of the Patron Saint of Portugal

This second book in the series dedicated to the study of the insignia of the former Portuguese Military and Honorific Orders is entitled "A Conceição de Portugal and Brazil. Moeda, Medalhas e Insígnia Honorífica" (*Our Lady of Conception of Portugal and Brazil. Coins, Medallions and Honorary Insignia*), and it was written with the idea of transmitting to present and future generations the work done by past generations, in the emblematic figurations of the Patron Saint of Portugal and of Brazil, Our Lady of the Conception.

In the first 70 pages the book deals with Portugal's first ever silver commemorative COIN OF THE CONCEPTION, engraved in Paris in 1648 by Jean Warin, the famous chief engraver of the Paris Mint, and minted in Lisbon in the name of king João IV (1640-1656).

Being a revolutionary coin at the time, with engravings full of Marian symbology and a beauty never surpassed in Portuguese numismatics, it would be much later restrike as a medal and worn as an insignia around the neck of officers of the Royal Confraternity of Vila Viçosa.

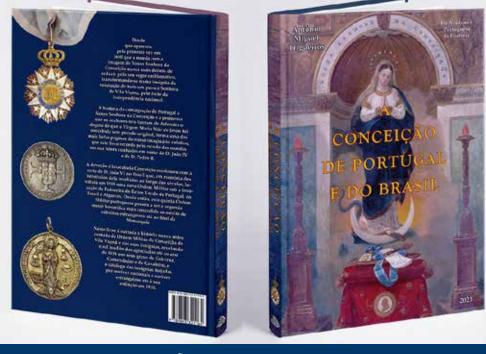


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The unpublished history of the MILITARY ORDER OF OUR LADY OF CONCEPTION OF VILA VIÇOSA and its insignia, the people who were bestowed upon and the goldsmiths who made it, is presented on the following 300 pages of the book, revealing unprecedented data from contemporary Portuguese-Brazilian documentary sources.

A complete list of the 939 awarded in different degrees of the Order from its institution in 1818 to 1834, never before published is presented; the different types and variants of the insignia of the Order manufactured in Rio de Janeiro by the goldsmiths of the Court, and in Lisbon by several different manufacturers until the Order's extinction in 1910, and also the insignia manufactured throughout Europe by goldsmiths in France, Italy, Austria, Germany and Belgium, is identified and illustrated on the pages of an emblematic catalogue of the Order's insignia.

The Military Order of the Conception of Portugal and of Brazil would become the most important Order of Merit of the Portuguese Monarchy, bestowed upon 11 336 persons, of which 5 686 non-Portuguese.



A CONCEIÇÃO DE PORTUGAL E DO BRASIL (*Our Lady of Conception of Portugal and Brazil*) 392 pages, color illustrations, hardcover, 21.7 x 30.5 cm. Portuguese text.

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