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May 2011 PCGS Paris Grading Week Coming Up

(Paris, France) – The next PCGS Paris Grading Week for Professional Coin Grading Service Authorized Dealers in the European Union will be 23 – 27 May 2011 at the PCGS Paris office. Positive comments from dealers and collectors continue to be received about the convenience of submitting coins through the PCGS Paris office as well as the increasing importance of certified coins and how they provide added confidence and liquidity in the European numismatic market.

The recent, successful 11 - 15 April PCGS Grading Week attracted dealers from across the EU and a visit by Hubert Larivière, the recently retired Chief Mint Engraver for Monnaie de Paris. He served in that important position from 2003 to 2011, placing his General Engraver Master's Mark on all dies produced from mid-2003 through 2010. He was responsible for the French Mint's two engraving workshops in Paris and Pessac which produce circulating and commemorative coins, medals and tokens for France and other countries.

Mr. Larivière joined the French Mint in 1969. He is famous for his designs of the 50th anniversary of the New Franc featuring the new Sower in 2010 and the 2009 Gustave Eiffel hollowed-out coin that introduced a technological innovation with an engraving in the "Eiffel" coin with a stylized shape that evokes the famous monument.



Group Photo, PCGS Paris April 2011: Monsieur Hubert Larivière (center, holding coin), Muriel Eymery (second from right) and the PCGS Paris Operations Team, April 14, 2011.

After receiving a tour of the PCGS Paris facilities, he posed for a photograph with the PCGS Paris team. He held a 1993 Essai 20 francs Jeux méditerranéens graded SP68, the highest graded so far by PCGS.

"Monsieur Larivière commented that PCGS Grading was 'a very positive initiative for the French coin collectors.' He said "They can now determine with more accuracy and a transparent base for comparison the quality of their coins and protect their quality and rarity for a very long time

with the PCGS certificate and holder," said Muriel Eymery, PCGS Director of International Business Development and Manager of the Paris Office.

Among the many other notable coins submitted for authentication and grading at the April grading week event were a 1756 Russian 5 roubles graded MS63+ (the highest graded so far by PCGS) and an 1831 English 2 pounds graded PR64 Deep Cameo. Both were submitted by Cabinet Numismatique Palombo in Geneva, Switzerland.

After receiving his graded coins, dealer Bruce Tupholme of Estoril, Portugal commented: "I am exceptionally happy with the 1892 MS62 (South African) penny, as well as the year 2000 Mandela (5 rand graded PL67)...."

Ian Goldbart, Managing Director of A.H. Baldwin & Sons in London, England, stated: "...the Paris submissions



1756 Russia 5 roubles, PCGS MS63+: This 1756 Russian 5 roubles graded PCGS MS63+ was submitted during the April 2011 PCGS Paris Grading Week and was the highest graded so far by PCGS.

seem to be really useful for us and far easier than using the U.S....congratulations on the Paris facility. I hope it is working as well for PCGS as it is for us."

To make an appointment for the next PCGS Paris Grading Week, 23 - 27 May, or to obtain more information, EU dealers can contact the Paris office at info@PCGSglobal.com or by calling Muriel Eymery at 33 (0) 1 40 20 09 94. Additional information about PCGS is available in English and other

languages at www.PCGSglobal.com. For a list of PCGS Authorized Dealers in the EU, visit www.PCGS.com/dealers and click on the map to locate your country.



1831 England 2 Pounds PR64DC: This gold 1831 English 2 pounds was graded PCGS PR64 Deep Cameo during the April 2011 PCGS Paris Grading Week.