In making the presentations of the Jeffrey North Medal for Services to British Numismatics on 25 May 2010, the President, Dr Robin Eaglen, said:

**Keith Sugden**

Keith Sugden’s prominence upon the UK numismatic scene has extended over the past four decades. During his time as the distinguished curator of the numismatic collections at the Manchester City Museum he has created the excellent new Money Gallery and his energy and versatility are demonstrated by his combining this role, until his academic retirement, with a lectureship in accountancy at Manchester University.

In 1975 he was elected a fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society and is a pillar of the South Manchester Numismatic Society. He is, however, most widely known for his contribution to the British Association of Numismatic Societies (BANS), as President, as Secretary, as an urbane and witty speaker, and, more recently as an honorary Vice-president. He is also Secretary and Treasurer of the UK Numismatic Trust. For our Society, he hosted a memorable one day meeting at Manchester some years ago on the subject of Small Change.

On behalf of the Society and, I am sure, with the approbation of the wider numismatic community, I have great pleasure in presenting the North Medal to Keith Sugden.

**Bente and Paul Withers**

Since the 1970s, Bente and Paul Withers have played a leading role in publishing studies across a wide field of British numismatics, including – besides coins – tokens, small change, coin weights and commemorative medals. Through their active encouragement and their contribution to design, photography and printing, they have undoubtedly enabled many works of value to be published which might have otherwise with difficulty seen the light of day.

It is not practicable to name the impressive list of the publications in which they have been involved, but they range from detailed research, such as *The Hammered Silver Coins produced at the Tower Mint during the Reign of Elizabeth I* by Brown, Comber and Wilkinson to works helpfully aimed at the non-specialist, such as their own *Galata Guide to the Pennies of Edward I and II*. And the flow is unabated. Only the other day I received a flyer for *The Galata Guide to Medieval Half Groats* by Greenhalgh. British numismatics is truly indebted that the business resources of Galata have been channelled to such beneficial effect, and the Society has chosen this occasion to mark its appreciation.

Accordingly I have pleasure in presenting a joint award of the North Medal to Bente and Paul Withers.