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41st PIGNUS Congress

6th – 9th May 2026

Vienna



Vienna hosted the 2026 PIGNUS Congress, bringing together representatives from member organizations from 4 different continents.

Highlights:
Permanent Commission Meeting
International Presentations
New PIGNUS Initiatives
Cultural Programme

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PERMANENT COMMISSION

The Permanent Commission discussed current challenges and future opportunities for the pawnbroking sector.





Main themes

- Institutional matters
- Membership development
- Strategic priorities
- International cooperation



OPENING SESSION

The Congress officially opened at the Dorotheum Palace, providing an ideal setting for dialogue, cooperation and the exchange of experiences.

Key topics

- Press Conference
- Governance
- International Cooperation
- Future Development of PIGNUS

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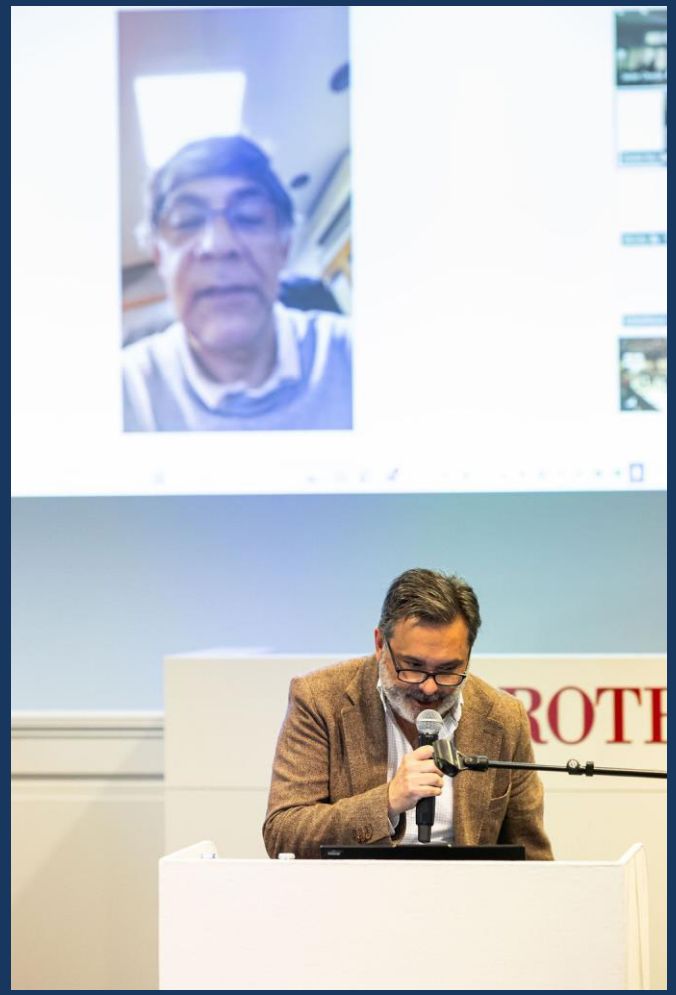


A truly international exchange of knowledge and perspectives.











INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Representatives from different countries shared experiences, market developments and best practices.

For the first time, participants experienced an AI-assisted translation system combining artificial intelligence with advanced conference technology.

Several new initiatives were presented:

- 🌐 New PIGNUS Website
- 🎓 Long-Life Learning Programme
- 🤝 Enhanced Member Engagement

These projects aim to strengthen communication, knowledge sharing and cooperation among members.





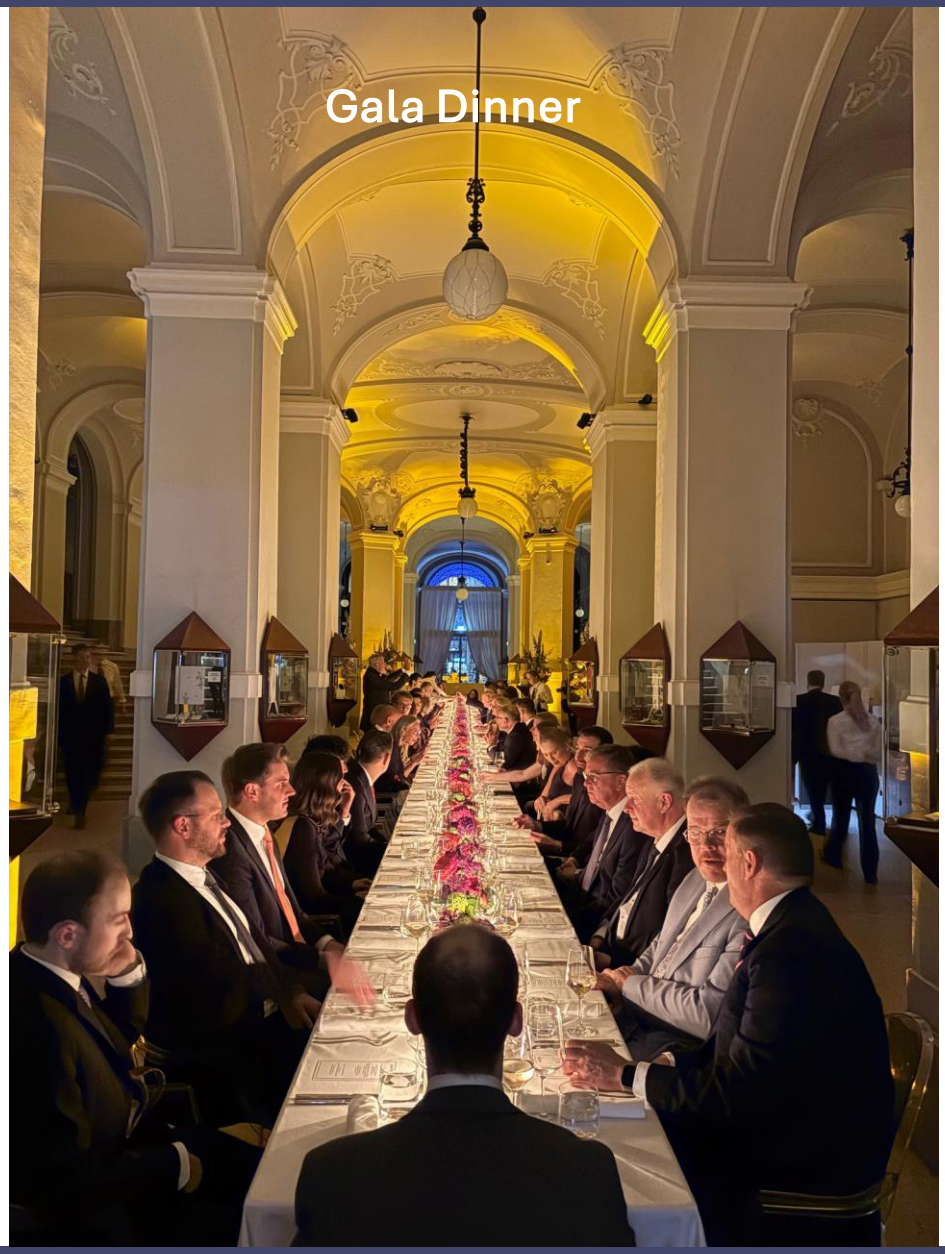


Welcome cocktail with guided tours on the 6th of May

7. May 2026



Concert of the “Mozart Knaben- und Mädchenchor Wien”



Presentation of the commemorative plaque from PIGNUS to Mr. Tinzl in recognition of Dorotheum ...





... and guided tour at the collection of the Albertina Museum.

8. May 2026

9. May 2026







Visit to Schönbrunn Palace, Panorama Train ride, and lunch at Gasthaus Tirolergarten.

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