

### MOPR membership badge, smaller version, circa mid to late 1930s.

Bronze-plated steel, enamels. Measuring 20.1mm tall, 21.3 mm wide and weighing 2.6 g without the screw plate, this smaller version of the badge is far more scarce than the typical 27-mm type. Shows the lower half of the globe in chains and the sun rising over the upper half.

In excellent condition. The enamel is literally perfect, which is very uncommon for this badge. The raised details of the artwork are likewise perfect and crisp. The original copper screw post is full length, nearly 9.5 mm. The screw plate marked "Artistic Engraving Factory" is of the period and fits perfectly, although it is probably not original to this particular badge.

Acronym MOPR stands for International Society to Help Revolutionaries, an organization created by Komintern in 1922. Its purposes included liberating terrorists from jails around the world and fomenting anti-government activities in foreign countries. Many Soviet citizens - especially those who had high-profile jobs - were expected to be its members and had to pay monthly "voluntary" dues. The organization existed until 1948, but the production of its badges stopped in 1941 after the German invasion of the Soviet Union and as far as we know, never resumed.

/Avers 8, p. 283, fig. 1387.b/

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