



Press release

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New Swiss commemorative coins for "Henry Dunant" and "Albert Anker"

The Federal Mint Swissmint is issuing a 20 franc silver coin on the occasion of Dunant Year 2010 and a 50 franc gold coin in remembrance of the famous painter Albert Anker. The day of issue of the two coins is the 3rd of June 2010. The net proceeds from the sale of the coins are used to promote cultural projects throughout Switzerland.

Henry Dunant

The Federal Mint Swissmint is dedicating a commemorative coin to the person and work of Henry Dunant. The occasion is the centenary commemorating the death of the founder of the Red Cross and first winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. On 8th May – World Red Cross Day – the coin was presented for the first time in parallel in East and West Switzerland. In Heiden, Canton of Appenzell Ausserrhoden, Kurt Rohrer, General Manager of Swissmint, handed over the coin to ICRC President Jakob Kellenberger during a celebration opening the Dunant Year. On the same day, the commemorative coin was presented in Geneva where the kick-off celebration for the commemorative year took place in honour of the two Red Cross founders Dunant and Moynier.

The coin shows Dunant as a dynamic and relatively young man. The curved lines in the background indicate a globe and therefore refer to the world-wide Red Cross movement. The spiral symbolizes the continuous development of the Red Cross and also Dunant's turbulent life. This is what Pierre-Alain Zuber has to say about his artistic confrontation with Henry Dunant: "I was impressed by the gentleness, the compassion but also the strength of will emanating from his eyes."

The silver coin has a face value of 20 Swiss francs and is available in the minting qualities "uncirculated" and "proof" in a presentation case (highest minting quality) from coin dealers, banks and at www.swissmint.ch and in a special package at the Henry Dunant Museum in Heiden from the date of issue, 3rd June 2010.

Albert Anker

For the Anker Year 2010, the Swiss Confederation is issuing a commemorative coin honouring the famous Swiss painter. As part of the official commemoration of the centenary of Albert Anker's death, which will be the focus of the celebrations, the coin was presented to the public in Ins in the Bern Seeland on 8th May.

The gold coin, which has a diameter of only 25 mm, depicts Albert Anker's detailed work "The Parish Clerk II" from 1875. The coin has a face value of 50 Swiss francs and is available from 3rd June 2010 in limited edition at www.swissmint.ch, at the Museum of Fine Arts Bern, at the Ins Raiffeisenbank (Raiffeisenbank Bielersee) and from coin dealers and bankers.

Text and pictures

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Silver coin "Henry Dunant"



Caption: New Swiss silver coin – Synthesis of the person of Henry Dunant and his work

<i>Effigy</i>	"Henry Dunant"
<i>Artist</i>	Pierre-Alain Zuber, Geneva
<i>Technical data</i>	Alloy: Silver 0.835 Weight: 20 g Diameter: 33 mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	20 Swiss francs
<i>Date of issue</i>	3 rd June 2010
<i>Mintage</i>	Standard coinage, uncirculated: max. 50,000 coins Proof coin in presentation case: max. 7,000 coins
<i>Recommended prices</i>	Standard coinage: CHF 20.– Proof: CHF 55.–
<i>Sale</i>	Coin dealers, banks and online at www.swissmint.ch and in a special package at the Henry Dunant Museum in Heiden
<i>Coined and issued by</i>	Federal Mint Swissmint CH-3003 Bern www.swissmint.ch

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Gold coin "Albert Anker"



Caption: "The Parish Clerk" of Albert Anker is the topic of the new Swiss gold coin

<i>Effigy</i>	"Der Gemeindeschreiber" (The Parish Clerk)
<i>Artist</i>	In style of Albert Anker
<i>Technical data</i>	Alloy: Gold 0.900 Weight: 11.29 g Diameter: 25 mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	50 Swiss francs
<i>Date of issue</i>	3 rd June 2010
<i>Mintage</i>	Proof coin in presentation case: max. 6,000 coins
<i>Recommended price</i>	CHF 580.–
<i>Sales</i>	Coin dealers, banks, online at www.swissmint.ch , Museum of Fine Arts Bern, Raiffeisenbank Bielersee
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