



Press release

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New Swiss commemorative coins

The Swiss Federal Mint issued a silver coin to mark the 100th anniversary of the Bernina Line. A coin was also issued to complete the "Swiss National Park" series with the "Marmot" as its subject. Both commemorative coins were released on 21st January. On 3rd June they will be followed by the gold coin "Albert Anker" and the silver coin "Henry Dunant".

On 21st January Swissmint issued the coin "100 years of Bernina Railway" to commemorate the railway line which is now included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. The commemorative coin was first presented to the public at the inaugural event of the anniversary year on 16th January. Kurt Rohrer, General Manager of Swissmint handed over one of the coins to Erwin Rutishauser, CEO of the Rhaetian Railway at the ceremony in Bernina-Diavolezza.

The commemorative coin "Bernina Railway" is the third in the Mountain Railways series launched by Swissmint in 2008 and follows the coins commemorating the "Vitznau-Rigi Railway" and the "Brienz-Rothorn Railway". All three coins were designed by the artist Benno K. Zehnder and have a face value of 20 Swiss francs. The "Bernina Railway" is available in "uncirculated" quality and "polished plate (proof)" quality, the latter in a presentation case.

"Swiss National Park" series now complete: "Marmot" commemorative coin

The marmot now joins the typical Alpine animals already commemorated: ibex, golden eagle and red deer. This is the last subject of the four-part commemorative coin series "Swiss National Park" which Swissmint has been issuing since 2007. The new coin has been designed by the artist and scientific illustrator Niklaus Heeb.

All the subjects issued in this series going back to the ibex in 2007 are still available this year. So if you would like to collect the entire series, you now have the chance to

complete your collection. The bimetallic coins have a face value of 10 Swiss francs. Two qualities are available: "uncirculated" and "polished plate (proof)" in a presentation case. The current subject "Marmot" also completes the Swiss circulation coins in the 2010 annual coin set.

Further commemorative coins in 2010

On the issue date of 3rd June, the Swissmint is launching two commemorative coins which are dedicated to two well-known Swiss personalities. In "Anker Year" 2010, Swissmint is recognizing the work of the famous Swiss artist Albert Anker with a gold coin. A silver coin will also be issued in honour of the founder of the Red Cross, Henry Dunant.

The new commemorative coins issued on 21st January as well as the 2010 current coin sets can be purchased directly at the World Money Fair in Berlin. They are also available at www.swissmint.ch or at selected coin dealers and bankers. The Swiss confederation uses the proceeds from the sale of the coins, the minting profit, to support cultural projects throughout Switzerland.

Text and photo material

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Silver coin "100 years Bernina Railway" "Mountain Railways" series



Caption: Silver for one of the most well-known railway lines in the world: commemorative coin "100 years of Bernina Railway"

<i>Effigy</i>	"Bernina Railway"
<i>Artist</i>	Benno K. Zehnder, Gelfingen
<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>	21 st January 2010
<i>Mintage</i>	Standard coinage, uncirculated: max. 50,000 coins Proof coin in presentation case: max. 7,000 coins
<i>Standard prices</i>	Standard coinage: CHF 20.00 Proof: CHF 55.00
<i>Sales</i>	Coin dealers, banks and online at www.swissmint.ch
<i>Coined and issued by</i>	Federal Mint Swissmint CH-3003 Bern www.swissmint.ch

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Bimetallic coin "Alpine Marmot"

"Swiss National Park" series



<i>Effigy</i>	"Alpine Marmot"
<i>Artist</i>	Niklaus Heeb, Rodersdorf
<i>Technical data</i>	Alloy: Outer ring in aluminium-bronze, core made of copper-nickel Weight: 15 g Diameter: 33 mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	10 Swiss francs
<i>Date of issue</i>	21 st January 2010
<i>Mintage</i>	Standard coinage, uncirculated: max. 94,000 coins Proof coin in presentation case: max. 12,000 coins
<i>Standard prices</i>	Standard coinage: CHF 10.00 Proof: CHF 30.00
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