



## Press Release

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# New Swiss Commemorative Coins: "Swiss Museum of Transport" and "Red deer"

**To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Swiss Museum of Transport , the Federal Mint Swissmint is issuing a silver coin. At the same time the "Swiss National Park" series continues with the motif of the red deer.**

The official Swiss anniversary coin "50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Swiss Museum of Transport" was first presented to the public in November 2008 on the occasion of the opening of FutureCom, the new entrance building to the Museum of Transport. Federal Councillor Moritz Leuenberger handed over the first minting to Daniel Suter, Director of the Museum of Transport.

The silver coin has a face value of 20 Swiss francs and is available with immediate effect in minting qualities "uncirculated" and "proof" in a presentation case. The coin was designed by Lucerne artist Werner Meier. He arranged eight favourite means of transport along a regular spiral – what is known as *Archimedes' Spiral*. The motif conveys a sense of dynamism while permitting the viewer to follow the development of mobility.

### **New in the series "Swiss National Park": Red deer**

The red deer is the third motif in the commemorative coin series which Swissmint dedicates to the Swiss National Park. The artist and scientific illustrator Niklaus Heeb from Rodersdorf (Canton of Solothurn) designed the coin. It shows the animal, a typical guest in the National Park, that draws attention to itself in autumn by its loud bell-ing.

The bimetallic coin has a face value of 10 Swiss francs and is available with immediate effect. There are two minting qualities to choose from: "uncirculated" and "proof coin" in a presentation case. The red deer also supplements the Swiss currency coins in the 2009 coin set.

### **Commemorative coins and currency coin sets available with immediate effect**

*Swissmint* is presenting the new products at the Basler Münzenmesse (17/18.01.2009) and at the World Money Fair in Berlin (6 – 8.02.2009), where they can be purchased on the stands. They are also available online at [www.swissmint.ch](http://www.swissmint.ch) or from coin dealers and banks. With the proceeds from the sale of coins, the minting profit, the Swiss government promotes cultural projects throughout Switzerland.

### **Text and photo material**

Available for download on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at:

<http://www.swissmint.ch/en-latestnews-mediainformation-pressreleases.pressreleases.html>

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## Factsheet

### Silver coin "Swiss Museum of Transport"



*Legend:*

The "Swiss Museum of Transport" silver coin celebrates the anniversary of the most popular museum in Switzerland.

<i>Effigy</i>	"Swiss Museum of Transport"
<i>Artist</i>	Werner Meier, Lucerne
<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>	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2009
<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.- Proof: CHF 55.-
<i>Sale</i>	Coin dealers, banks and online at <a href="http://www.swissmint.ch">www.swissmint.ch</a>
<i>Coined and issued by</i>	Federal Mint Swissmint CH-3003 Bern <a href="http://www.swissmint.ch">www.swissmint.ch</a>

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### Bimetallic coin "Red deer"

Series: Swiss National Park



*Legend:*

New in the commemorative coin series "Swiss National Park": the red deer

<i>Effigy</i>	"Red deer"
<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>	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2009
<i>Mintage</i>	Standard coinage, uncirculated: max. 95,000 coins Proof coin in presentation case: max. 12,000 coins
<i>Standard prices</i>	Standard coinage: CHF 10.- Proof: CHF 30.-
<i>Sale</i>	Coin dealers, banks and online at <a href="http://www.swissmint.ch">www.swissmint.ch</a>
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