



## Press Release

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# Anniversary coin celebrating 50 years of the Swiss Museum of Transport

**The Federal Mint Swissmint is commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Swiss Museum of Transport in 2009 with a silver coin. It will be presented at a ceremony to celebrate the start of the anniversary year in Lucerne on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008. The official date of issue will be the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009.**

Transport and mobility – these topics attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Swiss Museum of Transport every year. The new commemorative coin takes up the fascination of transport technology in the design: an impressive line-up of means of transport of different sizes, from the bicycle to the rocket. Kurt Rohrer, General Manager Swissmint, comments on the artist's idea: "The coin depicts some of the favourite exhibits from the Museum of Transport. To indicate the historical and technical development, the artist has arranged the objects along a spiral. This is called the *Spiral of Archimedes* - its regularity makes it an ideal instrument to present eight means of transport."

The silver coin designed by Lucerne artist Werner Meier has a face value of 20 Swiss francs and will be available in the minting qualities "uncirculated" and "proof" in a presentation case from 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009. The Federal government will use proceeds from the sale to promote cultural projects throughout Switzerland.

### **Collection of national importance**

On 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008, the Swiss Museum of Transport will open the new entrance building FutureCom before a gathering of 400 invited guests – among them Federal Councillor Moritz Leuenberger. This occasion will mark the start of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year 2009 to which the new commemorative coin is dedicated.

The Swiss government places great importance on the Museum of Transport, which has both a high national and international reputation. It supports the unique collection with annual subsidies and is participating in the financing of modifications and extensions to the buildings which are due for completion in 2009.

**Photo material available as of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at:**

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

**Complete text available at:**

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

### Characteristics of silver coin "Swiss Museum of Transport"



<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>

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