

HELVETICA 2003
The gold coin for the
Alpine World Ski
Championships

The centre of the obverse shows the idyllic lakes scenery of St. Moritz with a view in the direction of the Maloja. The text «CONFOEDERATIO HELVETICA» appears at the top and «ST. MORITZ» at the bottom.

The illustration on the reverse shows a skier moving towards the bottom right. The value of «50 FR» is indicated to the lower left. Parallel to the edge at the top, the text «FIS ALPINE WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS» is shown above, and the year «2003» below.



Characteristics

Subject of the coin
«Upper Engadine lakes region»

Artist
Andreas His, Witterswil

Technical data
Alloy: Gold 0.900
Weight: 11.29 g
Diameter: 25 mm

Legal face value
50 Swiss francs

Date of issue
15th January 2003

Mintage
Proof coin in presentation case only:
max. 6 000 coins

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Official Swiss commemorative coins



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Ski Championships
St. Moritz





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HELVETICA commemorative coins A special side of Switzerland

Switzerland's commemorative coins are designed by leading native artists. Elegant, valuable, and timeless, they epitomise solid Swiss cultural heritage. As tasteful collectors' pieces at attractive prices, they are highly popular.

The commemorative coins have a legal face value and are minted in limited series. The net profits from sales are

used by the Confederation to promote cultural projects in Switzerland.

Alpine World Ski Championships St. Moritz

The municipalities of St. Moritz and Pontresina have succeeded in securing the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2003 for Switzerland. St. Moritz, the exclusive holiday resort, together with the Upper Engadine lakes area and the surrounding mountain chains, provides a superb setting for this event.

Sportsmen and sportswomen from around the world will be competing for the highly sought-after medals with this unique scenery as a backdrop. The Alpine World Ski Championships 2003 will be the largest sporting event ever to be held in Switzerland.

All the races will take place on the local mountain of St. Moritz, the Corviglia. The at-

tractively designed pistes demand top performances from the athletes. The starting slope of the men's downhill is especially spectacular since the first few metres have a gradient of 45°, corresponding to a 100 % drop. Here, skiers reach a speed of 140 km per hour within 6 seconds.

The artist

Andreas His was born in Basel on 23rd May 1928. After his high school education in Basel and Schiers, he completed his apprenticeship as a graphic artist at the Allgemeinen Gewerbeschule in Basel from 1945 to 1950. In 1954, after several years' work in various graphic de-

sign companies in Basel, he started designing his own works of art in addition to his main profession. From 1955 to 1993, he taught graphic design classes in the applied arts section of the Allgemeinen Gewerbeschule (today the School of Design) in Basel, which permitted him to devote himself entirely to his artistic activities, apart from teaching. Andreas His lives and works in Witterswil. His artistic spectrum includes painting, reverse glass painting and art for buildings. He has frequently undertaken stays abroad and had numerous exhibitions in Switzerland and abroad. In 1993, he won the Prize for Painting awarded by the Canton of Solothurn.

