

Design: Marc Roulin

Marc Roulin was born in Fribourg in 1969. After spending a year in England and Germany to learn the languages, he trained as a graphic artist with Jean-Pierre Humbert, the painter and intaglio engraver in Fribourg. In 1994, he took his first steps as a freelance artist. From 1998 to 2004, he held a position as a newspaper cartoonist at La Liberté, and in 2009, he joined the graphic communications agency DEBEN in Lausanne and became co-owner. His main work consists of creating images, editing magazines and books, designing packaging and creating websites. Painting and creating computer-generated 3D imaging round off his graphic activities. His acrylic paintings and his engravings have been presented in French-speaking Switzerland in group and individual exhibitions. Marc Roulin is also a member of the Atelier du Radock, which was set up in 2004 and designs and edits parodic comic strips dedicated to the work of Hergé. Further information can be found on the artist's website: www.m-roulin.ch



Characteristics

Effigy

150 years of SRC

Artist

Marc Roulin, Romont

Technical data

Alloy: Silver 0.835

Weight: 20 g

Diameter: 33 mm

Legal face value

20 Swiss francs

Date of issue

28 January 2016

Mintage

Uncirculated coin:

30,000 pieces

Proof coin in presentation case:

5,000 pieces



Official commemorative coin 2016

150th Anniversary of the Swiss Red Cross



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Official commemorative coins

Each year, the Federal Mint Swissmint issues a small number of commemorative coins featuring carefully selected subjects. The coins in bimetal, silver and gold bear an official nominal value and are available in various minting qualities – as collectors' pieces in their own right or as an exquisite gift.

150th Anniversary of the Swiss Red Cross

On 17 July 1866, General Henri Dufour, Federal Councillor Jakob Dubs and other prominent figures met in Bern with the goal of founding the Swiss Red Cross (SRC). This new organisation was initially called the «Aid organisation for Swiss soldiers and their families» and reflected the organisation's purpose at that time of supporting the Armed Forces medical services in times of war through voluntary workers. This was also one of Henry Dunant's basic ideas, who aimed to set up national associations in all countries that would prepare themselves in

peacetime for caring for injured soldiers.

The SRC's service during both world wars consolidated the aid organisation's position and enhanced its reputation at both national and international level. After World War II, its focus shifted increasingly from military to civilian aid. In addition to training first-aid assistants for the Armed Forces, it is now engaged in many other activities which include the training of professionals for civilian nursing, assistance for the socially disadvantaged, nursing and care in the home, first aid training and ambulance support, blood transfusion service, air and water rescue services,

emergency response, and support for refugees and asylum seekers. With 500,000 members and 72,000 volunteers, which accounts for almost one percent of the population, the Swiss Red Cross is currently Switzerland's largest humanitarian organisation.

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