



COIN COMPETITION

We would like to welcome you to the coin competition of the 31st Mint Directors' Conference to be held on 26 to 29 April 2020, in Cape Town, South Africa. Cape Town was the first city in Africa to be named a UNESCO City of Design and commit to promoting innovation and design. It is our pleasure to honour this pledge by exhibiting some of the world's most creative coins.

REGISTRATION RULES

- Entry to the coin competition is open to MDC Official Member Mints and Observer Mints.
- Participants in the MDC 2020 Coin Competition must complete the online registration, which is available on the MDC 2020 website (<http://www.mdc2020southafrica.com/competition>). Registration via email will not be accepted. **The deadline for online competition registration is 31 January 2020.**
- It is recommended that all entries be submitted via courier. Each entry must arrive at the South African Mint and be accompanied by a completed entry form no later than **Wednesday, 26 February, 2020.**

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- Each MDC Official member Mint and Observer Mint can enter one coin per category.
- There are three categories in the Coin Competition:
 - **Category I – Commemorative coin – gold**
 - **Category II – Commemorative coin – silver**
 - **Category III – Circulation coin**
 - **Category IV – Other coin**
- Two separate class winners from each category will be chosen
 - **Class A – Most beautiful coin**
 - **Class B – Most technologically advanced coin**
- Each MDC Official Member Mint and Observer Mint must supply two of the selected coins to allow for the display of both obverse and reverse.
- **Coins must be dated 2018, 2019 and 2020.** Coins dated 2018, should not have been submitted to the 2018 MDC Coin Competition.
- MDC Official Member Mints and Observer Mints may submit coins for their own country or other country's coins that they produced. It is customary to get permission from the issuing authority (central bank etc.) of the coin, but you don't have to submit the coins with written permission granted by the issuing authority.
- The coins will be displayed in secure cabinets for viewing during the conference.
- When you send the coins, please write 'MDC 2020' on the outside of the package. **The coins must arrive by February 26, 2020.**
- All coins will be returned to the submitting Mint's representative at the conclusion of the conference, on Thursday 29 April, between 9 am and 12 noon. Coins not collected will not be returned but considered abandoned and will be disposed of.

- There are four categories in the packaging competition, each containing two categories from which a winner will be chosen:

CATEGORY I: COMMEMORATIVE COIN – GOLD

Gold Coins (Weight – 5 oz or under)

- a. Most Beautiful – all gold coins containing at least 75% gold (18 Carat)
- b. Most Innovative – All gold coins including bi-metal and tri-metal with or without innovations like colour, gem, high relief etc.

CATEGORY II: COMMEMORATIVE COIN – SILVER

Silver Coins (Weight – 5 oz or under)

- a. Most Beautiful – all silver coins containing at least 60% silver.
- b. Most Innovative – all silver coins with innovations like selected gold plating, gems, colour, high relief etc. Also including bi-metal or tri-metal.

CATEGORY III: CIRCULATION COIN

Circulating Coins (Weight – 20 gram or under)

- a. Most Beautiful – All base metal circulating coins with no decoration which are manufactured by the millions specifically to be used as currency.
- b. Most Innovative – All base metal coins with incorporate technological innovations, new applications of interesting features like colour, gold plating, silver plating, etc.

CATEGORY IV: OTHER COIN

Other Coins (Weight – 5 oz or under)

Includes coins made of more than 40% of metals other than gold or silver such as, but not limited to platinum, palladium, niobium, titanium.

- a. Most Beautiful – appealing and meaningful design.
- b. Most innovative coins – such as but not limited to new coins shapes, inclusion of non-metallic highlights on a coin (i.e. gems, glass, porcelain etc.) integrates innovative

features such as high relief, QR codes, augmented reality, combination of metals and all other creative features that a national coin may incorporate.

EXHIBITION

The entries to the packaging competition will be exhibited on 26 to 28 April 2020 at the MDC 2020.

VOTING

- Each MDC Official Member Mint and Observer Mint is entitled to one vote per class in each category.
- Voting will take place by secret ballot from 9 am to 18 pm on 27 to 28 April 2020.
- In the event of a draw, the deciding vote will be made by the president of the MDC.
- Winners will be announced on Thursday 29 April 2020 during the Farewell dinner.

All winners shall remain confidential until the official award ceremony. **The winners will be announced at the Farewell Dinner to be held at the Cape Point Vineyards on 29 April, 2020.**

OTHER

This competition bears no relationship with the Coin of the Year Award conducted by Krause Publications.