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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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WHY SHALL ANY MDC MEMBER JOIN THE MINT DIRECTORS CONFERENCE – TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (MDC-TC)?

To avoid unnecessary high tension while reading this article, I will answer the question of the headline immediately: Any MDC member shall join the MDC-TC technical committee, because...

“ALL MDC-TC MEMBERS ARE ACTIVE!”

Having this said, you can:

1. stop reading this article, and
2. look for one or two suitable representatives of your organization, and
3. announce them joining the MDC-TC by writing me an informal e-mail to:

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...if you are still reading, let me share some key facts about the MDC-TC: Our main objective is to identify key issues relating to 21st century coinage materials, machines and processes and to prepare strategies to address these issues.

Our current key issues are:

- Future Payment Systems
- Coin Security
- Environmental Protection
- MDC Strategic Alignment
- Customer Service

The MDC-TC:

- has a constantly growing membership which currently includes key staff [not only technical!] from 27 MDC member Mints, 22 industry members, 1 academic member, 8 observers; organized in 19 project sub-committees
- provides a forum for collaborative action, innovation, sharing of information, shopfloor visits and networking in a very collegial atmosphere
- collaborates on a range of industry issues such as production, future payment systems, anti-counterfeiting and genuineness, environmental best practice, ethical metal sourcing, customer service, technical management, benchmarking
- generates and improves guidelines for the minting industry
- meets every 6 months in line with the Mint Directors Conference meetings and key industry events around the world for most efficient travels.

The huge workload of the MDC-TC would absolutely not be possible without the

professional work of the 17 convenors and the corresponding project members from the minting and supply industry and the university. A big thank you to all those people including my Deputy Chair, Mike Gradwell, from the South-African Mint who I am so thankful to be working with.

DID I FINALLY CATCH YOUR ATTENTION TO JOIN THE MDC-TC?

If I have caught your attention and you have staff ready to join the MDC-TC please refer to the three simple steps at the beginning of the article. If not, then please let me know your feedback and wishes for the MDC-TC. The resulting discussion may lead to a new MDC-TC sub-committee and the next extension of the MDC-TC.

I wish all of you great ACTION in 2020 – for the sake of the minting industry.

P.S. Did I already mention that ALL MDC-TC MEMBERS ARE ACTIVE! ;)



OFFICIAL SLOVAK 2020 COIN SETS NOW AVAILABLE TO RESERVE

Established in 1328 the Mint of Mincovňa Kremnica 2020 coins sets and coin card will be:

- XXXII Olympic Games Tokyo
- The Castles and Palaces of Slovakia - Bojnica Castle
- 50th Anniversary of the Slovak Numismatic Society
- World-known inventions of Slovak inventors - Jozef Maximilian Petzval
- Entry SR to the OECD - 20th Anniversary
- Coin card 2€ 2020 - Entry SR to the OECD - 20th Anniversary



STATE MINTS OF BADEN- WUERTTEMBERG UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

State Mints of Baden-Wuerttemberg partnered in the development of winners' medals for the 2019 Gymnastics World Cup in Stuttgart. A special surprise awaited the audience when the lights were dimmed and the medals began to glow. The team at the State Mints of Baden-Wuerttemberg experienced the medal ceremony firsthand.



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT CELEBRATES SPOOKS AND SPIES WITH SECRET- MESSAGE COIN

The Royal Australian Mint has made history after releasing the first Aussie coin featuring a secret code. The ground-breaking new 50 cent coin has been launched to mark the 70th anniversary of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO).



SOUTH AFRICAN MINT: COINS CRAFTED WITH PRIDE

The South African Mint is one of the world's leading mints and has, over the years, earned a worldwide reputation for its appealing designs, exceptional craftsmanship and the high standard of its quality coins. It is the home of the world famous Krugerrand, the first bullion coin in the world, introduced in 1967. The South African Mint has received numerous international awards for outstanding coin and packaging designs.

As a wholly owned subsidiary of the South African Reserve Bank (SARB), the South African Mint has been making coins for South Africa for over a century. Our mint is a 9001 certified company, and is located in Centurion. The two divisions within our organisation- Circulation Coins and Collectable Coins- are responsible for delivering a holistic minting solution for the local and export markets, delivery coin

products that are treasured by collectors and used as currency by citizens across the world.

Our designs often reflect elements of national pride including the great leaders and unique flora and fauna synonymous with South Africa. We are tremendously proud to once again host the mint industry for the XXXI Mint Director's Conference (MDC) in our beautiful country in 2020.

Set in one of the most beautiful cities in the world, Cape Town, this MDC will be a memorable experience for all, as we roll out a truly unique programme for delegates.

➔ **Read more about the MDC2020 Cape Town programme here.**

The Mint, with almost 500 employees, has a production capacity of some 2 billion coins ranging from circulation coins to the highest quality possible for collector coins. It is a vibrant company with a motivated workforce.



MINT DIRECTORS CONFERENCE - INTERNAL AFFAIRS MEETING REMINDER

- ➔ Saturday, 1 February 2020
- ➔ 1000hrs – 1200hrs
- ➔ Estrel Congress Centre,
Berlin Germany

NEW MINT INDUSTRY WEBSITE GOES LIVE

The new Mint Industry website aims to promote the global Minting industry and provide a vehicle to credibly, authoritatively and effectively raise awareness of who we are, what we do and what we contribute to the world economy.

Please send us any photographs or information you would like included on the website.

Please circulate to relevant staff and interested industry members and help build our collective voice.

To sign up for the Mint Industry Communiqué email mint.industry@ramint.gov.au

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