

NUMISMATIC PROGRAMME 2022



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€200 GOLD COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO: “100 YEARS FROM THE ASIA MINOR DISASTER”

The Asia Minor Disaster was the dramatic conclusion of the three-year Asia Minor Campaign, fuelled by the irredentist Great Idea (*Megali Idea*). A fierce counterattack by the Turks in August 1922 led to the collapse of the front and the withdrawal of the Greek troops, which had landed in Smyrna with the Allies' authorisation in 1920 and then advanced inland into Anatolia. In September 1922, the Turks burned down Smyrna, forcing thousands of Greeks to abandon their ancestral homes and flee across the Aegean. The toll was tragic: thousands of deaths and casualties, pillaging, and the eradication of the Greek element from Asia Minor. Greece received a huge wave of refugees, especially after the Lausanne Treaty of 1923 and the convention on the exchange of populations. The refugee question would dominate political, social and economic developments in interwar Greece. The refugees gradually assimilated into Greek society, which they enriched with their spirit of enterprise and their culture and traditions, while always keeping alive the memory of their lost homeland.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €200

Diameter: 22.10 mm

Weight: 7.98 g

Edge: milled

Material: gold (Au) 917‰, silver (Ag) 53‰

Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 750 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos

Price: €604.84 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 05/07/2022



€100 GOLD COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO: “GREEK MYTHOLOGY — THE OLYMPIAN GODS — ARES”

Ares, son of Zeus and Hera, was the god of war. His children from his adulterous affair with Aphrodite, the wife of Hephaistos, included Harmonia (who later wed Cadmos, the founder of Thebes) and his companions in battle, Phobos and Deimos (embodiments of fear and dread, respectively). In contrast with his sister Athena, who represented protection of cities and strategy, Ares was associated with the blind brutality of war. This explains why he was not popular with the Greeks, who – despite their frequent wars and high regard for military valour – were not a bellicose people. Even his own father, Zeus, in the *Iliad* calls him the most loathsome of the Olympian gods because of his belligerent nature. Very few temples were devoted to Ares in the Greek world (in Troizina, Geronthrai and Alikarnassos). As for the Temple of Ares in the ancient agora of Athens, it had originally been erected in some other community of Attica, in honour perhaps of another god, before being moved to the centre of Athens and rededicated to Ares during the reign of Augustus, probably in connection with the Roman cult of Mars Ultor.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €100

Diameter: 17.50 mm

Weight: 3.89 g

Edge: plain

Material: gold (Au) 99.99%

Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 1,200 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: M. Antonatou

Price: €306.45 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 27/09/2022



€50 GOLD COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO: “CULTURAL HERITAGE — THE ANCIENT THEATRE OF EPIDAUROS”

The ancient theatre of Epidauros, one of the best preserved of antiquity, is located on the grounds of a sanctuary to the healing god Asclepius. Attributed to the architect Polykleitos, it was constructed in the late 4th century BC, with subsequent additions. The *cavea* of the theatre, built into the natural hillside, comprises an upper and lower tier, separated by a walkway. The circular *orchestra*, 19.54 m. in diameter, was where the *chorus* performed, while the actors moved about the *proscenium* of a two-storey stage building, of which only the foundations survive. Excavated by Panagiotis Kavvadias in 1881-83, the theatre required only limited restoration. The first modern-day revival of Greek drama at Epidauros was directed by Dimitris Rontiris in 1938. Since 1954, the theatre has become the venue of the Epidauros Festival, hosting mainly ancient tragedy and comedy productions. Thousands of spectators thus have an opportunity every summer to admire the theatre's renowned acoustics and enjoy the unique experience of ancient drama in its natural setting.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €50

Diameter: 14 mm

Weight: 1 g

Edge: plain

Material: gold (Au) 99.99%

Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 1,500 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: M. Antonatou

Price: €96.78 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 15/12/2022



€10 SILVER COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO: “PHILHELLENES — LORD BYRON”

George Gordon Byron (London 1788-Missolonghi 1824) was an emblematic figure of European Romanticism and one of the most important poets of the 19th century. From a very young age, he embraced liberal and philhellenic ideals. His Grand Tour of the Mediterranean in 1809 brought him to Greece, to which he dedicated the second canto of his defining poetic work, *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*. The outbreak of the Greek Revolution in 1821 set fire to Byron's romantic soul. He ultimately moved to Greece in 1823 in order to take part in the struggle and settled in Missolonghi, where he spent much of his fortune on setting up military and naval units. However, he was never to see action, as his life was cut short on 19 April 1824, following a serious illness. His untimely death was a tragic loss and was deeply mourned by the Greeks, but at the same time boosted philhellenic sentiment around the world.

€10



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €10

Diameter: 40 mm

Weight: 34.10 g

Edge: plain

Material: silver (Ag) 92.5%

Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 2,000 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos - M. Antonatou

Price: €64.52 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 12/04/2022



€10 SILVER COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO: “GREEK CULTURE — HISTORIANS — XENOPHON”

Xenophon (430-355 BC) spent his formative years in Athens during the Peloponnesian War and was a disciple of Socrates. After the defeat of Athens, he fought as a mercenary, alongside other Greeks (known as the *myrioi*, “the Ten Thousand”), in Cyrus the Younger’s campaign against his own brother, King Artaxerxes of Persia. Xenophon led the *myrioi* on their long and perilous march back to Greece and later recounted the events in his *Expedition of Cyrus (Anabasis)*. He was banished from Athens, probably because of his Spartan sympathies. A military leader and a man of letters, Xenophon left a rich oeuvre, popular over the ages for its simple and graceful style. His main historical work, *Hellenica*, picks up where Thucydides broke off (411 BC) and continues up to the end of the Theban hegemony (362 BC). Albeit far from an unbiased or full account, it remains a valuable source for that period of Greek history. Xenophon also wrote seminal works, including a dialogue on household economics (*Oeconomicus*), treatises on public finances (*Ways and means*) and government (*Constitution of the Spartans, Hiero*), Socratic works (*Apology, Memorabilia, Symposium*), biographies (*Agesilaos*) and others.



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Edge: plain

Material: silver (Ag) 92.5%

Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 1,500 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos

Price: €56.45 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 10/05/2022



€10 SILVER COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO:
“GREEK CULTURE — ANCIENT GREEK
TECHNOLOGY — THE ANTIKYTHERA MECHANISM”

The Antikythera mechanism was recovered from a shipwreck found in 1900 by sponge divers off the island of Antikythera. Built in Hellenistic times, this intricate device was used for astronomical calculations and has been described as the oldest analogue computer. Its more than 30 bronze gearwheels rotated pointers over different dials. Thus, manually selecting a date on the main dial – which represented the zodiac, as well as the solar and lunar years – shifted the smaller gears, so that the pointers on the other dials indicated the position of the selected date in the four-year cycle of the Panhellenic games (Olympia, Pythia, Isthmia, Nemea), the positions of the five then-known planets and the correlation with astronomy cycles that were of particular interest to the ancient Greeks. The mechanism also predicted solar and lunar eclipses. Research on the mechanism, which has fascinated scholars for decades, is still ongoing under the Antikythera Mechanism Research Project, which, using advanced imaging technologies, continues to provide impressive new insights into the mechanism’s complex inner workings.



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Edge: plain

Material: silver (Ag) 92.5%

Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 2,000 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos

Price: €64.52 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 13/09/2022



€6 SILVER COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO: “2022 — INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ARTISANAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE”

Fishing, one of man's oldest activities, has changed significantly in recent times on account of technology and the emergence of large fishing companies. However, millions of people all over the world still earn their living as small-scale fishers, fish farmers and fish workers. In recognition of their contribution to meeting the world's food needs, the United Nations General Assembly has declared 2022 the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA 2022). The objective of the celebration is twofold: to focus world attention on the role that these people play in food security, poverty eradication and sustainable natural resource use – thereby increasing global action to support them – and to encourage small-scale producers to join forces and make their voices heard in policy decision-making that affects their lives. Greece takes part in the celebration as a country with an age-long fishing tradition and in view both of the major economic and social importance of small-scale fishing for its local populations and of the activity's low environmental footprint.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €6

Diameter: 28.50 mm

Weight: 10 g

Edge: plain

Material: silver (Ag) 92.5%

Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 2,000 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: M. Antonatou

Price: €36.29 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 11/10/2022



BLISTER PACK WITH A COLLECTOR SILVER €5 COIN
DEDICATED TO:
“200 YEARS FROM THE CHIOS MASSACRE”

The inhabitants of Chios rose up against Ottoman rule on 11 March 1822, incited by the revolted Samians led by Lykourgos Logothetis. The Sultan, infuriated with the defiance of the Chiotis, who enjoyed a privileged status, dispatched Kara Ali and his fleet against the island. Heavy bombardment was followed by the landing of 7,000 Ottoman troops. The poorly planned uprising was easily suppressed, as Logothetis and the Samians abandoned the island to its fate. All of Chios was set ablaze and tens of thousands of Christians were massacred or enslaved. The events provoked outrage across Europe, sparking a new wave of philhellenism. In June 1822, the Greeks heroically avenged themselves with the burning of the Turkish flagship by Konstantinos Kanaris, in which Kara Ali himself was fatally injured. The Chios massacre was immortalised by Eugène Delacroix in his painting *Scène des massacres de Scio* and by Victor Hugo in his poem *L'enfant*.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €5

Diameter: 31 mm

Weight: 17 g

Edge: plain

Material: silver (Ag) 33.3%

Packaging: blister pack

Maximum issue: 5,000 pieces

Minting quality: proof-like

Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos - M. Antonatou

Packaging artwork: Printing Works Department

Price: €12.10 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 08/11/2022



BLISTER PACK WITH A COLLECTOR SILVER €5 COIN
DEDICATED TO:
“ENVIRONMENT — ENDEMIC FLORA OF GREECE —
PAEONIA PARNASSICA”

Of the numerous plants of Greek nature, few can rival the wild peony in beauty and splendour. Seven species of peony are found in Greece, of which *Paeonia clusii* (Crete, Karpathos and Rhodes) and *Paeonia parnassica* (Mounts Parnassos and Elikonas) are Greek endemics.

***Paeonia parnassica* (Peony of Mt. Parnassos)**

Herbaceous, perennial plant with strong rhizome. It is distinguished from other peony species by its characteristic deep dark red petals. Known only from a few scattered localities on Mounts Parnassos and Elikonas in Central Greece, it grows in wet meadows, ravines and openings of Greek fir (*Abies cephalonica*) forests, at an altitude of 800-1,500 m, and blooms from late April to early June. It is listed in the *Red Data Book of Rare and Threatened Plants of Greece* (2009) as «Vulnerable». One of the main threats it faces is human activity, notably the collection of its rhizomes or whole plants.

Photographs: Arne Strid



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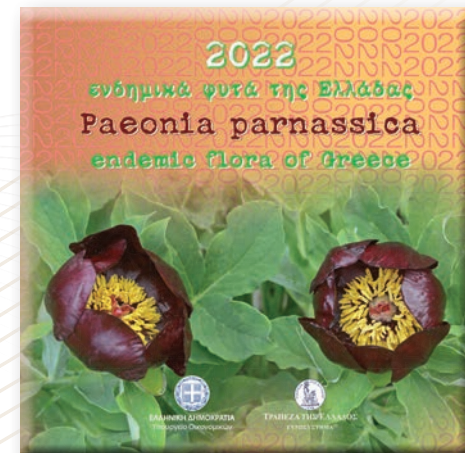
Minting quality: proof-like

Coin designed by: M. Antonatou

Packaging artwork: Printing Works Department

Price: €12.10 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 25/10/2022



BLISTER SET CONTAINING ALL EIGHT DENOMINATIONS OF 2022 GREEK EURO COINS DEDICATED TO: “TOURISM — CHIOS”

Chios is situated in the eastern Aegean and is Greece's fifth largest island. It prospered in antiquity, primarily as an exporter of its famed wines. The Byzantine era adorned Chios with numerous churches, as well as the renowned Nea Moni monastery with its exquisite mosaics. From 1346 to 1566, Chios was occupied by the Genoese, who were principally interested in the island's famous mastic, a resin extracted from the lentisk trees that grow only in the south of the island. It was at this time that the mastic-producing villages were given their characteristic fortress-like structure. Under Ottoman rule, mastic became an imperial monopoly and Chios enjoyed a privileged status. The island would, however, pay dearly for its participation in the Greek War of Independence, with the massacre of Chios (1822). Liberation came only much later with the Balkan Wars (1912). Today, Chios continues its rich agricultural tradition, producing top quality citrus fruit, wines, olive oil and, of course, the unique mastic, while the island's natural beauties, historical monuments and traditional architecture make it an appealing tourist destination.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Packaging: blister set

Maximum issue: 7,500 pieces

Minting quality: brilliant uncirculated

Packaging artwork: Printing Works Department

Price: €16.13 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 08/06/2022



€2 COMMEMORATIVE PROOF CIRCULATION COIN
DEDICATED TO:
“200 YEARS FROM THE FIRST GREEK CONSTITUTION”

From 20 December 1821 to 16 January 1822, the revolted Greeks held their first National Assembly at Nea Epidavros (known then as Piada), which adopted modern Greece's first government charter, the *Provisional Constitution of Greece*.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €2
Diameter: 25.75 mm
Weight: 8.50 g
Thickness: 2.20 mm
Edge: fine milled/edge lettering
Ring material: copper nickel
Inner material: nickel brass
Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity
Maximum issue: 1,500 pieces
Minting quality: proof
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos
Price: €16.13 plus V.A.T.
Launch of sales: 22/III/2022



CARD BLISTER WITH A €2 COMMEMORATIVE BRILLIANT
UNCIRCULATED COIN DEDICATED TO:
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Diameter: 25.75 mm
Weight: 8.50 g
Thickness: 2.20 mm
Edge: fine milled/edge lettering
Ring material: copper nickel
Inner material: nickel brass
Packaging: card blister
Maximum issue: 3,000 pieces
Minting quality: brilliant uncirculated
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos
Packaging artwork: Printing Works Department
Price: €8.06 plus V.A.T.
Launch of sales: 22/III/2022



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Diameter: 25.75 mm

Weight: 8.50 g

Thickness: 2.20 mm

Edge: fine milled/edge lettering

Ring material: copper nickel

Inner material: nickel brass

Packaging: rolls

Maximum issue: 745,500 pieces

Minting quality: circulation

Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos

Price: €50

Launch of sales: 01/07/2022

€2

€2 COMMEMORATIVE PROOF CIRCULATION COIN
DEDICATED TO:
“1987 - 2022 ERASMUS PROGRAMME”

For 35 years, the “Erasmus” student exchange programme has promoted the movement of people and ideas across a united Europe.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €2

Diameter: 25.75 mm

Weight: 8.50 g

Thickness: 2.20 mm

Edge: fine milled/edge lettering

Ring material: copper nickel

Inner material: nickel brass

Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 1,500 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: Joaquin Jimenez

Price: €16.13 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 06/12/2022



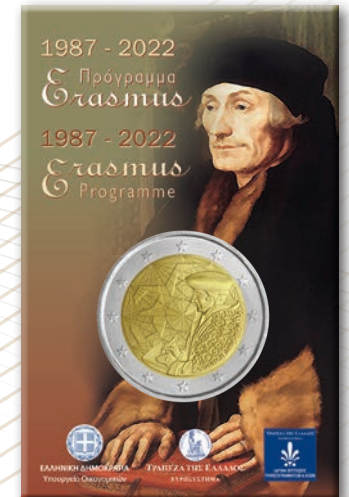
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