

CENTRAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

The background features a painting of three figures in a landscape. One figure is an elderly man with a long white beard, wearing a dark robe. He is flanked by two younger men in simpler, light-colored clothing. They are walking on a dirt path. In the background, there are rolling hills and a large body of water. A circular inset in the upper right shows a similar scene, but with a different perspective or lighting. The entire scene is framed by a dark green border with geometric shapes.

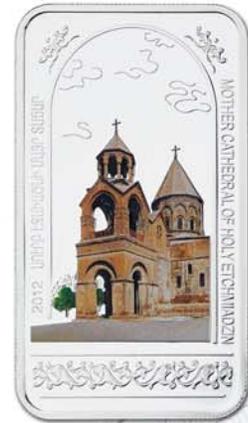
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Chairman of the Central Bank of Armenia

Dear reader

The annual journal "Collector Coins of the Republic of Armenia 2012" presents the collector coins issued by the Central Bank of Armenia in 2012 on occasion of important celebrations and events of the year.

The year 2012 was full of landmark events at both international and local levels. Armenia's capital Yerevan was proclaimed the 12th International Book Capital, and in the timespan from April 22, 2012 to April 22, 2013 large-scale measures and festivities were held not only in Armenia but also abroad. The book festival got together the world's writers, publishers, librarians, book traders and, in general, booklovers everywhere. The year saw a great diversity of events which were held in cooperation with other countries. Those events included book exhibitions, international fairs, contests ("Best

Literary Work", "Best Thematic Posters"), a variety of projects ("Give-A-Book Day"), workshops, and film premieres. The Central Bank of Armenia celebrated the book festival by issuing the collector coin "500th Anniversary of Armenian Book Printing".

In 2012, the 20th anniversaries of formation of Armenian Army and liberation of Shushi were celebrated with great enthusiasm. On this occasion, the Central Bank of Armenia issued the gold and silver coins "20th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army" and the gold coin "20th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi". The 20th anniversary of signing Collective Security Treaty and the 10 years of the Organization of Treaty were celebrated by issuing a collector coin dedicated to those landmark events. The military and political alliance between Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kirgizia, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan was created on 15 May 1992 by signing Collective Security Treaty. This plays an important role in maintaining peace and security, as well as non-proliferation of weapons in the region.

Notable events included the 300th anniversary of birth of famous poet-singer Sayat-Nova and 125th anniversary of birth of great scholar, orientalist Joseph Orbeli. The contribution of these individuals to the development of Armenian art and science is irreplaceable.

As in previous years, in 2012 too, the Central Bank of Armenia participated in the international numismatic program "History of Armenia" by issuing six collector coins of the series "Armenian Monasteries and Churches". These are dedicated to the famous monastery complexes which were major religious, educational, scientific and cultural centers in Armenia in the Middle Ages.

In the end of this address I am proud to announce that coins of the series "Cross-stones of Armenia" and the coin dedicated to the 2200th anniversary of foundation of Artashat, the fourth capital of Armenia, earned honorary awards at the international numismatic contest "Coin Constellation-2012" which, undoubtedly, points to a good thematic content, professional design and high mintage quality of Armenian collector coins.



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COLLECTOR COINS 2012

In 2012 the Central Bank of Armenia issued 19 collector coins, 13 of which had been issued under the international numismatic programs.

Of the thematic series "Armenian Statehood", we issued the coins "20th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army" (gold and silver) and "20th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi" (gold). The collector coins dedicated to the 300th anniversary of birth of Sayat-Nova and 125th anniversary of birth of Joseph Orbeli were the latest addition to the thematic series "Celebrities".

The collector coin "500th Anniversary of Armenian Book Printing" deserves special attention as it was issued in the framework of the events

carried out under the state program "Yerevan World Book Capital 2012". The coin highlighted the importance of the first Armenian printed book "Urbatagirq" by Hakob Meghapart in 1512 in maintaining national identity and further development of science and culture.

We also marked the 20th anniversary of signing the Collective Security Treaty and the 10 years of the Organization of Treaty by issuing a silver collector coin which reflects the strength and power of the seven country-members of the Treaty. The coin came to replenish the thematic series "Armenia and International Community".

In 2012 the Central Bank of Armenia continued cooperation with Coin Invest Trust of Liechtenstein and International Coin House of Switzerland. Under the international numismatic program "History of Armenia" we issued collector coins "Etchmiadzin", "Gndevank", "Noravank", "Sanahin", "Kecharis" and "Goshavank" of the series "Armenian Monasteries and Churches". Two more coins "Karate" and "Kokh" joined "Judo" and "Wushu" issued under an international numismatic program "Art of Fighting" back in 2011. A collector coin "Sergei Parajanov" was issued by the proposal of the Mint of Poland.

The cooperation with a German company Geiger Edelmetalle GmbH made it possible to issue in 2012 a unique set of silver collector coins "Noah's Ark", consisting of three coins of similar design but different weights (7,77 g, 15,55 g and 31,1 g). It is worth mentioning that these coins gained widespread popularity elsewhere in the world thanks to their all-Christian thematic content and beautiful design.

Full details of contents and technical characteristics relating to the above-mentioned issues are available in this journal. Traditionally, the journal includes a brief account of cooperating mints and artist-designers, a summary of results of contests held during the year, and a program of issue of collector coins for the next year.



Sayat-Nova

300

Theme:
Celebrities (*Music*)

SAYAT-NOVA (1712-1795) is a prominent Armenian poet-singer. There are more than 200 songs which we have from Sayat-Nova, and love is the prevailing theme there. Elements of minstrelsy and individual creativity were combined into his works. He also wrote songs with exhortation touch. As a musician, he sang while playing on qamancha, an old string instrument. Sayat-Nova's songs are based on aria music: the tones and command of sounds come as the main factor in building the frame of his melodies. His art had a great influence on the development of bard art in Transcaucasia. Sayat-Nova's character has been reflected in literature, in the works of fine arts, music, theater and cinema. His song lyrics have been translated in many languages.

Obverse of the coin depicts a pomegranate symbolizing the well-known movie "The Color of Pomegranate" by Sergei Parajanov, which is dedicated to

Sayat-Nova. A qamancha, a book and a pen are seen on the background of the pomegranate. The issue year "2012" is on the right to qamancha and an Armenian ornament to the left. On the upper left is nominal value "10 000 DRAM" and in semicircle are inscriptions "CENTRAL BANK OF ARMENIA" in English and Armenian.

Reverse of the coin depicts a sculptural portrait of Sayat-Nova. Above the bust are trimmings while to the right in vertical is an inscription "300 SAYAT-NOVA" in Armenian.

Designed by Tigran Chobanyan.

Minted in the Royal Dutch Mint.

In circulation since 25.01.2012.

Nominal value	10 000 dram
Metal and alloy	gold, 900 ⁰
Weight	8,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	1 000 pcs



Nominal value	1 000 dram
Metal and alloy	silver, 925 ⁰
Weight	33,6 g
Shape	octangular
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	500 pcs



20th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army

Theme:
Armenian Statehood
(*Armed Forces of Armenia*)



The gold and silver collector coins are dedicated to the 20th anniversary of formation of the Armenian Army.

Obverse of the coins depicts the coat of arms of the Republic of Armenia. Beneath the coat of arms are nominal values "10 000 DRAM" and "1000 DRAM", along the rim - inscription "CENTRAL BANK OF ARMENIA" and the issue year "2012".

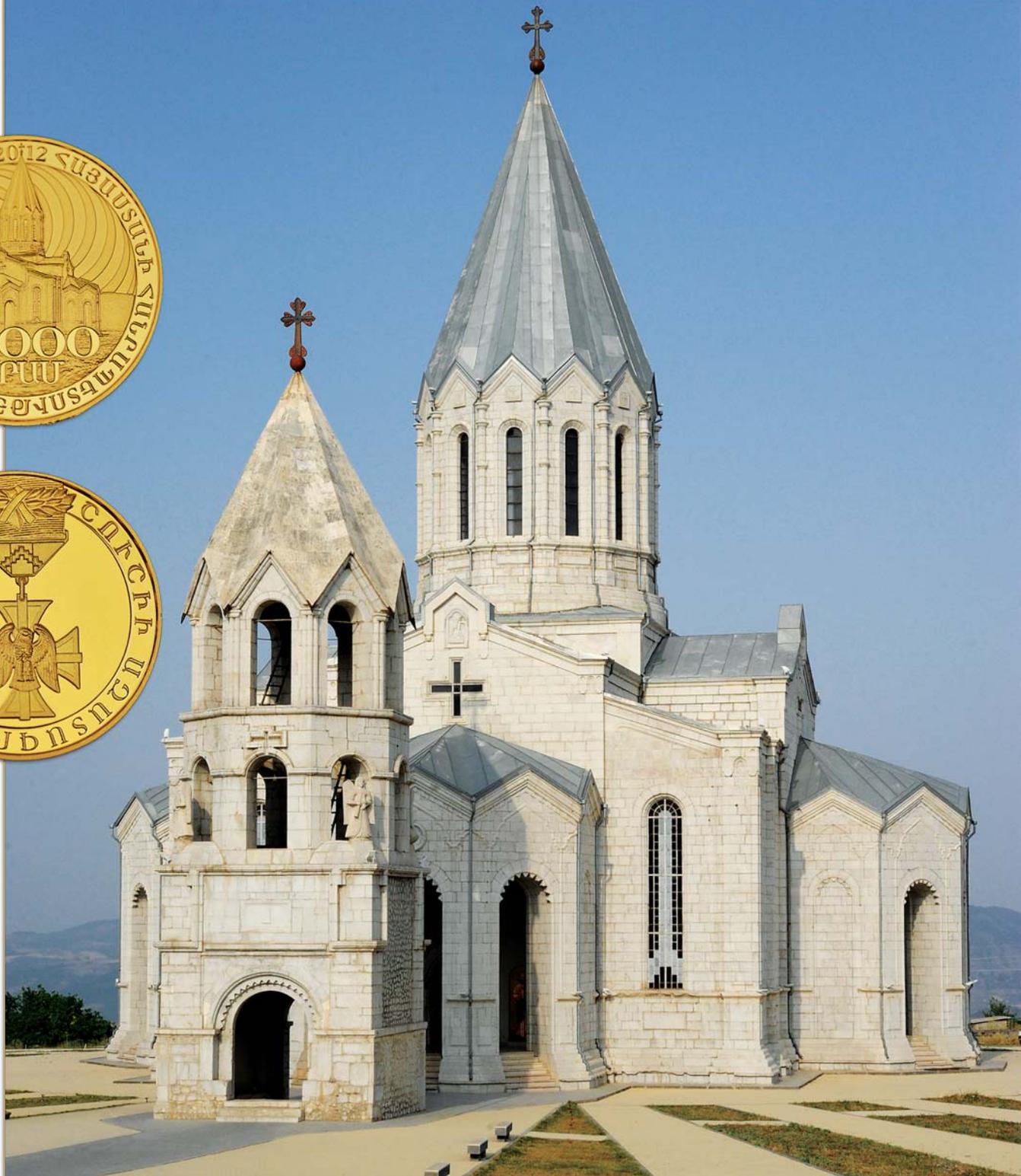
Reverse of the coin depicts the Emblem of Armed Forces of Armenia and the medal "Homeland". Since April 22, 1994, the medal "Homeland" is awarded to people in service for defense and strengthening of law and order as well as for exclusive service to the Republic of Armenia in creating national values. Along the rim - inscription "20th ANNIVERSARY OF FORMATION OF ARMENIAN ARMY" in Armenian.

Designed by Haroutiun Samuelian.

Minted in the Royal Dutch Mint.

In circulation since 25.01.2012.

Nominal value	10 000 dram
Metal and alloy	gold, 900 ⁰
Weight	8,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	500 pcs



20th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi

Theme:
Armenian Statehood
(*Armed Forces of Armenia*)

This collector coin is dedicated to the 20th anniversary of liberation of Shushi, the Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh (9 May, 1992). The liberation of Shushi was the first significant victory in war in Artsakh. On May 8, 1992, self-defense forces of the Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh liberated the town of Shushi under the command of Colonel Arkady Ter-Tadevosyan. Well-organized, brave and determined, Armenian fighters attacked 4 directions simultaneously and on May 9, 1992, they liberated Shushi, an ancient town-fortress of Armenia.

The liberation was meant to restore the historic homeland and its peoples' right to live and strengthen the Armenian triumphant spirit. Former residents of Shushi and those living in

different parts of Nagorno-Karabakh already re-settled. There are schools, cultural centers and churches in Shushi.

Obverse of the coin depicts St Savior Church of Ghazanchetsots in Shushi on the background of the sign of eternity. At the bottom is nominal value of the coin "10 000 DRAM", along the rim - inscription "CENTRAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA" in Armenian and the issue year "2012".

Reverse of the coin depicts the medal "Golden Eagle" and the Emblem of the Armed Forces of Armenia; along the rim - inscription "20th ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION OF SHUSHI" in Armenian.

Designed by Haroutiun Samuelian.

Minted in the Royal Dutch Mint.

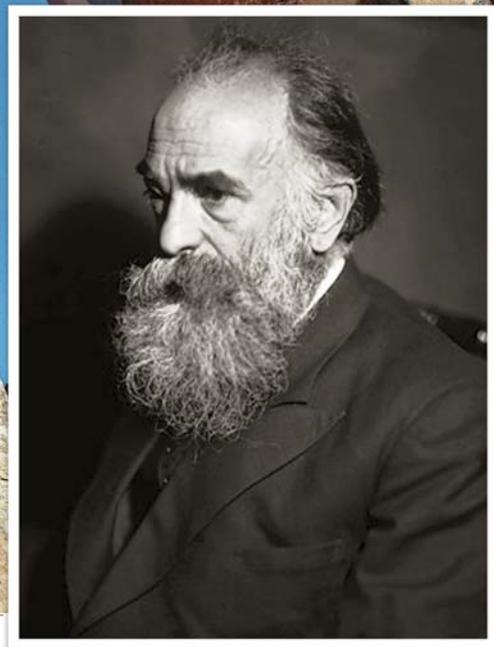
In circulation since 25.01.2012.

Nominal value	10 000 dram
Metal and alloy	gold, 900 ⁰
Weight	8,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	500 pcs



Joseph Orbeli 125

Theme:
Celebrities (*Science*)



JOSEPH ABGAR ORBELI (1887-1961) is an outstanding Armenian scientist-academician, orientalist, and a public figure. He served as first president of the Academy of Sciences in Soviet Armenia. Scientific and teaching activities were closely related to the St. Petersburg (Leningrad) University (Associate Professor, head of departments for Georgian and Armenian Philology, Material Culture, History of the Middle East). As member of the Union of Archaeological Excavations in St. Petersburg and Moscow, Orbeli took part in excavations of Ani, west Armenia, joined other archaeological campaigns, and prepared the scientific description of what he found in Ani. Since 1920, he worked at the State Hermitage Museum where he created the Department of the East, the largest center of oriental studies. In 1934-1951 served as director of the Hermitage (during WW2 Orbeli did a great job of preserving museum values, and then led the restoration of Hermitage). In 1956-1961 served as head of the Department at the Leningrad Institute of Oriental Studies. The main research activities are devoted to the history and

culture of Caucasus as well as medieval history of the Middle East. Orders awarded to him include the Lenin order, Red Banner of Labor 2nd degree order and Scientific Services 1st degree order of Iran.

Obverse of the coin depicts a fragment from archaeological measurements by Orbeli, some Hermitage exhibits in silver and a stone tile with records from island Aghtamar. On the upper right is the issue year "2012", at the bottom is nominal value "1000 DRAM" and along the rim - inscription "CENTRAL BANK OF ARMENIA" in Armenian and English.

Reverse of the coin depicts the bust of Orbeli to the right and an exhibit (a jug) from the 1910 archaeological expedition to Ani to the left. The anniversary information "125 years" is shown above and an inscription "ՀՈՎԱՍԹ ՕՐԲԵԼԻ JOSEPH ORBELI 1887 1961" below.

Designed by Vardan Vardanyan.

Minted in the Royal Dutch Mint.

In circulation since 25. 01. 2012.

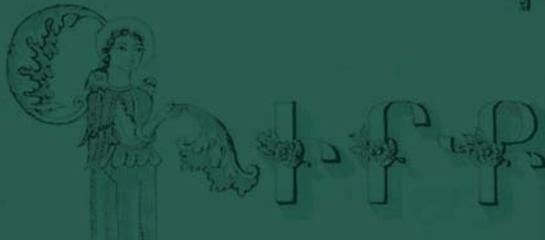
Nominal value	1 000 dram
Metal and alloy	silver, 925 ⁰
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	500 pcs

BOOK YOUR FUTURE

500th Anniversary of Armenian Book Printing

Theme:
Armenian Culture
(*Culture of History*)





The first Armenian print book, Urbatagirq, was printed in Venice, Italy, in 1512 by Hakob Meghapart. The font of the book is orbicular and the printing bi-colored, in black and red.

The work got its title presumably on a basis of the starting word Friday. According to Ghevond Alishan Friday was thought to be a day influenced by mascot, while those using the book were called Urbatatesq ("Friday-imaged"). Urbatagirq is a collection of prayers and wishes: it includes extensive sections from the Gospel and the poem "Book of Lamentation" by Grigor Narekatsi.

Hakob Meghapart is the founder of Armenian book printing and virtually the beginner of print books in Armenian. The first Armenian print house founded by Meghapart started in 1512-1513 and it published probably 6 titles of books (5 of which survived). These are: Urbatagirq, Pataragatetr, Aghtarq, Parzatumar, and Tagharan. Pages of Hakob Meghapart books are patterned. Books are small by size and cased with leather ornament. In the 16th century, there were a total of 17 books already published in Venice, Istanbul, Rome and Amsterdam. Later, Armenian print houses were set up in Lviv, Milan, Paris, New Julfa (Isfahan), Leipzig and elsewhere in the world. The first Armenian printing house was founded in 1771 in Vagharshapat.

In 2012, Yerevan, the Armenian capital, was proclaimed the 12th International Book Capital. On this occasion, large-scale measures and festivities got together the world's writers, publishers, librarians, book traders and, in general, booklovers everywhere. The year was full of events such as book exhibitions, international fairs, contests ("Best Literary Work", "Best Thematic Posters"), a variety of projects ("Give-A-Book Day"), workshops, and film premieres. The measures promoted the development of the countries cultural, political, social and economic life.

Obverse of the coin depicts a logotype of Yerevan as the world book capital and the issue year "2012". At the bottom is nominal value "1000 DRAM" and along the rim - inscription "CENTRAL BANK OF ARMENIA" in Armenian.

Reverse of the coin depicts a scene from Venice, a stamp-mark of Hakob Meghapart as the first book printer, and the Urbatagirq. To the left is an inscription "Urbatagirq" and in the right semicircle there is an inscription "500th ANNIVERSARY OF ARMENIAN BOOK PRINTING" in Armenian.

Designed by Vardan Vardanyan.

Minted in the Royal Dutch Mint.

In circulation since 25.01.2012.

Nominal value	1 000 dram
Metal and alloy	silver, 925 ⁰
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	500 pcs



Anniversaries of signing and organization of the Treaty on Collective Security

Theme:
Armenia and International Community



This collector coin is dedicated to the 20th anniversary of signing of Collective Security Treaty (CST) and the 10th anniversary of the Organization of Collective Security Treaty (OCST).

CST was signed on May 15, 1992. Member countries include Armenia, Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kirgizia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. One requirement of CST is that member countries shall put joint efforts to withstand and, where needed, to eliminate any military threats to their sovereignty and territorial integrity. In 2002 CST was restructured into OCST with the main areas of responsibility such as member countries' foreign policy coordination, military cooperation and arrangement of military equipment and withstanding today's threats and challenges. In September of 2012 joint military exercises "Cooperation-2012" took place at Marshal Baghramyan Military College with the participation of OCST Collective Rapid Response Forces.

Obverse of the coin depicts the coat of arms of the Republic of Armenia and national flags of member-states. A stylish image of Mount Ararat is in the middle and the issue year "2012" is shown. Beneath the coat of arms is nominal value "1000 DRAM" in Armenian and line in semicircle in upper and lower parts - inscriptions "TREATY ON COLLECTIVE SECURITY" and "REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA" in Armenian.

Reverse of the coin depicts a branched tree and the Organization's logotype in the center; line in semicircle in upper and lower parts - inscriptions "10th ANNIVERSARY OF ORGANIZATION" and "20th ANNIVERSARY OF SIGNING" in Armenian.

Designed by Eduard Kurghinyan.

Minted in the Royal Dutch Mint.

In circulation since 17. 12. 2012.

Nominal value	1 000 dram
Metal and alloy	silver, 925 ⁰
Diameter	40,0 mm
Weight	33,6 g
Quality	proof with pad-printing
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	200 pcs

Armenian Monasteries and Churches

(6 coins)

Theme:
Architectural Monuments

These collector coins have been issued under the International Numismatic Program "History of Armenia" and are dedicated to the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin and monasteries of Noravank, Gndevank, Sanahin, Goshavank and Kecharis.

Obverse of the coins depicts the coat of arms of the Republic of Armenia and nominal value "1000 DRAM"; at the bottom - inscription "REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA" in English; on the right side - vertical inscription "REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA" in Armenian separated from the coat of arms by a vertical line.

Producer and distributor is "Coin Invest Trust", Liechtenshtein.

Minted in the Mayer Mint, Germany.

"The Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin", "Noravank" and "Gndevank" coins are in circulation since 15. 09. 2012, "Sanahin", "Goshavank" and "Kecharis" coins are in circulation since 12. 11. 2012.

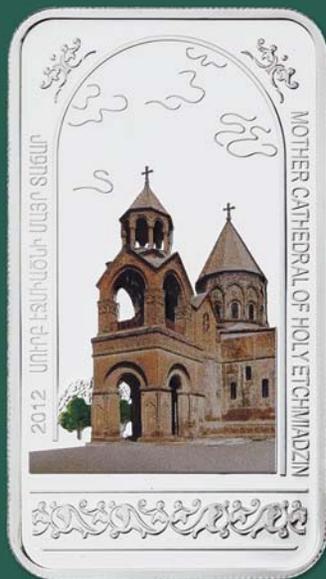


Nominal value	1 000 dram
Metal and alloy	silver, 925 ⁰
Weight	25 g
Size	27 x 47 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	up to 2 500 pcs per type

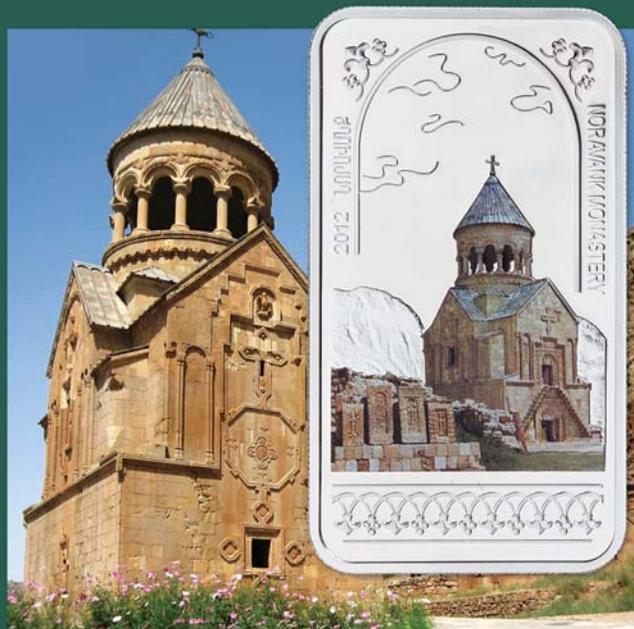
Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin

The Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin is a spiritual and administrative center of the Armenian Apostolic Church, the place of sacred pilgrimage of the Armenians all over the world and the Holy See of Catholicos of All Armenians. The Mother Cathedral, the main building of the Armenian Apostolic Church, is housed there. It was built in 301-303 with the assistance of King Trdat III and Gregory the Illuminator at the place where, according to Gregory the Illuminator's description, the only begotten Son of God descended ("Etchmiadzin" means "the descent of the only

begotten" in Armenian). A three-tier bell-tower was built as an attachment to the west side of the Mother Cathedral in the 17th century. In the 18th century a museum was added as part of the building, where lots of works of the Armenian ecclesiastical art were kept. The Mother Cathedral's inside walls are decorated with frescos authored by Naghash Hovnatan and, at a later time, by Hovnatan Hovnatanyan.



Reverse of the coin depicts the building of the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin; on the right and left sides - vertical inscriptions "2012 MOTHER CATHEDRAL OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN" in English and Armenian. There are trimmings to the right and left at the top, and at the bottom.



Noravank

Noravank is a medieval monastic complex (13-14 centuries), located 3 km northeast from Amaghu village of Vayots Dzor province. It is fenced by stones and includes the major church of St Karapet with the attached vestibule, the burial vault of Prince Smbat and two-tier church of St Astvatsatsin (Holy Mother of God). High-relief patterns around the vestibule's western portal and windows, all authored by Momik, a talented sculptor and miniaturist, and the entrance tympanums decorated with high reliefs of the Holy Virgin with the child Jesus, are singled out among the other decorations.

Reverse of the coin depicts the building of the Noravank; on the right and left sides - vertical inscriptions "2012 NORAVANK" in Armenian and "NORAVANK MONASTERY" in English. There are trimmings to the right and left at the top, and at the bottom.

Gndevank

Gndevank is a medieval monastic complex located on the left bank of Arpa River, to the west of Gndevaz village of Vayots Dzor province. The major structure of the complex, the church of St Stepanos, was built in 931-936 as commissioned by Princess Sophia of Syunik Province. Yeghishe the priest watched over the construction as well as decorated interior of the church with frescos. There are khachkars and tombstones of 10-16th centuries in the yard of the church.



Reverse of the coin depicts the building of the Gndevank; on the right and left sides - vertical inscriptions "2012 GNDEVANK" in Armenian and "GNDEVANK MONASTERY" in English. There are trimmings to the right and left at the top, and at the bottom.



Sanahin

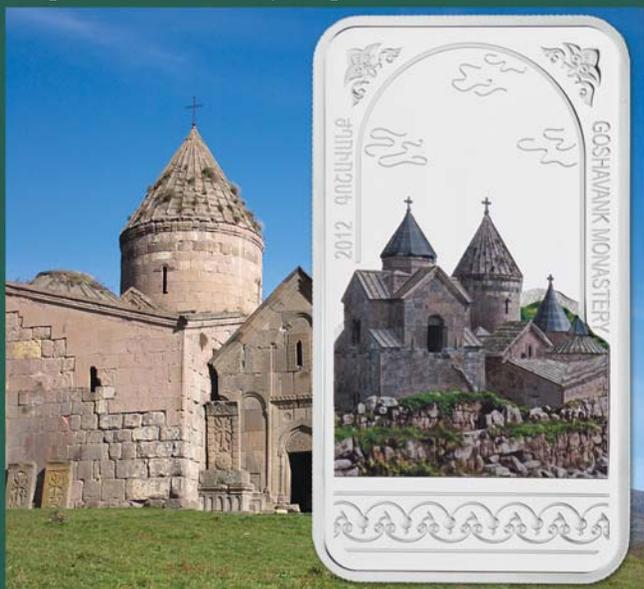
Sanahin is a monastery complex which is located in Alaverdy town of Lori Province. It was an important spiritual, cultural and educational center in 10-13 centuries. The complex includes the churches of the Mother of God and All-Savior, three church porches, a script-house, a bell-tower, an academy and the St Gregory chapel.

In 2001 the Sanahin complex was included in the UNESCO world heritage list.

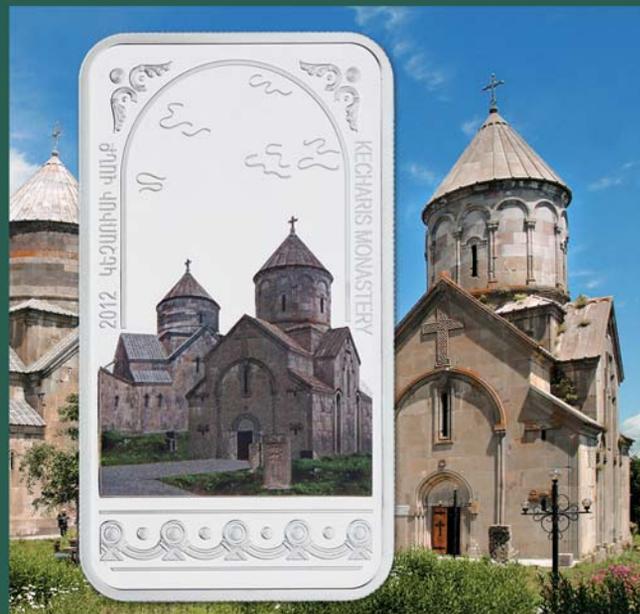
Reverse of the coin depicts the building of the Sanahin; on the right and left sides - vertical inscriptions "2012 SANAHIN" in Armenian and "SANAHIN MONASTERY" in English. There are trimmings to the right and left at the top, and at the bottom.

Goshavank

Goshavank is a monastery complex which is located in Gosh village of Tavoush Province. The name of Goshavank came in honor of an outstanding scientist, fabulist and pedagogue Mkhitar Gosh who founded the monastery in 1188. The main building of the complex, the church Astvatsatsin ("Mother of God") was built in 1191-1196. The complex includes the St Gregory and St Gregory the Illuminator churches, a church porch, two chapels and a two-storey scriptorium-bell tower.



Reverse of the coin depicts the building of the Goshavank; on the right and left sides - vertical inscriptions "2012 GOSHAVANK" in Armenian and "GOSHAVANK MONASTERY" in English. There are trimmings to the right and left at the top, and at the bottom.



Kecharis

The Kecharis monastery complex was an outstanding religious and cultural center in medieval Armenia. It is located in Tsaghkadzor town of Kotayk Province. The complex includes the St Gregory the Illuminator, St Nshan, Katoghike and St Harutyun churches. It also has a church porch and two chapels. Built by Grigor Magistros in 1033, the St Gregory the Illuminator church is the central one of the complex. In 2000 the Kecharis church was re-anointed to become the principal of the Kotayk diocese.

Reverse of the coin depicts the building of the Kecharis; on the right and left sides - vertical inscriptions "2012 KECHARIS" in Armenian and "KECHARIS MONASTERY" in English. There are trimmings to the right and left at the top, and at the bottom.

Art of Fighting

Theme:
Sport

The collector coins "Karate" and "Kokh" come next to the series of collector coins issued under the International Numismatic Program "Art of Fighting".

Designed by Eduard Kurghinyan.



Karate

Karate ("path of empty hand") is a Japanese martial art. It has come to Japan from island Okinawa and then expanded into all over the world. Karate has sports, applied and traditional directions in which numerous styles are practiced.

Obverse of the coin depicts well-known Shureimon Gates of Shuri Castle in Okinawa and the issue year "2012"; line in semicircle in upper and lower parts - inscriptions "REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA 1000 DRAM" in English and Armenian.

Reverse of the coin depicts three athletes performing special Karate tricks; line in vertical semicircle - inscriptions "KARATE" in English and Armenian.

Producer and distributor is "International Coin House", Switzerland.

Minted in the Mayer Mint, Germany.

In circulation since 12. 11. 2012.

Nominal value
Metal and alloy
Weight
Diameter
Quality
Edge
Quantity

1 000 dram
silver, 925⁰
28,28 g
38,61 mm
proof with pad-printing
ribbed
up to 5 000 pcs

Kokh

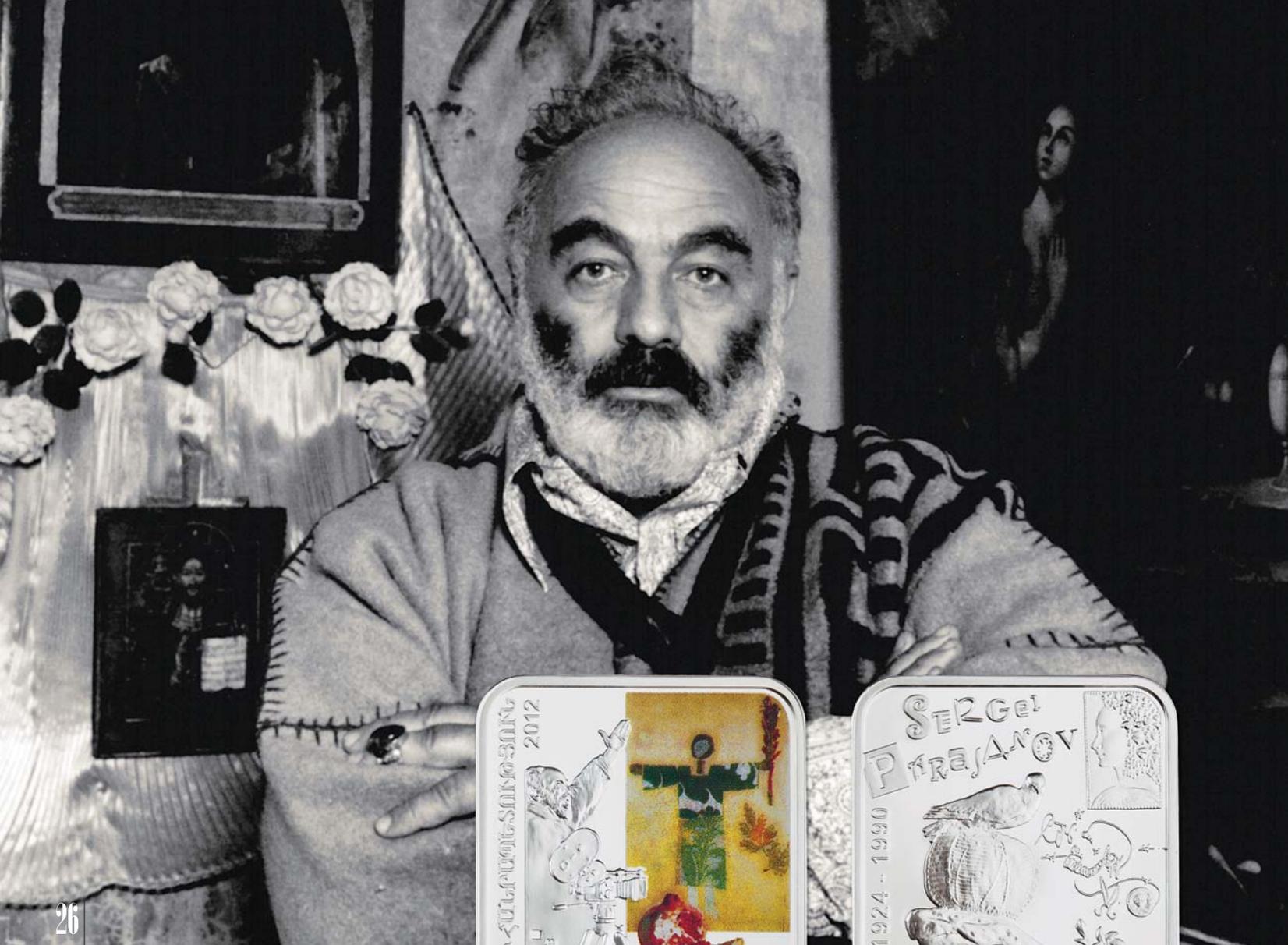
Kokh is a wrestling style traditionally practiced in Armenia. An interesting feature which makes kokh distinctive is that wrestlers have to start with a national dance before the very fighting. Formerly, kokh was an integral part of national festivities, wedding parties and other entertainment events as it played an important role in cultural and educational context. Prominent wrestlers include Sadun Artsruni (13th century), Hakob Jughayetsi (17th century), Simon Pehlivoun and others.

Obverse of the coin depicts an Armenian monastery complex Sevanavank on Sevan Peninsula and the issue year "2012"; line in semicircle in upper and lower parts - inscriptions "REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA 1000 DRAM" in English and Armenian.

Reverse of the coin depicts two wrestlers on the background of mountains. There are images of musicians in national costumes; line in vertical semicircle - inscriptions "KOKH" in English and Armenian.



Nominal value	1 000 dram
Metal and alloy	silver, 925 ⁰
Weight	28,28 g
Diameter	38,61 mm
Quality	proof with pad-printing
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	up to 5 000 pcs



Sergei Parajanov

Theme:
Armenian Culture
(*Science, Literature, Art*)

This coin has been issued under the International Numismatic Program.

SERGEI PARAJANOV (Sargis Parajanyants, 1924-1990) is a renowned film director, artist, master of collage. A film director and screenwriter of more than 20 feature and documentary films. Collage as a creative principle is widely used by Parajanov in filmmaking, while calling this genre of art a "condensed film". He has authored around 1400 artworks, including collages, schemes, collectibles, dolls, hats, which are shown in the Sergei Parajanov Museum (Yerevan).

Obverse of the coin depicts a fragment from a collage to the right and Sergei Parajanov with a movie camera to the left. There is a split pomegranate as well as the brand of the Mint. Below is nominal value inscribed as "DRAM 100 ԴՐԱՄ" and the coat of arms of the Republic of Armenia. At the bottom and left edges are shown inscriptions "REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA" in English and Armenian. The issue year "2012" is depicted as well.

Reverse of the coin depicts the portrait of Parajanov, above which is a stylish inscription "SERGEI PARAJANOV". A fragment from the collage "In memoriam of Fabergé" is on the upper right corner and Parajanov's original signature is beneath it. The date of artist's birth and death "1924-1990" are in the left edge in vertical.

Designed by Urszula Walerzak.

Producer and distributor is the Mint of Poland.

In circulation since 12. 06. 2012.

Nominal value	100 dram
Metal and alloy	silver, 925 ⁰
Weight	28,28 g
Size	28,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	even
Quantity	up to 5 555 pcs

Noah's Ark

Theme:
History of Armenia



The silver collector coins "Noah's Ark" by weight 7,77, 15,55 and 31,1 g have been issued under the International Numismatic Program "Noah's Ark". According to the Bible, in the time of Patriarch Noah the earth was full of sin. People moved away from God and were leading their lives against the will of the Lord. As people were getting increasingly wicked and pervert, God decided to destroy the sinful humanity, doing grace to Noah only as he was the only perfect and righteous man in a vicious and wrongful world like this. God instructed Noah to build a boat, a three-story ark, to save himself, his wife, the three sons and their wives from the flood which would begin soon. As well as Noah was instructed to take a remnant of all the world's animals and birds on board. For 40 days and nights the earth was flooded with heavy rains, and the water rose and covered the land for 150 days, destroying people and animals. As the water began to recede, Noah's ark landed on Mount Ararat. Mount Ararat is therefore perceived as a symbol of salvation of humanity.

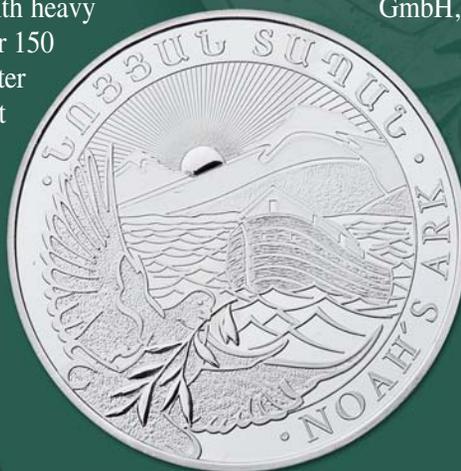
Obverse of the coin depicts the coat of arms of the Republic of Armenia with the nominal value and the issue year "2012" beneath it. To the right are the weights of the coins and an inscription Ag 999 and to the left is the stamp - mark of the manufacturer; line in semicircle at the top and bottom - inscriptions "REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA" in English and Armenian.

Reverse of the coin depicts the Noah's ark, a white dove with an olive branch in the beak and Mount Ararat in the sunrise; line in semicircle at the top and bottom - inscriptions "NOAH'S ARK" in English and Armenian.

Designed by Eduard Kurhinyan.

Producer and distributor is Geiger Edelmetalle GmbH, Germany.

In circulation since 25. 12. 2012.



Nominal value	100 / 200 / 500 dram
Metal and alloy	silver, 999 ⁰
Weight	7,77 / 15,55 / 31,1 g
Diameter	20,18 / 27,66 / 38,60 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed-interrupteded, numbered
Quantity	up to 2 000 pcs per type

Collector coins of the Republic of Armenia

by series and years of issue

(1994 - 2012)

Armenian Statehood

Artsakh	(silver, 1994)
National Assembly Building	(silver, 1995)
Kingdom of Cilicia	(silver, 1995)
Kingdom of Artashes	(silver, 1995)
Arshakuni Kingdom	(silver, 1995)
Bagratuni Kingdom	(silver, 1995)
10 th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia (1991-2001)	(silver, 2001)
15 th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia (1991-2006)	(silver, 2006)
20 th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia (1991-2011)	(silver, 2011)

Armed Forces of Armenia

Armed Forces of Armenia	(gold / silver, 2005)
15 th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army	(gold, 2007)
15 th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi	(gold, 2007)
20 th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army	(gold / silver 2012)
20 th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi	(gold, 2012)

Armenian Commanders

Marshal Baghramyan-100	(silver, 1997)
Garegin Nzhdeh	(silver, 2001)
Marshal Babajanyan-100	(silver, 2006)

Armenian Currency

Spindle	(silver, 1994)
5 th Anniversary of Armenian Currency	(silver, 1998)
15 th Anniversary of Armenian Currency	(silver, 2008)

Armenia and International Community

UN-50	(silver, 1995)
Armenia-Diaspora Forum	(silver, 1999)
New Millennium	(silver, 2000)
Armenia-a member of European Council	(silver, 2001)
International Polar Year	(silver, 2006)
200 th Anniversary of Establishment of the Mechitarists Congregation in Vienna	(silver, 2011)
Anniversaries of singing and organization of the Treaty on Collective Security	(silver, 2012)

Celebrities

Literature

Pushkin-200	(silver, 1999)
William Saroyan-100	(gold, 2008)
Khachatour Abovyan-200	(gold, 2009)
Raffi-175	(gold, 2010)
Vahan Terian-125	(gold, 2010)
Misag Metsarents-125	(gold, 2011)

Fine Arts

Arshille Gorky-100	(gold, 2004)
Martiros Sarian-125	(gold, 2005)
Hakob Gyurjian-125	(gold, 2006)
Jan Garzou-100	(gold, 2007)
Vardges Sureniants-150	(silver, 2010)
Toros Roslin-800	(gold, 2011)

Music

Aram Khachaturyan-100	(gold / silver, 2002)
Komitas	(gold, 2006)
Sayat-Nova-300	(gold, 2012)

Science

Anania Shirakatsi-1400	(silver, 2004)
Artem Mikoyan-100	(silver, 2005)
Viktor Hambartsumyan-100	(silver, 2008)
Movses Khorenatsi-1600	(silver, 2010)
Leo-150	(silver, 2010)
Joseph Orbeli-125	(silver, 2012)

Cinema, Theatre, Circus

Leonid Engibaryan-75	(silver, 2010)
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Sport

Tigran Petrosyan-70	(silver, 1999)
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Architectural Monuments

Sardarapat	(silver, 1994)
David of Sasoun	(silver, 1994)
Garni	(silver, 1994)
Monastery of Gandzasar	(silver, 2004)
Armenian Monasteries and Churches (Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin, Noravank, Gndevank, Sanahin, Goshavank, Kecharis)	(silver, 2012)

Armenian Culture

History of Culture

1600 th Anniversary of Invention of Armenian Alphabet	(gold, 2002)
1000 th Anniversary of the Poem "Book of Lamentations"	(silver, 2002)
Sahak A Partev	(silver, 2005)
King Vramshapuh	(silver, 2005)
825 th Anniversary of "The Codex" written by Mkhitar Gosh	(silver, 2009)
725 th Anniversary of Gladzor University	(silver, 2009)
Gospel Scenes in Armenian Miniatures (Annunciation, Adoration of Magi, Entry into Jerusalem, Ascension)	(silver, 2010)
Cross-stones of Armenia (Gndevank, Goshavank, Kecharis, Sanahin, Etchmiadzin, Noravank)	(silver, 2011)
500 th Anniversary of Armenian Book Printing	(silver, 2012)

Science, Literature, Art

Matenadaran-50	(silver, 2007)
Hovhannes Aivazovsky	(silver, 2006)
75 th Anniversary of the Opera and Ballet Theatre	(silver, 2008)
Jazz	(silver, 2010)
Teodor Axentowicz	(silver, 2010)
Sergei Parajanov	(silver, 2012)

Religion

Holy Etchmiadzin	(gold / silver, 1998)
Ani	(gold / silver, 1998)
Aghtamar	(gold / silver, 1998)
Haghpat	(silver, 1998)
Armenian Patriarchs of the 20 th Century	(gold, 2008)
St Sargis the Commander	(gold, 2009)

Mythology

Goddess Anahit	(gold, 1997)
Noah descending from Ararat	(gold, 1999)
Haik Nahapet	(gold, 2007)

Armenian History

10 th Years of the Earthquake	(silver, 1998)
Tigran the Great	(gold, 1999)
Tigran the Great	(gold, 2003)
110 th Anniversary of the State Bank	(silver, 2003)
10 th Anniversary of the Court of Cassation	(gold, 2008)
Ani-1050	(gold, 2011)
Artashat-2200	(gold, 2011)
Noah's Ark	(silver, 2012)

Armenian Flora and Fauna

Flora

Apricot	(silver, 1994)
Armenian grape	(silver, 2007)
Beauty of Flowers (Galanthus Artjuschenkoae, Tanacetum Zangezuricum, Sorbus hajastana, Crocus adamii)	(silver, 2010-2011)
Pomegranate	(gold, 2011)

Fauna

Caucasian Otter	(silver, 1997)
Armenian Gull	(silver, 1998)
Wild World of Caucasus Wide-Eared Hedgehog Trans-Caucasian Grey Bear Caucasian Forest Cat	

Mediterranean Tortoise

Fore-Asian Leopard

Wide-nosed Duck

Trout

Armenian Viper

Bezoar

Armenian Moufflon

Caucasian Owl

Toad Agama

(silver, 2006-2008)

Sport

Chess Olympiad	(silver, 1996, «LIALOOSIN»)
Chess Olympiad	(silver, 1996, «ROYAL MINT»)
18 th Winter Olympic Games	(silver, 1998)
1998 Football World Cup	(silver, 1998)
First Pan-Armenian Games	(silver, 1999)
2006 Football World Cup	(silver, 2004)
37 th Chess Olympiad	(gold, 2006)
Kings of Football Pele, Eusebio, Yashin, Beckenbauer, Boniek, Kempes, Cruyff, Platini	(silver, 2008-2009) (silver, 2010-2011)
Art of Fighting (Judo, Wushu, Karate, Kokh)	(silver, 2011-2012)

Other

The Signs of Zodiac Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces	(silver, 2007-2008)
The Signs of Zodiac Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Aries, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo	(gold, 2008-2009)

Armenian Collector Coin Issue Program 2013

Vahram Papazyan-125

Nominal value	10 000 dram
Metal and alloy	gold, 900 ⁰
Weight	8,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	1 000 pcs

Stepan Aghajanian-150

Nominal value	100 dram
Metal and alloy	silver, 925 ⁰
Weight	28,28 g
Size	28,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	brilliant uncirculated
Edge	even
Quantity	500 pcs

Benjamin Margaryan-100

Nominal value	1 000 dram
Metal and alloy	silver, 925 ⁰
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	500 pcs

Ara Beqaryan-100

Nominal value	100 dram
Metal and alloy	silver, 925 ⁰
Weight	28,28 g
Size	28,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	brilliant uncirculated
Edge	even
Quantity	500 pcs

20 Years of National Currency (1993-2013)

Nominal value	1 000 dram
Metal and alloy	silver, 999 ⁰
Weight	31,1 g
Diameter	38,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	even, numbered
Quantity	500 pcs

Letters of Armenian Alphabet

Nominal value	5 000 dram / 500 dram
Metal and alloy	gold, 999 ⁰ / silver, 999 ⁰
Weight	3,89 g / 15,55 g
Diameter	20,0 mm / 30,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed-interrupted
Quantity	200 pcs per type

Letters of Armenian Alphabet

Nominal value	5 000 dram / 500 dram
Metal and alloy	gold, 999 ⁰ / silver, 999 ⁰
Weight	3,89 g / 15,55 g
Diameter	20,0 mm / 30,0 mm
Quality	brilliant uncirculated
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	gold - up to 5 000 pcs / silver - up to 8 000 pcs

Mints

In 2012 the Central Bank of Armenia cooperated with such companies as the Mint of Poland, the Royal Dutch Mint, Coin Invest Trust of Liechtenstein, International Coin House of Switzerland, and Geiger Edelmetalle GmbH, Germany. The Coin Invest Trust of Liechtenstein organized production and distribution of the coins issued under the program "Cross-stones of Armenia" and International Coin House of Switzerland organized production and distribution of the coins issued under the program "Art of Fighting". German minting company Geiger Edelmetalle GmbH organized production and distribution of three types of collector coins "Noah's Ark".

Mint of Poland

The Mint of Poland is the first mint the Central Bank of Armenia has been cooperating with since 1993. The collector coin "Sergei Parajanov" was issued on proposal of the Mint of Poland.

Royal Dutch Mint

The cooperation between the Royal Dutch Mint and the Central Bank of Armenia starts in 1998. From this date on there have been more than 40 collector coins issued at the Mint. The Royal Dutch Mint has been recognized as winner of the tender organized by the Central Bank of Armenia for production of coins of 2012-2013 years of issue. Among collector coins struck by the Royal Dutch Mint in 2012 were "Sayat-Nova-300", "20th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi", "20th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army" (gold and silver), "Joseph Orbeli-125", "500th Anniversary of Armenian Book Printing" and "Anniversaries of signing and organization of the Treaty on Collective Security".

Coin Invest Trust

The company "Coin Invest Trust" was established in 1970. The head office is in Liechtenstein. The company is one of the key players in world numismatics and actively cooperates with central banks, mints and reputable companies all over the world. The company accepts orders and organizes production and distribution of collector coins for the above said companies.

Mayer Mint

The Mayer Mint was established in Berlin, Germany, in 1871. The company is one of the leading European mint houses. It strikes coins made of precious metals only. In 2012 this company minted collector coins of the Central Bank of Armenia issued under international numismatic programs "Art of Fighting" and "History of Armenia".

International Coin House

The company "International Coin House" is located nearby Zurich, Switzerland. It was established in 2009. Though young enough, the company is one of the leaders in international market and has close ties with central banks, mints and artists-designers all over the world. The company accepts orders and produces collector coins for these organizations as well as develops and implements international numismatic programs. It has been cooperating with the Central Bank of Armenia since 2009.

Geiger Edelmetalle GmbH

This company is located nearby Leipzig, Germany. It is engaged in the precious metals industry, has facilities for striking gold, silver and platinum bars and investment coins. An international market leader in the sale of products made of precious metals. The company cooperates with the Central Bank of Armenia since 2011 when silver investment coins "Noah's Ark" were first issued.

Participation in Contests

International Contest 2012

On 4th of June 2012 Moscow hosted the 6th international contest "Coin Constellation-2012". This is an annual event which was first organized in 2007. A total of 42 organizations (national / central banks, mints, supplier firms) from 29 countries participated in the contest. The participants included:

- ▶ national / central banks of Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Bulgaria, Kirgizia, Poland, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Tajikistan, Russia and Armenia
- ▶ mints of Australia, Austria, Spain, Great Britain, Canada, Andorra, Poland, Singapore, USA, Finland, New Zealand, France, Israel, St. Petersburg and Moscow
- ▶ Coin Invest Trust (Liechtenstein), Emporium Hamburg (Germany), NumisCollect (Netherlands), PAMP, International Coin House (Switzerland), Treasures of Oz (Australia) and other organizations.

On display were more than 250 collector coins and a total of 28 sets of collector coins of the 2011 issue. This is a record figure in the entire history of the contest.

The Jury included a total of 40 experts from world renowned museums and auction houses, coin supplier firms, numismatic associations and coin industry magazines.

Two of the collector coins issued by the Central Bank of Armenia won prizes in the following nominations:

"Series of the Year"

"Cross-stones of Armenia" - 2nd place

The series of collector coins "Cross-stones of Armenia" includes 6 coins: "Etchmiadzin cross-stone", "Kecharis cross-stone", "Gndevank cross-stone", "Goshavank cross-stone", "Noravank cross-stone" and "Sanahin cross-stone".

Producer and distributor is Coin Invest Trust, Liechtenstein.

Minted in the Mayer Mint, Germany.



Nominal value	1 000 dram
Metal and alloy	silver, 925 ⁰
Weight	25 g
Size	27,0 x 47,0 mm
Quality	uncirculated (antique finish)
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	2 500 pcs per type

"Coin of the Year"

"2200th Anniversary of Foundation of Artashat" -
3rd place

Designed by Eduard Kurghinyan.
Minted in the Royal Dutch Mint.



Nominal value	1 000 dram
Metal and alloy	gold, 585 ⁰
Weight	15,6 g
Diameter	26,0 mm
Quality	special uncirculated
Edge	even
Quantity	1 000 pcs

Internal Contest 2012

In 2012 the Central Bank of Armenia organized the fourth contest in two categories: "Best Gold Collector Coin of the Year" and "Best Silver Collector Coin of the Year". The winner in the category "Best Gold Collector Coin of the Year" was the coin "Sayat-Nova-300", and the winner in the category "Best Silver Collector Coin of the Year" was the coin "Sergei Parajanov".

The designer of the coin "Sayat-Nova-300" is Tigran Chobanyan.

TIGRAN CHOBANYAN is a member of the USSR Union of Architects since 1986 and member of the Union of Architects of Armenia since 1992. A prizewinner of Young Architects Creativity Assessment, an author of architectural projects in Armenia and Russia, a regular participant in the Central Bank of Armenia-organized contests for coin design.

The designer of the coin "Sergei Parajanov" is Urszula Walerzak.

URSZULA WALERZAK is a designer of the Mint of Poland who is the author of some collector coins ("Signs of Zodiac", "Teodor Axentowicz", and etc.) issued by the Central Bank of Armenia under international numismatic programs.

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