

Collector coins of the Republic of Armenia - 2022

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Dear reader

We are pleased to present the annual journal “Collector Coins of the Republic of Armenia-2022”.

In line with the annual program on issuance of collector coins in 2022, the Central Bank of Armenia issued collector coins dedicated to a number of remarkable events in history and culture, once again highlighting that such events deserve to be further appreciated and popularized among not only Armenians, but the international and numismatic community as well.

On January 28, 2022, the 30th anniversary of the formation of the Armenian National Army was celebrated. In connection with this milestone event, two types of collector coins were issued, emphasizing the role and mission of the Armenian Army as the most important guarantor of security in the life of the Armenian people.

The Central Bank of Armenia embraced the 125th anniversary of the birth of Armenian poet, cultural and social activist Yeghishe Charents by issuing a gold collector coin, in gratitude to the renowned author.

Appreciating another prominent Armenian, whose life and artistic path is a vivid example of devotion and service to the art, in 2022 the Central Bank of Armenia issued a collector coin dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the birth of conductor and composer Ohan Dourian, giving praise to the maestro’s creative originality. Armenia hosted cultural events on the occasion of birthday anniversaries of Yeghishe Charents and Ohan Dourian, and the CBA has been an honored participant to these gatherings.

The year saw yet another add-on to the Central Bank issuances: a collector coin was dedicated to the leader of the Armenian national liberation movement of the 18th century, Davit Bek, a devotee who selflessly fought for the fate and liberation of the Armenian people.

The Central Bank of Armenia embarked, starting 2022, on issuing a series of collector coins that give account on the Armenian scientists’ contribution to the world science. The

series debuted a collector coin, “Oganesson (Og)”, relating to the artificial radioactive element in the Mendeleev periodic table. The element “Og” was synthesized under a direct supervision of the world-famous scientist, physicist Yuri Oganessian, and was named after him by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry in 2016.

Carrying on with the tradition of introducing the Republic of Armenia collector coins to

prestigious numismatic contests internationally, the CBA appeared with the coins of 2021 year of issue at the 16th international contest “Coin Constellation – 2022”, held in the Russian Federation, attended by more than two dozen organizations worldwide. We had registered an unprecedented victory as the silver collector coin dedicated to the 100th anniversary of Arno Babajanyan’s birthday won awards simultaneously in three categories – “Coin of the Year”, “Best Artistic Solution” and “People’s choice award”.

Let us believe that the collector coins issued in the course of 2022 will also find their unique place in the history of Armenian and world numismatics thanks to original artistic design and content solutions, thematic peculiarities and the use of state-of-the-art technologies in minting.

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