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season's
greetings

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY- GENERAL

Ross MacDiarmid
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As we stand at the brink of a new decade, it is timely that the MDC will kick off an important discussion on a threshold issue in the early months of 2020. That is, what is the future of the global Mint Industry and what should we be doing now to prepare for it?

The factual basis for that discussion will be the review we commissioned in 2019, which is measuring the global Mint Industry and how the industry may be impacted in a 'less cash' society. I will deliver a preview of the review's findings to the Internal Affairs meeting at the World Money Fair in Berlin, February 2020.

In April we will gather at Conference 2020, the MDC's foremost collaboration and networking event for the global Mint Industry, to consider the issues in greater depth. Does the growth of online payments spell the end of coins and - by extension - the Mint Industry? What are the downsides of a cashless world for society? And how do we better advocate the critical role of coins to policy-makers?

The answers to these existential questions will potentially shape the MDC's work for the coming decade, so it is important that the conference is attended by as many Members as possible.

The event will also provide Mint Directors with the opportunity to gather with coin dealers, suppliers, retailers and other stakeholders to examine the global challenges facing the industry, identify where there may be new horizons, and scope out the future opportunities for coins.

A reason to register early for Conference 2020 is the program of six unique cultural experiences created for the partners of Delegates attending the event in Cape Town, South Africa. Places are strictly limited to a maximum of 15 people in each tour.

A reminder that the January 2020 deadline approaches for entries in the Mint Industry awards and scholarship.

As 2019 draws to a close, it is more important than ever that the global Mint Industry works together to ensure that the economic and social role of coins is not only understood and recognised but valued. I look forward to continuing this work with you in 2020.

Have a great holiday season!

Ross MacDiarmid

Secretary-General
Mint Directors Conference



CONFERENCE 2020 PARTNERS PROGRAM

MINT INDUSTRY AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP 2020

TOUR THE SOUTH AFRICAN MINT

26-29 APRIL 2020 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Six unique experiences have been brought together in the social program for partners of Delegates attending the Cape Town conference. **Places are strictly limited to a maximum of 15 people in each tour.**

- **Monday 27 April 2020**
 - Full Day Cape Winelands Guided
 - Tour Full Day Cape Peninsula Guided Tour
- **Tuesday 28 April 2020**
 - Half Day Mandela Footsteps to Freedom City Walking
 - Half Day Bo-Kaap and Cape Malay Cooking
- **Wednesday 29 April 2020**
 - Half Day Kirstenbosch Gardens and Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (MOCAA)
 - Half Day Robben Island

COINS + PACKAGING INNOVATION + DESIGN

The entry period is now open for the Mint Industry Coin Award, Packaging Award and Scholarship.

Eligibility and selection criteria are available on the Conference 2020 website.

Award and Scholarship recipients will be announced at Conference 2020.

- **Entries open:** 6 December 2019
- **Entries close:** 31 January 2020
- **Entries announced:** 29 April 2020



TOURS AVAILABLE: 24 AND 30 APRIL

On 24 April (before the conference) or 30 April (after the conference) you will have the opportunity to visit the South African Mint in Centurion, near Pretoria.

As this visit is optional and not formally arranged as a group event we would kindly ask you to make your own travel arrangements.

We would, however, advise you to arrive at O.R. Tambo Airport (Johannesburg) no later than 10am on the day of your chosen visit, where you will be met by representatives of the SA Mint.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Working with the University of Ottawa's Centre for Research in Photonics, the Royal Canadian Mint has created a Fine Silver Coin – the Pulsating Maple Leaf – engraved with an array of sub-millimeter-scale mirrors in the shape of a maple leaf on the reverse of a 99.99% pure silver coin.

100% of electricity consumed by the Lithuanian Mint is produced from renewable energy sources (RES). The Mint says that 'Production of electricity using RES reduces emission of harmful substances into the environment and slows down the global warming processes'.

This year world renowned tattoo artist Henk Schiffmacher joined forces with the Dutch Royal Mint to design a medal and coin card to celebrate his 40th anniversary milestone. Schiffmacher tattooed his 'skull' in the size of his medal on his lucky fans.

The Singapore Mint 2020 Lunar Fair is back in January with its highly anticipated products, goodies and activities to commemorate the Year of the Rat.

HDB Hub (Toa Payoh)
Outdoor Mall Atrium
Date: 1 to 12 January 2020

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

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