

Description and technical parameters of the 'Hungarian Academy of Sciences' collector coin and the 200-forint commemorative circulation coin

In order to promote the role of these collector coins to transfer value and educate as widely as possible, the silver version of the 'Hungarian Academy of Sciences' coin will be available for purchase for three months, while stock last, and the non-ferrous metal version for one year from the date of issuance of 5 November 2025 at face value at the coin shop of Magyar Pénzverő Zrt. (V. ker. Budapest, Báthory u. 7.) and in its online store (<https://www.penzvero.hu/>).

The obverse of the collector coin depicts the current headquarters of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, founded in 1825 at the initiative of István Széchenyi, as well as the surroundings thereof, with a detail of the Chain Bridge in the foreground. The construction of the neo-Renaissance building was carried out between 1862-65 according to the plans of German architect Friedrich August Stüler. The depiction of the building being embedded in the cityscape refers to the Hungarian Academy of Sciences playing a decisive role in the life of our country as a stronghold of scientific life. On the right side, in the depiction of the square in front of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the master mark of the designer of the obverse, sculptor Gábor Veres, can be seen. The obverse also contains the obligatory elements of commemorative coins: the upper semi-circular inscription 'MAGYARORSZÁG' ('HUNGARY') referring to the issuer; below it, the denominations '20000' and '3000' arranged in two lines; on the left side, the inscription 'FORINT'; along the edge of the coin are the inscription 'BP.' mintmark and the year of minting '2025'.

The obverse of the 'Magyar Tudományos Akadémia' collector coins



Silver collector coin



Non-ferrous metal collector coin

The reverse of the collector coin features a depiction of Barnabás Holló's relief entitled 'The Founding of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences', adapted for the coin. Above it is the year '1825', referring to

the date of its founding. Below it, arranged in four lines, is the inscription '200 ÉVES A MAGYAR TUDOMÁNYOS AKADÉMIA' ('200 YEARS | OF THE | HUNGARIAN ACADEMY | OF SCIENCES'). The master mark of the designer of the coin, sculptor Mihály Fritz, is on the left, hidden within the depiction of the relief.

The reverse of the 'Magyar Tudományos Akadémia' collector coin



Silver collector coin



Non-ferrous metal collector coin

Both collector coins are 38.61 mm in diameter, their edges are reeded. The silver coin with a face value of 20,000 forints is struck in 925‰ fine silver and weighs 31.46 grams. The non-ferrous metal coin with a face value of 3,000 forints is produced from an alloy of copper (75%) and nickel (25%) and weighs 30.80 grams. The mintage limit of both coins is 5000 pieces. The silver coins are made in proof finish, while the non-ferrous metal coins are made in BU finish.

The 200-forint commemorative circulation coin to mark the 200th anniversary of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences



face value side



thematic side

The thematic side of the coin was designed by goldsmith Balázs János Bitó. The commemorative circulation coin is identical with the bimetal 200-forint coins used in circulation regarding their technical parameters: the outer ring of the non-ferrous metal coin is produced from an alloy of copper

(75%), nickel (4%) and zinc (21%), with its inner core made from an alloy of copper (75%) and nickel (25%). The outer diameter of the coin is 28.30 mm, while the core diameter is 17.90 mm. The rim is 2 mm thick, and the coin weighs 9 grams and it has an interrupted reeded edge.

In the foreground of **the thematic side of the 200-forint commemorative circulation coin** – interrupting the string of pearls which runs along the outer ring at both the top and the bottom – is an allegorical depiction: Hebe, the Greek goddess of youth and knowledge, with her raised right hand offers the cup of knowledge to the eagle symbolising the nation. The female figure holds a shield in her left hand, and as the Hungarian coat of arms is on the shield, the depiction can also be interpreted as Hungaria. Johann Nepomuk Ender's painting of 1834 served as the basis of the coin depiction; the painting immortalised the allegory for the Hungarian Academy Sciences as chosen by István Széchenyi. On the outer part of the thematic side, between the string of pearls and an inner ring, on the left side, is the year of mintage '2025'. Above it, the circular legend features 'MAGYARORSZÁG' ('HUNGARY'), referring to the issuer; on the right, the circular legend says '200 ÉVES A MAGYAR TUDOMÁNYOS AKADÉMIA' ('200 YEARS OF THE HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES'). The inner part depicts the linear representation of the southwestern part of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, which extends to the outer part.

There will be 1 million pieces made of the collector version of the 200-forint circulation coin. The MNB will not exchange denominations in its retail cash office. From 5 November 2025 onwards, 12,000 pieces of the 1 million pieces in total will be available for purchase in a serial numbered decorative packaging as first-day mint (in UNC. finish) through the sales channels of the Hungarian Mint. As a collector's item, the new collector version of the 200-forint circulation coins will also be available in a roll of 40 coins at the same place.