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■ Riksbank issues coin to commemorate birth of Carl von Linné

The Riksbank is issuing two commemorative coins in May to mark the 300th anniversary of Carl von Linné's birth. The coins will be presented by Chairman of the General Council Johan Gernandt in connection with the inauguration of a special anniversary week at Linne's birthplace, Råshult in Småland, on Saturday, 19 May at 3 p.m.

The commemorative coins are issued in gold, with the denomination SEK 2,000- and in silver with the denomination SEK 200. The coins will be issued in a limited edition of 5,000 gold coins and 50,000 silver coins.

The obverse (front) of the gold coin shows "the researcher's eye" which studies nature through a magnifying glass – a detail from a painting by Roslin in 1775. The reverse (back) of the coin carries a picture of a butterfly on a checked pattern that symbolises orderliness and systematics.

On the obverse (front) of the silver coin is a full-length portrait of Linné based on a picture by J. E. Rehn painted in 1774. The reverse shows a stylized picture of stamens and pistils, taken from Linné's "Systema Naturae".

The coin is designed by artist Annie Winblad Jakubowski and minted by AB Myntverket in Eskilstuna.

The coins can be ordered from 14 May from AB Myntverket via the company's website www.myntverket.se, by telephone +46-16-42 81 00 or by fax +46-16-42 81 20. Distribution of the coins will begin on 21 May. It will be possible to buy the silver coin on site in Råshult on 19-20 May, and it will also be possible to place orders for the gold coin, for delivery at a later date, there. The price, including VAT and administration costs, is SEK 3,000 for the gold coin and SEK 300 for the silver coin.

For further information and pictures, see the Riksbank's website www.riksbank.se and click on "Notes and coins".