



## CENTRAL BANK OF CYPRUS

EUROSYSTEM

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **ISSUE OF A SILVER COLLECTOR COIN** **IN HONOUR OF THE POET VASILIS MICHAELIDES**

The Central Bank of Cyprus (CBC) announces the issue of a silver collector coin with a nominal value of €5 in proof condition, minted in 2017.

#### **A. DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE**

This coin is issued to commemorate the Cypriot poet Vasilis Michaelides on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. Vasilis Michaelides, with the epic character of his poetry, has been recognised as the national poet of Cyprus. Having taken part in national struggles as a volunteer, he wrote excellent patriotic poems. Moreover, he has been distinguished as a leading lyric poet and as one of the most important idiomatic (vernacular) poets of Cyprus. The coin, which depicts a portrait of the poet, has been designed by George Stamatopoulos. The coin was minted by the Greek Mint.



The issue is limited to 2.000 coins. The selling price of each coin, including VAT, has been set at €42.

#### **B. FEATURES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE COIN**

##### **Design:**

**Obverse:** The emblem of the Central Bank of Cyprus, the words “ΚΥΠΡΟΣ”, “CYPRUS” and “ΚΙΒΡΙΣ” and the year “2017”.

**Reverse:** A composition depicting the portrait of the Cypriot poet with circular inscription from left to right of the phrase “ΒΑΣΙΛΗΣ ΜΙΧΑΗΛΙΔΗΣ ΠΟΙΗΤΗΣ 1849-1917”. The coin’s nominal value of €5 is also depicted.

**Shape:** Round

**Diameter:** 38,61 millimeters

**Weight:** 28,28 grammes

**Edge:** Plain

**Alloy:** Silver (92,5%) and copper (7,5%)

## **C. SALES**

### **1. Professional coin dealers and the Cyprus Numismatic Society**

The CBC will accept applications from **14 until 29 November 2017** reserving the right not to process any applications received outside the pre-determined period. The CBC will respond within 10 working days from the expiry of the application period. Applications may be satisfied only partially on the basis of stock availability.

Applicants should complete and submit to the CBC the attached application form, which may be also found at the CBC’s website [www.centralbank.cy](http://www.centralbank.cy).

A discount of 10% will be offered on the total quantity purchased for quantities of at least 20 coins. The discount will be calculated on the selling price of the coins excluding VAT.

Applications should be sent:

- by e-mail: [numismatic.orders@centralbank.cy](mailto:numismatic.orders@centralbank.cy)

or

- by fax: +357 22714930

or

- by post: Central Bank of Cyprus

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### **2. Public and collectors of numismatic items**

Sales to the public and collectors of numismatic items will commence on **11 December 2017** and will continue while stocks last. They will be effected by the CBC over the counter and through its “e-shop”. Each customer will be allowed to purchase up to two coins.

i. **Sales over the counter**

Sales over the counter at the CBC will be effected only in cash.

ii. **Sales through the e-shop**

Online sales through the CBC “e-shop” at <https://www.eshop.centralbank.cy> may only be made by Visa or Mastercard.

**D. FURTHER INFORMATION/CLARIFICATIONS**

For further information and/or clarifications you may contact the CBC:

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