

# Nicolas Copernicus in the Culture of Remembrance in Numismatics

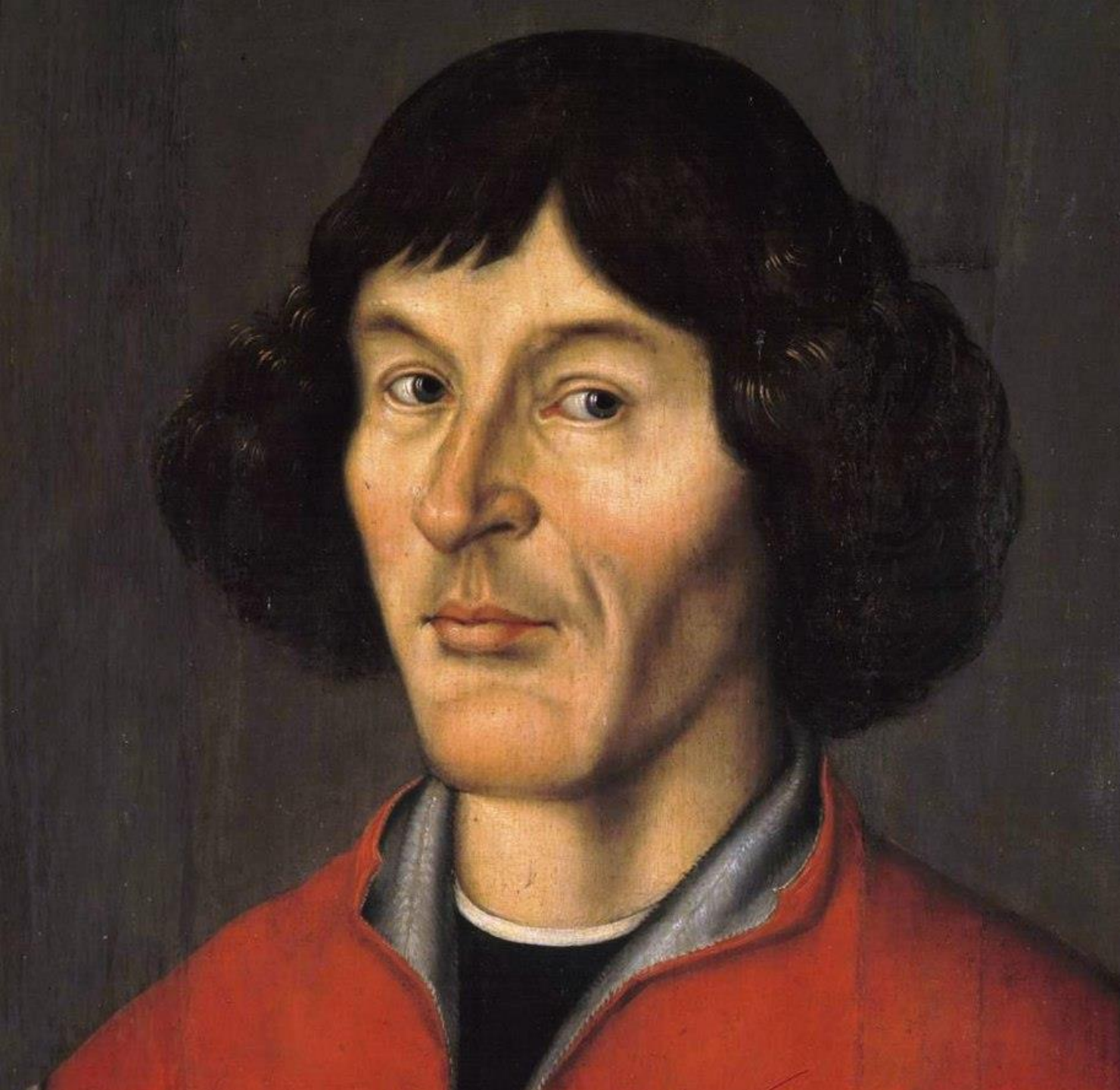


**WORLD COPERNICIAN  
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# Historical personalities placed repeatedly on paper currency and coins after 1918 regardless of political regimes

<b>Austria</b>	none
<b>Czechoslovakia (CZ + SK)</b>	<b>Johann Amos Comenius</b> (1592-1670), educator, philosopher and politician
<b>Germany (W + E)</b>	none
<b>Hungary</b>	<b>Ferenc II. Rakoczi</b> (1676-1753), leader of the anti-Habsburg Estates uprising
<b>Poland</b>	<b>Tadeusz Kościuszko</b> (1746-1817), warlord <b>Mikołaj Kopernik</b> (1473-1543), astronomer and mathematician



Portrait of  
Nicolaus  
Copernicus  
(Toruń, town  
hall, unknown  
artist, around  
1580).

This painting  
became the  
model for most  
depictions of  
Copernicus on  
coins and  
banknotes.

# The shape of Copernicus' name used on coins and banknotes

<b>Specific shape</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Country of issue of the coin or banknote</b>
<b>Mikołaj Kopernik</b>	Polish	Poland (9)
<b>Mikołaj Kopernik - Nicolaus Copernicus</b>	Polish and Latin (used in English)	Cook Island (1)
<b>Nikolaus Kopernikus</b>	Latin (germanised)	Germany (1), Western Sahara (1)
<b>Nicolaus Copernicus</b>	Latin (used in English)	Cook Island (2), Samoa (2), Niue (2), Cameroun (2), Malawi (1), Malta (1)
<b>Copernic</b>	Polish (latinised)	Niue (1)
<b>Mikuláš Koperník</b>	Czech	Niue (1)
<b>(none)</b>	(-)	Burkina Faso (2)

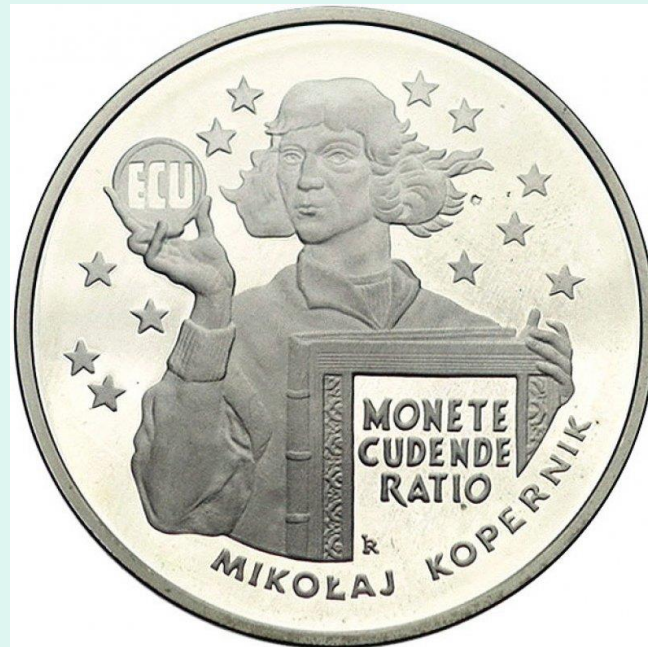
# Scientific field of Nicolaus Copernicus highlighted on coins and banknotes

Scientific field	Country of issue of the coin or banknote
<b>none</b>	Poland (3), Niue (1)
<b>astronomy</b> ( <b>heliocentric system</b> )	Poland (4), Niue (3), , Samoa (2), Burkina Faso (2), Cameroun (2), Germany (1), Western Sahara (1), Malawi (1), Malta (1)
<b>economics</b> ( <b>quantitative theory of money</b> )	Poland (2)
<b>both astronomy and economics</b>	Poland (1)

# European coins and banknotes with the theme of Nicolaus Copernicus issued before 2023

Poland (8)

Germany (1)



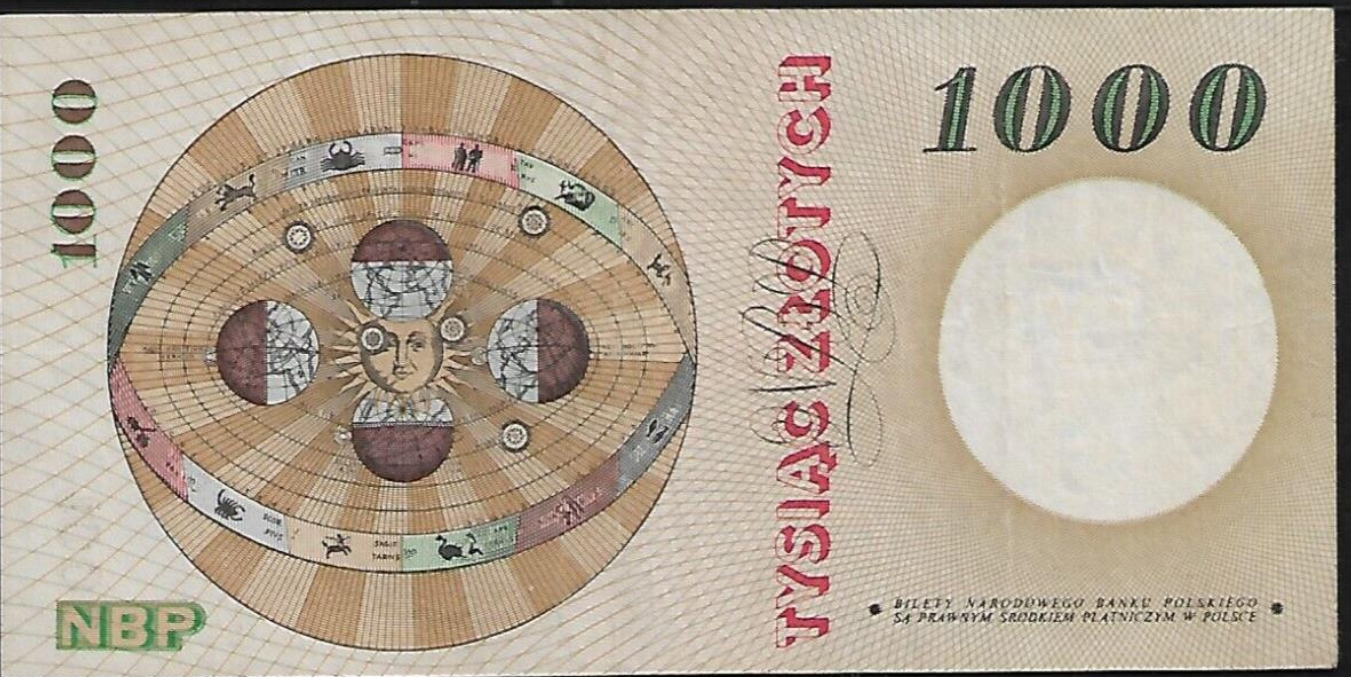


Poland, common coin 10 zloty 1959

Minted:

1959-1966 - CuNi, 31 mm, 12,9 g

1967-1969 - CuNi, 28 mm, 9,5 g



Poland,  
common note  
1000 złoty  
1965





Poland,  
common  
note  
1000  
złoty  
1982



Poland, commemorative coin 100 złoty 1973  
(Ag 62,5%, 32 mm, 16,5 g)



Germany (West), commemorative coin 5 mark 1973  
(Ag 62,5 g, 29 mm, 11,2 g)



Poland, commemorative coin 2000 złoty 1979  
(Au 90%, 21 mm, 8 g)



Poland, commemorative coin 5000 zloty 1989  
(Ag 75%, 32 mm, 16,5 g)



Poland, commemorative coin 20 złoty 1995  
(Ag 92,5%, 38,6 mm, 31,10 g)



Poland, commemorative coin 10 złoty 2017  
(Ag 92,5%, 32 mm, 14,14 g)

# Overseas (non-european)

coins and banknotes

with the theme of Nicolaus Copernicus

issued before 2023

## Australia & Oceania:

Niue (3), Cook Islands (3),  
Samoa (1)

## Africa:

Burkina Faso (2), Malawi (1),  
Western Sahara (1)







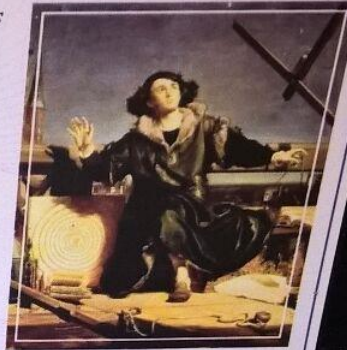
Cook Islands, commemorative coin 10 dollars 1992  
(Ag 92,5%, 38 mm, 31,47 g)



Western Sahara, commemorative coin 1000 peseta 1997  
(CuNi, 38,1 mm, 29 g)



*Nicolaus Copernicus*  
*Mikolaj Kopernik*  
1473 - 1543



Country: Cook Islands  
Face Value: 10 Dollars  
Year: 2008  
Metal: Gold  
Fineness: 9999  
Weight: 125 oz  
Measures: 13.92 mm  
Mintage: 7500 pcs.  
Quality: PROOF  
Made with  
CRYSTALLIZED™  
- Swarovski Elements

Country: Cook Islands  
Face Value: 5 Dollars  
Year: 2008  
Metal: Silver  
Fineness: 925  
Weight: 25 grams  
Measures: 38.61 mm  
Mintage: 2500 pcs.  
Quality: PROOF  
Made with  
CRYSTALLIZED™  
- Swarovski Elements

**Cook Islands**  
The authority of the Government of the Cook Islands certifies that these coins are legal tender of Cook Islands and are guaranteed to match the standards of fineness and weight set down in their specifications.



Cook Islands, Set of coins with the theme M. Copernicus from 2008



Cook Islands, commemorative coin 10 dollars 2008  
(Au 99,95%, 13,92 mm, 1,25 g)



Cook Islands, commemorative coin 5 dollars 2008  
(Ag 99,9%, 36 mm, 25 g)



Malawi, commemorative coin 50 kwacha 2009  
(Ag 99,9%, 65 mm, 93,3 g)



Samoa, commemorative coin 1 dollar 2010  
(Au 99,9%, 11 mm, 0,5 g)



Niue, commemorative coin 2 dollar 2010  
(Au 99,9%, 12 mm, 1 g)





Niue,  
commemorative coin  
50 dollar 2015  
(Ag 99,9%,  
135 x 80 mm,  
500 g)



Burkina Faso, commemorative coin 1000 francs 2016  
(Ag 99,9%, 44 mm, 31,1 g)



Burkina Faso, commemorative coin 5000 francs 2016  
(Ag 99,95%, 75,5 mm, 283,4 g)



Niue, commemorative coin 1 dollar 2019  
(Ag 99,95%, 38,61 mm, 31,1 g)

# Coins and banknotes issued in 2023 on the occasion of the Copernicus anniversary

## **Europe:**

Poland (2), Malta (1)

## **Australia & Oceania:**

Niue (1), Samoa (1)

## **Africa:**

Cameroun (2)





Poland, commemorative coin 50 złoty 2023  
(Ag 99,9%, 45 mm, 62,2 g)



Samoa, commemorative coin 50 dolaru (tala) 2023  
(Au 99,9%, 11 mm, 0,5 g)



Cameroun, commemorative coin 500 francs 2023  
(Ag 99,95%, 38,61 mm, 17,5 g)





Cameroun, commemorative coin 2000 francs 2023  
(Ag 99,95%, 50 mm, 62,2 g)



Niue, commemorative coin 80 dollar 2023  
(Ag 99,9%, 90 mm, 1000 g)



Malta, commemorative coin 2 euro 2023  
(bimetal, 25,7 mm, 8,5 g)



Poland,  
Commemorative  
note  
20 złoty 2023

**Numismatic curiosities  
with the theme  
of Nicolaus Copernicus**

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fictitious banknotes

550

Mikołaj

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et magnitudinis orbium emulatio ipsi motibus orbi spha-  
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2 Saturnus xxx anno revoluitur  
3 Iouis xij annorum revoluitur  
4 Martis bina revoluitur  
5 Telluris cui luna, in x  
6 Venus mensuris  
7 Mercurius sex

550

MG 00000

Kopernik

1473 - 1543

550

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tunc locum optinet: in quo terra  
contineri dixerunt. Quidam

GABRISNOTE 2023

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550. ROCZNICA URODZIN  
MIKOŁAJA KOPERNIKA

550

Toruń



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ART ONLY GABRISNOTE

2023

GABRISNOTE 2023

Fictitious banknote with the denomination "550 years" printed for collecting purposes on the occasion of the 550<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Nicolaus Copernicus.

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€1 000 000

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THE ENTRANCE TO THE GRAND CANAL, VENICE - BY GIOVANNI ANTONIO CANAL, CIRCA 1720

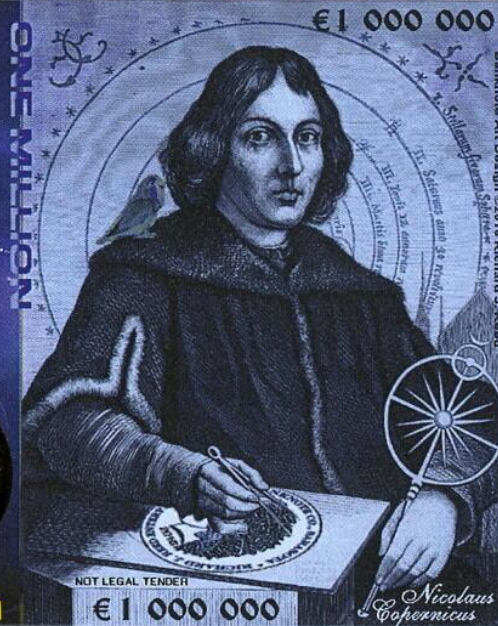
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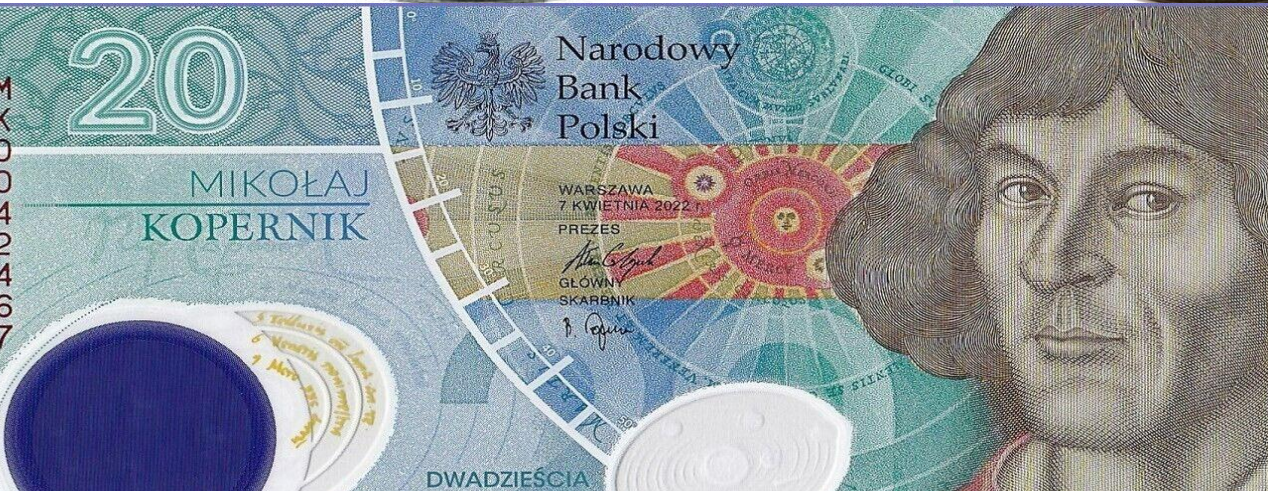
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