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## The last Polar coin with Northern Lights

The 23 February 2009 the third and final coin in the series to commemorate the International Polar Year will be issued.

The sculptor, Professor Morten Stræde is the artist behind the relief of Northern Lights. He reflects on his work with this coin as follows:

"My idea with this coin is to give a very compact impression of some of the scientific research based in Greenland. I have chosen to focus on research around the magnetic North Pole, on ice core research and finally on mineralogy.

The modelling of the three fields of the coin differs. The Northern Lights are open with a light touch, the minerals are shown in their basic crystalline forms and the landscape in the middle is modelled so as to resemble a direct experience of a Polar landscape – the surface of the water, the curve of the sky and the sharp structural diversity of the mountains and the ice.

At the bottom of the coin, the compass card points to the North Star at the top of the motif."

Morten Stræde was also the artist behind the relief of the thematic coin with Svaneke water tower.

The Northern Lights coin will be issued as a 10-krone coin in an edition of 1.2 million to be distributed via banks and used as ordinary coins in circulation. In addition, the coin will be minted in collector's editions in silver and gold with denominations of 100 and 1,000 kroner, respectively.

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