



## European Money Bank Collectors (EMBC) Community of interest of the european money bank collectors

The EMBC is a non-profit organisation, founded in the year 1983. Interested and engaged money bank collectors from Germany, Austria, Sweden, Switzerland and Great Britain founded together to establish a club with the destination, to share and transport knowledge about money box collecting. They also want to search, to document and to keep this knowledge. It does not matter if this information is about old or new banks and about what material these banks are made from.

Next to missions-banks, ceramic-or porcelain-banks, tin-banks, mechanical banks, advertising or promotional banks, or for example post-box-banks, just to mention some of them, much more categories and themes exist people can collect banks. The variety of materials, where banks had been produced and will still be produced nowadays is enormous and offers so much possibilities in collecting banks (cast-iron, lead, silver, ceramic, porcelain, tin, plastic, soft-plastic, wood, glas etc.).

Just from a few interested people, very fast grew up a club with many members from foreign and different countries. Nowadays, after 26 years, the membership increase up to 70 members. Next to collectors from Europe many members are from the United States and many members belong to the club several decenniums. The members gets over the year several issues of a own club-magazin, called "The Bank Collector" and written in german and English. Next to articles about banks there are also printed old warehouse-catalogues and patent applications. Members gets also informations by mail, written in „newsletters“, talking about money-boxes, introducing new things and telling funny stories.

Since some years the EMBC also offers a own homepage [www.embc.de](http://www.embc.de), in german and english language, where interested money-bank collectors from all over the world can look through the internet. On the members-only-sides all new informations, documentations and articles about banks were offered as a special service to the members of the EMBC.

The top of the year, what the EMBC offers to the members, is a special event in a European city. In the year 2007 the members came together in the city of Nuremberg, Germany. In 2008 the place of the convention was in the north of Portugal, at a location near the city of Porto. In 2009 the convention starts in Koblenz (Germany). During a long weekend, the members gets the chance to look at some presentations with the theme of bank collecting, to see a collection of banks, have a nice sightseeing program with cultural aspect and the most important part: to trade, buy and sell banks. Also new members gets the chance to talk about collectors with knowledge to learn from them. Next to all the reproductions and fakes is it a necessary point, because you can save a lot of money when you know if the bank is a fake or if it is original and old.

The membership dues is 30,- Euro per year and contains the magazine. Next to the payment of the dues, new members have no more responsibility to the club. For further information please mail or phone. We advice you with pleasure. An application for membership you will find in the internet [www.embc.de](http://www.embc.de).



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