



Founder of the United Future World Currency is welcomed to the Royal Mint

Dr. Sandro Sassoli, the founder - Director of the United Future World Currency project was welcomed to Britain's Royal Mint on the 21st March by the head of Marketing and the Head of Programme Management. Accompanied by Michael Alexander of the London Banknote and Monetary Research Centre, Dr Sassoli was given the opportunity to tour of the production floor of the Royal Mint and was also shown the actual dies which were used to strike the UFWC's first one ounce silver prototype coins.

During his tour of the minting complex, Dr. Sassoli was shown the latest coins being produced at the Royal Mint which are the gold and silver commemorative coins soon to be issued for the Royal wedding of Britain's Prince William and his fiancée Miss Catherine Middleton. Dr. Sassoli was also shown around the engraving office where the designs and production of the dies used to produce the UFWC silver ounce coins were created.

The UFWC's silver prototype coins were struck by the Royal Mint in January and launched at the World Money Fair in Berlin. They were struck to the same specifications as the Royal Mint's own very successful and popular "Britannia" silver bullion coin. It was also the first-ever silver prototype coins made from *ecosilver*, a 100% certified recycled silver product produced by Cookson Precious Metals. The Cookson Precious Metals distinctive "Recycled logo" of four circular arrows appeared on the reverse side below the year "2011". The coins were commissioned by the UFWC to bring attention of the numismatic industry's part in sourcing responsibly refined metals which are less harmful to the environment, for both circulation & commemorative coins. The silver ounce coin is the first in a series of highlighting ecological and environmental issues worldwide.

The silver prototype coin which was struck at the Royal Mint is available for purchase, please enquire by sending a request to info@alexandercoins.eu

