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The Brussels Coin Cabinet was founded in the early 19th century; it has more than 200,000 objects: coins, medals, tokens, religious medals, paper money, Greek and Roman antiquities, etc. The Coin Cabinet is a department of the Royal Library of Belgium. This is one of the 10 scientific institutions still depending on the national government.

Its main tasks are to promote scientific research through publications and lectures, give assistance to visitors and to put at the disposal of the public its rich collections and the library.

The Cabinet is intimately related to the Royal Numismatic Society of Belgium and has good relations with all archaeological institutions of Belgium. Most of the antique coins found during excavations are identified here.

The large exhibition room with about 75 showcases is actually used only for temporary expositions. A permanent exhibition is in preparation and will probably be opened in the first year of the new millennium. A short presentation of this work in progress will be made.