

Obverse

The obverse features a stylised open palm encircled by a representation of the sun and overlaid by a hand holding a daffodil. Lines radiate out from the sun and, on the right side, are partly covered by the Slovak coat of arms. The name of the issuing country 'SLOVENSKO' is inscribed along the right edge, while the year of issuance '2026' appears at the top of the field. At the bottom is the mint mark of the Kremnica Mint (Mincovňa Kremnica), consisting of the letters 'MK' between two dies.

Reverse

The left side of the reverse is filled with a portrait of Eva Siracká. To its right are the coin's denomination '10' and currency 'EURO', one above the other. Below them are her year of birth '1926' and year of death '2023', one above the other. The inscription 'EVA SIRACKÁ' runs along the right edge. The stylised initials 'MS' of the coin's designer, Martin Sabol, appear in the lower part of the field.



Dr Siracká together with her husband Ján, a couple united not only by love but also by the same mission

Coin details

Denomination:	€10
Composition:	.900 silver, .100 copper
Weight:	18 g
Diameter:	34 mm
Edge lettering:	• ZAKLADATEĽKA A PREZIDENTKA LIGY PROTI RAKOVINE (Founder and president of the League Against Cancer) limited to a maximum of 15,000 coins in either brilliant uncirculated or proof quality
Issuing volume:	
Designer:	Martin Sabol
Engraver:	Dalibor Schmidt
Producer:	Kremnica Mint (Slovakia)



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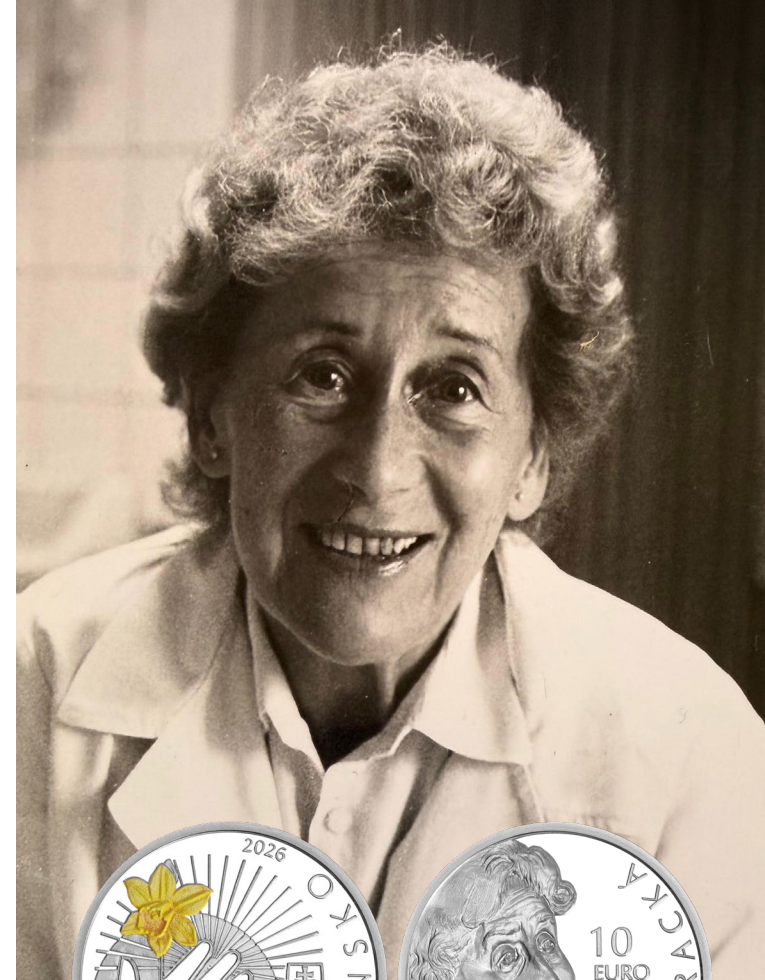
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100th anniversary
of the birth of
Eva Siracká

SILVER COLLECTOR EURO COIN

Dr Eva Siracká (1 May 1926 – 21 February 2023) was a physician, scientist, and a pioneer of oncological radiology and radiobiology in Slovakia, as well as the founder of the League Against Cancer and its nationwide Daffodil Day campaign. After graduating from the Faculty of Medicine of Comenius University in Bratislava in 1951, she worked at the St Elizabeth Cancer Institute in the same city. She spent a year at the Institute for Cancer Research of the German Academy of Sciences in Berlin-Buch and completed a residency at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. At the Slovak Academy of Sciences, she conducted both clinically oriented and experimental cancer research, earned her Doctor of Sciences (DrSc.) degree in 1977, and in 1983 received the National Award for her research on the heterogeneity of tumour cells. She was a member of several domestic and international professional societies and served on the editorial board of the journal *Neoplasma*.



Dr Siracká holding the 2014 European Citizen's Prize, which she was awarded for her exceptional lifetime contribution to the fight against cancer



Photograph from a traditional family weekend showing Dr Siracká with her husband Ján, granddaughter Saskia, son Vladimír, and daughter-in-law Beatá (from right to left)

In 1990, she founded the League Against Cancer (in Slovak: Liga proti rakovine), one of the first such organisations established in the region. Under her leadership, the League became a member of the Association of European Cancer Leagues and the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC). She introduced the League's annual public fundraising campaign—Daffodil Day (Deň narcisov)—establishing the daffodil as a symbol of solidarity with cancer patients. While realistic and well aware of the limitations of the system in which she worked, she courageously addressed other aspects of cancer such as its psychological and social consequences. She considered insufficient doctor-patient communication to be one of the major shortcomings of Slovak healthcare. Above all, she was a personality with a deep sense of humanity. Her many years in the Scouting movement taught her responsibility, independence, and respect for others. She knew how to listen attentively to patients' difficult stories and created an atmosphere of trust and safety. She was disciplined, organised and exceptionally hardworking, commuting daily to work even

at an advanced age. She was also known for her vitality and inner strength. Throughout her life, she remained physically active—enjoying basketball, skiing and tennis. She exercised every morning, cared for her garden, and loved spending time with friends and family. Her favourite song was 'The Yellow Rose of Texas'. She adored animals, supported the animal welfare group Sloboda zvierat (Animal Freedom), and delighted in the birds that visited the tree in front of her home. She spoke several languages fluently, read detective novels in English, and also taught English. Her remarkable determination was evident when, in her later years, she overcame serious health complications to return to active life. Her worldview was rooted in truth, dignity and empathy. She would say that 'Stupidity is often worse than cancer', a remark that reflected her demanding standards of moral and professional conduct. Dr Siracká was awarded the Order of Ľudovít Štúr, Third Class (2000), the Pribina Cross, First Class (2006), and the European Citizen's Prize (2014), and was also a recipient of the Crystal Wing (Krištáľové krídlo) award (1998) and the Slovak Woman of the Year 2010 award in the category of Charity and Support of Young Talent.



Dr Siracká with her husband Ján and their son Vladimír