

Commemorative coins

to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of the poet Anton Aškerc

Anton Aškerc, the leading epic poet in the Slovene lands in the 20th century, was born on 9 January 1856 in Globoko pri Rimskih Toplicah. He attended grammar school in Celje, and then went to study at the seminary in Maribor. As a priest he served in several parts of Štajerska, but clashed with the church authorities and retired early. Then until his death on 10 June 1912 he worked as the first city archivist in Ljubljana. His appointment saw the beginning of the systematic and continuing archive work at Ljubljana town hall, the first archive institution to operate independently in what is now Slovenia.

Aškerc first wrote lyrical poems, but turned increasingly to epic poetry after 1882. His lyrics professed patriotism, love and religious doubts. He took his themes for ballads and romantic poetry from Slovenian and Slavic history, the bible and folk heritage. Having had several anonymous poems published in *Zgodnja Danica*, he then published in *Zvon* and *Ljubljanski zvon*. His poetry is best-captured by his first two collections *Ballads and Romantic Poems* and *Lyrical and Epic Poetry*.

His impressions of travelling in foreign lands were recorded in the travelogues *Journey to Istanbul* and *Two Trips to Russia*. He also did translation work, particularly of Russian poets.

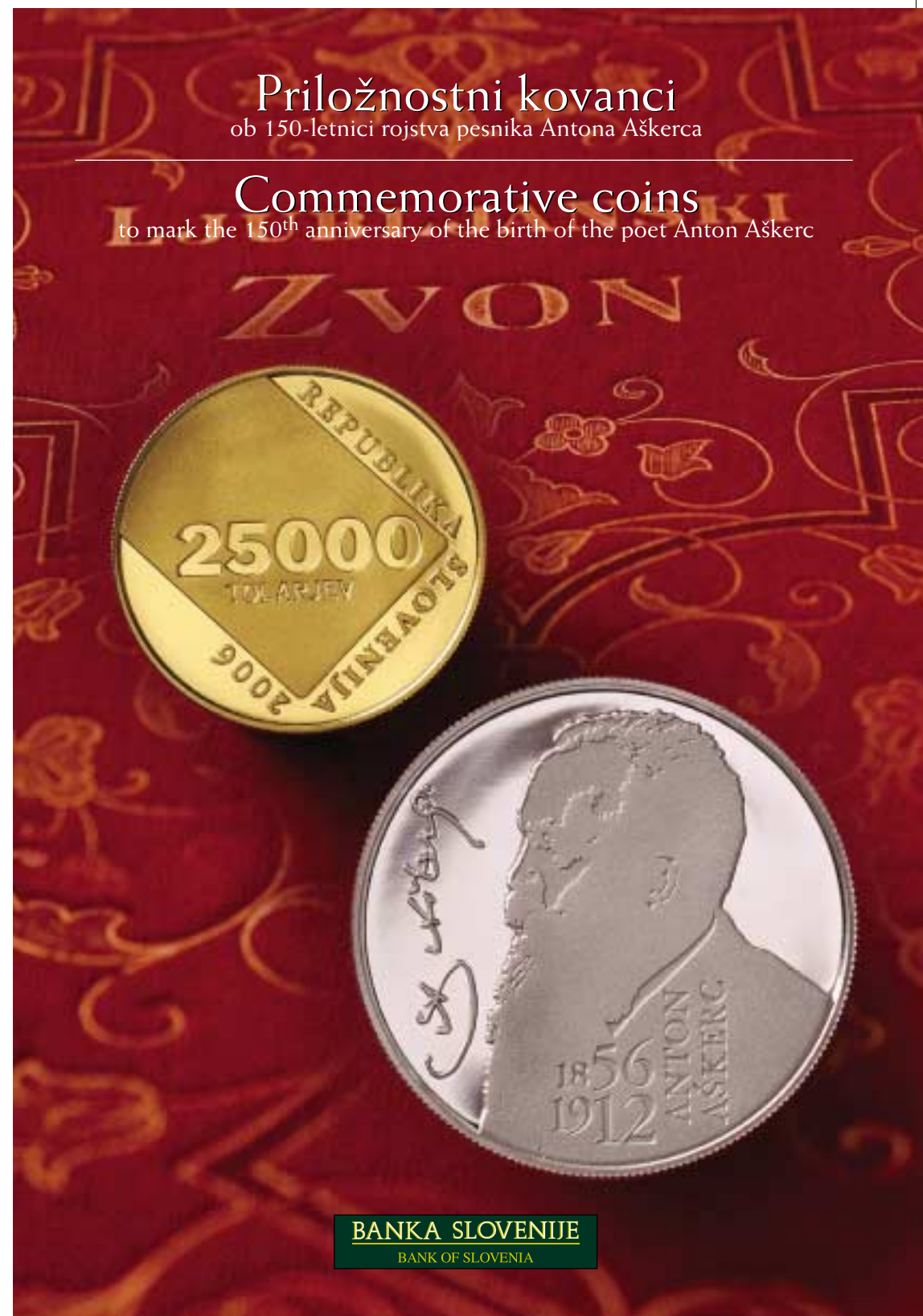
To honour the 150th anniversary of the birth of the poet Anton Aškerc, the Republic of Slovenia has issued commemorative coins featuring an image of Aškerc, the years of his birth and death, and a copy of his signature.

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Priložnostni kovanci

ob 150-letnici rojstva pesnika Antona Aškerca

Anton Aškerc, vodilni epik 20. stoletja na Slovenskem, se je rodil 9. januarja 1856 v Globokem pri Rimskih Toplicah. Gimnazijo je obiskoval v Celju, bogoslovje pa je študiral v mariborskem semenišču. Kot duhovnik je služboval v več krajih na Štajerskem, vendar se je zaradi navzkrižja s cerkvenim redom predčasno upokojil. Nato je do smrti (10. junija 1912) delal kot prvi mestni arhivar v Ljubljani. Z njegovo nastavitvijo se je začelo obdobje sistematičnega in kontinuiranega dela z arhivskim gradivom ljubljanskega magistrata, prve arhivske ustanove, ki je samostojno delovala na ozemlju današnje Slovenije.

Aškerc je najprej pisal lirske pesmi, po letu 1882 pa vedno več epskega pesništva. V liriki je izpovedoval domoljubje, ljubezen in verski dvom. Teme za balade in romance je jemal iz slovenske in slovanske zgodovine, biblije in ljudskega izročila. Po nekaj anonimnih objavah pesmi v "Zgodnji Danici" je objavljajl v "Zvonu" in "Ljubljanskem zvonu". Za njegovo pesništvo sta značilni prvi zbirki "Balade in romance" in "Lirske in epske poezije".

Vtise o potovanju po tujih deželah je ubesedil v potopisih "Izlet v Carigrad" in "Dva izleta na Rusko". Ukvarjal se je tudi s prevajanjem, zlasti ruskih pesnikov.

V počastitev 150-letnice rojstva pesnika Antona Aškerca je Republika Slovenija izdala priložnostne kovance, na katerih je osrednji motiv podoba Aškerca z letnicama njegovega rojstva in smrti ter faksimilom njegovega podpisa.

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IZDELAVA IN KOVANJE:
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Zlatnik / Gold coin

nominalna vrednost:
25.000 SIT
čistina: Au 900/1000
teža: 7 gramov
premer: 24 milimetrov
izdano: 1.000 kovancev



Nominal value:
SIT 25,000
Purity: Au 900/1000
Weight: 7 grams
Diameter: 24 mm
Series issued: 1,000 coins

Srebrnik / Silver coin

nominalna vrednost:
5.000 SIT
čistina: Ag 925/1000
teža: 15 gramov
premer: 32 milimetrov
izdano: 2.000 kovancev



Nominal value:
SIT 5,000
Purity: Ag 925/1000
Weight: 15 grams
Diameter: 32 mm
Series issued: 2,000 coins