

About 20 years ago, in one of Marko's "Let's Face Chaos" Summer Schools I had written:

"There once was a place called Slovenia,
that had lived in the sun for millenia.

Then suddenly came Robnik,
and made life so chaotic,

That since then....it constantly rains here!"

To which Marko had replied:

When I get older, losing my hair,
and I'm 60 years old,
will I still be organizing new summer schools,
teaching my students new chaos tools?

Will I be happy, will I be smart,
Certainly... not rich!
But will I know then, when I face chaos,
classical or quantum, which is which?

Every summer I can go to my cottage and rest
and know in my life that I've done my best.
But, although I will have travelled as far as Tasmania,
I won't know what to do with rain in Slovenia!



Thessaloniki Conference, August 1986

Marko, what are you doing here?



Do I know this guy? Hmm...He looks like a thin
32 year old....spy with a moustache!



**Thessaloniki Conference, July 2010
(Tassos 60 years old)**

**Just a minute: Is this
Marko?**



Aha, here you are....spying again!

Looking forward to becoming 60 years old also?

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE ATTENDING MARKO ROBNIK'S SUMMER SCHOOLS

In a Summer School by Robnik, you should come well - prepared, that besides great science, many things will be shared.

Let's take classical music: You can certainly bet, that you'll greatly enjoy a Slovenian quartet.

There will be solo artists that will play on the spot and you'll surely enjoy them, whether you're tired or not!

Let's now go to the grapes: In Slovenia they're fine and you'll have to enjoy a Slovenian wine.

Now besides all the wineries, that through tours you'll be sent, you can also get drunk in the evening at Lent!

As for Slovenian sights, be prepared to foresee:
Among Bled, Ptuj or Postojna, which will you choose to see?

Yes, come hungry for science, but for good food as well,
since you'll get 3 meals a day at Pyramida hotel!

At the end, when you leave, you'll be surely convinced,
that science, history and culture can be nicely mixed.

Only now, after Schools so well-organized by Robnik,
try convincing the world that... real life is chaotic!

Tassos Bountis, October 8, 2014

Happy Birthday Marko!