Cultural, Social and Touristic Events

LENT FESTIVAL 2005

During the entire period of our School and Conference there will be the international Festival Lent, offering a very rich variety of performances every evening and every night in the Lent area of Maribor, on the banks by the river Drava (medieval part of the old town). Each participant receives upon his or her arrival a programme brochure and the entrance pass for all performances, free of charge.

MONDAY 27 JUNE 20:30: WELCOME PARTY AND OPENING OF THE ART EXHIBITION

On Monday 27 June 2005 at 20:30 (thus after the dinner) we shall gather in the "Art Saloon" (Art Kavarna) in the Hotel PIRAMIDA, to get together and to enjoy a glass of fine Slovenian wine. There will be the official opening of an art exhibition with works of a few best Slovenian artists on display, painters and sculpturers. The exhibition is authored by Mrs. Edita Mileta from Maribor, who has recently opened a private art gallery in Maribor. All works exhibited can be actually bought.

TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2005 21:00: OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SCHOOL AND CONFERENCE WITH A CONCERT

The official opening of our 6th School and Conference will take place on Tuesday 28 June 2005 at 21:00 in the Kazinska dvorana of the Slovenian National Theatre in Maribor, at Slomškov trg, just next to the Main University Building and the cathedral.

We begin with a chamber music concert (cellist Niko Sajko and pianist Ivan Marinovič, about 60 minutes) followed by the addresses of the Mayor of the Town of Maribor, Mr. Boris Sovič, the Rector of the University of Maribor, Prof.Dr. Ivan Rozman, and a few participants of the School and Conference.

After the speeches there will be a reception with some good Slovenian wines.

SATURDAY 2 JULY 2005: MARIBOR, WINE TASTING, CONCERT, BANQUET AND FIREWORKS

15:00-16:30 There will be a guided tour through the town of Maribor, starting at Grajski trg, just next to Hotel OREL and the City Castle

16:30-18:00 Visit of the (huge) wine cellar of the VINAG Wine Company at Trg svobode 3 (100 meters from Grajski trg) and wine tasting programme

20:00 We gather at the "Art Saloon" (Art Kavarna) of the Hotel PIRAMIDA enjoying a glass of champaign

20:00-20:20 Chamber music concert (Barbara Novak, piano and Mojca Sok, flute)

20:20-23:35 Banquet

 $23{:}45{-}00{:}15$ Fireworks of the festival Lent

SUNDAY 3 JULY 2005: THREE DIFFERENT TRIPS

On this day we organize three different trips/excursions, in parallel, so you can choose which one you want to join. Each one starts at 08:30 and we return to the residences in Maribor in the evening.

Trip No.1: Lake Bled (in the Alps), Cave of Postojna, old town of Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia. The price is

about 100.-EUR per person, which includes everything, also high level lunch and dinner, except for the drinks. This trip is strongly recommended to participants who are visiting Slovenia for the first time. We return to Maribor at about 23:30.

Trip No.2: Hiking tour over Pohorje, from Ribniška koča to Rogla, visiting also Lovrenška jezera. This is strongly recommended to participants who prefer beautiful nature, the forests, and physical activity. We return to Maribor at about 21:00 - 22:00. Price is about 60.-EUR per person, which includes everything, also lunch and dinner (except for the drinks).

Trip No.3: Prlekija: visiting the beautiful countryside around Ljutomer, river Mura area and Jeruzalem (about 80 Km to the East of Maribor). It includes a visit to a local bee-keepers museum, a blacksmith museum, a floating mill on the river Mura, wine tasting at Jeruzalem and video show of grape gathering, and much more. Price is about 70.-EUR per person and it includes everything, also lunch and dinner (except for the drinks). We return to Maribor at about 21:00-22:00.

Please register for the trip and pay in cash to Mr. Gregor Vidmar at latest on Wednesday 29 June.

MONDAY 4 JULY 2005 21:00: PUBLIC EVENING LECTURE

At 21:00-22:00 there will be a Public Evening Lecture by Professor Dušan Petrač from Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA, Caltech, about the current and future projects of space exploration by NASA.

The lecture will be given in the Lecture Hall of Hotel PIRAMIDA (amphitheatre at the underground level).

TUESDAY 5 JULY 2005: DEDICATED TO THE 75TH BIRTHDAY OF PROFESSOR SIEGFRIED GROSS-MANN FROM MARBURG, GERMANY

This day is dedicated to the celebration of the 75th birthday of Professor Siegfried Grossmann.

12:30-13:30 A Festive Public Lecture by Professor Siegfried Grossmann in the Large Lecture Hall (Velika dvorana, just the same where we shall have all other lectures).

21:00-22:00 A chamber music concert by a young Slovenian violin virtuous Anja Bukovec (accompanied by Janez Dovč and Mateja Urbanč) at Kazinska Dvorana of the Slovenian National Theatre in Maribor, at Slomškov trg, just next to the Main University Building and the cathedral. After the concert there will be addresses and speeches, followed by a reception with good Slovenian wines.

WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2005 20:00: CONCERT AND FESTIVE DINNER

20:00 We gather at the "Art Saloon" (Art Kavarna) of the Hotel PIRAMIDA enjoying a glass of champaign

20:00-20:20 Chamber music concert (Feguš String Quartet)

20:20-24:00 Festive dinner

SATURDAY 9 JULY 2005: LAST DINNER AND FIREWORKS

We shall gather at 20:00 to enjoy the last common informal dinner with some good wines in good atmosphere and shall admire the closing fireworks of the Festival Lent at 23:45-00:15 in the Lent area. Good bye MARIBOR 2005! See you at MARIBOR 2008.

All events except for the trips on Sunday 3 July are free of charge for all invited lecturers and for other participants of the School and Conference, as they are covered by the conference budget for the local expenses and by the participation fees.