



OBČINA ŠOŠTANJ

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INVITATION

Dear FECC members.

We kindly invite you to visit Dies Natalis to Šoštanj

Slovenia is a small country located between Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia. It has a population of 2.1 million. Slovenia is a member of the European Union and the Schengen and Eurozones. It is a very safe country.

In the north it is surrounded by the Julian Alps. It is bordered on the south by the Adriatic Sea and the coastal wine areas on the west. To the east there are a large number of thermal areas and extensive vineyards with high quality wines. The capital city of Slovenia is Ljubljana. Our underground world have many karst caves. The largest is the Postojna Cave. We have the mighty Alps with the highest peak called Triglav, which measures 2864 m above sea level. We have many lakes in the interior of Slovenia. The most famous is lake Bled. The island in the middle of the lake is very attractive for tourists, where they can also get married in the church. Šoštanj lies on the edge of the Šaleško Savinjska region.

At Dies Natalis we will visit the Logar Valley at the foot of the Savinja Alps. Above the glacial valley we will go for a 15 minute walk and take photos under a 74 m high waterfall called Rinka. We will also be able to drink Slovenian brandy called Šnops on a wooden structure next to the waterfall. One day will be reserved for visiting Velenje city, where we will also stay. Velenje is a mining town where Lignite brown coal is mined. 66 m above the town, some will visit Velenje Castle, which also has a museum. In one part, they keep the skeleton of a mammoth (Mastodonta), which was found during excavations. Those who are not afraid of enclosed spaces will be able to descend 160 m underground to the Coal Museum. The museum is modernly equipped and you can see the ancient way of mining. Velenje has a modern tourist lake, which was created due to coal mining.

We will be accommodated in the Hotel Razgoršek, which is beautifully rustically furnished. Our host of Dies Nataies will be the town of Šoštanj, which is one of the largest carnival town in Slovenia.

Our mayor Darko Menih was happy to organize Dies Natalis.

Šoštanj with electricity from the power plant covers 35% of the needs in the country. In recent years, we have renovated two market squares intended for events.

Our autochtone carnival mask is Koš šoštanjski where a wife carries her husband in one person. This is a very cheerful group. In 2006, at the convention in Novi Vinodolski, we became

members of the large FECC family. Since then, we have hosted many carnival groups from almost all over Europe in our city.

Our guests of honor were already Henry van der Kroon and Lars Algell.

Now you also have the opportunity to have fun in Šoštanj.

Chairman of the organizing committee
and vice president of F.E.C.C. Slovenia
Peter RADOJA



The Mayor of the municipality of Šoštanj
Darko MENIH, prof.

