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Turner ES Students Visit the Embassy

As a part of the Embassy Adoption Program, Turner Elementary School students, accompanied by their classroom teacher, Ms. Crystal Wiley, visited the Slovenian Embassy on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

Both the Slovenian Embassy and the school are participating in the Embassy Adoption Program, an academic program (offered in partnership with the D.C. Public Schools and the Washington Performing Arts Society), the mission of which



5th Grade students of the Turner Elementary School in front of the embassy.

is to work with 5th- and 6th-grade students, to impart global education in the classroom.

Every year, a class is "adopted" by an embassy, and the two visit each other back and forth, creating a bond between local and international community. One of the program's highlights includes field trips to gain for students hands-on

experience with their adopted culture.

On Tuesday, the students visited for the first time the Slovenian embassy where they learned about Slovenian traditional clothing and Slovenian folk music, got a chance to taste Slovenian traditional foods such as potica (wall-nut roll-cake) and kranjska klobasa (Carniolian



sausage), and also learned about the work of the embassy staff.

The visitors also were taught how to dance the polka and a traditional circle dance, the belokranjsko kolo. On the occasion, the students also got a chance to see a photo collection of planetary landscapes, made by Michael Benson and on exhibit at the embassy until the end of January.

Children were learning how to dance a traditional circle dance from the region of Bela krajina, belokranjsko kolo.



COMPETENCE CENTERS

The CC for Advanced Control Technologies (CC ACT)

Competence centers are research-development centers, led by industrial partners, as they connect partners from both private and public research sectors and they aim to enhance the ability to develop and use of competent products, services and processes in the crucial areas of technological development.

The Competence Center for Advanced Control Technologies (CC ACT) is one of the seven competence centers that are specially chosen and co-financed by the Republic of Slovenia, the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports, and the European Union (E.U.) – the European Regional Development Fund -- as a part of its operative plan to promote regional development potentials between 2007 and 2013. CC ACT focuses on new developments in control technology such as automation, computerization and cyberneticization.

The working field of the CC ACT is control technology

that connects automation, computerization and cyberneticization of processes and systems. It involves the "hidden technology" that is found in every complex piece of equipment, system or production process, and hence represents one of the key development factors in the world and is also very important for the future development of Slovenia.

CC ACT as such continues the research and development part of the activities earlier initiated within the Centre of Excellence for Modern Control Technologies, and follows the development strategy that has been developed and implemented within the "process-control-technology" technology network.

The realization of the CC ACT program contributes toward achieving the strategy's goals by developing new (and improving the existing) products, services and technologies for advanced process-control for the benefit of

target industries, comparatively important for Slovenia, by introducing and distributing these technologies among the users (mainly through demonstration projects), by fostering the creation of an innovative environment, and by integrating them into the international real and virtual development and economic environment.

The consortium is composed of 17 partners -- all the leading Slovenian research groups in this field, all the main engineering companies (service providers and equipment suppliers) and respected manufacturing companies from different industry sectors. The partners have a long tradition of collaboration and excellent results thus far, and a more than sufficient critical mass, and are intensively active in the international as well as local environment. For more information about CC ACT, please visit: <http://www.kcstv.si/en/>.

Ski Resorts in Slovenia, Part 2



The new Golte hotel is a perfect place to relax after a long day of winter adventures, where one can indulge to the fullest in their wellness center's offer which includes saunas (Finnish, Turkish, infra, and herbal), massage pools, a fitness gym, and an outside pool. In addition to offering an outside climbing wall, the hotel rents and services sports equipment. Other special features of the hotel complex are its sophisticated conference center, which accommodates approximately one hundred people, and a mountain library.

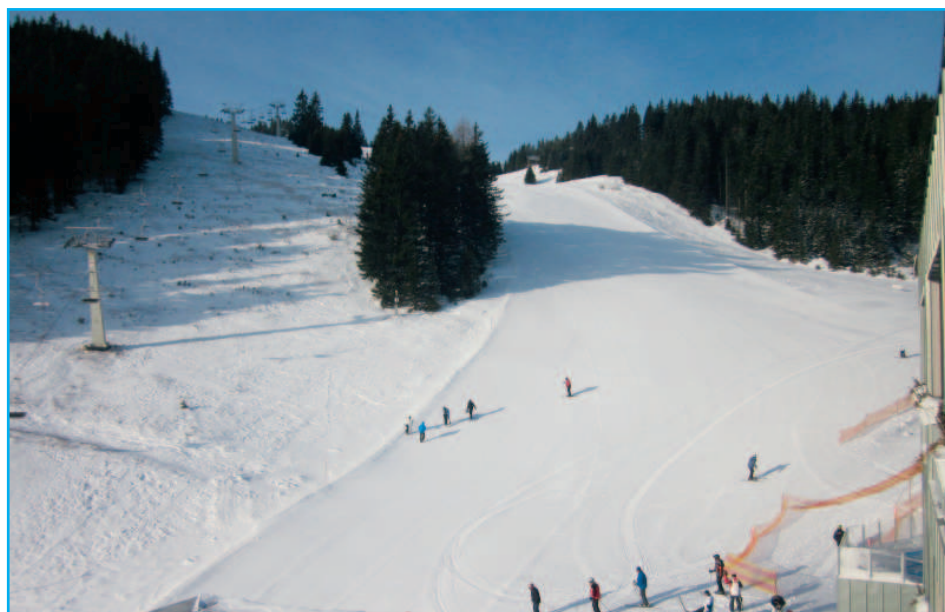
Golte Ski Center.

Golte

With its idyllic location in the eastern part of the Kamnik–Savinja Alps, the Golte state-of-the-art hotel complex is guaranteed to make you feel fully relaxed and at ease. At 4,625 feet above sea level, a stone's throw from the ski slope next to the upper station of the Žekovec cable car, you will find a magnificent view of the varied Savinjska valley. The eight miles of ski runs that stretch over 123 acres of land in the Golte ski area are very diverse. The trails are adapted to skiers of all types and are marked in blue, red, or even black, the last appropriate for only the most experienced enthusiasts.

The winter season of the Golte Ski School – the association Društvo Beli zajec - offers various programs for children and young

people who are just starting to learn the ropes of skiing, and for those who are already competing. Cross-country skiers may test their skills on a trail that starts in Stari Stani, whereas ski mountaineers may head down from Golte towards Smrekovec or Raduha.



Golte.

Krvavec

Ski Resort, located in the municipality of Cerklje, is the closest Ski Resort to an international airport (Ljubljana – Brnik, 5 miles) in Europe. It is, moreover, a mere 15 miles from Ljubljana and 22 miles from Bled. The Ski Resort has 19

miles of well maintained ski runs, providing excellent conditions for skiing on both natural and artificial snow. Due to the center's favorable location, the skiing season usually starts as early as the end of November and may last over 150 days until early May; however, the resort guarantees at least 100 skiing days each season.

The ski runs are varied and ideal for both recreational and professional skiers. The rich additional package includes a Ski School, rental and service of ski equipment, an area for beginners, and a children's playground, and thus attracts and delights beginners.

Sledding is also arranged in a special area located next to the area for children on Kriška Planina. The longest tow-lift for children in Slovenia, 260 feet long, takes you to the top of the sledding runs, with an exciting option of night sledding. Snowshoeing is becoming a very popular way of moving around in a snowbound region.



Krvavec.

Another huge attraction at the Krvavec Ski Resort takes place at the end of the winter, when Krvavec traditionally hosts the adrenaline-pumped contestants of the Luža (puddle) Contest. This contest is a unique event in Slovenia, where winter and summer seasons are combined to provide an unforgettable experience.

In the middle of the Ski Resort, water skiers and wake boarders dress up in costumes and perform acrobatic stunts and spectacular jumps. A DJ, the snow bar and a barbecue, cocktails and social games on the snow take care of additional entertainment.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Consular Hours in New York City

The consular officer at the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Washington, DC, will be holding consular hours and providing consular services (authentications, certifications, passport applications, etc.) in New York City on **Friday, February 1, 2013**, at the premises of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations, located at 600 Third Avenue,

24th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10016. However, visa and residence permit applications can only be submitted in Washington, DC.

To schedule an appointment on February 1, please send an e-mail to the Embassy of Slovenia at vwa@gov.si. Please, list your full name, contact information and consular service requested.

The embassy will set the time of your appointment and

give you further information on the documentation you need to bring. You may also visit the embassy website <http://washington.embassy.si/> (Consular Affairs, Visas) for required documents for most consular services.

Due to security reasons, persons without an appointment will not be able to enter the premises of the mission.

Government Office For Slovenians Abroad - Public Invitations For Tenders For Financial Support In The Year 2013



Based on the Act on Relations between the Republic of Slovenia and Slovenians abroad (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 43/06, 76/10) and Government Decree on the granting of financial support for maintenance and development of the Slovene identity outside of the Republic of Slovenia (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 139/2006), the Government Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Slovenians Abroad published two Public Invitations for Applications on December 28, 2012.

Public Invitations for Applications cover:

(1) Area A: Financial support in 2013 for Slovenian autochthonous national community in the neighboring countries; and

(2) Area B: Financial support in 2013 for Slovenians living abroad.

Both Public Invitations for Applications aim to stimulate activities among Slovenians living abroad, that:

- consolidate and maintain their national, linguistic and cultural identity
- pave the way for their interaction and mutual connection
- enable them to maintain their links with the Republic of Slovenia
- enable the maintenance of the structures and activities of Slovenian autochthonous national community in

neighboring countries, as well as those of other Slovenians living abroad.

Also, **priority is given to projects of cross-border cooperation, economic and scientific development, and youth issues.**

Public Invitations for Applications grant eligibility to apply for financial support to applicants who are individuals or legal entities located outside of the Republic of Slovenia, as well as those located in the Republic of Slovenia, whose activities in the Republic of Slovenia aim to connect and care for Slovenians abroad.

The documentation for the above mentioned Public Invitations for Applications is available on the website of the Government Office for Slovenians Abroad, which can be found at <http://www.uszs.gov.si/>.

Interested parties can also obtain the documentation in person at the Office's headquarters on weekdays between 9:00 and 14:00 hours, and at any of the Republic of Slovenia's Embassies or Consulates General, during their office hours.

The deadline for filing the applications is up to and including **February 2, 2013.**

For any additional clarifications and information, please contact the Government Office for Slovenians Abroad via email: urad.slovinci@gov.si

Concert of the 4 Saxess Saxophone Quartet in NYC

The renowned Slovenian musicians Lev Pupis, Tomislav Žužak, Primož Fleischman, and Dejan Prešiček will play compositions by Slovenian and American composers as well as arrangements based on Slovenian folk songs. On the occasion of the Slovenian Cultural Day, the opening remarks will be given by the Ambassador of Slovenia, Roman Kirn.

When: [Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.](#)

Where: [St. Cyril Parish at 62 St. Marks Pl. \(East Village\), New York, NY 10003](#)

Admission free.

Slovenian Cultural Evening at the Embassy of Slovenia

Through food, drink, a short film that highlights the scenery, culture and people of Slovenia, and live music by the Slovenian saxophone quartet, 4 Saxess, experience the rich Slovenian culture. In cooperation with Things To Do, Inc. – Young Professional Cultural Society.

When: [Thursday, January 24, 2013, at 7:15 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.](#)

Where: [Embassy of Slovenia, 2410 California Street, NW, Washington DC 20008](#)

More information and registration: <http://www.thingstodoc.com/events.php?show=1877>

Slovenian Designer Sanja Grcić presents Firma in NYC

Firma by Sanja style is described as Street Couture: instinctive, innovative and alternative, with clever detailing and a slight sporty touch. Firma builds new concepts of designing clothes out of a wide range of tailoring and cutting knowledge. Firma by Sanja made its first presentation in RSPOP-up in 2011 and is coming back to NYC with the collection Inside Straight. In the meantime, Sanja opened in Ljubljana her store Koda 386 (international dial code for Slovenia), which was proclaimed by The New York Times Travel as one of the best designers' corners in town: <http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2012/11/18/travel/18Ljubljana-6.html>.

When: [January 14-31, M-F at 11 a.m.- 8 p.m., SAT noon - 7 p.m.](#)

Where: [501 Lexington Ave. at the Roger Smith Hotel](#)

More information:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Firma-Ljubljana-by-Sanja-Grcic/179198485497176>

Beyond by Michael Benson

A spectacular photography exhibition of images from space.

When: [Monday through Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM](#)

Where: [Embassy of Slovenia, 2410 California Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008](#)

More information about the work of Michael Benson on: <http://www.kinetikonpictures.com/>

SlovenSki Program for 2013

Schedule:

February: 1-3, 2013, SlovenSki weekend Windham, NY

February 15-23, 2013, SlovenSki trip to 3 Vallees, France

March 18-24, 2013, Nastar Nationals Aspen/Snowmass (qualified racers)

April 1-7, 2013, SlovenSki week in Sun Valley, ID

More information and application form: [John F Kamin, 61-32 75th Place, Middle Village, NY 11379, phone: \(718\) 424-2711, email: \[Jfkamin@verizon.net\]\(mailto:Jfkamin@verizon.net\)](#)

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