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Lecture on the Arab Revolution at the Slovenian Embassy



Ambassador Roman Kim, addressed a wide audience on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at the 'Beyond the headlines: Reform, Revolt and Revolution in Egypt and the Arab World' event, organized by the Slovenian Embassy in cooperation with the Women's Foreign Policy Group.

In his introductory remarks, Ambassador Kim acknowledged the importance of such debates, which not only bring the understanding of the events to the wide public, but also open the

Ambassador Kim addressing the audience. On his right Lisa Anderson, the President of the American University in Cairo. On his left Patricia Ellis, the President of the Women's Foreign Policy Group.

floor for the discussion.

Ms. Patricia Ellis, the president and co-founder of the Women's Foreign Policy Group, also welcomed the distinguished guests and presented the keynote speaker Ms. Lisa Anderson, the president of the American University in Cairo and author of numerous books, which reflect her expertise in politics in the Middle East and North Africa.

»I'm fundamentally optimistic about changes and

the positive development in the region«, said Ms. Anderson. She compared Tunisia, Libya and Egypt, where the Arab revolution took first strokes and different dynamics, but oriented her lecture more toward the recent elections in Egypt and the victory of Mohamed Mursi: »This revolution is not only about rights, but a revolution where people demanded responsibility«. She also added that the journey Egypt made from January 25 of



last year was a path »from not having an opinion, to having an awareness of not having an opinion, to having an opinion on public affairs.«

At the end of the lecture, several other issues were raised by the audience, such as the role of women and civil society as well as the role of the U.S. regarding the military in Egypt.

The evening was concluded with a pleasant reception for over 60 representatives of various NGOs, think tanks, universities, American administration, and diplomatic corps.



Ambassador of Slovenia Roman Kirn and Ambassador of Croatia Joško Paro talking to the members of Women's Foreign Policy Grop.

BUSINESS

JAPTI's Public Tender for Direct Foreign Investments

Public Agency of the Republic of Slovenia for Entrepreneurship and Foreign Investments (JAPTI) on June 29 issued the Invitation to tender for applications under the co-financing grant scheme for the promotion of foreign direct investments in the Republic of Slovenia for 2012.

The subject matter of the Invitation to tender is the award of grant funds for new (greenfield) investments to be carried out by applicants – foreign entities of private law – non-residents located in the territory of the Republic of Slovenia. The objectives of the Invitation to tender are to create 200 net new jobs and to achieve, within a period of three years, a three times higher value of the investments made within the framework of the projects submitted in response to this Invitation to tender.

The purpose of the Invitation to tender is to attract foreign investors to locate investment projects within the territory of the Republic of



Slovenia, which will contribute to the transfer of knowledge and technology and the co-operation between scientific and/or research undertakings and establishments within the territory of the Republic of Slovenia and foreign investors; a more balanced regional development; an increase in synergic effects of linking foreign investors with the Slovenian companies, mainly in the field of supplies for foreign investors, and the exchange of knowledge and technologies.

The grant funds for 2012 amount to 4,428,743 euros. Applicants must file the application on paper as an original

document drawn up completely in the Slovenian or English language. The final date for the receipt of grant applications in 2012 is August 17, 2012, by 12:00 noon CET. Applications must be mailed the address: JAPTI, Verovškova 60, 1000 Ljubljana. More information is available on the website: www.japti.si. For further clarifications, you may also send your questions to the e-mail address matej.skocir@japti.si or igor.lakota@japti.si.

Link to PDF in English:

http://www.japti.si/resources/files/doc/javni_razpisi/RAZPISI_2012/150/Javni-razpis-TNI-2012-ANG.pdf

Koper

The Slovenian coastal town of Koper, with a population of about 25,000, is the main urban center of the Slovenian Istria. Situated along the country's 28-mile coastline, it lies only about three miles from Slovenia's border with Italy and uses both Slovene and Italian as official languages.

Aegida, Capris, Justinopolis, Insula Capraria, Caput Histriae, Capo d'Istria are the various names of Koper, whose image and name were altered throughout history by different rulers and states. An island in the past, Koper was first inhabited in pre-Roman and Roman times, when the town was called Capris; in the times of Pope Gregory I it was named Insula Capraria (the Goat Island); in the Byzantine era, Justinopolis; and the patriarchs of Aquileia named it Caput Istriae. Only in the times



Tito Square.

of the Venetian Republic was its name changed to Italian Capo d'Istria. During the long Venetian rule, Koper underwent the most significant economic and cultural changes, which can still be noticed today. Of all Slovenian coastal towns, Koper underwent the greatest number of changes and progressed a long way from the stony Goat

Island to the economic center of Slovenian Istria.

Koper's main site of interest is its Venetian-era old city, aptly named the Old Town. Its main street, Čevljarska (Shoemakers'), is no more than six or ten feet wide in some places and is packed with people from dawn to dusk. The town's main square, Titov Trg (Tito Square), is dominated by the bell tower of the cathedral of the Assumption of St. Mary the upper terrace of which is periodically open, offering a great view of the Bay of Trieste.

Perhaps the most astonishing building in the square is the 15th-century Praetorian Palace, the seat of the city's governor during the Venetian Republic. Sights in Koper also include the Loggia in Venetian Gothic style, the 12th century Carmine Rotunda church, and the church of St Nazarius with its 14th-century tower.

Renovated and restored old buildings speak of the



Praetorian Palace.

respect local people feel for the past. Koper's development was significantly influenced by the establishing of land and sea connections with Trieste and Poreč under the Napoleonic and afterwards Habsburg rule. After World War II, Koper became the economic center of the region and, after 1991, the only commercial port in Slovenia and meeting point of nautical, seaside and sports tourism.

Nowadays, various cultural events give life to its streets and squares all year round, especially in the summer months. There are the Feast of Refošk, Festiko, PUF – Primorska Street Puppet Festival, JEFF – Jazz Ethno Festival, the Primorska Fair, just to name a



Slovenian coastline.

few. Koper is also blessed with some wonderful fish and seafood restaurants; moreover, the climax of the summer in Koper is the so called Yellow night in July with

the greatest number of open-air events and festivities, which culminate in midnight fireworks. More information is available at: tic@koper.si or www.koper.si

CALL FOR ENTRIES

8 Billion-Euro Research Call to Generate Growth

The European Commission announced the biggest ever set of calls for proposals for research under its Seventh Framework Program (FP7), with a total of 8.1 billion euros allocated for projects and ideas that should boost Europe's competitiveness and tackle issues such as environmental protection and waste management. The funding is open to organizations and businesses in E.U. Member States and partner countries such as the United States.

The calls target both innovation and a range of societal challenges, building a bridge to Horizon 2020, the next funding program for E.U. research in the years 2014-2020. In all, €4.8 billion is dedicated to thematic research priorities that include: around €155 million for "Oceans of

the future", to support sustainable growth in the marine and maritime sectors; around €365 million for technologies that will transform urban areas into sustainable "Smart Cities and Communities"; some €147 million to combat the rise of drug-resistant bacteria; and nearly €100 million dedicated to innovative solutions for managing fresh water resources.

The calls also support the Digital Agenda's ICT research funding targets, with almost €1.5 billion going to the thematic area of information and communication technologies.

There will be around €970 million of financing for SMEs under the thematic research priorities. Other measures include an extra €150 million for guarantees to leverage €1 billion in loans for SMEs and mid-caps

(slightly larger firms up to 500 employees).

The €8.1 billion announced today is expected to leverage an additional €6 billion of public and private investment in research, and estimated to increase employment by 210,000 in the short-term and generate, over a 15 year period, an additional €75 billion in growth.

For more information visit:

FP7: www.ec.europa.eu/research/fp7

Innovation Union: <http://ec.europa.eu/innovation-union>

Europe 2020: <http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020>

Horizon 2020: http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm

Digital Agenda: <http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda>

Discover Enchanting Slovenia

Those of you who love to enrich your knowledge or the knowledge of your children and grandchildren, or at one point decide to visit Slovenia, will appreciate this 30-minute DVD. This film by Zoya D. Pinto will introduce you to the most interesting places in Slovenia, which has a long history, great architecture, art, and a breathtaking natural beauty. Order DVDs not only for yourself, your children and grandchildren, but especially for your American friends and thus help promote tourism of our native country.

More information and request for order form: zdproduction@hotmail.com

Clearly filled DVD order form must be sent to: ZD Productions, 51 Village Circle, San Rafael, CA 94903-4242

Sensorial Perspectives - Boris Selan Exhibition New York 2012

The exhibition features Slovenian artist Boris Selan.

When: July 7 - July 27, 2012

Where: Agora Gallery, 530 West 25th Street, New York, NY 10001

More information: Agora-Gallery.com or www.Art-Mine.com

Astronaut Sunita Williams Space Mission Launch

Euclid, Ohio, born astronaut Sunita Williams, of Slovenian and Indian descent, will be going on an historic space mission in a Russian Soyuz space shuttle. Williams' mother, Bonnie Pandya, will be on hand in Cleveland to be with friends and family to view the launch.

When: The launch and special program start on Saturday, July 14 at 8:00 p.m. The actual lift-off of the Soyuz TMA-05M spacecraft will take place on July 15 (Kazakhstan time) from the Baikonur Cosmodrome.

Where: Where: St. Mary's Church Auditorium, 15519 Holmes Avenue, Cleveland.

The admission to the launch event in Cleveland is free.

The schedule is as follows:

8:00 p.m. Gathering - with exhibits, refreshments. Expedition 32 and 33 commemorative T-shirts will be available

9:00 p.m. Presentation by Astronaut Mike Foreman, U.S. Navy Capt. Ret.

10:30 p.m. Viewing of Suni Williams' launch real time.

SloveneFest XXXI

Join SNPJ members and friends for annual celebration of Slovenian culture.

When: July 13 - 15, 2012

Where: SNPJ recreation Center, 270 Martin Road, Borough of SNPJ, PA 16120

More information: www.snpjrec.com, snpjvsnpjrec.com

Luka Gregorc vs. The Washington Kastles

The Washington Kastles, D.C.'s professional tennis team, will test its strength against the Philadelphia Freedoms of World Team. Slovenian Luka Gregorc will play as a member of the Philadelphia team. In 2009, Luka became the first Slovenian to qualify at Grand Slam, when he won three matches to reach the main draw at Wimbledon.

When: Sunday, July 15 and Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Kastles Stadium at the Wharf on the Southwest Waterfront, 800 Water St. SW, Washington, DC, 20024

More information: <http://www.washingtonkastles.com/teams/index.aspx>