



Deputy Chief of Mission Brad Freden



Mr. Freden assumed his current position as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in August 2008. His previous assignments include Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs in Sofia, Bulgaria; Political-Military Affairs Officer in Prague, Czech Republic; Political Officer in Colombo, Sri Lanka; and Vice Consul in Merida, Mexico. He also served in Washington in the State Department's Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs and the State Department Operations Center. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Freden was in the U.S. Air Force for four years.

Mr. Freden is a graduate of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, where he received a master's degree in International Relations, and Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, where he majored in International Politics. He is originally from California. Mr. Freden's wife, Piedad, is a bacteriologist by training. They have two school-age children.

St. Mary's Parish - Collinwood

MAŠKARADA. On Saturday, February 21st, we will have our annual Mardi Gras dinner/dance. Donation is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children and children under the age of 7 are admitted free. Veseli Godci will play for your dancing and listening pleasure. Please call the rectory office as soon as possible for table or individual ticket reservations. Costumes are always welcome to keep us in a festive spirit.

MAŠKARADA. V soboto 21. februarja bomo imeli našo predpustno ve erjo in ples v župnijski dvorani. Dar je \$20. za odrasle in \$10. za otroke, za otroke pod 7. letom je vstop prost. Za ples bo igral ansambel Veseli godci. e želite rezervirati mizo ali posamezno, prosimo pokli ite župniše.

February 1, 2009 bulletin <http://www.4lpi.com/new//images/bulletins/14/0115/20090201.pdf>

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YADDO: MAKING AMERICAN CULTURE

"Founded in 1900 by philanthropists Spencer and Katrina Trask, Yaddo has emerged as America's premier artists' retreat, nurturing the talents of thousands of writers, painters, composers, and other creative artists. When its first guests arrived in 1926, Yaddo was hailed by *The New York Times* as a "new and unique experiment, which has no exact parallel in the world of fine arts."

(<http://exhibitions.nypl.org/exhibits/yaddo/introduction>)

The exhibition includes a number of works by Slovenian-American author Louis Adamič, including, "The Native's Return: An American Immigrant Visits Yugoslavia and Discovers His Old Country",

"Laughter in the Jungle: The Autobiography of an Immigrant in America" and "Dynamite: The Story of Class Violence in America," as well as some of the writer's correspondence and a magazine article.

D. Samuel and Jeane H. Gottesman Exhibition Hall
Humanities and Social Sciences Library
5th Avenue and 42nd Street,
New York, NY 10018
web: www.nypl.org

February 10, 2009 6:00pm

ISCP SALON WITH MLADEN STROPNIK

Multidisciplinary Slovene artist and winner of the 2009 OHO award, Mladen Stropnik will present his work "Geris Magic Acid Bar" in a salon setting. The evening will also feature work by the artist Ana Ivanovska.

International Studio & Curatorial Program (ISCP)
1040 Metropolitan Avenue, 3rd Fl.
Brooklyn, NY 11211
email: info@iscp-nyc.org
web: www.iscp-nyc.org, www.solaprosticas.com

February 22, 2009 11:00am

SLOVENIAN CULTURAL HOUR: SLOVENIAN CULTURAL DAY CELEBRATION

In honor of Slovenian Cultural Day this month's Slovene Cultural Hour will feature readings of Slovenian-American authors and music by jazz musician Lenart Krečič and his band. Slovenian food will also be served.

The Church of St. Cyril
62 St. Mark's Place (E 8th St.)
New York NY, 10003

Application Deadline: April 30, 2009

OPEN CALL: SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia announces a limited number of scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year (10-1-2009 to 9-30-2010). The scholarships are open to foreign students who wish to come to Slovenia as a visiting student for up to 10 months (depending on quota and selection). The main purpose of the scholarships are to support foreign students who wish to undertake a part of their postgraduate study on an individual basis under the supervision of a Slovene professor.

Priority will be given to the citizens of countries with bilateral agreements or if the direct exchange of government scholarships exists on a reciprocal basis. The duration of the stay period can range from three months to ten months. Scholarships can be awarded for any field of study offered by Slovene institutions of higher education.

For more information, please contact the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Technology at scholarships@cmepius.si or go to www.cmepius.si

June 29 - July 24, 2008

Application deadline: May 31, 2009

CENTRE FOR SLOVENE AS A SECOND LANGUAGE: SUMMER SESSION

The Centre for Slovene as a Second Language offers two and four week courses at three levels: beginning, intermediate, and advanced. Courses run in the morning with elective languages courses offered in the afternoon.

Summer School activities also include a varied social program, where students can become acquainted with Slovene culture, history and contemporary reality while at the same time coming into close contact with the Slovene language and its speakers in its natural linguistic environment outside the classroom.

University of Ljubljana
Faculty of Arts
Centre for Slovene as a Second/Foreign Language
Courses of Slovene
Kongresni trg 12
SI-1000 Ljubljana
Tel.: + 386 (0)1 241 86 48

For more information go to www.centerslo.net or e-mail center-slo@ff.uni-lj.si.

CLEVELANDSLOVENIAN.COM

Recently redesigned, ClevelandSlovenian.com continues to offer up to date and comprehensive information on Slovenian-American culture and events, not just in the Cleveland area but all over the United States.

To explore the webpage or join the mailing list, go to www.cleslo.com .

WEB PAGE OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK

The Consulate General of Slovenia in New York is pleased to announce the launch of our website. The Consulate's website is available in both English and Slovene and can be used to find information on consular matters, economic and cultural cooperation, and the Slovenian-American community. Kažipot will also be published on the Consulate's webpage, along with an archive of our past issues.

We invite you to visit us at <http://newyork.consulate.si> .

Editor's Note: To inquire about being listed in Kažipot, please contact the Consulate General of Slovenia in New York at (212) 370-3006 or clara.drew@gov.si

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Park View hoops team planning overseas road trip

Boys will travel to Slovenia for IB tournament

by [Stacey Colwell](#)

Park View Education Centre's boys' basketball team is planning one heck of a road trip.

"This will be something they'll remember for a lifetime," said coach Eric Dolliver about the Panthers' intentions to travel to Nova Gorica, Slovenia, for an International Baccalaureate (IB) hoops tournament next November.

It's a part of Europe the South Shore Regional School Board has had a long-time connection with.

"We've had administrator exchanges, teacher exchanges and student groups go there."

The catalyst for this trip was an invitation to a tournament in Portugal last year.

"Within a week of receiving that, I ran into a former teacher and coach here at Park View, Dave Cook, and he's one of the people who's been highly involved with these Slovenian exchanges. I mentioned to him this invitation. We couldn't do it, but I told him I was interested in doing a fairly big trip this year. I knew he was a great thinker and idea man, so I left it with him."

Mr. Cook then arranged an invitation to this tournament at an IB school in Nova Gorica.

"They've built a new super gymnasium which I believe professional handball and basketball teams play out of, and they're looking to have some sort of major tournament for their facility," said Mr. Dolliver.

The plan is to spend 15 days in Slovenia, and visit nearby Italy and perhaps Switzerland, too.

Slovenia's capital is where former Raptor Rasho Nesterovic is from, and bordering northern Italy is home to former number 1 overall draft pick Andrea Bargnani.

"So we're trying to make a connection with the Raptors and see if there's any kind of contacts that can be made through them. We've also been told we'll possibly be playing before some pro games over there. They have quite a large professional league, so we'll be meeting some of their teams."

There will also be educational opportunities.

"We'll be going to some of their national historic sites and geographic sites, and there's quite an amazing cave system we've been told about."

Meanwhile, the team needs to fundraise about \$2,000 per student.

Among numerous fundraising events, the team will play a game against Sir John A. Macdonald at the Metro Centre following a Halifax Rainmen game on February 15, and are planning an alumni day with a lobster cold plate supper and an auction on April 25.

"We already have a LeBron James jersey that's been initialled by him and we're working on a number of other items as well."

For more information, or to contribute in any way, contact Mr. Dolliver at 541-8207.

"We're trying to provide the trip of a lifetime for these kids, and any help people can provide would be appreciated."

Source: <http://southshorenow.ca/archives/2009/012709/sports/index004.php>



Mountain Bike - European Down Hill Championships 2009

Kranjska Gora, Slovenia - Website & Registration Launch

The website for the European DH championships was launched this week:

<http://www.dhvitranc.eu>

The Championships will be held in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, **June 12 -14 2009.**

The race is one week before the Maribor DH/4X World Cup. The venues are less than 3 hours drive from each other. Furthermore, Maribor is followed by the 4-Cross European Championships in Ajdovščina, again less than 3 hours drive.

"Downhill Vitranc" is the name of the mountain and of the race that's traditionally held on this course. Hit, the local hotel company, is the title sponsor of the Championships. Elite, Junior and the Masters Downhill European Championships will also be contested. [Masters Registration online.](#)

The Championships venue is concentrated on the edge of the village, only steps away from main hotels and a couple of minutes walk from the old village center. The finish area is situated at the bottom of the Dolenčev rut chairlift near a couple of restaurants. Other cycling events in Kranjska Gora include an annual Super-D race in the bike park and a mass start road hillclimb to the mountain pass Vršič (12 km, 800 m elevation gain, finish at 1.611 m above sea level).

Content on the website is in Slovenian and English languages with most of the static content in French, German and Italian.

<http://www.dhvitranc.eu>

Kranjska Gora photo: Kranjska Gora Tourist Board)



Source: <http://www.dailypeloton.com/displayarticle.asp?pk=14060>

Queen bestows honour upon former resort student

Friday, January 30, 2009, 09:00

A FORMER Cleethorpes school pupil has been made a Member of the Victorian Order.

Diplomat Hannah Cockburn received the honour at a private meeting with the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, after helping to arrange a state visit to Slovenia.

Hannah, who studied at The Lindsey School, on Grainsby Avenue, held a post with the British Embassy in the Slovenian capital Ljubljana for four years.

Hannah (30) said: "I was delighted.

"To meet the Queen and Prince Philip was an honour and a nice way to finish a really good visit."

During her posting, Hannah assisted the Slovenian Government in its presidency of the European Union.

She said: "I largely did EU work, trying to help improve stability in the Balkans. It was busy, but it was a great opportunity and very interesting."

Hannah joined the Foreign Office in 2001, after studying a masters degree in social and public policy at Leeds University.

She worked in the international press section and then became desk officer for Saudi Arabia.

Since returning from Slovenia, Hannah has taken up a new post with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, in London, working on an EU campaign.

She said: "Every job is different and there are wonderful opportunities, to meet people you wouldn't otherwise meet in everyday life, and to promote the UK."



Hannah has been made a Member of the Victorian Order (MVO). The Order was founded by Queen Victoria in 1896 and is awarded for exceptional and personal services.

Source: <http://www.thisisgrimsby.co.uk/news/Queen-bestows-honour-Lindsey-School-student/article-656144-detail/article.html>



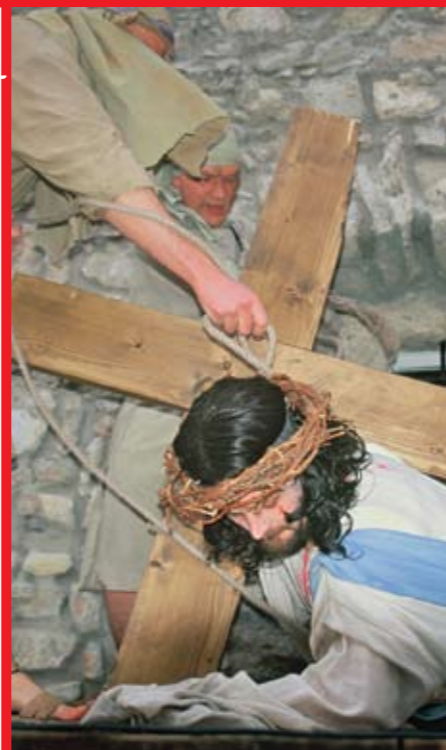
Največja dramska igra na prostem v Sloveniji, se uprizarja **v izvirnem času** - postni in velikonočni čas, **v izvirnem kraju** - mestno jedro Škofje Loke, **na izviren način** - tako kot nekdanji tudi danes v procesijski predstavi sodelujejo izključno igralci iz širše loške okolice, iz mesta in obeh dolin. V Škofjeloškem pasijonu sodeluje preko 600 ljudskih ljubiteljskih igralcev, od tega preko 60 konjenikov, katerih motiv in želja za sodelovanje sta ljubezen do gledališča in spoštljiv odnos do kulturne dediščine, njihovo plačilo pa zadovoljstvo po uspešnih predstavah in ponos, da so prav oni tisti, ki so danes nosilci žive dediščine.



Vse to so tudi razlogi, da je Škofjeloški pasijon kot prvi vpisan v register žive dediščine Slovenije.



Informacije

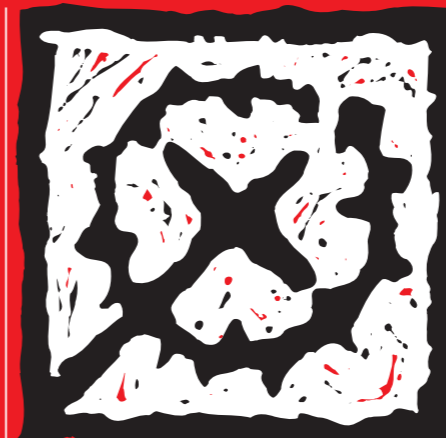


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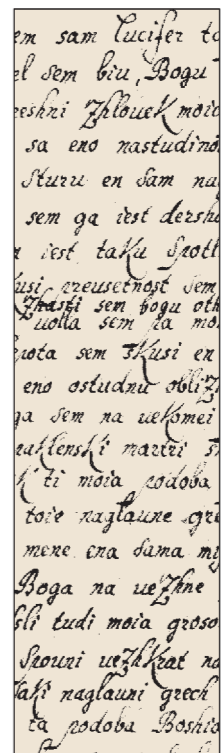
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Oblikovanje in ilustracija: Barbara Šušteršič & Jure Miklavc
Foto: Jure Nastran
Tisk: Pro Grafika, januar 2009
Število izvodov: 10.000

Škofja Loka,
od 28. marca
do 19. aprila
2009



škofjeloški pasijon PROCESSIO LOCOPOLITANA 1721-1999

Postno velikonočni čas



Spoštovani Po devetih letih imamo v Škofji Loki ponovno možnost doživeti izjemno predstavo, ki je ni mogoče doživeti nikjer drugje v Sloveniji in v enaki obliki ter velikosti celo nikjer drugje na vsem svetu. Predstavo, ki nam bo v spominu pustila zven gregorijanskega korala, odmev konjskih kopit in ton jezika nekega drugega časa ter barvo široke palete kostumov in gledališke maske.

V postnem in velikonočnem času bo na štirih prizoriščih po Škofji Loki - na Mestnem trgu, Pod gradom, na Spodnjem trgu in pri Kašči - spet mogoče videti 20 prizorov pasijonske zgodbe, ki temelji na svetopisemski vsebini, s poudarkom na Kristusovem trpljenju, v obliki, kot jo je pred skoraj 300 leti zapisal škofjeloški kapucin pater Romuald Marušič v govornem slovenskem jeziku tedanjega časa in okolja.

Škofjeloški pasijon - PROCESSIO LOCOPOLITANA - dramska predstava, ki s svojo zgodbo po tolikih letih še vedno nosi aktualno sporočilo in vprašanje o smislu človeškega bivanja. Drama, ki je nastala v mestu, kjer se je na ravni vsakdanjega življenja ljudi vedno prepletalo vaško in mestno, meščansko in ljudsko. Prav ta preplet se odraža tudi v Škofjeloškem pasijonu, ki vsebuje elemente srednjeveško-baročne dramatisacije in predstavlja najstarejšo v celoti ohranjeno režijsko pasijonsko knjigo v Evropi, kar Škofjeloški pasijon uvršča med edinstvena evropska dramska dela. Dragoceni rokopis danes hrani knjižnica Kapucinskega samostana v Škofji Loki.

Datumi uprizoritev



- tihi petek:** 27. marec 2009, ob 20.00 uri (generalka)
- tiha sobota:** 28. marec 2009, ob 20.00 uri
- tiha nedelja:** 29. marec 2009, ob 16.00 uri
- cvetni petek:** 3. april 2009, ob 18.00 uri (šolska predstava)
- cvetna sobota:** 4. april 2009, ob 20.00 uri
- cvetna nedelja:** 5. april 2009, ob 16.00 uri
- velikonočni ponedeljek:** 13. april 2009, ob 16.00 uri
- bela sobota:** 18. april 2009, ob 20.00 uri
- bela nedelja:** 19. april 2009, ob 16.00 uri
- petek:** 24. april 2009, ob 18.00 ali ob 20.00 uri
- sobota:** 25. april 2009, ob 20.00 uri
- nedelja:** 26. april 2009, ob 16.00 uri

V primeru, da zaradi slabega vremena ali drugih okoliščin predstava odpade, so na voljo sledeči rezervni termini:

Prodajna mesta vstopnic



Cene vstopnic



Pasijonski paketi

Predprodaja:
Petrolovi servisi,
Kompasove poslovalnice,
prodajalne Big Bang,
Alpetourjeve turistične poslovalnice,
LTO - Blegoš Škofja Loka,
Pasijonska pisarna Škofja Loka,
ter na ostalih prodajnih mestih
prodajne mreže Eventim.

Prodaja na dan ogleda:
Petrolovi servisi,
Kompasove poslovalnice,
prodajalne Big Bang,
Alpetourjeve turistične poslovalnice,
ter prodaja ob vseh vhodih v mestno jedro
v Škofji Loki.

Predprodaja:
stojišče: 10 EUR
sedišče: 13 in 20 EUR

Za organizirane skupine pripravljamo različne pasijonske pakete, ki vključujejo različne vodene ogleda ali tematsko delavnico, kosilo baročnega časa in ogled predstave (sedišče).



Kakovostni spominki

Znotraj prireditvenega prostora bodo na voljo tudi kakovostni spominki, ki jih je kot najboljše, izbrala posebna komisija na javnem natečaju. Med njimi boste našli glinene in lesene izdelke, freske malega formata, voščene, tkalske, rezbarske, kovaške in prehrabne izdelke.

Pasijonski koncerti



Besedilo srednjeveške sekvence Stabat mater iz 13. stoletja je ena najpretnostnejših meditacij na temo Marijinega trpljenja med Jezusovim križanjem. V času baroka, ko je nastal tudi Škofjeloški pasijon, je bilo to besedilo podlaga za mnoga glasbena dela. Odziv baročnih skladateljev na temo bolečine je vsebinska nit koncertnega programa, s katerim želijo člani ansambla za staro glasbo Capella Carniola poslušalcem na priložnostnih koncertih po Sloveniji in tujini po glasbeni poti približati duhovno bistvo postnega časa.



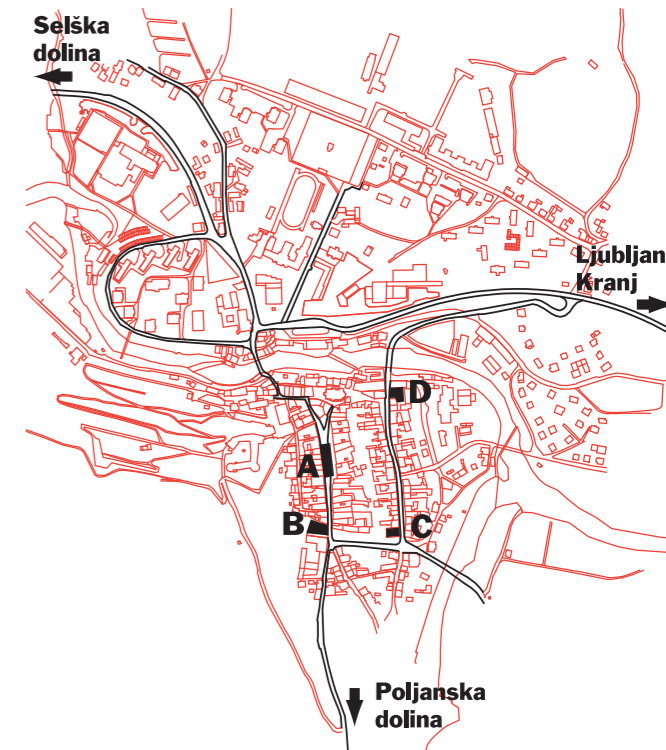
Medijski sponzor:



Sponsorji:

Knaf Insulation,
Marmor Hotavlje,
Radio Sora,
Gorenjski glas,
Slovenia Times.

Zemljevid



Legenda:
➔ Dostop
■ Prizorišče



Events

February 5: Opening of the exhibition "America: Shapes, Shadows, and Colors." Exhibition of photographs by Slovenian Consul General in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Zvone Žigon. Embassy of Slovenia.



*Perfect,
by dr. Zvone Žigon*

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**March 6 - La Grande Fete de la Francophonie.**



Showcase of 35 countries' arts and crafts, food specialties, and cultural traditions of the francophone world. Music guest the famous Haitian group Tabou Combo. **La Maison Française, 4101 Reservoir Road, NW - Washington, DC 20007.**

## Maribor Doctors Win American Heart Association Award

**Ljubljana, 26 January (STA)** - Researchers at the Adolf Drolc Centre for Emergency Medicine in Maribor have received a prestigious award from the American Heart Association for their contribution in the field of resuscitation and emergency care.

The team headed by Stefek Grmec was awarded in November 2008 for its research on how the drug erythropoietin facilitates the return of spontaneous circulation in patients suffering from cardiac arrest.

The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ljubljana said in a press release on Monday that the project was especially precious because of the transfer of laboratory findings in adapted form to the pre-hospital environment. The findings should improve the care offered to cardiac arrest patients by paramedic crews.

The research of the Maribor centre was picked among 1,500 projects in the field and was the only non-US project awarded among a total of 4,000 presented at the congress of the American Heart Association in New Orleans.

The team from Slovenia conducted its research with the help of professor Raul J. Gazmuri of the Rosalind

Franklin University of North Chicago and pharmaceutical company Roche.

## **Interview series: Richard B. Wilkens III Honorary Consul Houston, Texas**

*The Embassy of Slovenia offers you a story of Mr. Richard B. Wilkens and his exemplary engagement with Slovenia.*

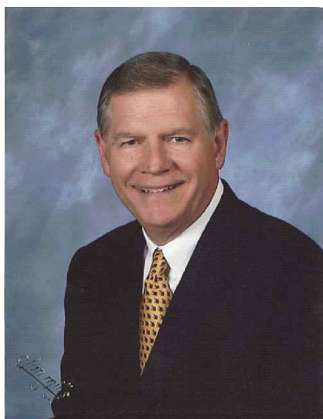
Mr. Richard Wilkens III is Honorary Consul of the Republic of Slovenia in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Wilkens first visited Slovenia in 1989 for the purpose of expanding business relationships in Eastern Europe, as countries in that region were opening their markets to Western companies. As a result of that first visit, one of his companies, Air Routing International, established a representative office in Ljubljana, and, today, still maintains representation in Slovenia.

It was through the development of relationships in Slovenia, in the years prior to independence, that Richard became acquainted with individuals there in both business and government. He and his family visited Slovenia only a few weeks before the fight for independence in the summer of 1991 and witnessed the tense atmosphere that preceded the actual outbreak of hostilities.

Richard was appointed Honorary Consul in 1996 and is a member of the Consular Corps of Houston, which has the third largest number of consuls in the United States, and served on its Executive Committee from 1996 to 2002.

In 1998, Richard coordinated a meeting with Ambassador Dr. Dimitrij Rupel, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, and then Governor of Texas, George W. Bush. Richard and his wife, Sandy, have also hosted H.E. Ernest Petric, former State Secretary in the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and H. E. Samuel Zbogar, current Minister of Foreign Affairs. Both are former Ambassadors of Slovenia to the United States.



Honorary Consul Mr. Wilkens

Richard is a co-founder of Air Routing International, L. P., a company which provides flight dispatch services for corporate, private and government aircraft operations worldwide. Air Routing services over 2000 aircraft, with nearly 50 operations daily with flights to almost every country in the world. To provide these services, Air Routing employs or contracts with hundreds of representatives worldwide.

Air Routing is part of the AR Group which includes several other companies involved in weather forecasting and other flight services.

Richard and his wife, Sandy, have been married almost 39 years and have two children.

### Slovenian Wines Gain Recognition in California

From January 12 to 18, Emil Gaspari of [Slovenia Premium Wines](#), held a series of Slovenian wine tastings in San Francisco area.

Slovenian wines were presented on this occasion to Karen MacNeil, an influential wine professional at the Culinary Institute of America, and Evan Goldstein, Master Sommelier and author of many books and articles on wine.

During this time, Slovenian wines were also featured in [Lavanda Restaurant & Wine Bar](#) in Palo Alto, and [CAV Wine Bar & Kitchen](#) in San Francisco.



On January 14, Catherine Granger's blog, [Purple Liquid: a wine and food diary](#), dedicated a lengthy entry to a review of Slovenian wines, including a map of wine regions, and blogger's notes on several wines, such as Renski Rizling, Pinela, and a variety from Refosco grapes. She called her experience of

the wine testing in Lavanda restaurant "(...) an enlightening tasting and a wonderful evening!"

### Slovenian Skier Saša Farič Wins Bronze in Colorado

Aspen, CO, 25 January – Slovenian Cross skier, Saša Farič, won bronze medal at the [13<sup>th</sup> Winter X Games](#) in Colorado this past Sunday.



The X Games in Aspen were a part of North American tour for this 24-year old from the town of Radomlje, and were open only to invited participants.



Saša Farič (far right) after winning bronze.

The gold medal was won by Ophelie David, and silver went to Magdalena Jonsson.

This was Farič's third time at the X Games, where she prior to this finished eight three times, and was twice on the fifth spot.

The North American tour started for Farič in Lake Placid, New York, and is continuing and ending in Vancouver, Canada on February 7.