



20. maj SVETOVNI DAN ČEBEL

May 20th WORLD BEE DAY

Date: 10th April 2018

Subject: **Information on World Bee Day activities**

Dear beekeepers and bee lovers,

We would like to inform you that numerous activities will be taking place in connection to the celebration of the 1st World Bee Day. Between 18th and 20th May 2018, the following will be organized by the Slovenian Beekeepers' Association, the Slovenian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Žirovnica Municipality and Ivančna Gorica Municipality:

1. World bee conference titled "Global Challenges in Beekeeping" (Pod Stolom Hall, Žirovnica, 18th May from 9 am until 5 pm. More information can be found *in Attachment 1*);
2. The unveiling of a memorial to the Carniolan honey bee (Ivančna Gorica – old city centre, 18th May at 7 pm. More information can be found *in Attachment 2*);
3. International ministerial conference titled "Importance of bees and other pollinators for sustainable agriculture and food security" (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of the Republic of Slovenia) " (Brdo pri Kranju, 19th May, **closed to the public**);
4. First World Bee Day celebrations and a gathering of Slovenian beekeepers (Breznica pri Žirovnici, 20th May at 12 am. More information can be found *in Attachment 3*).

Signing up for activities

Signing up is required for **Item 1**. Contact addresses for more information on activities **can be found in the attachments**.

Accommodation

Accommodation in Slovenia can be arranged through:

- Aritours Travel Agency, ApiRoutes, info@apiroutes.com; <http://www.authentic-routes.com/tours-for-beekeepers/beekeepers-details/first-world-bee-day>

- Websites of accommodation providers: Booking.com, Trivago - www.trivago.co.uk.

Transfer

Air transport from various parts of the world is possible to Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport <http://www.fraport-slovenija.si/en/Main> or to nearest airports in the area like Trieste - <https://triesteairport.it/en/airport/>, Klagenfurt - <http://www.klagenfurt-airport.at/>, Graz - www.flughafen-graz.at/en/home.html, Zagreb - <http://www.zagreb-airport.hr/en>.

Transfer from Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport or other neighbouring airports to venues for events organized to mark World Bee Day is possible using GoOpti www.goopti.com/en/. You can also use your own vehicle or public transportation to get near the venues.

Transfer can also be arranged and booked through Aritours Travel Agency, ApiRoutes info@apiroutes.com; <http://www.authentic-routes.com/tours-for-beekeepers/beekeepers-details/first-world-bee-day>.

Sightseeing tours and tours for beekeepers

Organized sightseeing tours and tours for beekeepers have been prepared by Aritours Travel Agency, ApiRoutes info@apiroutes.com, +386 22 98 360. The packages and individual excursions offered can be found at: <http://www.authentic-routes.com/tours-for-beekeepers>.

While you're staying in Slovenia, you can also visit Slovenia's beauties and places of interest on your own. All the things you can see along with contact information can be found at <https://www.slovenia.info/en/places-to-go/attractions>. You can also take a look at what our bee tourism providers have to offer – information on this can be found on the Apitourism website at <http://www.apiturizem.si/en/>, which includes their contact information.

We are convinced that you will join us in celebrating the first World Bee Day and that you will find Slovenia a comfortable place to be in.

Yours faithfully,

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Boštjan Noč
President of SBA

