

Slovenia, Ljubljana, invites cartographers to ICC 2017!

Association of Surveyors of Slovenia as the member of ICA is submitting the proposal to host the Conference of the International Cartographic Association - ICC in 2017 in Slovenia.

Slovenia is the country of geographic diversity. At the junction of the Alps, the Pannonian Plain and the Adriatic Sea, Slovenia lies between Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia. From its capital city, Ljubljana, in the very centre of the country, routes lead to regions that are all distinctly different. Head west and within just a few minutes the landscape transforms into rocky karst plateau with over 8,000 underground caves. The Mediterranean world is less than an hour away. Head north and you reach the Alps in less than half an hour. Head south and in an hour or so you can find yourself in the heart of a virgin forest. Head east and in a good hour you enter a landscape of vines and thermal springs. The diversity of its landscape is not the only surprising thing about Slovenia. Every region has its own cultural characteristics and its own excellent cuisine and the three wine regions produce premium wines. So much diversity in such a small country: this is what everyone notices when they visit Slovenia for the first time.

Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, is a medium-sized city by European standards with roots dating back to the time of the Roman Empire. With a population of 280,000, it is conveniently compact and a true walking city. Over 60,000 university students largely contribute to the city's youthful image and urban creativity. Ljubljana's relaxing atmosphere is appreciated by visitors who universally commend the city as an extremely safe place to visit and experience.

Situated in the heart of Ljubljana, Cankarjev dom congress centre has everything that an organiser of an event could require: suitably furnished and well-equipped halls of different sizes, in-house technical staff and equipment, a choice of four different caterers and, in case of extra demand, reliable sub-contractors and suppliers as well. All this incontestably gives Cankarjev dom a special advantage, but mention should be also made of the people working at the venue. They are open, friendly, flexible, committed, reliable and invariably professional, and aware of the fact that good timekeeping and harmonious cooperation are of prime importance for a successful event. From a delegate's point of view Cankarjev dom is a remarkable edifice not to be missed when exploring the city, touring the architectural heritage of Ljubljana. Easily accessible from majority of hotels on foot, reachable in half an hour's drive from the airport or in only 10 minutes from the railway/bus station, Cankarjev dom offers a productive environment for every meeting's attendee and speaker.

Why ICC 2017 in Slovenia?

- One of the safest countries in the world
- Small, safe and captivating capital city, Ljubljana
- Enjoying strong political and local support
- The smallest country so far to organise ICC
- Immense topographical diversity – profuse natural attractions
- A country whose Karst region is famous for having given the name to "karst topography"
- A country with the world's deepest vertical abyss

- A country after whose village of Lipica the Lipizzaner stallions are named
- Vicinity of sites of special interest (Postojna Caves, Plitvice Lakes, the cities of Vienna, Venice and Budapest)

Ljubljana is a city with an unforgettable charm and soul, featured in the Baroque Old Town nestled at the foot of the Castle Hill, the Art Nouveau mansions and some of the stunning masterpieces of the world-renowned architect Jože Plečnik. We like to say it is sufficiently large to contain everything that a capital should have, and small enough to be a “walking” city with great public transportation (bike, bus).

History, culture and nature all merge harmoniously in Ljubljana – from Roman excavations to the medieval Castle, monuments and buildings of great architectural significance, and the banks of the Ljubljanica River that flows straight through the city centre...

Why is Slovenia the world’s most cartographic country?

- Three Excellence in Cartography Awards bestowed at ICC (Ottawa, Durban, Paris)
- Complete coverage of the area with topographic maps starting at the scale of 1: 5000 for the last 40 years
- Complete coverage of the national port aquatorium with detailed nautical charts
- The only country in the world whose coastline has been measured using the GPS technology
- The Atlas of Slovenia is the world’s best-selling national topographical atlas having the scale of 1: 50,000, 1 copy per 10 inhabitants
- Most orienteering maps in the world in respect of the area and population

Potential congress organizers

Geodetic Institut of Slovenia and Cankarjev Dom, Cultural and Congress Centre

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