

DIES NATALIS

2007 **PTUJ** SLOVENIA



Discover Ptuj, the town of Kurent and hundreds of faces, and Slovenia



Ptuj, the oldest town in Slovenia, has been a FECC member for 15 years, and has represented Slovenia in this international federation during the same period. The membership in the Federation of European Carnival Cities has undoubtedly contributed to the enrichment and growth of the most prominent cultural-carnival-entertaining event called **Kurentovanje**.

The exchange of ethnographical and carnival groups among FECC members during all these years, has earned Ptuj and Kurentovanje the status of the Slovene Carnival Capital within the European environment. Groups came from Austria, Italy, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Brasil, ... while *Kurent* and *Korant* groups and other traditional carnival figures from the region (*rusa* – a four-legged animal, *orači* – ploughmen, *pokarji* – whip-men, *vile* – fairies, *piceki* – chicken, *kopjaši* – spearsmen, *medvedi* – bears) have brought the fame of the Ptuj carnival all over Europe.

In 1996, Ptuj and Maribor successfully organised the 16th FECC Congress.

We are convinced that Dies Natalis 2007 organised in Ptuj, Slovenia will be a special and unique event, and that we will be able to meet demands of every guest coming from the European carnival cities. Therefore, Dear Carnival Colleagues, let us celebrate together our FECC and the new shining European star.

Discover Ptuj – the town of Kurent and hundreds of faces
– and Slovenia during FECC Dies Natalis 2007.

Branko Brumen
President FECC Slovenia





DIES NATALIS programme

FRIDAY, 5 October 2007

TERME Ptuj Spa - arrival and registration.
Welcome drink.

16.00 – beginning of the programme.

- See how the most prominent Carnival mask KURENT is made in the workshop of the actual Princ of the Carnival.
- The oldest wine cellar with more than 750-year-old tradition houses the oldest vintage wine in Slovenia – the 1917 *Zlata Trta*. While sipping excellent regional white wines, travel with the help of multivisional performance through the winegrowing regions, their history and culture.

20.00 – dinner at the *Ribič* restaurant on the left Drava River bank.



SATURDAY, 6 October 2007

10.00 – 12.00

- Guided tour of the Castle. Reception by the Mayor at the castle. Photo session.

12.00 – 16.00

- Participate in the traditional grape-picking in the hilly Haloze region. Lunch.

16.00 – 18.00

- Pilgrimage church of Ptujška Gora also known as the Baroque pearl of Slovenia. Go through its history by means of multivisional performance and story-telling by the head of the monks. Photo session.
- Return through the picturesque Haloze region.

18.00 – 20.30

- Free time to explore hotel facilities: swimming, golf, horse riding, sauna, ...

20.30 – Welcome drink.

21.00 – Gala dinner at Terme Ptuj.



SUNDAY, 7 October 2007

Departures or individual additional excursions.

Programme 1: Ljubljana – Postojna – Lipica – Piran

Programme 2: Ljubljana – Postojna – Bled

Individual activities stated in the programme are subject to change.

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Vi invitiamo al 47. Festival internazionale del Carnevale
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Ptuj, Slovenija, 10. - 20. 2. 2007



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Milano 625 km
München/Munich 510 km
Budapest 315 km
Wien/Vienna 275 km



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