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### **YES EXECOM 2008, Slovenia, 11-13 September 2008**

Over three days, participants will have the unique opportunity to listen to some of the most prominent and inspiring speakers and to network with top notch leading CEO's, Managers, Entrepreneurs, Politics and other outstanding individuals from European and South Eastern European Countries, such as Croatia, Serbia, Hungary, Russia, United Kingdom, Poland, Italy, Germany, Bulgaria, Romania, Montenegro, etc..

### **WHY COLLECTIVITY?**

Why is the Mankind collective at all? How far can we go alone? Everything from human body to broad Society is a mixture of different networks. From the biologic structure of our bodies to social, economic and political systems, all network impacts and defines individuals, businesses as well as societies. The YES meeting will seek the Edge of collectivity and try to understand and explore how different networks actually influence individuals, the economy and societies.

## **PROGRAM**

### **Thursday, September 11**

17.00 – 20.00 Sightseeing and Afternoon reception with the Mayor of Ljubljana.

### **Friday, September 12**

9.00 – 10.00 Presidency meeting

10.00 – 11.00 Execom meeting

11.30 – 12.00 Registration for the EDGE Conference

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.00 Prof. Miroslav Radman, one of the World's most prominent biologists and a member of the French Academy of Sciences, focusing on DNA repair

14.00 – 14.30 Break

14.30 – 15.30 Karim Sekkat, Entrepreneur of the Year 2007 (UK) with the National business Awards and the Regional Business Awards as well as Business Person of the Year 2007 and 2005 with the Oxfordshire Business Awards.

15.30 – 16.00 Break

16.00 – 17.00 Itay Talgam, one of the leading figures in the Israeli music scene, exploring the relationship between conductor, musician and audience to achieve inspiring new insights into leadership, management and team work.

17.00 – 18.00 Morten Lund, entrepreneur, 'archangel investor', startup 'ideologist' and 'visionary', founded or co-investor in more than 40 high-tech start-ups, including the world famous Skype, the VoIP star bought by eBay for \$2.6 billion in 2005. Today he is one of the most active seed investors in Europe.

18.00 – 18.30 Break

18.30 – 19.00 Dr. Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia

19.00 – 21.00 Reception

### **Saturday, September 13**

9.00 – 13.00 Visit to Postojna (optional)

## **VENUE**

The conference will take place in the premises of the Brdo Congress Centre, permanent venue for most events of the Slovenian Presidency of the EU.

Built on the occasion of Slovenian Presidency of the European Union, the Congress Centre Brdo, is located in the Brdo compound, a medieval castle complex formerly belonging to Yugoslav royal family, 20 kilometers far from Ljubljana, Capital of Slovenia. The new building is set in a beautiful greenery, part of a protected natural forest. The interior space is organized for open communication with a ground floor offering multiple functions, including a reception area that can stage different events, press conferences, receptions, meetings and exhibition.

The Brdo estate is renowned by the organization of the business meetings at the highest state level, prime congresses and conferences, formal and informal solemnities, and other luxurious events.



For more info about the Brdo Congress Center, please visit: [www.brdo.si](http://www.brdo.si)

## **POSTOJNA CAVE**

Visitors are guided through the cave's passages and chambers, learning facts about the cave's formation and observing fantastic shapes and forms including: stalactites (mineral deposits hanging from the ceiling), stalagmites (mineral deposits built up on the floor), pillars (conjoined stalactites and stalagmites), and folds of calcite curtains.

The desire for knowledge has also prompted experts in karsts phenomena and life in the karsts to research the special geological features of the cave, the formation and development of speleothems (the generic term for calcite formations in caves), and the living creatures that are found in caves – both those that have strayed underground by chance and those that have adapted to life in eternal darkness.



## SPEAKERS



Dr. Danilo Türk, **President of Slovenia**

**Dr. Danilo Türk** was born on 19 February 1952 in Maribor. He studied law at the University of Ljubljana and finished doctor's degree on international law and human rights in 1975. He has been prorektor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Ljubljana since 2005 and published more than 100 specialist papers on international law. He was first Slovenian ambassador to the UN in New York from 1992 to 1998 and deputy to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan from 1999 to 2005. In 2007 he became the **President of the Republic of Slovenia**.



Dr. Miroslav Radman

**Dr. Miroslav Radman** studied Biology, Physical Chemistry and Microbiology at the University of Zagreb and obtained his doctorate (1969) in Microbiology at the Free University of Brussels (Belgium). From 1969 to 1973 he researched at the National Research Centre in Gif-sur-Yvette (France) and at the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Harvard University (USA). From 1973 until 1983 he was Professor of Molecular Biology at the Free University of Brussels (Belgium). Then until 1998 he was Research Director at the French Centre for Scientific Research at the University of Paris 7 (France). Since 1998, Miroslav Radman has been Professor of Cell Biology at the University of Paris 5 (France). He was Visiting Professor at the National Institutes of Health in the USA (1988/1990) and at the Medical Faculty of the University of Zagreb (Croatia, 2002). Professor Radman has been awarded a great many scientific prizes and owns several patents.



Itay Talgam

Conductor **Itay Talgam** is one of the leading figures in the Israeli music scene. He explores the relationship between conductor, musician and the audience to achieve inspiring new insights into leadership, management and team work. Talgam is a champion of contemporary music, and in particular music of contemporary Israeli composers. He has taught orchestral conducting at the Rubín Academy for music, Tel-Aviv University, and the Academy for Music and Dance in Jerusalem. In addition to his current conducting activities, he is intensely involved in many educational projects.



Karim Sekkat

**Karim Sekkat** is a prominent Entrepreneur from the UK. He is the owner of the KAS Technologies Group. Former investment banker, Karim Sekkat received the Entrepreneur of the Year 2007 (UK) with the National business Awards and the Regional Business Awards as well as Business Person of the Year 2007 and 2005 with the Oxfordshire Business Awards .



Morten Lund

**Morten Lund** is an entrepreneur from Copenhagen, Denmark. Together with Soren Kenner, Lund is founder and managing partner of LundKenner, a venture capital firm focusing on technology ventures. From 2007 he has also fronted the startup catalyst LundXY. Often described as an 'archangel investor', startup 'ideologist' and 'visionary', Lund has founded or co-invested in more than 40 high-tech start ups in the last decade, including the world famous Skype, the VoIP star bought by eBay for \$2.6 billion in 2005..In May 2008 Lund made headlines again with the sale of Danish social networking and mobile backup site ZYB to operator Vodafone Europe BV for a sum believed to be in the region of \$49m. His portfolio features over 80 companies spanning the Internet, telecoms, health and alternative energy.

## **REGISTRATION**

Attendance at EDGE conference has always been by invitation.

### **Registration form**

You can find conference registration form in attachment. Please, complete the registration form and return it to [info@zdruzenje-yes.si](mailto:info@zdruzenje-yes.si) by Saturday 30 August at the latest.

### **Option 1 – Participation fee: 400 EUR**

Includes Edge conference program, conference materials, coffee breaks, lunch & dinner, entertainment program, transport from hotels to the conference venue, and Ljubljana sightseeing tour and visiting the City Hall.

### **Option 2 - Participation fee: 460 EUR**

Includes Edge conference program, conference materials, coffee breaks, lunch & dinner, entertainment program, transport from hotels to the conference venue, and Ljubljana sightseeing tour and visiting the City Hall + **Visit to Postojna Caves, including lunch, on Saturday.**

Note : The participation fee does not include travel and accommodation expenses.

## **ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL INFORMATION**

We have made reservations in Grand Hotel Union (Executive, Business, Garni), which is ideally located in the Ljubljana city centre, in a quiet and elegant street, very close to the Ljubljanica river and its pedestrian surroundings. The atmosphere is grand, with a spacious and bright lobby and rooms equipped with all comforts of a 4 star property to provide the best possible stay in town.



Hotel	Special Rate for YES guests
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	
Single room	<b>174,6 EUR</b>
<b>BUSINESS</b>	
Single room	<b>160,2 EUR</b>
<b>GARNI</b>	
Single room	<b>125,1 EUR</b>

Since hotels in Ljubljana are very full during the conference period, **please register and book your hotel room before 30 August 2008**. Please, contact the Hotel **directly**.

Address: Miklošičeva I, Ljubljana  
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### **More hotels:**

- **Austria Trend Hotel Ljubljana \*\*\*\*** ([www.austria-trend.at/en](http://www.austria-trend.at/en))
- **Hotel Lev \*\*\*\*** ([www.hotel-lev.si/](http://www.hotel-lev.si/))
- **Hotel Slon \*\*\*\*** ([www.hotelslon.com](http://www.hotelslon.com))
- **City hotel \*\*\*** ([www.cityhotel.si](http://www.cityhotel.si))
- **M Hotel \*\*\*** ([www.m-hotel.si](http://www.m-hotel.si))
- **Hotel Emonec \*\*** ([www.hotel-emonec.com](http://www.hotel-emonec.com))

## **HOW TO REACH LJUBLJANA?**

### **BY PLANE:**

**Ljubljana International Airport Jože Pucnik** is situated 23 km northwest of the city. It is connected with all major European cities and airports. The Slovene national air carrier is **Adria Airways**.

For intercontinental flights we recommend a **connecting flight** via Frankfurt, Munich, Zurich, Vienna, London or Paris.

### **Other neighboring international airports are in:**

Austria (Klagenfurt 79 km or Graz 160 km), Croatia (Zagreb 135 km) and Italy (Trieste 120 km, Venice 220 km).

**If you are traveling by the low-fare carriers** (Ryanair, Wizzair, Myair, Easy Jet), please note that the closest airports to Ljubljana are Maribor (129 km), Graz (160 km), Klagenfurt (79 km), Trieste (90 km) and Venice (220 km).

### **Transfers from/to the airport:**

Taxi and bus transport from Ljubljana Airport to the city center is available on a regular basis. Bus fares are payable on the buses.

### **BY TRAIN OR BY BUS:**

Ljubljana can be reached from all major European cities via Munich, Vienna, Graz, Zagreb, Trieste and Budapest.

### **BY MOTORWAY:**

From the NORTH (E57/A1 and E61/A2):

- Austria (Klagenfurt 79 km, Graz 160 km, Vienna 387 km)
- Germany (Munich 390 km)
- From EAST (E61/A2 and E70/A2):
- Hungary (Budapest 491 km)
- From SOUTH - EAST (E70/A2):
- Croatia (Zagreb 135 km)
- From WEST (E70/A1):
- Italy (Trieste 90 km, Venice 220 km, Milan 520 km)

### **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IN LJUBLJANA**

Local transport in Ljubljana is provided by the city buses of Ljubljanski potniški promet (LPP), which operate from 5 am to 11 pm. The fare (€1) is a standard one, irrespective of the distance traveled and it is written on the box located next to the driver. You can also pre-buy a token at newsstands and post offices for a lower price (€0,80).

### **Taxis:**

The cost per kilometer is around 0,8 EUR or more. Some taxi telephone numbers: Taxi Ronda: 9705, Radio Taxi: 9700, Omega Taxi: 9707, Hit Taxi: 9701, Intertours Taxi: 9704, Taxi Intersiti: 9708, Rumeni taxi: +386 (0)41 731 831.