



## 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.

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## 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.

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**Ongoing - February 15, 2009**

**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](http://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.  
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web: [www.iscp-nyc.org](http://www.iscp-nyc.org), [www.solaprosticas.com](http://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](mailto:scholarships@cmepius.si) or go to [www.cmepius.si](http://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.

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Faculty of Arts  
Centre for Slovene as a Second/Foreign Language  
Courses of Slovene  
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For more information go to [www.centerslo.net](http://www.centerslo.net) or e-mail [center-slo@ff.uni-lj.si](mailto: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](http://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> .

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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://southshorenw.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)



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