

# Cultural, Social and Touristic Events

## LENT FESTIVAL 2008

During the entire period of our School and Conference there will be the international Festival Lent, offering a very rich variety of performances every evening and every night in the Lent area of Maribor, on the banks by the river Drava (medieval part of the old town). Each participant receives upon his or her arrival a programme brochure and the entrance pass for all performances, free of charge.

## MONDAY 30 JUNE 2008 20:30: WELCOME PARTY, LIFE JAZZ AND OPENING OF THE ART EXHIBITION

On Monday 30 June 2008 at 20:30 (thus after the dinner) we shall gather in the Art Kavarna in the Hotel PIRAMIDA, to get together and to enjoy a glass of fine Slovenian wine and the life jazz music by trio Matjaž Ferk et al. There will be the official opening of an art exhibition with works of a few best Slovenian artists on displa. The exhibition is authored by the galleriest Mrs. Edita Mileta from Maribor. (Most of the works exhibited in the gallery can be actually bought.)

## TUESDAY 1 JULY 2008 21:00: OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SCHOOL AND CONFERENCE WITH A CONCERT

The official opening of our 7th School and Conference will take place on Tuesday 1 July 2008 at 21:00 in the Kazinska dvorana of the Slovenian National Theatre in Maribor, at Slomškov trg, just next to the Main University Building and the cathedral.

We begin with a chamber music concert (Mrs. Urška Orešič on piano) followed by the addresses of the Director of the Slovenian Research Agency and by a few participants of the School and Conference.

After the speeches there will be a reception with some good Slovenian wines.

## SATURDAY 5 JULY 2008: MARIBOR, WINE TASTING, CONCERT, BANQUET AND FIREWORKS

15:15-16:45 There will be a guided sight seeing tour through the city of Maribor, starting at Grajski trg, just next to Hotel OREL and the City Castle

16:45-18:15 Visit of the (huge) wine cellar of the VINAG Wine Company at Trg svobode 3 (100 meters from Grajski trg) and wine tasting programme

20:00 We gather at the Art Kavarna of the Hotel PIRAMIDA enjoying a glass of champaign

20:00-20:30 Etno jazz life music by a quarttet Matjaž Ferk et al.

20:30-23:45 Banquet

23:45-00:15 Fireworks of the Festival Lent

## SUNDAY 6 JULY 2008: AN EXCURSION THROUGH SLOVENIA

On this day we organize an excursion which starts at 08:30 and we return to the residences in Maribor in the evening.

Lake Bled (in the Alps), Cave of Postojna, old town of Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia. The price is about 100.-EUR per person, which includes everything, also high level lunch and dinner, except for the drinks. This trip is strongly recommended to participants who are visiting Slovenia for the first time. We return to Maribor at about 23:30.

**Please register for the trip and pay in cash to Mr. Benjamin Batistič at latest on Wednesday 2 July.**

## MONDAY 7 JULY 2008 21:00: PUBLIC EVENING LECTURE

At 21:00-22:00 there will be a Public Evening Lecture by **Professor Danilo Zavrtnik** from University of

Nova Gorica, Slovenia, entitled **Sources of ultra-high energy cosmic rays**, describing the results and the future plans of **The International Pierre Auger Observatory**.

The lecture will be given in the Lecture Hall of Hotel PIRAMIDA (amphitheatre at the underground level).

TUESDAY 8 JULY 2008: DEDICATED TO THE 65TH BIRTHDAY OF PROFESSOR GIULIO CASATI, UNIVERSITY OF INSUBRIA, COMO, ITALY

This day is dedicated to the celebration of the 65th birthday of Professor Giulio Casati.

10:00-11:00 A Festive Public Lecture by Professor Giulio Casati in the amphitheatre of Hotel PIRAMIDA (just the same where we shall have all other lectures).

21:00-22:00 A chamber music concert by cellist Niko Sajko and Piero Malkoč, double bass, about 60 minutes, at Kazinska Dvorana of the Slovenian National Theatre in Maribor, at Slomškov trg, just next to the Main University Building and the cathedral. After the concert there will be addresses and speeches, followed by a reception with good Slovenian wines.

WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2008 20:00: CONCERT AND FESTIVE DINNER

20:00 We gather at the Art Kavarna of the Hotel PIRAMIDA enjoying a glass of champagne

20:00-20:30 Chamber music concert (Barbara Novak, on piano)

20:30-24:00 Festive dinner

SATURDAY 12 JULY 2008: LAST DINNER AND FIREWORKS

We shall gather at 20:00 to enjoy the last common informal dinner with some good wines in good atmosphere and shall admire the closing fireworks of the Festival Lent at 23:45-00:15 in the Lent area. Good bye MARIBOR 2008! See you at MARIBOR 2011.

*All events except for the trips on Sunday 6 July are free of charge for all invited lecturers and for other participants of the School and Conference, as they are covered by the conference budget for the local expenses and by the participation fees.*