INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Dear members of the Rowing World,

One of the main decisions of my so far twelve years being the Mayor of Bled, was to renew and upgrade the rowing infrastructure at Lake Bled. We »caught the last train« for a fair share of EU funds to be able to finance it. It paid off immediately with the World Rowing Championships in 2011, taking place for the fourth time in Bled. There were numerous other high ranking regattas in the following years. Last September we hosted around eleven thousand rowing enthusiasts, almost 5,000 taking part in over 900 races of the World Rowing Masters Regatta. Many of them participated just to come back to the place of some of their unforgettable memories from their younger years. As I heard from many, they really enjoyed it. We, the people of Bled and Slovenia could hardly imagine a better event with such a huge number of our true ambassadors from all over the globe.

Even in the rowing world, generations naturally come and go. So it is very important for Bled to win the hearts of the young people for this unique and completely natural rowing venue. We are very happy to have been chosen to host the World Rowing Senior, Under 23 and Junior Championships in August 2020. It is high season in Bled, but we do understand that the youngsters have to be back to colleges and universities by autumn. However, we will, as always try our best to have everyone feel welcome, wishing to return to Bled in the future!

The God or the Mother Nature, as you take it, at the time of the creation of Lake Bled some fourteen thousand years ago could have no clue, how ideal this lake will be for the rowing sports. The regattas are happening here from 1905 on, many things changed since then, but the Lake Bled keeps attracting the rowing world and we locals, will do anything to remain like that.
Esteemed Rowers, Dear Guests,

We are truly happy to be organizing a new, big rowing competition in Bled, Slovenia, together with our partners. After an excellent and record-breaking implementation of the World Masters Championships in 2017, the World Rowing Federation and national rowing federations have once again entrusted us with organizing an exceptional World Championships in three categories: Senior International events, Under 23 and Junior. By doing so, Rowing Slovenia is fulfilling one of its strategic objectives, namely to achieve a lasting presence in the sport of rowing through top results and by organizing the biggest rowing competitions. For Rowing Slovenia and our partners: Municipality of Bled, Rowing Club Bled and SI Sport Ltd, this is above all praise from the global rowing family; its way of showing its satisfaction with the previous implementations of big rowing events in Bled. At the same time, this triple World Championships has confronted us with a complex organizational challenge, which we have begun to tackle based on our previous experience and a great ambition to set new milestones in the quality of the implementation of big rowing events. In light of the first reactions from national rowing federations we anticipate a great turnout, which has additionally motivated us to once again present Bled as an elite sport and, of course, tourist destination. This Championships will also be an important milestone in the development of Slovenian rowing because we want our young generations of male and female rowers to achieve excellent results.

In the desire for us to enjoy first-class rowing performances in the company of over 5000 participants and visitors to the Championships, I kindly invite you to Slovenia and to Bled on behalf of myself and Rowing Slovenia.
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SLOVENIA
the green garden of EUROPE

SLOVENIA is situated on the crossroads of four European landscape units – THE ALPS, THE PANNONIAN PLAIN, THE DINARIC MOUNTAINS and the MEDITERRANEAN. The country’s unforgettable and unique features are created through the intertwining of these landscapes. Picturesque Slovenia invites you to indulge in the beautiful landscape, good wine and culinary delights. You can set out to discover the underground karst world, take a ride in a boat on the sea, rivers or lakes, discover the landscape by riding a white Lipizzaner horse, set out into the mountains by bicycle or on foot, taste wines, ...
Area 20,273 km²
Population 2,062,874
Capital city Ljubljana
Language Slovene, also Italian and Hungarian in parts of Slovenia with national minorities
Currency Euro

Important dates
Independence 25 June 1991
Member of EU 1 May 2004
Introduction of the Euro 1 January 2007
Ljubljana is the capital of Slovenia with around 300,000 inhabitants. It is home to a number of museums, theatres, an opera, a botanical garden and a zoo. Old medieval, baroque and art nouveau buildings coexist with modern buildings, which in spite of their impressive size do not overshadow the valuable heritage of architect Jože Plečnik, renowned throughout Europe.

The diverse landscape is reflected in the diverse cuisine and its rich tradition. You can have anything from the sausage *kranska klobasa in the Alpine world*, dumplings (štruklji) and nut roll potica in central Slovenia, the prekmurska gibanica cake and braided loaves in the Pannonian area, to roast sardines and Mediterranean mussels in the coastal area. The diversity of dishes is rounded off by wines. These range from quality and premium wines to predicate and sparkling wines. **Wine growing areas** are intertwined by wine and tourist roads, wind rattles and wine cellars, with the Ptuj wine cellar standing out due its longest tradition.

Also, the eastern and north-eastern parts of Slovenia are especially rich with wells of thermal and mineral water. The country has fifteen health centres which have received the certified status of a natural health resort. Europeans have known and trusted the healing effects of Slovene thermal and mineral water for more than four hundred years.

**Kras**, a rocky landscape exposed to the Karst north wind burja, overgrown with bright-red smoke plants and intertwined by cycling routes, is a Slovene peculiarity. The dissolution of rock has caused numerous landscape features to develop on the Karst ground, including underground caves, passages, intermittent rivers and disappearing lakes, as well as dry and blind valleys. With its colourful and diverse landscape, Slovenia is suitable for a number of activities. Caving here has a centuries-old tradition. Around twenty out of the total of 7,000 registered caves and potholes are open for tourists.
THE ROWING COURSE IN THE CENTRE OF BLED

The Rowing Course on Lake Bled is in an amazing and quite unique position. The centre of the town of Bled, all the entire infrastructure, hotels, restaurants and shops are situated on the lake shore itself as well as around the Rowing Course. Participants will be able to access the Rowing Course as well as all the other places of interest within walking distance. The competitors start their race to the finish line with a stroke of their oars in the heart of a tourist venue, literally under the balconies of the luxurious hotels and coffeehouses, which is definitely very pleasant for the athletes and attractive for the viewers. The unique island in the middle of the lake with the church is the bulwark and acts as a boundary to the course and, at the same time, a viewpoint of the course and the competitions. The fact that Bled Castle is watching over the lake and the course from a mighty rock is soothing. And it is also practical as it offers a magnificent view of the entire rowing course - from start to finish.

THE LAKE IS FAIR TO ALL
The winds do not affect the rowers selectively, the lake doesn’t have large tributary streams and it also doesn’t have any currents. The water is still and very rarely choppy.

THE TRADITION OF ROWING EVENTS AND THE MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE
The Slovenian rowing tradition has been crowned with the successful organization of the European and World Championships and the World Cup competitions at Lake Bled. Bled hosted the World Championships in 1966, 1979, 1989 and lastly in 2011. In the last decade World Rowing Cup I took place in 2010 and 2015 and most recently the World Rowing Masters Regatta in 2017. The organization of top-level regattas has contributed to the expansion of the sports facilities, the new finish tower, the grandstands and the boathouse have also been renovated in 2010. Today, the Bled Rowing Centre is one of the best in the region.
The eternal allure of Bled lies in its magical lake, a shimmering body of crystal-clear water embraced by a necklace of snow-capped Alpine peaks. Atop the lake reigns Slovenia’s only island, crowned by a 15th-century chapel safely guarding its wishing bell, while high above it broods a mighty medieval castle.

Visitors to Bled are inspired by its mild climate, fresh air, plentiful sunshine, clean water and tranquil serenity and charmed by the time-honoured ‘pletna’ boats that slowly glide across the lake. Horse-drawn carriages add to the town’s traditional flair, while the delicious cream cakes have also passed into Bled folklore, having been baked here since 1953, when the original recipe was invented.

Bled and its surrounding area, much of which falls within the Triglav National Park, ensure plentiful opportunities for spending an active day in the great outdoors, including golf on one of the most beautiful courses in Europe, white-water rafting, cycling and hiking. Recently, Bled’s ambitious and cosmopolitan chefs, who like to give new interpretations to the typical traditional dishes of the area, have managed to establish themselves among the very best in the country, thus adding to the pleasures of visiting Slovenia’s Alpine pearl.

BLED
A JEWEL AMONG THE ALPS
PROBABLY THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ROWING COURSE IN THE WORLD

ORGANIZATION OF ROWING COMPETITIONS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL

FOUR-TIME HOSTS OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SPORT IN THE HISTORY OF SLOVENIA

UNIQUE BENEFIT OF ACCESS – PROXIMITY OF HOTELS AND THE COURSE

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE WORLD’S BEST YOUNG ROWERS
WE HAVE PROBABLY THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ROWING COURSE IN THE WORLD
A FIRST-CLASS ROWING VENUE IN THE UNSPOILT NATURE OF THE JULIAN ALPS.

BY ORGANISING THE WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2011 AND WORLD ROWING MASTERS REGATTA 2017 BLED BECOME EVEN MORE RECOGNIZABLE AMONG THE GLOBAL ROWING ELITE.

- WITH 2,120 METRES IT IS IDEAL FOR ROWING COMPETITIONS
- A NATURAL COURSE SITUATED IN THE LAKE BASIN
- ENABLES THE ARRANGEMENT OF SIX ROWING COURSES IN THE HEART OF THE TOURIST GEM
- THE WALLS OF BLED CASTLE OFFER A MAGNIFICENT VIEW OF THE COURSE FROM START TO FINISH.

A UNIQUE ROWING EXPERIENCE ON AN EMERALD GEM AT THE HEART OF THE JULIAN ALPS.
IMPRESSIONIVE EVENTS ON LAKE BLED

A LONG ROWING TRADITION IN BLED

1905  FIRST ROWING RACE ON LAKE BLED
1930  FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
1950  FIRST INTERNATIONAL ROWING REGATTA
1956  EUROPEAN ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS
1966  WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS
1971  WORLD ROWING JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
1979  WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS
1986  WORLD ROWING MASTERS REGATTA
1989  WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS
1995  WORLD ROWING MASTERS REGATTA
2010  WORLD ROWING CUP I

2011  WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

2012  EUROPEAN ROWING JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

2015  WORLD ROWING CUP I

2017  WORLD ROWING MASTERS REGATTA

46 nations, 4,951 athletes, 6,424 crews, 909 races
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ALL ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE. Please send your request to accommodation@bled2020.com. Accommodation request will be served on first come first served basis.

PAYMENT POLICY
Confirmation of the accommodation offer must be made in writing and must be sent by e-mail at least by 15 May 2020.
- 20% when booking is confirmed by Teams and at least by 15 May 2020
- 50% by 15 June 2020
- Full payment (30% of the total amount) by 15 July 2020
When the total amount for accommodation is received, the accommodation office will issue a booking voucher.

CANCELLATION POLICY
Any cancellation must be made in writing by e-mail. Following refunds can be expected, if cancellations will be done by deadlines set below:
- Before 15 May 2020: 80% refund of total amount
- Between 16 May and 15 July 2020: 50% refund of the total amount
- On or after 16 July: No refund
PROGRAMME

12 AUGUST   OFFICIAL VENUE OPENING

14 AUGUST   PRELIMINARY TEAM MANAGERS MEETING
15 AUGUST   TEAM MANAGERS MEETING AND DRAW
            OPENING CEREMONY
16 - 23 AUGUST   RACES
22 AUGUST   NATIONS DINNER
23 AUGUST   CLOSING CEREMONY
WEATHER

METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION
Meteorological information provided should reflect the average measurement over the period of the Championships for the past five years (2012 – 2016).

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ACCREDITATION
Each participant will receive an accreditation, which is mandatory for the access to all competition areas.
SLOVENIA IS SITUATED IN THE HEART OF EUROPE, AT THE CROSSROADS OF EUROPE’S FIFTH AND ELEVENTH CORRIDOR. SLOVENIA BORDERS ITALY TO THE WEST, HUNGARY TO THE EAST, AUSTRIA TO THE NORTH AND CROATIA.

BECAUSE OF SLOVENIA’S GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION, ACCESS TO THE EUROPEAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE VERY EASY, QUICK AND CHEAP. ANYBODY CAN EASILY REACH SLOVENIA BY AIR, TRAIN, BUS OR ROAD.

BY AIR
It is strongly advised that participants fly to the Ljubljana Airport, which is an international airport only 25-minute drive from Bled.

BY TRAIN OR BUS
Buses and trains to Slovenia run every day from numerous European cities.

BY CAR
Because of Slovenia’s central position in Europe, it is easily accessible by car.

CENTRAL LOCATION
The Central-European position enables participants’ easy access and cost-effective transportation from all European countries.

Bled is a world renowned Alpine Pearl which yearly attracts hundreds thousands of tourist from all over the world.

Slovenia offers great possibilities for numerous tourist excursions due to the smallness and diversity of the area. Because of its Central European location, Slovenia is also very attractive for the pre and past Championships’ tours to Austria, Italy or to the Slovenian or Croatian coast.
Slovenia has been a full member of the European Union since 1 May 2004 and is also a member of the Schengen Union.

Because of Slovenia’s central position in Europe, many competitors will be able to reach the country by car.
FINISH AREA
## ACCOMMODATION FOR TEAMS

Prices below are valid per person per day on full board basis.

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<th>Category (price range)</th>
<th>Hotel Code</th>
<th>Type of room (no. of beds)</th>
<th>No. of this type of room</th>
<th>Distance to the venue (in km)</th>
<th>Required time to the venue (in minutes)</th>
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<td>1.5</td>
<td>5-10 driving 10-15 walking</td>
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**Total Category I beds available:** 1310

| D | Single | 10 | 1.5 | 5 driving 10 walking |
| | Double | 60 | 2-6 | 5-10 driving 10-15 walking |
| E | Single | 30 | 2 | 5-10 driving 10-15 walking |
| | Double | 120 | 2 | 5-10 driving 10-15 walking |
| F | Single | 40 | 2-4 | 5-15 driving 10-30 walking |
| | Double | 150 | 2-4 | 5-15 driving 10-30 walking |
| G | Single | 10 | 6-8 | 15-20 driving |
| | Double | 60 | 6-8 | 15-20 driving |

**Total Category II beds available:** 870

| H | Single | 50 | 2-5 | 5-20 driving 10-30 walking |
| | Double | 120 | 2-5 | 5-20 driving 10-30 walking |
| | Triple | | | |
| | Single | 30 | 2-5 | 5-20 driving 10-30 walking |
| I | Double | 100 | 6-25 | 10-30 driving |
| | Triple | | | |

**Total Category III beds available:** 520

| J | Double | 20 | 1-2 | 5 driving 10 walking |
| | Triple | 60 | 1-2 | 5 driving 10 walking |
| K | Double | 10 | 4-8 | 10-20 driving |
| | Triple | 20 | 4-8 | 10-20 driving |

**Total Category IV beds available:** 300

**TOTAL BEDS AVAILABLE** 3000
TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING SERVICES FOR TEAMS

TRANSPORTATION FROM AND TO THE AIRPORT

Transportation from and to the Ljubljana Airport will be provided free of charge for teams, who will book accommodation through Organising Committee. Transportations from other airports (Venice, Graz, Klagenfurt, Salzburg, Trieste, Treviso, Zagreb) can be also arranged for additional charges.

One day prior to departure, the teams will receive notification of the exact transportation time.

TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE ACCOMMODATION LOCATIONS AND THE VENUE

Shuttle buses on route Bled Centre - Boathouse Area - Finish Area - Bled Centre will be running at prearranged schedule. Shuttle buses will be running from 12 August until 23 August 2020.

Transportation to Boathouse Area and Finish Area before and after official operational dates of the shuttle buses can also be arranged and will be subject to additional charges.

PARKING

There will be limited parking places at the Boathouse Area therefore teams will be encouraged to use shuttle buses.