

# 53<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY

2-5 JUNE 2004  
Ljubljana, Slovenia



Dear friends and colleagues,

On behalf of the Organising Committee I take great pleasure in inviting you to the 53<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of the European Society for Cardiovascular Surgery, to take place from 2 – 5 June 2004 in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

The Congress will offer a great opportunity for all specialists in this field to keep abreast of the latest developments in this expertise as well as present the findings that they have encountered by practising the cardiovascular surgery.

I sincerely hope you will take this opportunity to exchange views and meet your esteemed colleagues again. Ljubljana, our host city, is the verdant capital of Slovenia, which will indubitably leave you enchanted by its mystical, baroque air, the lazy Ljubljanica River and abundance of cultural institutions, artistic events, museums, modern shopping and business centres. And last but not least it is a congress city with Cankarjev dom as the main cultural and congress centre.

Let me again extend a hearty welcome to Ljubljana, Slovenia, and express my sincere wishes that you would be able to come and enjoy the exquisite environment as well as our hospitality.

Yours faithfully,  
Prof. Borut Gersak, MD, PhD  
*Chairman*

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

<http://www.cardio2004.org>

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### SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The Second Announcement with Registration and Accommodation Forms and Call for Papers will be distributed by the end of August 2003. The deadline for the receipt of abstracts will be November 28, 2003.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Congress Venue:

**CANKARJEV DOM, Cultural and Congress Centre**

The symposium will be held at the Congress and Cultural Centre "Cankarjev dom", a multipurpose centre, located in the very centre of the city within walking distance to all major hotels, shops, restaurants and main sights of Ljubljana.

## SLOVENIA

The Republic of Slovenia is situated in Central Europe, where different regions and climates meet the Alps, the Mediterranean, the Karst and the Pannonian Plain. With two million inhabitants, it has only a third of the population of Denmark and is half the size of Switzerland, but its unique geographic position and easy accessibility make it a natural gateway between the rest of Europe, the Adriatic and the Balkan peninsula.

## LJUBLJANA

Ljubljana combines the compactness of a small city with the facilities of a modern capital. It is a city with a soul, featured in the medieval old town, which lies comfortably in the shadow of an ancient hilltop castle. It lines the banks of the Ljubljanica River and is scattered with bridges and parks. Jewels of Baroque art and architecture, Art Nouveau mansions and Plecnik's architectural masterpieces, numerous museums and galleries and a colorful open market all help to explain Ljubljana's attraction. In contrast to the heritage of the past, modern Ljubljana pulses with dynamic flair. It is the political, cultural and educational centre of Slovenia.

*More information about Slovenia and Ljubljana and Cankarjev dom is accessible on the Internet:*

<http://www.slovenia-tourism.si>

<http://www.creativ.si/tourist>

<http://www.ljubljana.si/generalinformation>

<http://www.cd-cc.si>



## TRAVEL INFORMATION

Ljubljana is easily accessible from any part of the Continent by all means of transport:

♦ by road:

from Italy - Trieste 104 km, Venice 270 km

from Austria - Klagenfurt 79 km, Vienna 400 km

by direct trains from all major European cities

♦ by plane - Ljubljana is best served by the international airport of Brnik, situated 23 km north-west of the city. The airport has direct connections with all major European cities and airports. Slovenian national air carrier is Adria Airways. Other convenient airports are:

Trieste-Ronchi (Italy) 132 km west of Ljubljana

Klagenfurt (Austria) 87 km north of Ljubljana

Zagreb (Croatia) 130 km southeast of Ljubljana.



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