



[Lake Bohinj](#). Source: [www.slovenia.info](http://www.slovenia.info). Photo: B. Kladnik.

## President Peres on official visit to Slovenia

The President of the Republic of Slovenia, Dr Danilo Türk, received the President of the State of Israel, Shimon Peres, who had arrived on an official visit to the Republic of Slovenia. After being received with military honours, the Slovenian President and the Israeli President had a brief one-to-one meeting, followed by plenary talks between the delegation of the Republic of Slovenia and the delegation of the State of Israel, led by the respective presidents.

In his statement to the press, President Türk described President Shimon Peres as a great statesman

of our time, who had contributed significantly to



improving the situation in the world, in particular in the

Middle East. He described relations between the

Republic of Slovenia and the State of Israel as very good

and highly developed. Dr Türk also expressed his hope that relations would develop further and in a direction to be as close as possible to the needs of both countries at a time of major transformational changes in the world. President Peres thanked the Slovenian President for his warm and friendly reception. He said that the green, quiet and human-friendly environment in Slovenia reminded him of his childhood. He also commended the successful economic development of Slovenia and expressed his respect for Slovenian's sensitivity to human rights issues.

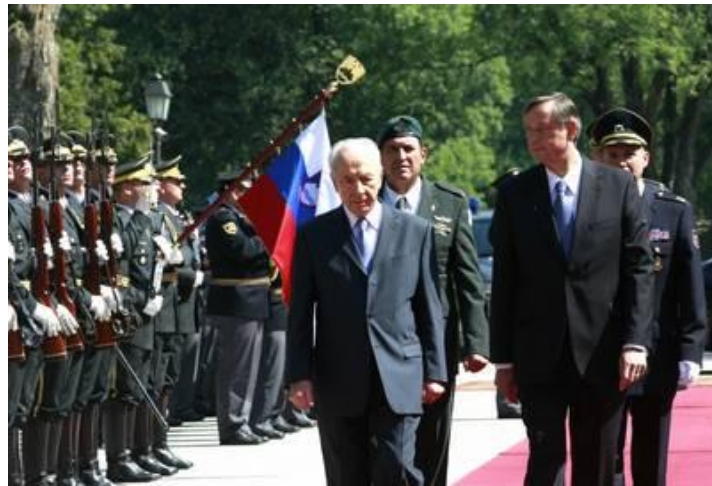
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## Türk and Peres Call for Cooperation, Especially in Science

President Türk said that Slovenia greatly appreciates the importance of Israel as a country with highly developed science and technology. This was also one of the topics of discussion with Israeli President Peres, who highlighted in particular the importance of nanotechnology for the future of mankind. The Slovenian President stressed that Slovenia could greatly benefit from cooperation with Israel in the area of science and, in addition to nanotechnology, mentioned other areas, such as the use of solar energy and the use of science and new technologies in agriculture and medicine. He therefore advocated the best possible communication in this area and the reconstitution of part of the Joint Committee for Science and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia and the State of Israel.

President Peres said that Israel would gladly strengthen cooperation with Slovenia in science and technology, adding that his country endeavours to make achievements in science available to everyone. During their talks, the Israeli President also highlighted the problem of famine in the world, which, in his words, is becoming an ever more important issue, on which world peace in the future will depend. President Türk agreed with the importance of secure food supply and recalled that eradication of famine is one of the major Millennium Development Goals. The Israeli President emphasized that smaller countries, such as Israel and Slovenia, have established good cooperation in respect

of such issues. He added that the size of a country today is not measured by its territory but by the degree of development of its people, science, morality and its



political principles.

The Slovenian President informed President Peres that Slovenia and Croatia have recently signed an arbitration agreement. As he explained, Slovenia wishes to demonstrate with this agreement its willingness to resolve political problems that directly concern it and show



a possible way of peacefully resolving international issues. He also presented to Mr Peres the importance of his recent meeting with Italian President Napolitano and Croatian President Josipović at the commemoration ceremony in Trieste.

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The two Presidents also discussed the situation in the Middle East. President Türk supported the current

efforts of the United States of America and the Middle East Quartet of international mediators and expressed his hope that the talks to take place will be such as to give results. He added that Slovenia's efforts for the success of the Middle East peace process are part of the efforts of the European

humanitarian initiative of the Slovenian President. On this occasion, President Türk expressed his thanks to President Peres for his support in the project of assisting the children from Gaza.

President Peres stressed that Israel did not wish anyone in Gaza to suffer physically, medically or in any other way. He explained that Israeli soldiers and civilians have voluntarily left Gaza and have no intention of returning there. Restrictions were introduced only then when, for unknown reasons, attacks on Israel started. The Israeli President emphasized that Gaza could remain a free and open country if its inhabitants renounced attacking Israel. He stressed that Israel believes in peace and wishes the Palestinians also to live a good life in normal conditions, because Israel wants to have good relations with its neighbours. He recalled his project "Save the Children", through which Israel had helped more than 6,000 Palestinian children. According to President Peres, this also proves that Israel wishes to live in peace and friendship with the Palestinians.

During their talks, the Slovenian and Israeli Presidents also exchanged views on the situation in Iran, whereby President Türk supported the efforts of the High Representative of the European Union, Catherine Ashton, to reopen discussions on the Iranian nuclear programme.

Union. At the same time, Slovenia wishes to make a specific contribution with the rehabilitation of disabled children, victims of the war in Gaza, who are coming for treatment to Slovenia within the framework of the

Source: [Office of the President of the Republic of Slovenia](#)

## Slovenia and NATO Sign Memorandum to Boost Cooperation

The [Defence Ministry](#) signed a memorandum of understanding on consultation, command and control with the NATO Consultation,

a forum for exchange of important technical information could be set up. Slovenia will also have easier access to technical infor-

signing the document that none of the projects have started yet, as concrete projects are defined by individual technical agreements

deals, therefore it is very desired among NATO members that their companies get the deals. So far there is only one Slovenian company



Command and Control Agency (NC3A).

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The memorandum was signed in Ljubljana by NC3A General Manager Georges D'Hollander and State Secretary at Defence Ministry Uroš Krek.

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mation related to products developed by the NC3A and should find it simpler to acquire these products. Krek told the press after



Hiking - [Blejski Vintgar](#).

Source: [www.slovenia.info](http://www.slovenia.info). Photo: J. Skok.

which reflect the needs of individual NATO members.

According to Krek, nearly 75% of projects are turn-key

fit for such projects, Igea, while Krek expressed hope that soon there would be more.

## Foreign Minister Žbogar Urges Retreat Timeline for Afghanistan

Foreign Minister Samuel Žbogar attended an international conference on Afghan-

"A time frame (of the allies' retreat) is necessary also for the countries which contribute their soldiers to be able to explain to our citizens that all this makes sense and that the soldiers will stay there for a while, until Afghanistan is capable of taking over," he noted.

istan in Kabul, a follow-up to the January international conference in London. He told public broadcaster RTV Slovenia on the sidelines of the event that the transformation of Afghanistan into an independent stable country was crucial. The transition is necessary to show the Afghanistan people that NATO and the international forces are not there to occupy the territory, but to help restore stability in the country, Žbogar pointed out.

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be able to explain to our citizens that all this makes sense and that the soldiers will stay there for a while, until Afghanistan is capable of taking over," he noted.

The participants of the conference, which featured some 70 officials, including US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton, expressed support today for Afghan President Hamid Karzai and for his plan of reconciliation with some 36,000 moderate Taliban by 2015.

Security was beefed up for the conference, but the Taliban nevertheless staged an attack in the area near

the Kabul international airport. There were no reports on the victims.



Minister Samuel Žbogar.

Source: [www.vlada.si](http://www.vlada.si).

## PM: Slovenia's Only Major Problem Fall in Competitiveness

Slovenia's public debt ratio, which at 35% of GDP, is quite below the EU average at 81% of GDP.

Slovenia is generally doing fine, except for a slump in its competitive edge, [Prime Minister Borut Pahor](#) assessed after summit of EU leaders in Brussels.

The prime minister

deems it especially vital for Slovenia to open to foreign investment, because it is not capable of financing its development alone, particularly at times of crisis. "No small country is capable of this, it would be a ridiculous effort. A wise effort is to open up the market and to attract those investments that promise long-term profits, taxes for the state and jobs for Slovenian people, this will not threaten Slovenia's identity in the least."

Pahor spoke of Slovenia's government debt position, which is quite favourable compared to the EU average, noting that this was the context to "understand quite soft position of the European Commission on Slovenian authorities' efforts to tackle the crisis".



[Škofja Loka](#). Source: www.slovenia.info. Photo: Matej Vranič.

Slovenia's prime minister is firm on going ahead with reforms. "I understand this feeds disagreement among the social partners, but we have no other choice but to follow our goal".

Commenting on Europe 2020, a strategy to enhance competitiveness, innovation and employment and to reduce poverty, which was also endorsed at the summit, Pahor said that all EU goals were also Slovenia's goals.

## NLB Passes Bank Stress Test

Slovenia's [NLB bank](#) passed a stress test of EU banks designed to check their resilience to a further economic or sovereign-debt crisis, but the results suggest that the bank needs to shore

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up its core capital. The exercise was carried out by the Committee of European Banking Supervisors on the basis of consolidated 2009 figures that were applied to 2010 and 2011 with the assumption that the economy goes back into recession and there is a new sovereign debt shock. The central bank, [Banka Slovenije](#), also revealed detailed data on NLB exposure to government and local debt instruments. The data suggests that NLB has the highest net exposure to domestic debt (EUR 681m) and its portfolio is heavy on Belgian, French, German and Dutch bonds. NLB has lower exposure to debt of higher-risk countries such as Greece, Ireland, Portugal and

Spain. NLB was the only Slovenian bank directly tested, but five more banks in majority ownership of foreign banking groups ([SKB](#), [UniCredit banka Slovenija](#),

[Banka Koper](#), [Raiffeisen banka](#) and [Sparkasse](#)) were also indirectly included via their parent banks and all received a clean bill of health, the central bank said.



[Ljubljana](#) - River Ljubljanica. Source: www.slovenia.info. Photo: Dunja Wedam.

## D&B Says Decline in Slovenia's GDP Slowing Down

D&B kept Slovenia's rating at DB2c, which means low levels of risk. The rating trend is labelled as stable.

The rating firm [Dun & Bradstreet](#) (D&B) has established in its June report for Slovenia that the decline in the country's GDP at the annual level is slowing down, but that economic activity is also dropping.

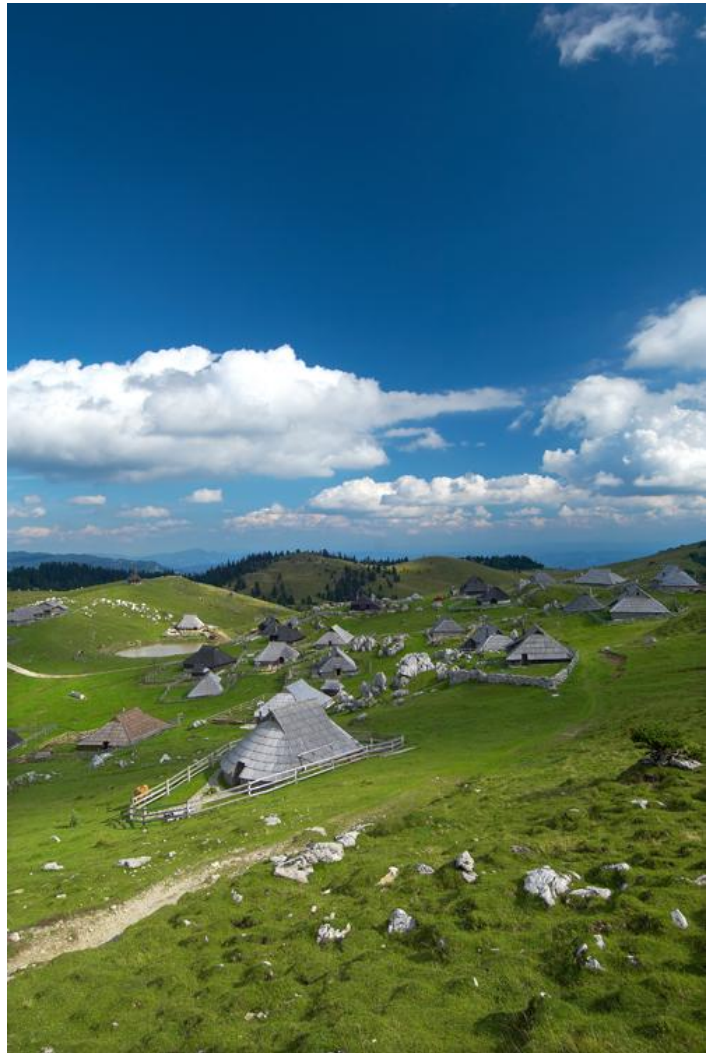
D&B is also concerned that too rapid fiscal measures could dampen economic activity further.

The only increase was recorded in government spending, D&B says in the report which focuses on relations between Slovenia and Croatia in the light of the referendum on the border arbitration treaty in Slovenia.

Slovenia's cross-border payment performance improved in June, and the share of delayed payments in Slovenia slightly decreased, according to rating firm.

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Herders. [Velika planina](#).  
Source: [www.slovenia.info](#).  
Photo: Tomo Jeseničnik.



## Darja Radić appointed new Economy Minister

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[Darja Radić](#) was appointed new economy minister in parliament on 16 July, just eight days after the previous minister, Matej Lahovnik, resigned.

The 44-year-old economist who has so far served as Economy Ministry state secretary was supported by 47 deputies, while 9 voted against her.

After she was sworn in, Radić pledged her team would take measures and steps to alleviate the crisis as

much as possible and to help the Slovenian economy to attain a higher technological level and a competitive edge.

Only hours after appointment, she took over from Lahovnik, announcing that she would continue the programme she and Lahovnik devised a year and a half ago.

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Minister Darja Radić.  
Source: [www.vlada.si](#).

## Elan 350 Yacht Aiming at European Best Yacht Title

The [Elan 350 sailing boat](#) has been shortlisted for the prestigious European Yacht of the Year 2010 award in performance range. The yacht is competing with two other boats, the French First 30 and the German Dehler 32. The winner will be announced at the German

Boote 2011 boat show in January.

Widely known as a ski manufacturer, [Elan](#) has also earned acclaim in the nautical field, most recently with its new sailing boat Elan 350, the first 35 feet-long yacht with twin helm design. "Elan 350 is a new concept

of what is our internationally most acclaimed brand with a very likable and distinctive design," company management president Robert Ferik said.

Elan 350 was launched in May and presented first at the Slovenian international boat show Internautica 2010

where it ranked third in the selection of the best boat of the show.



[Elan](#) already received the award for the European Yacht of the Year in 2006 for the [Impression 344](#) and in 2007 for the [Elan 340](#).



[Elan 350 sailing boat](#). Source: [Elan Marine](#).

## Pipistrel to Build Bobsleighs aside of Planes

[Pipistrel](#), the [Ajdovščina](#)-based maker of ultra-light planes, is set to expand into new lines of business. For a

The company [Pipistrel](#) has recently launched new development projects, such as the application of solar cells on uneven surface and a hybrid drive system for planes and other vehicles.

start, it will venture into building bobsleighs.

Pipistrel hit upon the idea at the presentation of the Slovenian women's bobsled team in Vizionarna, the Ajdovščina research and cultural centre. "Our development engineers closely inspected the bobsleigh, coming up with a host of interesting ideas for improvement," Boscarol said.

"Our development institute employs more than 20 doctors and masters of science and junior researchers who would take up any challenge," Boscarol explained.

"We have also made a bicycle on which a Slovenian racer will attempt to break

the world speed record."

Boscarol says that bobsleigh has much in common

with planes, mainly in that it must be fast, with the minimum possible aerodynamic drag and friction.



[Pipistrel](#) is on [Youtube](#). Source: YouTube.

## Upcoming Trade Fairs in Slovenia

Date	Fair	Sector	
21.08.-26.08.2010 Gornja Radgona, Slovenia	<a href="#">Agra</a> International Agricultural-Food Fair	Food, Agriculture	
21.08.-26.08.2010 Gornja Radgona, Slovenia	<a href="#">Inpak</a> International fair of packaging, Packag-	Packaging	
03.09.-05.09.2010 Ljubljana, Slovenia	<a href="#">Auto Motor Show</a> The biggest Auto Motor Show in Slove-	Auto Industry, Road Safety	
08.09.-15.09.2010 Celje, Slovenia	43 <sup>rd</sup> <a href="#">International Trade Fair</a> Largest Fair and business event in Slo-	Foreign Country Presentations, Tele- communication, Computer Equip- ment, Education, Electrotechnics, Machines for Wood and Metal, Fur- niture, Tourism, Textile	
23.09.-25.09.2010 Gornja Radgona, Slovenia	<a href="#">Sobra</a> International Fair of Defence Security, Protection and Rescue	Defence, Security, Protection and Rescue	
07.10.-10.10.2010 Ljubljana, Slovenia	<a href="#">Nature-Health</a> 41 <sup>st</sup> Fair for products, activities and ideas for healthy life	Nutrition, Wellness & Exercise, Eco home, Environment	

## Slovenia 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Attractive CEE Location for German Business

German companies have ranked Slovenia the third most attractive investment location in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), after the Czech Republic and Poland, according to a survey conducted by the [Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce \(DIHK\)](#).

German companies operating in Slovenia are most critical of the tax system, the high tax wedge and labour

costs, while they believe Slovenia's assets are membership of the EU, public infrastructure and public administration.

German companies operating in 15 countries in the region placed Slovenia 8<sup>th</sup> in their assessment of the current conditions for business. Poland ranks first and Croatia last among the 15 countries in the region.

Slovenia places 5<sup>th</sup> in terms of business prospects, which shows that German companies are much more

optimistic about the future operations than they are about the situation at the moment.

Only 10% of the German companies in Slovenia plan further layoffs (the average for the region is 18%), 66% of the companies do not intend to change their headcount and 24% even plan to open more jobs.

Despite the positive assessments, problems from the past remain, President of the Slovenian-German Chamber of Commerce and

Industry Gertrud Rantzen has said, pointing to too high tax wedge and labour costs. In quoting the results of the survey, the [Slovenian Public Agency for Entrepreneurship and Foreign Investments \(JAPTI\)](#) was encouraged by the upbeat expectations of German companies for future operations, employment and investment.



## Speaker of the Parliament Calls Local Elections for 10 October

Unlike general elections, foreigners with permanent residency can also vote.

Moreover, EU nationals may run for municipal councils, although the race for mayor is restricted to Slovenians.

Speaker of the [National Assembly](#) Pavel Gantar called this year's local elections for Sunday, 10 October. This means that 9 August is the date for the official launch of election-related activities, including the official nomination of candidates.

Alongside the election of new mayors and city councilors in 210 Slovenian municipalities, the Italian and Hun-

garian minorities will be electing their representatives to city councils in the areas populated by them. The municipalities which will fail to elect their mayors in the first round will hold a run-off on 24 October.

This year's will be the fifth local elections. The first were held in December 1994. Since then the number of municipalities has increased from 147 to 210.

The large number of municipalities means that local elections are the biggest election in terms of the number of candidates in Slovenia.

More than 25,000 candidates, or 1.25% of the population, stood for seats on local councils in 2006. What is more, as many as 847 candidates were vying for one of the 210 mayoral seats.

## Traffic Safety Agency Established

The [government](#) adopted a decision establishing a Public Agency for Traffic Safety that will pool together resources from multiple departments currently concerned with road safety.

The agency, which will be launched on 1 September, will take over road safety tasks currently performed by the interior and transport ministries and civil servants who work at administrative units' driving license units.

It will perform analytical and research work, investigation of major traffic accidents and evaluation of the safety of road infrastructure.



Crossway (razpotje). FIAP gold medal (under 21 years). Source: www.czm-domzale.si. Author: Jerneja Jesenko.

## How friendly are Slovenian border police officers?

[Slovenian Police](#) has prepared a survey that measures the performance of police officers at Slovenian border crossings, their attitude towards passengers and their outward appearance.

Though the results of the survey have no statistically applicable value, Slovenian police will try to consider the opinions of all visitors participating in this survey.

The survey results should be published this autumn.

In the [survey](#) there are 22 questions.



## Postojna Cave to Get Back Its Former Glory

Marjan Batagelj, the businessman who bought the operator of the [Postojna Cave](#) last week, plans to in-

The new owner would like to restore the Postojna company's former glory by improving its surroundings and giving a facelift to Hotel Jama.

crease the number of visitors to Slovenia's biggest tourist

attraction from the current half a million to one million a year.

Batagelj revealed his plans after his company Batagelj & Co. bought Turizem Kras from Istrabenz Turizem, part of the debt-ridden Istrabenz holding, in a EUR 12.4m deal.

The new owner would like to restore the Postojna company's former glory by improving its surroundings and giving a facelift to Hotel Jama to save it from ruin. The hotel situated near the cave's entrance is now closed.

The company has a licence to operate the large Postojna cave system and the Predjamski grad castle. Visitor numbers are to substantially increase by 2015 with the help of fresh mar-

keting approaches and events to be staged in front of the cave's entrance.

In the 1980s, when Slove-

one million visitors a year. The Postojna municipality will have a controlling 25% stake in Turizem Kras



Train through the [Postojna cave](#). Source: www.slovenia.info. Photo: Archive of Postonjska jama.

nia was still part of Yugoslavia, the cave attracted about

through its company Postojnska jama.

## Geological Park to Be Established on Slovenia-Austria Border

A geopark is to be established in the border area between Slovenia and Austria under the mountains of [Peca](#) and Obir in what its partners hope could become

The [European Geopark Network](#) aims at protecting and promoting natural and cultural heritage, enabling European countries to exchange information and experience in protecting geological heritage.

another park within the European Geopark Network under the auspices of UNESCO, which includes 53 geoparks in 17 countries.

The geographical area between Peca and Obir is crossed by the Periadriatic Seam joining different rocks of the Eurasian and African tectonic plate, and full of rare minerals, fossils and even stone age remains of the inhabitants in the area.

Eleven municipalities from both sides of the border united in the project have received EUR 2.5m of European funds for cross-border cooperation and intend to launch the three-year project in September.

The park will extend on

an area of 997 km<sup>2</sup> with 51,500 inhabitants. Its goal is to encourage sustainable development and improve cross-border cooperation.

It will have two information centres in [Mežica](#), Slovenia, and Eisenkappel, Austria and several information points at different interesting locations.



Capercaillie in the Topla valley below [Peca](#).

Source: www.slovenia.info. Photo: Tomo Jeseničnik.

## Andreja Horvat is the new Deputy Head of the Mission



[Andreja Horvat](#)

At the beginning of July 2010 Mrs. Andreja Horvat is starting her four years tenure as the Deputy Head of the Mission at the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Tel Aviv-Yaffo. We wish her a very successful work in our Embassy.

*Ambassador Boris Sovič*

*At the beginning of July I replaced my colleague Tanja Miškova as Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Tel Aviv.*

*I will endeavour to strengthen the friendship*

*and economic ties between the Republic of Slovenia and the State of Israel and further develop business opportunities in both countries.*

*Promoting Slovenia as a tourist destination will remain an important aspect of*

*my work.*

*I'm looking forward to fruitful cooperation with everyone that I have already met and everyone that I will encounter through my work at the Embassy.*

*Andreja Horvat*

## Slovenia's Independence Day reception in Herzliya Pituach

On the occasion of the 19th year of Independence of the Republic of Slovenia, Ambassador Boris Sovič and Mrs. Ana Sovič hosted a reception in Slovenian residence in Herzliya Pituach.

Among the 250 guests were diplomats, Ministries representatives, Mayors, Slovenes who live in Israel and high ranking representatives of the Israeli business community.

Representing the government of Israel was H.E. Mr. Michael Eitan, Minister of Improvement of Government services.

Speeches were delivered by the Ambassador and the minister.

The cultural program included the performance of both national anthems sung by Mrs. Jelena Ettinger and played by Ms. Nives Sovič, Daughter of Ambassador Sovič.

*Dalit Gerstl*



Nives Sovič, Jelena Ettinger, Ambassador Boris Sovič and Minister Michael Eitan. Photo: Eyal Dankner.

The Embassy acknowledges the contributions of [Port of Koper](#) as well as Honorary Consuls Adi Rosenfeld and Eival Gilady to the success of the evening.



## Ambassador Sovič Meets the Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yaffo



Ambassador Boris Sovič and Deputy Head of Mission, Ms. Andreja Horvat met with the Mayor of [Tel Aviv-Yaffo](#), Mr. Ron Huldai.

Also in the meeting were present First Deputy Mayor, Mr. Nathan Wolloch, First Deputy Mayor, Adv. Doron

Sapir and Senior advisor for International Relations, Mr. Ben-Ami Ehrlich.

They discussed the future planting of the [Old Vine](#) given as a gift by the city of [Maribor](#) as a token of international friendship. In addition,

Ambassador Sovič informed the Mayor about the project "[Maribor 2012-European Capital of Culture](#)" with the possibilities that the city of Tel Aviv-Yaffo will participate.



Ambassador Boris Sovič, Mayor Ron Huldai and Dean of the Diplomatic corps Ambassador Henri Etoundi Essomba. Source: City of Tel Aviv, 2009.

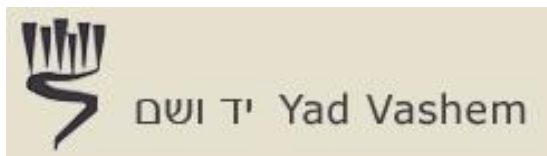
## Seminar for Academics and Policy Makers From Slovenia

At the beginning of June, [The International School For Holocaust Studies](#) hosted the third Seminar and Conference for policy makers from Slovenia. Participants consisted of representatives from Ministries, Governmental institutions, various museums and media.

The program which included historical and pedagogical perspectives on the Holocaust preceded the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Holocaust education.

Ambassador Sovič visited the group in [Yad Vashem](#).

*Dalit Gerstl*



Slovenian Participants and Ambassador Sovič.

## Visit to Haifa and Deir El Assad

Ambassador Sovič participated in a diplomatic tour organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the city of Haifa.

The visit included a tour to business communities, the Baha'i Gardens and the Druze community.

Invited by the Arab council for foreign relations, Ambassador Sovič visited Deir El Assad.

He visited the Albayan Academy and met with the Mayor of Deir El Assad and members of his administration.

*Dalit Gerstl*



Visit to Deir El Assad. Photo: Eyal Dankner.

## Slovenia Make Top 20 in FIFA Rankings

One win and a draw out of three matches at the World Cup in South Africa propelled the [Slovenian national football team](#) to the

19<sup>th</sup> place in FIFA's latest world rankings, the highest ranking ever for Slovenia.

Their previous high was the 23<sup>th</sup> spot in April.



Source: [Government communication office](#).

Photo: Stanko Gruden / [STA](#).

### More than 10,000 Welcome Slovenian Football Team in Ljubljana

The Slovenian national football team, which narrowly missed out on a top-16 finish at the World Cup underway in South Africa, received a warm welcome at the Ljubljana airport and later at the capital's central square on Saturday.

The Slovenian footballers, which were believed to be qualified for the second round until the US scored against Algeria in the final minute of extra time, were already received by around 2,000 fans at the airport.

There was later not enough room for everyone who wanted to greet them at Prešeren Square at 11 AM. The first estimates suggest that more than 10,000 cheered for the team at the reception ceremony.

While the team, which beat Algeria 1:0, tied 2:2 with the US and lost 0:1 against England, was also welcomed by Prime Minister Borut Pahor at the airport, while President Danilo Türk held a special reception for the team at Brdo pri Kranju.

## Highlights of Slovenia at the [www.slovenia.info](http://www.slovenia.info)

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