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After months of preparation *The Days of Slovenian Railways*, an event dedicated to the promotion of rail in Slovenia and abroad, finally began. Slovenian Railways hosted numerous events throughout Slovenia to which we invited our passengers, railway enthusiasts and business partners. In this special issue of *Nova proga* magazine we give you an insight into the events taking place in June on the first ever *Days of Slovenian Railways*.

Railways are an important part of everyday life for many Slovenians. That is why we prepared a very diverse and engaging programme. *The Days of Slovenian Railways* were a great opportunity to display to the public various activities our company is undertaking and to discuss the challenges the railways sector currently faces. Special attention was also given to business with a conference which formally opened *The Days of Slovenian Railways*.

The Slovenian Railways Group continually enhances business performance and output. At the conference we proved to the public and our business partners that we are fully equipped to provide the best logistical services and follow their needs. The high quality transport route going through Slovenia combines a wide array of logistical services which are constantly being improved.

During *The Days of Slovenian Railways* special attention was put also on our youngest railway enthusiasts. We prepared fascinating creative and sports workshops, Railway museum exhibitions, museum train rides and much more. The four days were filled with business activities and cultural events in which we could admire various great artists. Judging by the feedback from our partners and passengers *The Days of Slovenian Railways* was a great success. All this could not have taken place without the effort of the organizing team and countless hours of hard work from Slovenian Railways employees.



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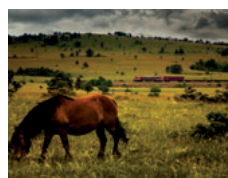
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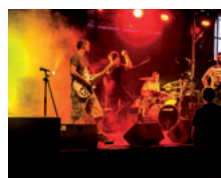
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## Business Conference – The Future of Railways and its Contribution to Regional Development

A business conference entitled "The Future of Railways and its Contribution to Regional Development" and held on Wednesday, July 4th at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia (GZS) in Ljubljana, was the first in a string of events organized as part of the The Days of Slovenian Railways, a special event promoting rail in Slovenia. With over 200 participants, the majority comprising of the closest domestic and international business partners of Slovenian Railways, the conference served as an excellent opportunity for discussing Slovenian Railways' current plans, ways in which to improve rail in Slovenia and to establish new partnerships.

### Presentation of companies in the Slovenian Railways Group

Visitors of the conference had the opportunity to find out more about the companies in the Slovenian Railways Group by examining various promotion tables set up in front of the entrance to the conference hall, which provided leaflets, posters, and other promotional material on companies' services. Those wishing to discuss particular plans and activities of these companies could also talk directly with the representatives.



### About

The conference was launched by the Head of Transport and Communications Association at GZS, Mr Robert Sever, who outlined the role of rail in the modern economy and emphasized its influence on the economy, logistics, and transport as a whole.

The topic was presented in more detail by the Minister of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning, Mr Samo Omerzel, who pointed out that investing in rail infrastructure was the primary condition for spurring economic growth. The Minister presented the scope of investment in the Slovenian railway infrastructure for this and next year, which will be hitting €380m and €330m respectively, and noted how rail infrastructure investment is finally gaining momentum, which was also evident from the new financial plans of the EU.

**"The future lies in railway infrastructure,"** Minister of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning, Mr Samo Omerzel

Following Mr Omerzel's presentation, the participants were addressed by the Director General of Slovenian Railways, Mr Dušan Mes, who highlighted how investment in rail infrastructure also boosts development as a whole, something Slovenian Railways are well aware of. Given the fact that the state has the ownership of rail infrastructure, he urged that more needs to be done also at the government level. In conclusion, he summed up the improvements in the Slovenian Railways business operation in the past two years, with revenues and operating profit in 2013 exceeding €500m and €20m respectively.

**"Investments in railway infrastructure are also investments in our country's economic development, and that is something Slovenian Railways are well aware of,"** Director General of Slovenian Railways, Mr Dušan Mes

Although he believes that Slovenia has a recurring issue of underinvestment in rail infrastructure, which makes predictions of future



The GZS conference hall was filled to the last seat



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Director General of Slovenian Railways, Mr Dušan Mes, during his opening speech

increases in network capacity rather difficult, Mr Mes, nevertheless, feels optimistic about the plans for 2014. He discussed how the improved business results of the Group were a result of several different measures, including an agreement on a temporary reduction in employee salaries, but noted that the day-to-day profit can only go so far without an effective business growth strategy which would ensure a bright future for the company.

**“Rolling stock, wagon fleet, and human resources all call for investment,”** *Director General of Slovenian Railways, Mr Dušan Mes*

In conclusion, the Director General expressed his gratitude to the Slovenian Railways business partners for the patience demonstrated in the aftermath of the ice storm earlier this year and, in particular, thanking his Slovenian Railways employees for re-establishing train services in record time.

### Rail in Slovenia – Current Issues and Ways to Improve Them

Topics regarding the present situation and development needs of Slovenian Railways, Port of Koper, and the economy as a whole were addressed by several speakers including two members of the Slovenian Railways Management Board, Ms Jelka Šinkovec Funduk and Mr Milan Jelenc, by Mr Andraž Novak, President of the Luka Koper Management Board and Mr Jože P. Damijan, PhD from the Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana.

Ms Šinkovec Funduk first outlined the current state of the Slovenian rail infrastructure, pointing out that investment was absolutely necessary. She continued that while most European countries made sure that their national railways were properly geared up to tackle the challenges of the international market, Slovenia appears to have dropped the ball in that regard when it let an outstanding opportunity slip through its fingers years ago. Ms Šinkovec Funduk, nevertheless, stressed that infrastructure is maintained according to plans,



Minister of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning, Mr Samo Omerzel

with passenger and freight services operating smoothly and in a safe manner, despite certain outdated line sections. She also noted the great admiration expressed by several representatives of foreign rail administrations regarding the incredibly short time of six days in which time Slovenian Railways succeeded in bringing services back to operation after the catastrophic consequences of the ice storm in February earlier this year.

**“Slovenian Railways always put in the maximum effort when it comes to rail safety and smooth train operation,”** *Ms Jelka Šinkovec Funduk, the Slovenian Railways Management Board*

The year-on-year performance figures were presented by Mr Milan Jelenc, adding that the market share of rail in land transport was steadily increasing. He urged the Government and strategic



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decision-makers to address future rail plans with a long-term vision, as certain line sections have already reached their maximum capacity (Koper-Divača) while several others are already hovering at around 90% mark (Ljubljana-Jesenice and Divača-Ljubljana).

With Croatia stepping up its rail investment and planning, he concluded that the section between Ljubljana and Rijeka, Croatia, which runs through Slovenian Ilirska Bistrica and Pivka, was also gaining recognition and will, therefore, likely require additional attention.

**"I am proud to be working for Slovenian Railways,"**  
Mr Milan Jelenc, the Slovenian Railways Management Board

The conference also touched upon the role of rail in the Slovenian maritime transport – as was highlighted by the President of the Luka Koper Management Board, Mr Andraž Novak. The operation and development of the Port are largely dependent on the condition of rail



Mr Milan Jelenc, the Slovenian Railways Management Board



Ms Jelka Šinkovec Funduk, the Slovenian Railways Management Board

infrastructure, which is why Mr Novak expressed his full support for the construction of a second track on the line between Koper and Divača.

In conclusion, rail was examined in terms of its contribution to the economy, with Dr Damijan from the Faculty of Economics advocating

investment in rail infrastructure which he believes to be a primary requirement in order to spur economic growth. "If 1.3% of GDP was annually invested in rail infrastructure, that would in turn boost GDP by 2.8% while also creating a total of 1770 new jobs," he explained, listing Germany and the USA as cases in point where infrastructure modernization helped create jobs in manufacturing, construction, and other economic sectors, which in turn had stimulating effects on the economy as a whole.

**"Investment is a standard approach for revitalizing the economy,"** Mr Jože P. Damijan, PhD, the Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana

### Rail Services Designed Around Customer Needs



Ms Melita Rozman Dacar, Director of Slovenian Railways Freight Transport

The different types and structure of the Slovenian Railways services, together with key markets and the company's vision and strategy were presented by Ms Melita Rozman Dacar, Director of Freight Transport and Mr Boštjan Koren, Director of Passenger Transport.

Rail freight at Slovenian Railways is mostly comprised of standard wagon-load consignments (75%) and combined transport (24%) with a few door-to-door services (1%). Market-wise, Ms Rozman Dacar explained that most volumes were sold in international transport (90%), where two thirds of trains operate on RFC6 lines between Italy and Hungary (67%) with the remaining part running from Austria to Croatia (33%). She also noted that volumes carried to or from Luka Koper amounted to almost 60% of all services sold. In conclusion, she stated that Slovenian Railways Freight was currently focusing on an effective international market performance planning to develop new partnerships for the purpose of cross-border services.

**"It is our wish to maintain and nurture good business relations,"** Director of Slovenian Railways Freight Transport, Ms Melita Rozman Dacar

Moving on to rail passenger transport, Mr Koren explained the strategic goals and projects of Slovenian Railways Passenger Transport such as its plans to modernize sales channels (e-ticketing) and



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Mr Boštjan Koren, Director of Slovenian Railways Passenger Transport



The round-table discussion was led by Mr Jože P. Damijan from the Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana



Conference guest speakers. From left to right: Arlene Lovrečič Mikac (Director of BLG Koper), Robert Zihlavlak (Director General of Logistics, US Steel Kosice), Rok Blenkuš (Director of Logistics, Petrol), Rok Svetek (Director of Adria Kombi) and Slovenian Railways management member Milan Jelenc.



A key emphasis in the discussion was that a clear State decision upon the future of rail and logistics in Slovenia should be formulated as soon as possible.

design additional train and station services. He continued that providing a quality transport experience and operating in integration with other carriers in Slovenia were some of the chief concerns in domestic transport, while cross-border services' vision was to turn Ljubljana into a major regional passenger hub. In conclusion, he outlined the government project on integrated public transport services, which is expected to enter its test stage in March of next year, with remaining services expected to go live by October 2015.

**“Public passenger traffic can only be effective with rail at its core,”** Director of Slovenian Railways Passenger Transport, Mr Boštjan Koren

Rail was also analysed against a logistics background, with some of the most recognised figures in logistics including Mr Rok Blenkuš (Petrol, Slovenia), Mr Robert Zihlavlak (U.S.Steel Košice, Slovakia), Ms Anne Rohrbach (STVA, France), and Mr Rok Svetek (Adria Kombi, Slovenia) who analysed different cooperation opportunities with rail and introduced future plans and expectations for Slovenian logistics.

## Round-table Discussion

The business conference ended late in the afternoon with a round-table discussion featuring Mr Omerzel (Minister of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning), Mr Mes (Director General of Slovenian Railways), Mr Novak (President of the Management Board, Luka Koper), Ms Arlene Lovrečič Mikac (CEO, BLG Koper), Mr Tomaž Berločnik (President of the Management Board, Petrol), Mr Blenkuš (Head of Logistics, Petrol), and Mr Svetek (CEO, Adria Kombi).

The speakers discussed their views on rail and logistics issues in Slovenia with a varying degree of criticism – from light-hearted comments about grabbing the shovels and finally completing the second track to Koper and relaxed stances dismissing the fears that Slovenia will be bypassed by freight corridors, to firm convictions that a strong economy is the sole way out of the current situation. However, the main focus of the debate was to send a strong signal to the government that the current status quo needs to end, as it is bad for both the stakeholders and the economy. “A clear State decision is called upon regarding the future of rail, in particular regarding the construction of a second rail between Divača and Koper,” emphasized Mr Mes, thereby concluding the roundtable.



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## A Trip to the Past on Board the Museum Train



On Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> of June, Slovenian Railways organized a special event for its business partners to celebrate the fruitful cooperation between the companies. With a diverse entertainment program the guests could relax on a tour through the picturesque landscape of Bohinj on board a vintage train, also known as the 'museum train', enjoying the view of the magnificent mountain range and beautiful nature.

The journey started in Ljubljana with over 200 Slovenian and foreign business partners boarding the morning ICS train to Jesenice where they were welcomed by a live musical performance by the Slovenian Railways Wind Orchestra Zidani Most. Their journey to

Bled continued on board the vintage train run by two locomotives just for this occasion.

The train made a short stop at the Lake Bled station where the guests were joined by Emperor Franz Joseph himself, as part of a special theatrical performance. With his royal highness on board, the group continued their journey to Goriška Brda in the midst of green gorges, enjoying the view of Lake Bled and occasionally catching a glimpse of entrances to underground tunnels, some of which stretch over 6 km in length.

At around 11 am, the train arrived to the Kanal train station where a short official ceremony event was held, continued by a





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guided tour of the newly inaugurated rail museum in the station building.

### On the Way to Goriška Brda

Having disembarked the museum train at Kanal, the journey to Goriška Brda continued by bus alongside the Soča river and past the towns of Anhovo and Plave. Characterized by picturesque villages, rich vineyards and vast orchards, the region of Goriška Brda is situated at the West-most part of Slovenia. There the cherry growing season, marked by a special holiday, was in full swing. Arriving

to the Dobrovo Castle, the guests were addressed at the castle yard with a welcome speech given by the Mayor of the Brdo municipality, Mr Franc Mužič, and Director General of Slovenian Railways, Mr Dušan Mes, followed by a series of entertainment events including a dance performance, a ceremony by the Brdo countrywomen offering cherry and Champaign appetizers, and wine tasting at the Goriška Brda wine cellar.

With the day slowly coming to an end, the guests boarded the buses to Nova Gorica from where they returned to Jesenice on board the vintage train.

Judging by the comments and reactions of the participants, the event was a complete success.



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## Beauty in Coexistence

# Tracks, Vistas, Landscapes ...



Žabnica



Solkan



Hrastovlje

... is the title of my photography exhibition with railway landscape themes, and was opened at the beginning of The Days of Slovenian Railways in the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia.

There are two major topics in railway photography: people and railways within the landscape. While some of the photos from the first group are still displayed at the exhibition in the Situla, the exhibition at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry displays a smaller selection of photos from the second topic.

In his search for the motives for this topic, the author is guided by two things - the desire to portray the beauty of



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the Slovenian landscape, additionally enhanced by light or weather conditions, and to stress that railways are a part of the landscape. Not disfiguring it as the motorways do, but unobtrusively assimilating into it, sometimes adding a special charm or strengthening the impression of its monumentality.

With all this said, it is unnecessary to mention the thrill such photography gives me – to be and to walk in nature. Everyone who at least occasionally visits it, knows this feeling very well.

Miško Kranjec



Vintgar



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## 30 Years as a Member of the Slovenian Railways Family

The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of employment at Slovenian Railways is a ceremony arranged for our co-workers who have helped develop the companies in the Group for three decades. Guests are greeted by the management board of each company in the Slovenian Railways Group and receive symbolic gifts and awards. This year 479 members of the Slovenian Railways

family celebrated their anniversary in a magnificent ambient at the Railway museum of Slovenian Railways in Ljubljana. An integral part of the annual celebration is a unique cultural programme.

This year the guests were welcomed by the sounds of the Slovenian Railways Wind Orchestra Zidani Most whose members,



Congratulating co-workers for their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of employment at Slovenian Railways



Awards and symbolic gifts were handed out by the management members of each company in the Slovenian Railways Group



The Railway museum hosted many artists and a few hundred guests



The Slovenian Railways Wind Orchestra



Folklore group ŽKUD Tine Rožanc



The amazing dancers from The Artifex



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dressed in historical railway uniforms, greeted them while they gathered in front of the Railway museum. They invited the guests inside where the main event took place.

The Director General of the Slovenian Railways Group, Dušan Mes, expressed his gratitude for all the years the guests spent working for our railway companies. In his speech, Mr Mes revealed positive forecasts for the future of Slovenian Railways and announced that the time when the Group will be needing many new employees is near. Our company strategy and business goals demand constant growth, which will only be possible with the help of new efficient co-workers.

Besides the Slovenian Railways Wind Orchestra there were other artists performing at the ceremony. A veteran section of the Folklore group ŽKUD Tine Rožanc which presented typical Slovenian folk dances and songs, and reminded us of our rich Slovenian

folklore heritage which the group is preserving with great care and persistence.

A unique dance act followed the official ceremony. Performers of the group The Artifex awed the crowd. In the first act the male dancers presented typical railway jobs such as train controller, conductor, driver etc., solely through dance moves. They were followed by an excellent performance by the female dancers who danced to dynamic music and enchanted the guests with their stunning appearance.

The Slovenian Railways Wind Orchestra Zidani Most concluded the ceremony with march music, inviting everyone to the banquet nearby. Side by side with historical locomotives the guests could talk to each other in a relaxed atmosphere of the grand Museum ambient, discussing future plans and remembering their first working days.

## The Opening of the Museum Exhibition in Kanal

On Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> of June, the Director General Dušan Mes and the mayor of the Kanal ob Soči municipality, Mr Andrej Maffi, signed an agreement of cooperation. Namely, Slovenian Railways and the Kanal ob Soči municipality wish to preserve the railway station building intact, as it is a unique element of architectural heritage in the Bohinj railway line. After the opening ceremony,

the museum staff gave guided tours of the museum in the railway station building. The museum is dedicated to the history of the city of Kanal, the 1<sup>st</sup> World War and the development of railways in the region. An info point was set up at the railway station Kanal, offering foreign and Slovene tourists the information needed for exploring Kanal and the surrounding countryside.



The signing of the agreement of cooperation at the Kanal railway station



The arrival of the train in Kanal ob Soči



Museum exhibition



A fascinating combination of art and historical military objects in the museum



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### Museum Train to Celje

The Days of Slovenian Railways included numerous activities for our youngest passengers and friends. On Saturday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, children and their parents took a museum train ride from Ljubljana to Celje and back. The train departed platform 1 of the Ljubljana train station on Saturday morning. An impressive dance performance on the platform by the group The Artifex accompanied the train departure.

The scenic museum train ride was co-organised by Slovenian Railways, POP TV and the web portal Bibaleze.si, which posted: "On the journey with this beautiful steam locomotive we have prepared a diverse programme for all train lovers no matter what their age. On the train a mascot from the TV program OTO will entertain the youngsters, while parents and other guests will be able to enjoy a unique historic travelling experience".

Child laughter echoed along with the locomotive sounds, while guests listened to stories about the adventurous lives of the Counts of Celje. The warm summer weather further beautified the scenic landscapes of the Sava and Savinja river valleys.

The passengers of the museum train, pulled by the remarkable 06-018 locomotive, disembarked at 11 am. They were invited to visit countless historical, cultural and tourist sights. Guests were entertained throughout the day and could, among many other activities, also join in sword fighting workshops and watch a medieval dance performance. The train, filled with satisfied guests



who experienced a delightful cultural programme, left Celje late in the afternoon.

By the end of the trip passengers had learnt that train transportation is the most reliable, comfortable, safe and eco-friendly type of transportation, and that the city of Celje attracts tourists with its ancient myths, legends and stories leaving a great impression with its urban vibe.

We were all very excited that so many children and parents joined us on the museum train ride and even more contented that our guests had truly enjoyed the trip.



On board the vintage train with Pop TV and Bibaleze.si



The train arriving in Celje



A modern and vintage train meet in Celje



The Artifex on the railway station platform in Ljubljana



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## Creative Workshops for Children in the Railway Museum

Many children and their parents attended various creative workshops on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> of June, in the Railway museum of Slovenian Railways. On this sunny Saturday morning children could take part in art classes, candle making, sculpting and many other activities. The dancers of the dance group The Artifex prepared a hip hop dance workshop for young railway fans. Many also joined various sports activities, a healthy-living workshop, as well as drawing and painting workshops where they mainly portrayed railway motives.

Slovenian Railways ŽIP – a company belonging to the Slovenian Railways Group which combines a broad array of support services – prepared sculpting and candle making workshops. Additionally, ŽIP contributed to the promotion of sports and health with an interesting boot camp workshop. The guests attended a presentation given by the Vitalis Centre – opening soon in Ljubljana Zalog – which is a great place for all generations to meet, participate in sports activities and also celebrate children birthday parties.

Railway enthusiasts who gathered in the museum learnt a lot about typical railway professions and could catch a ride on a miniature railway. As was expected the miniature or 'garden' railway as it is sometimes called was the most exciting and animating part for the children, as the train drove past real historic locomotives and other rare railway vehicles.



Not only on that day, but instead, throughout the duration of The Days of Slovenian Railways, the exclusive museum collection was on display free of charge. The museum staff provided several guided tours of the museum exhibition.





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## Model Railway Exhibition at the Train Station Sevnica

On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> of June, many attended the opening of a new miniature railway model and museum in Sevnica. The railway model spreads over 20 square meters and was constructed by our company's train driver and modeling enthusiast Ivan Puc. The model's railway network connects five railway stations and one railway stop. More than 40 locomotives with 150 cargo and passenger wagons drive on more than 50 meters of track, through four tunnels, a gallery and a railway viaduct. Traffic and safety are monitored on a computer based digital train station. All models are type H0 and constructed in the scale 1 : 87.

### Museum Exhibition

At the train station Sevnica visitors can also admire an exhibition of numerous railway artifacts from times past. The author of the exhibition is Milan Culetto with his daughter Annemarie. The exhibition holds items such as railway uniforms, badges, paintings, photographs, signal lights, flags, railway newspapers and many other unique pieces of railway history.

### Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony took place on the platform of the train station Sevnica. A special train, which brought the management of Slovenian Railways and other guests to the ceremony, was welcomed by the Slovenian Railways Wind Orchestra Zidani Most. The beautifully organized ceremony was the result of a joint effort by a group of Slovenian Railways employees known as Klub železničar and the Sevnica municipality. After the opening speeches a fascinating cultural programme followed. First,



Photography: Jože Baumkircher

the Slovenian Railways Wind Orchestra and majorette TRG society from Sevnica prepared a musical and dance act, followed by a performance by a local singing group Šentjurški jurjevalci who swayed the crowd. Mr Srečko Ocvirk, the mayor of Sevnica,





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Photography: Bojan Dremelj



and Mr Jože Baumkircher, a representative of the organizational board, addressed the public and provided more details about the new exhibitions. Slovenian Railways were represented by Mr Albert Pavlič, a member of the management board, and Mr Dušan

Žičkar, the director of Slovenian Railways – Infrastructure. They were impressed with the exhibition and invited the guests to take a guided tour of the railway model and museum collection in the station building.

## Photography Exhibition by Miško Kranjec

The Days of Slovenian Railways began with the opening of a photography exhibition in the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia in Ljubljana. Miško Kranjec is an excellent photographer and a long-time associate of *Nova proga* and Slovenian Railways. He is a true legend in the field of railway photography. He has received numerous awards and international recognition for his work. The photographs on display under the title *Tracks, Vistas, Landscapes ...* are published on pages 8 and 9 in this special edition of *Nova proga* magazine.

### About Miško Kranjec

Miško Kranjec was born in 1947 in Ljubljana. After finishing technical school, he worked in industry for 10 years, after which he diverted into photography and photo journalism. He spent the next 30 years working as a freelancer, as a freelance reporter for the *Delo* and *Teleks* newspapers – this time as an independent artist – and then as an assistant cameraman and animator of digital animations.

After the ten-day Slovenian independence war, which he followed through the camera lens at the sites of different conflicts, he returned to photography and photo journalism. First as the assistant photo editor for the *Delo* newspaper and then as photo editor of *Mag* and *Gospodarski vestnik* magazines. During this period he participated in many exhibitions and had numerous solo exhibitions in Slovenia and abroad, among others in Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Trieste, Milan; his railway photography was also presented at the annual conference of The American Center for Railroad Photography and Art (CRPA) in 2007 in Chicago, USA.

He received numerous awards and recognition for his work, among others he won 3rd place at the 1980 Moscow photo contest, and two first places at the annual railroad photography contest held by CRPA. Kranjec is also the author and co-author of photographs in several monographs about Slovenia and about the events of modern Slovenian history.



Ms Jelka Šinkovec Funduk thanking Mr Miško Kranjec for his artistic contribution to Slovenian Railways



The photography exhibition at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia in Ljubljana



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## Rock Concert with Dan D, Steinbrück and The Artifex



A few minutes past seven on a Friday evening guitar riffs cut through the silence of the Railway museum. In the magnificent ambient right next to the historic locomotives - the real 'heavy metal' - the group Steinbrück stepped on stage. Five guys, who are connected to the railways in various ways, amazed the public in a matter of minutes. For the first time in Slovenian railway history rock music echoed in the Railway museum giving the concert and The Days of Slovenian Railways even greater importance. The name Stenibrück is well known in railway history. Not only is it the historical name of one of the most important railway intersections in Slovenia, Zidani Most - also the place where the band members come from - it is also the name of one of the first locomotives to drive on Slovenian tracks when the railway was being constructed

in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. A good hour of an energetic performance from Steinbrück, who intertwined their own music with rock covers, properly shook the museum building and set the quality bar quite high. Judging by the groups which followed, nothing else less could have been expected. Steinbrück gave the crowd a good jump and prepared the stage for the dance group The Artifex. The group also appeared at other events organized by The Days of Slovenian Railways in different ensembles. On this Friday evening the spotlight was on the girls of the group who awed the audience with their invigorating act. The performance was truly flawless and once again we could see that harmonious movement, energy and accuracy are what separates good dance groups from the amazing ones. The Artifex are world champions in hip hop and



Dan D



Steinbrück



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the dancers proudly demonstrated that under the lights of the Railway museum.

After almost two hours of great performances from Steinbrück and The Artifex, the stars of the evening came on stage. Dan D impressed the audience with a unique journey through the different dimensions of their rock music which they have been creating since the end of the 1990's. The group is confident in several genres, currently working on an acoustic project called Tiho. In the museum they presented their rock side and played most of

their greatest hits such as Plešeš, Google Me, Čas etc. Great music, a friendly atmosphere and the band's approachability further elevated the climate in the museum. Dan D is a legend of Slovenian rock music and they proved that fact once again. Not only did they play in studio quality, they did this in such a relaxed and confident manner that it was evident that we were part of one of their best appearances. They spiced the extensive journey through the planes of rock music with modern electronic inputs and left the audience more than impressed.

## The Days of Slovenian Railways Performers

Numerous performers participated at the events hosted by Slovenian Railways. Some performed at almost every event, while others impressed the audiences with single appearances. Slovenian

Railways sincerely thanks all participating artists. Here are a few glimpses from some of the performances.



Slovenian Railways Wind Orchestra Zidani Most



Šentjanški jurjevalci



Briške žene



Folklore group ŽKUD Tine Rožanc



Janko Iskra



Majorette TRG Sevnica



The Artifex





# Days

4<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> June, 2014

## of Slovenian Railways

**Dušan Mes,**  
Director General of Slovenian Railways Group

The Days of Slovenian Railways contributed greatly to the promotion of the Slovenian Railways Group, what it comprises of and stands for. We have presented in detail the key functions of each company in the Group and the numerous activities we are undertaking. We have seen that the awareness of how important railways are in Slovenia and Europe is very high. This has been proven by both the many business partners and experts who have attended the events, and the high interest and cooperation from our passengers.

**Boštjan Koren, MSc.,**  
Director of Slovenian Railways  
Passenger Transport

The Days of Slovenian Railways were a great success. We have presented ourselves as a synchronised group with a bright future, in this way contributing to the recognition of our services and the companies in the Slovenian Railways Group.

**Melita Rozman Dacar,**  
Director of Slovenian Railways  
Freight Transport

The Days of Slovenian Railways had a very positive feedback both in the business arena and among the general public and media. We have proven that Slovenian Railways are the largest and most vital component in the logistics services supply chain as well as in passenger transport.

**Vojka Martinčič,**  
Director of Slovenian Railways ŽIP

One of the greatest achievements of The Days of Slovenian Railways is that we were able to address the general business environment, on the one hand political decision makers, customers and suppliers, passengers and employees, and on the other hand all future business partners, passengers and railway workers.