

MARIBOFILA 2012



Maribofila 2012 will be one of two main philatelic events in Europe in 2012. The first information about exhibition and about Maribor as its host city was already published in previous number of FEPA News.

Mainly all activities about preparing Maribofila 2012 go by plan. The president of the Republic Slovenia Danilo Türk granted the honorary patronage and the mayor of the University City Maribor will be the exhibition host.

National commissioners sent entries for competition classes and we received also few offers for exhibiting in non competitive classes. Unfortunately we couldn't accept all entries received because of limited number of frames, so organizing committee had to reject few of them. All national commissioners were informed about that at the end of November 2011 and all of them understood the situation. Finally, exhibition will be displayed (competitive and non-competitive part) in 410 frames of 16 pages and in 350 frames of 12 pages.

Beside members of both philatelic groups Alps-Adriatic Philately and Balkanfila organizing committee invited also two special guests, Portugal in Cyprus. This means that 19 European countries will participate in the Maribofila 2012.

Many different activities both for exhibitors and visitors will be organised during the exhibition. Some of them can be found in programme.

Provisional Programme of the Maribofila 2012

Wednesday, May 23 rd 2011	8.00 – 13.00	Set up frames
	13.00 – 17.00	Arrival of national commissioners, taking over exhibits from commissioners, mounting exhibits
	17.00	Jury first meeting
	18.00	Commissioners first meeting
Thursday, May 24 th 2011	8.00–11.00	Arrival of late-comers (if any), taking over and mounting exhibits
	9.00 – 18.00	Jury work
	19.00	Opening ceremony
Friday, May 25 th 2011	9.00 – 18.00	Jury work
	9.00 – 19.00	Exhibition open for visitors
	9.00 – 11.00	Alps-Adriatic Philately meeting
	11.00 – 13.00	Balkanfila meeting
	13.00	Introduction of new stamps, which issued this day; among others we expect also joint issue with Hungary Post
	16.00	Lecture: contents will be determined later
	17.00 – 19.00	City tour through Maribor with guide (by foot)
	18.00	Final meeting of the Jury
Saturday, May 26 th 2011	8.30 – 15.00	Excursion for commissioners and jurors
	9.00 – 19.00	Exhibition open for visitors
	16.00	Lecture Postman's pencil
	17.00	Lecture: contents will be determined later
	20.00 – 23.00	Palmares
Sunday, May 27 th 2011	9.00 – 14.00	Exhibition open for visitors
	10.00 – 12.00	Talks with jurors
	14.00	Closing of the exhibition
	15.00 – 17.00	Dismounting exhibits and returning them to commissioners
	17.00 – 20.00	Dismounting frames

Program is subject for some minor changes. Some other lectures and auction can be added. Till now we have offer for lecture about the Maximaphily by Mr. Rangos and about the first Olympic set by Mr. Tsironis. All changes can be found on website www.maribofila.si immediately when accepted.

The organizers expect visitors from all countries from which exhibitors will participate to the exhibition and from other European and even non European countries as well. Among other activities there will be philatelic dealers and postal administration area in which we offer booths and tables for rent. All further information can be found on www.maribofila.si. Some dealers already booked the place. As place in this area are limited booths and tables will be allotted by the first come, first served principle. Some reservations are already made.

At mentioned website all information about accommodation can also be found. Organizers recommends to all who intend to visit Maribofila 2012, to book the hotel room in due time, because at the same time as Maribofila 2012 also some other activities will take place in Maribor – we should not forget that Maribor will be in 2012 European Capital of Culture.

How to come to Maribor?

Maribor lies on highway crossroad and is reachable by car from Zagreb (Croatia), Budapest (Hungary), Graz (Austria) or Venice (Italy) via Ljubljana (Slovenia). The nearest airports are in Graz (50 km), Ljubljana (120 km) and Zagreb (135 km). From all mentioned cities trains or buses can be used to reach Maribor.

All information about Maribofila 2012 can be got also at e-address: bojan.bracic@triera.net



Maribor lies on both banks of river Drava and has six bridges over it; thus bridge is something typical for Maribor. But bridge is also a symbol of connecting philatelists from different countries into association Alps- Adriatic Philately and association Balkanfila. This time Maribofila 2012 will connects also philatelists from both associations and from other parts of Europe as well. That is the reason why bridge is the main motif of miniature sheet with one stamp which will issue in 25th May 2012 in honour to Maribofila 2012.

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