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Ljubljana, Slovenia, 7-11 March 2016

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## 1. Opening

The Central and Eastern European Workshop on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia from Monday, 7 March to Friday, 11 March 2016.

The workshop will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 7 March and registration will take place from 9:00 a.m. at the venue.

## 2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

### **National Institute of Biology (NIB)**

Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology

Večna pot 111

SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

Tel: +386 (0)59 232822, 031 329 337

Fax: +386 (0)1 2573 847

Web site <http://www.nib.si/>

See annex B for a map of the area surrounding the National Institute of Biology.

## 3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English.

## 4. Documents

Pre-session documents will be available, in due course on the Secretariat's website at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSDIWS-2016-01>. Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the meetings as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshops.

## 5. General information on access to Ljubljana, Slovenia

Ljubljana is serviced by the Ljubljana International Airport which is approximately 21 km outside the city centre. Taxis are available outside the baggage claim area of the airport and transportation to the Ljubljana city centre costs approximately 45 € and takes about 25-35 minutes.

Bus transportation to the Ljubljana city centre costs 4,10 €. On working days, buses are available every hour and every 2 to 3 hours on weekends. Shuttle services are also available. (<http://www.lju-airport.si/en/passengers-and-visitors/getting-here/shuttle/>)

## 6. Visa information

Participants from certain countries require a Schengen visa for Slovenia and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Slovenian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Please note that airlines will not allow boarding without a valid visa.

A list of relevant Slovenian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia's website at: [http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/representations\\_abroad/#c2429](http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/representations_abroad/#c2429).

Information on visa procedures for entry into Slovenia can be found at the following link: [http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/travel\\_and\\_visa\\_information/visa\\_information/for\\_visa\\_applicants/](http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/travel_and_visa_information/visa_information/for_visa_applicants/). A visa application form can be found at the following link: [http://www.mzz.gov.si/fileadmin/pageuploads/konzulara/Obrazci/Vloga\\_za\\_kratkorocni\\_vizum\\_SI-EN.doc](http://www.mzz.gov.si/fileadmin/pageuploads/konzulara/Obrazci/Vloga_za_kratkorocni_vizum_SI-EN.doc).

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue, upon request, invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications.

## **7. Hotel information**

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible**. A list of hotels in the vicinity of the venue is listed in annex A below.

Further information on hotels can be found on the website of the Slovenian Tourist Board at the following link: <http://www.slovenia.info/>

## **8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)**

Funded participants will receive their DSA on the first day of the workshop.

## **9. Official language in the Slovenia**

The official language in Slovenia is Slovene. English is understood in some hotels and restaurants.

## **10. Weather and time zone information**

In March, temperatures in Ljubljana, Slovenia range between a maximum of 11°C in the daytime and a minimum of 1°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=54>.

The standard time zone is GMT/ UTC +1 hour.

## 11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Slovenia are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz. The plugs are as shown in the illustrations below:



## 12. Currency

The currency in Slovenia is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate, as of 19 January 2016, is US \$1 = €0.92 and € 1 = US \$1.09 (rates are subject to change, source: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)).

## 13. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.

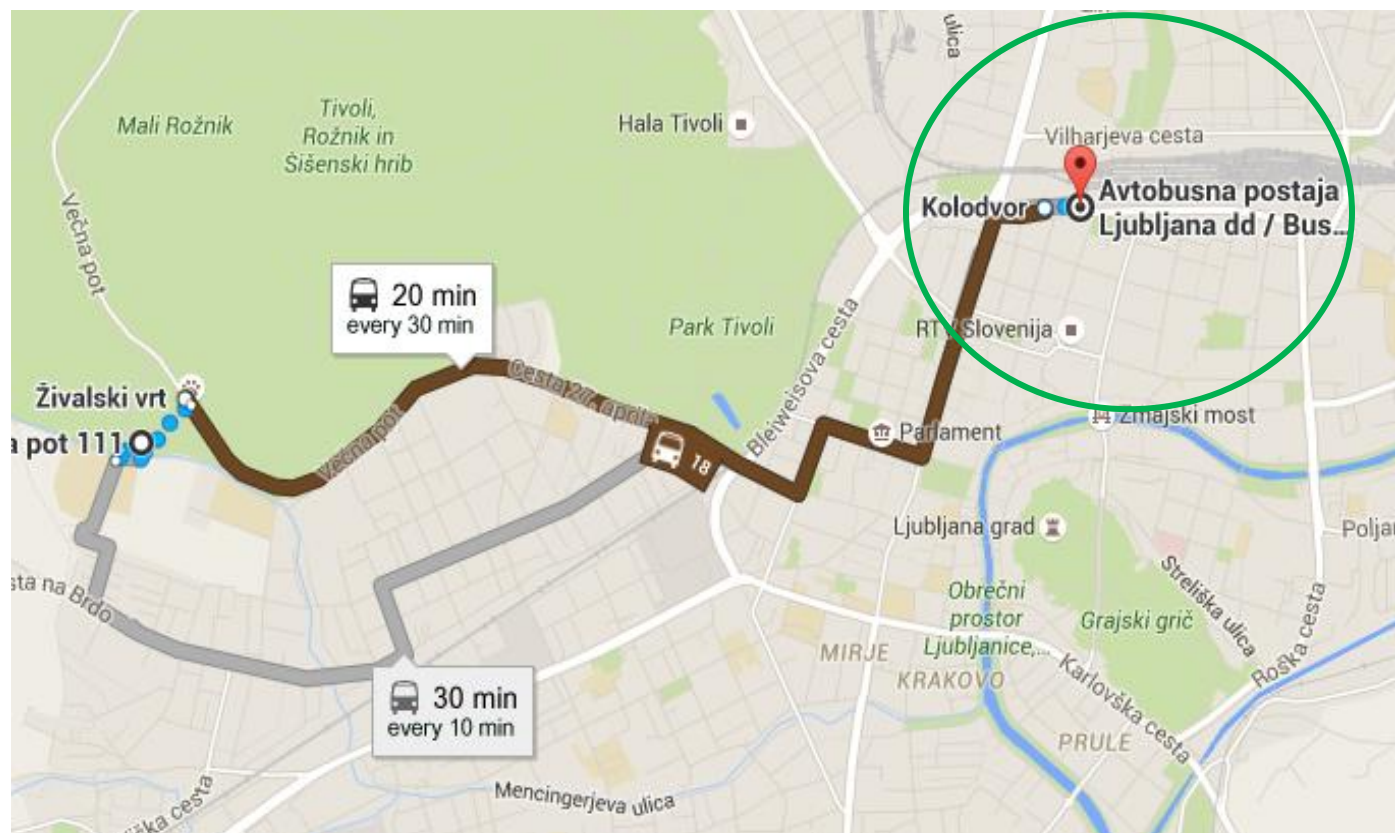
## Annex A

### List of hotels with indicative room rates in Euros in the vicinity of the venue (Rates subject to change)

HOTELS	Approximate room rates (other room types available)	Remarks
<b>1. Best Western Premier Hotel Slon</b> Slovenska Cesta 34, 1000 Ljubljana Slovenia Tel: +386 1 470 11 00 Fax: +386 1 470 11 70 E-mail: sales@hotelslon.com Web site: <a href="http://www.hotelslon.com/">http://www.hotelslon.com/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single: €100</li> <li>Double or Twin: €106</li> <li>Deluxe: €135</li> </ul>	Breakfast included WIFI included
<b>2. City Hotel Ljubljana</b> Dalmatinova ulica 15, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia, Tel: +386 1 239 00 00 Fax: +386 1 239 00 01 E-mail: info@cityhotel.si; reservations@cityhotel.si Web site: <a href="https://www.cityhotel.si/">https://www.cityhotel.si/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single: €80</li> <li>Double: €101</li> <li>Triple: €107</li> </ul>	WIFI included
<b>3. Hotel Center</b> Slovenska cesta 51, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia E-mail: info@hotelcenter.si Web site: <a href="http://www.hotelcenter.si">http://www.hotelcenter.si</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single: €45</li> <li>Double: €55</li> </ul>	Wired Internet Included Credit cards not accepted
<b>4. Grand Hotel Union</b> Miklošičeva 1 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia Tel.: +386-(0)1-308-1270 Fax: +386-(0)1-308-1015 E-mail: grand@union-hotels.eu Web site: <a href="http://www.union-hotels.eu/">http://www.union-hotels.eu/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single room €100</li> <li>Double room €125</li> <li>Deluxe room: €115</li> </ul>	Breakfast included WIFI included
<b>5. Central Hotel</b> Miklošičeva 9 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia Tel.: +386-(0)1-308-4301 Fax: ++386-(0)1-230-1181 E-mail: <a href="mailto:central.hotel@gh-union.si">central.hotel@gh-union.si</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.union-hotels.eu/">http://www.union-hotels.eu/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single room €79</li> <li>Double room €89</li> <li>Suite: €119</li> </ul>	Breakfast included WIFI included
<b>6. Grand Hotel Union Business</b> Miklošičeva 3 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia Tel: +386-(0)1-308-1170 Fax: +386-(0)1-308-1914 E-mail: business@union-hotels.eu Web site: <a href="http://www.union-hotels.eu/">http://www.union-hotels.eu/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single room: €105</li> <li>Double Studio: €130</li> </ul>	Breakfast included WIFI included
<b>7. Hotel Lev</b> Vošnjakova ulica 1, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenija Tel: +386 1 308 70 00 E-mail: lev@union-hotels.eu Web site: <a href="http://www.union-hotels.eu/">http://www.union-hotels.eu/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classic single: €74</li> <li>Classic Double: €90</li> <li>Executive: €84</li> </ul>	Breakfast included WIFI included

## Annex B – Transport information and maps from the hotel zone to the venue

The National Institute of Biology is accessible via public transport and is located about 15 minutes from the hotel zone. The Institute is serviced by bus lines 18 or 18L which depart from the Ljubljana bus station (*Kolodvor*). Additional bus stops are located at stations *Kozolec*, *Ajdovscina*, *Konzorcij*, *Cankarjev dom*, *Svetceva* and *Vecna pot* and *ZOO*. Exit the bus at the **ZOO** stop. The institute is located about a 5 minutes' walk from the bus stop (first building on the left, See Map 2).



**Map 1:** Bus route to the National Institute of Biology from the Ljubljana bus station (*Kolodvor*).

On the right is the bus schedule of bus lines 18 and 18L, departing from the Ljubljana Bus Station (*Kolodvor*).

For departure times from other bus stations the following amount of time should be added to the times listed on the schedule:

*Kozolec* – 1 minute;  
*Ajdovscina* - 2 minutes;  
*Konzorcij* - 4 minutes; and  
*Cankarjev dom* - 7 minutes.

Hour	Minute
6	08 26 42 58
7	10 <sup>L</sup> 22 30 <sup>L</sup> 37 43 <sup>L</sup> 50 <sup>L</sup>
8	00 14 <sup>L</sup> 28 44 <sup>L</sup> 57
9	12 <sup>L</sup> 25 38 <sup>L</sup> 52
10	06 <sup>L</sup> 20 34 <sup>L</sup> 48
11	02 <sup>L</sup> 16 30 <sup>L</sup> 44 58 <sup>L</sup>
12	12 26 <sup>L</sup> 40 55 <sup>L</sup>
13	10 24 38 50 <sup>L</sup>
14	02 15 <sup>L</sup> 28 40 <sup>L</sup> 50
15	02 <sup>L</sup> 13 25 <sup>L</sup> 38 52 <sup>L</sup>
16	05 18 <sup>L</sup> 33 45 <sup>L</sup>
17	00 15 <sup>L</sup> 35
18	05 30

The bus schedule of lines 18 and 18L from the **ZOO** bus station to the main Ljubljana bus station (*Kolodvor*) is listed on the right.

City buses have an electronic payment system using a no-contact smart card called **URBANA**. **VALUE CARD** (yellow) should be used. You can purchase and top-up a value card at the green stand-alone machines or *Urbanomats* which can be found at the Ljubljana Bus Station as well as near most bus stops, in larger shopping centres Mercator and Spar, at selected petrol stations, newsagents, tobacconists and Tourist Information Centres,

The price for one ride in the City of Ljubljana area is 1,20 €.

Hour	Minute
5	33 53
6	17 37 52
7	05 21 34 45 53 <sup>L</sup>
8	03 11 <sup>L</sup> 21 <sup>L</sup> 36 52
9	03 <sup>L</sup> 16 30 <sup>L</sup> 42 56 <sup>L</sup>
10	13 29 <sup>L</sup> 43 57 <sup>L</sup>
11	13 25 <sup>L</sup> 35 52 <sup>L</sup>
12	04 20 <sup>L</sup> 33 49 <sup>L</sup>
13	04 16 <sup>L</sup> 30 42 <sup>L</sup> 55
14	06 15 25 <sup>L</sup> 38 53 <sup>L</sup>
15	05 18 <sup>L</sup> 32 44 <sup>L</sup> 59
16	10 <sup>L</sup> 24 38 <sup>L</sup> 48 58 <sup>L</sup>
17	11 21 <sup>L</sup> 34 57
18	25 55
19	20 49
20	19 49
21	19



**Map 2:** Detailed map of the walking route from the ZOO bus stop to the National Institute of Biology.

Taxis from the city centre (hotel zone) cost between 5€ and 7€. Use of the Rumeni taxi company (<http://www.rumenitaxi.com/english/>) or a taxi recommended by the hotel is advised.

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