Excursion day! Wednesday, 24th of June

Programme notices
Registration Office will be open from 8:00 to 8:45.

The morning coffee break will be in Kompas.

The Youtube counterpart of T. Pisanski’s presentation on Odin: tinyurl.com/PisanskiOdin

Sections starting today:
Vertex Coloring.

Very important:
Conference excursion!
The buses will leave at 2pm sharp! If you are going to Bled, your bus will wait in front of Hotel Kompas. The buses for Trenta are starting from in front of Ramada Resort.

In Bled, the guides will pick you up at 18:15 sharp at Cafe and Restaurant Park, across the street from Hotel Park. There is no easy way to get to Kranjska Gora from Bled using public transport, so you really should catch the conference bus. If you do miss it, you can call a taxi (+38641710747).

Information for cyclists
The bikes will be waiting for you at Intersport Bernik between 11:00 and 19:00. You need your conference badge to pick up the bike and helmet (a bottle of water, a bottle of isotonic drink, some energy bars and fruit). You can rent a bike on Thursday or Friday instead. Have a great cycling afternoon?

Note: Intersport Bernik is not Intersport! You can recognize it by the bikes.

Weather forecast

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Source: tinyurl.com/ARSQmeteo
A SHORT HISTORY OF TRENTA

Here's a short summary of the Wikipedia article. The families of Trenta made their living by raising small cattle, wood harvesting, skidding and hunting. Life in the valley was hard and Kaiser Franz Joseph offered the people some land in Hungary, but the proud Trenta settlers turned down his offer. In the second half of the 19th century, people became more interested in the mountains and a number of Trenta inhabitants earned fame as excellent mountain guides. On his explorations of the Julian Alps, Julius Kugy was accompanied by local guides, and he was so impressed by their skill and knowledge of mountains that he wrote about them in his books, presenting Trenta and its people to the world.

The history of the First World War has recorded among the fiercest battles the names of Verdun, the shore of the river Somme, Ypres, Kras (Karst) and Bovec. In October 1917, after three years of battles in the area of the Soča river, combined Austro-Hungarian and German forces surprised the Italians with a counter-attack known as “The Miracle of Kobarid”, in which the winning troops used gas ammunition. Although the major battlefields were in the area of Bovec, only 10 km away from Trenta, the fiercest battles never affected it directly.

After the Second World War, the image of Trenta changed completely, mainly as a result of depopulation and abandonment of goat and sheep grazing on the mountain slopes. In 1880 Trenta had 380 inhabitants, but the number has been dropping ever since. The 2002 population count recorded 114 permanent inhabitants.

AN EVEN SHORTER HISTORY OF BLED

The first traces of humans in Bled date back to the Stone Age. Settlement increased in the Iron Age, when the mining of iron began in the Alpine regions. The first wave of settlement occurred in the 7th century and finds from these settlements illustrate the culture of the Old Slavic state of King Samo (632–658). After the fall of the state, Bled fell under Frankisch (Charlemagne 782) and later under German rule. In 1558 a new holder, the Protestant protector Herbert VII of Auersperg, took over the castle. Until the middle of the 18th century the lessors were exclusively aristocratic; later these also included townsmen, but they rarely lived in the castle. In 1803, Bled passed into state ownership by a decree of the Court Commission in Vienna. From 1809 to 1813, it was included in Napoleon’s Empire as part of the Illyrian provinces. In the second half of the 19th century, Bled changed considerably. The characteristic villages of Gorenjska, which had been autonomous units ever since the Middle Ages, were united. The castle property past into Slovenian hands for the first time when a hotelier Ivan Kenda bought the castle with the lake in 1919. During World War II, Bled was used to house the German military and civil headquarters, and in 1960 it acquired the status of a town.

A KNOT BY SPHYNX

Strange spiral patterns appeared these days in Kranjska Gora. Perhaps someone can decode their mysterious meaning?