



IFMGA SPRING GENERAL MEETING & IFMGA INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN GUIDE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

8th - 13th of May 2017
Kranjska Gora, Mojstrana, Ljubljana

organised by the Slovenian mountain guides association (SMGA)
to honour the 20th anniversary of the IFMGA membership



Slovenian Mountain Guides Association (SMGA) is pleased to welcome the IFMGA members for the 2017 Spring general meeting and the 2017 IFMGA climbing competition. We are really proud to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the IFMGA membership with you and wish you a pleasant stay.

WELCOME FROM THE SMGA PRESIDENT

Dear guides, colleagues and friends,

It is a great honour to welcome all of you to the 2017 meeting in Slovenia on the sunny side of the Alps. We are extremely pleased that we were able to organise both the IFMGA general meeting and the climbing competition in 2017. Especially, since this year marks the 20. years of our membership in the IFMGA family. As a professional mountain guiding association, we constantly strive to provide the best possible working conditions for our guides and optimal care for our clients. With all our activities, we try to pursue the key IFMGA values and foster the spirit of mountain guiding which has a long history in Slovenia. I would therefore like to wish all of you a successful visit and hope you will manage to return to our beautiful country in the future either with your clients or for your own pleasure.

Mitja Šorn



WORD FROM THE IFMGA PRESIDENT

Dear members of the IFMGA family,

I would like to welcome all of the UIAGM/IVBV/IFMGA guides to the 2017 IFMGA meeting and climbing competition in Slovenia. It is a pleasure to join our Slovenian colleagues in their celebration of the 20 years of the IFMGA membership. As you will no doubt notice, Slovenia provides a great playground for all mountain activities. I, together with our Slovenian colleagues, am pleased to welcome and join the IFMGA member guides and their family members during this international celebration of mountain guiding and climbing. Last but not least, I would like to extend my appreciation to the Slovenian Mountain Guides Association for organising and supervising this event, and for promoting and defending the values of our wonderful profession in this part of the Alps.

Christian Trommsdorff



BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SLOVENIAN MOUNTAIN GUIDES ASSOCIATION (SMGA)

The initial explorers of the Slovenian mountains were accompanied by natives living in the area who knew the mountains extremely well. The best among them were already then known as local mountain guides. The first official Slovenian guide, authorised by the state in 1894, was Simon Pintar from Mojstrana. Also, at the same time, the first mountain guiding course in Slovenia was organised by the German-Austrian Alpine Club. Some Slovenian guides participated in these courses organised until 1911. This was the year when Slovenian Alpine Club (SAC) organised its first independent guiding course in Ljubljana and Slovenian mountains. Quite a few courses were organised until the second world war and the guiding in the area was regulated by different orders from the Carnolian and Stryian and Yugoslav authorities.

After the second world war the mountain guiding in the area was managed by the mountaineering and alpinism committee within the Sport Association of Slovenia and later, by the Mountain Guiding committee within the Alpine Association of Slovenia (AAS). At the time, mountain guiding was mostly performed as a voluntary activity and was regulated by internal rules of the AAS. However, inside the guiding community a need and desire for a professional guiding association was growing. Finally, the founding assembly of the Slovenian Mountain Guides Association (SMGA) was held on the 26th of May 1993. The SMGA was organised as a society and was a member of the AAS. After application and the candidacy period, the SMGA became full member of the International Federation of Mountain Guides Associations (IFMGA) on the 22th of November 1997 in Kals (Grossglockner).



Slovenian Mountain Guides delegation and IFMGA EC committee upon acceptance into the IFMGA in Kals (Grossglockner) of the 22nd of February 1997 (photo Stane Klemenc)

The law on mountain guiding in Slovenia was passed by the national parliament in July of 1999. Based on this law and additional internal legislation the SMGA became a professional association in 2000. During the course of SMGA existence (from 1993 onwards) 83 candidates passed the entrance exams and started the mountain guide training course. Subsequently, 54 candidates got the aspirant guide status and 47 aspirants completed all required exams and became full mountain guides. The SMGA currently consists of 69 mountain guides and 10 aspirants.

IFMGA SPRING GENERAL MEETING DAILY PROGRAMME WITH LOCATIONS

The majority of activities during the IFMGA general meeting will be held in Hotel Lek in Kranjska Gora. On Wednesday, the meetings and lunch will be organised in nearby Mojstrana. The transfer will be arranged.

Monday 8th of May

Time	Activity	Location
Morning	Delegates arrival	Kranjska Gora
16:00-19:00	IFMGA EC meeting	Hotel Lek
19:00-21:00	Welcome drink	Pri Martinu Guesthouse

Tuesday 9th of May

Time	Activity	Location
9:00-11:00	IFMGA EC meeting	Hotel Lek
11:30-14:00	Lunch	Pri Martinu Guesthouse
15:00-19:00	TC IFMGA WS Risk management	Hotel Lek
20:00-22:00	Bar Crawl	Kranjska Gora – Pubs

Wednesday 10th of May

Time	Activity	Location
9:00-11:00	TC IFMGA - WS Education	Mountaineering museum
11:30-14:00	Lunch	Pr Železnk Guesthouse
15:00-17:00	TC IFMGA - Workshop Platform	Mountaineering museum
17:00-19:00	IFMGA Political workshop	Mountaineering museum
20:00	Gala Dinner	Hotel Lek

Thursday 11th of May

Time	Activity	Location
9:00-12:00	IFMGA - General assembly	Hotel Lek
12:00-13:00	Lunch	Hotel Lek
14:00	Excursion	Bled - Bohinj
14:00-16:00	Eastern Europe Education meeting	Hotel Lek
Evening	Departure of participants/ Departure competition venue (Ljubljana)	

IFMGA 2017 CLIMBING COMPETITION DAILY PROGRAMME

All activities during the competition will take place at the Ljubljana Climbing Centre (<http://plezalnicenter.si>).

Friday 12th of May

Time	Activity
11:00 - onwards	Welcome of participants and registration
13:30-18:30	1 st round of qualifications
18:30	End of the 1 st qualifications
19:00-	Beer-tasting

Saturday 13th of May

Time	Activity
9:00-13:00	2 nd round of qualifications
16:00	Finals
18:00	Award ceremony
18:30 - onwards	Party with food, drinks and music
20:00	Special "fun" climbing competition

COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The competition will be held on indoor routes at the Ljubljana climbing centre.

- The climbing centre is located close to the city centre on the SE outskirts of town (Pesarska cesta 10, 1000 Ljubljana). Instructions for arrival can be found at <http://plezalnicenter.si/english-page/>
- All mountain guides with IFMGA certification as well as aspiring guides with the national certification are entitled to start. Identification is required! There will also be categories for family members.
- As detailed below, the ranking will be calculated according to the number of climbed routes and their levels of difficulty.
- The competition consists of the qualifying rounds and the final round.

2. Categories

- **Women's**

- A. up to 34 years of age
- B. from 35 years of age

- **Men's**

- A. up to 29 years of age
- B. from 30 to 39 years of age
- C. from 40 to 49 years of age
- D. from 50 to 59 years of age
- E. from 60 to 69 years of age
- F. above 70 years of age

- **Family members**

- A. Women under 15
- B. Women 15+
- C. Men under 15
- D. Men 15+

- **3. Qualifications**

- The qualifying round consists of 2 rounds taking place on two separate days. The first round (day 1) lasts 5 hours, whereas the second round (day 2) lasts 4 hours.
- The routes (total up to 15) to be climbed in the qualifying rounds will be divided into 4 levels (French grading system):
 - "Fun" (up to grade 5c)
 - "Master" (from grade 6a to grade 6c)
 - "Pro" (from grade 6c+ to grade 7b)
 - "Top" (from grade 7b+)
- The points from the climbed routes will be calculated based on the following system:

Group	Fun				Master					Pro				Top	
Grade	4c	5a	5b	5c	6a	6a+	6b	6b+	6c	6c+	7a	7a+	7b	7c	7c+
Multiplier	0.2	0.6	1.0	1.4	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.1
Bonus	30%				20%					10%				5%	

The evaluation of each route will be made by multiplying the number of holds (including the top) with the multiplier (see above chart).

- The performance will be determined by counting the number of holds (including the last hold the climber touches before he falls or if he has reached the top).
- If a competitor climbs all routes belonging to one of the four categories without mistakes (without falling), he gets a special bonus per level (see above chart).
- At the end of the two rounds the ranking will be calculated according to the total score achieved.

4. Finals

The 20 best climbers of the qualifying rounds are admitted to the finals, where one route must be climbed "on sight" according to the International rules.

Two separate routes will be prepared; one for males and one for females.

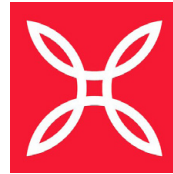
5. Prizes

- The three best competitors of each category (see point 2) as well as the three best competitors of all categories get prizes.
- The IFMGA challenge trophy goes to the winner of the finals. It can be kept, i.e. it need not be passed on if the winner of the final has won the challenge cup 3 times in total.
- The organisation committee may provide additional prizes or dedicate special awards.

7. Insurance

- Each participant must be insured.
- The organisers will not be held liable in case of accidents involving participants and third parties

PARTNERS



ADDITIONAL INFO & CONTACTS

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