



## Events

Exhibition of photographs by Slovenian Consul General in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Zvone Žigon. Embassy of Slovenia.



*Perfect, by Dr. Zvone Žigon*

**May 9 – EU Open House.** EU Embassies and EU Commission open their door to general public for the third year in a row. Washington, D.C., from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Free bus shuttles provided.



## Vlado Kreslin Touring the United States

### Washington, DC, March 30

– Slovenian national legend, poet and folk-rock musician, Vlado Kreslin, has been touring the United States, stopping in Cleveland, Chicago, Washington, DC, and is at present at Yale, New Haven, CT.

Cleveland greeted Kreslin enthusiastically as he performed at the concert, organized by Štajersko – Prekmurski Klub, for a crowd of two hundred and some fans. The Chicagoland concert at the Slovenian Cultural Center in Lemont, IL was just as successful, attended by people from as far as Milwaukee and bringing together an excited crowd of young followers.

Vlado Kreslin performed in Washington at the popular downtown venue, Busboys and Poets, on Monday, March 30, and quickly had a packed auditorium singing his hits along with him.

On Tuesday, the Tulane University Alumni Club, hosted by the Slovenian Embassy, had a unique opportunity to listen to the Slovenian performer, who bridges the cultural divide with the ease of a true cultural spokesman.

Kreslin traveled on to Yale on Wednesday. He has been invited by Yale University in New Haven to participate at their Pierson College master's tea on Thursday, April 2, and to give a concert on Friday, April 3. The concert is open to public.

*See photo gallery of the Vlado Kreslin's concerts in Washington, D.C. below.*

## New York Times Marks Ljubljana's Squatting Chic

**NYT, March 27** – New York Times's blog *The Moment* focused in this entry on Ljubljana's unique and one of the most interesting aspects of the city – squat-centered night life.



Blog's writer Nathan Lump, after spending two weeks traveling through Slovenia and Croatia, made a point of commenting on Slovenia's night life.

To read the complete entry and post a comment, go to NYT's [The Moment](#).

## Slovenian Diplomats to Participate at Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run

### Washington, DC, April 5 –

Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run is a popular race in Washington, DC, during the National Cherry Blossom Festival. The festival is an annual commemoration of the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Tokyo to the city of Washington, and honors lasting friendship between the United States and Japan.



Five Slovenian diplomats will participate in this year's race, and we are inviting you to join us in cheering and supporting them on the Mall! The race begins at 7:40 a.m.; the runners will be crossing the finish line at (hopefully:-)) around 9:00 a.m.

### **GO SLOVENIA!**

### **Elections to the European Parliament**

On Sunday, June 7, 2009, elections to the European Parliament will take place.

Slovenian citizens with registered permanent residence in the Republic of Slovenia, but temporarily living abroad, who wish to cast their vote at the below listed locations or by mail, are required to file a registration form, which is available on the website of the National Voting Commission at [www.dvk.gov.si](http://www.dvk.gov.si). The form should be filed by May 5, 2009, and sent directly to the National Voting Commission at:

Državna volilna komisija  
Slovenska cesta 54  
SI 1000 Ljubljana

The claim can also be sent in by fax at 011 386 1 43 31 269 or by email at [rvk@gov.si](mailto:rvk@gov.si) (however, due to the signature requirement, only scanned documents may be emailed).

Slovenian citizens with registered permanent residence in the U.S. do not need to file a request to be able to vote in the United States.

In the United States, elections of Slovenian representatives to the European Parliament will be organized at the following locations:

Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia  
2410 California St., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20008

Consulate General of the Republic of Slovenia  
600 Third Avenue, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10016

Slovene Home for the Aged  
18621 Neff Road  
Cleveland, OH 44119

For more information, please visit: <http://www.dvk.gov.si/>

### **EU Open House**

On **May 9, 2009**, diplomatic representations of EU Member States in the United States will celebrate European Day by organizing the third annual **EU Open House** day, under a slogan *Shortcut to Europe*.

For a few hours, Embassies of 27 countries and the EU Commission Delegation in Washington, DC, will open their doors, showcasing their art, culture, food, and introducing the European Union to visitors from the area. The event attracts more and more people each year. In 2008 we recorded a total of over 50,000 visitors.

Embassies have prepared an extensive and interesting program, which you can find on the official EU Open House web site [www.europe-in-dc.com](http://www.europe-in-dc.com).

### **Volunteers Needed**

The event has gained extreme popularity and success, and we would like to offer anybody the opportunity to do his part. If you would like to volunteer with the Slovenian Embassy or any other EU member representation, please give us a call or send an [e-mail](#).

**Please sign up by mid-April 2009.** The volunteers coordination meeting is planned for Monday, May 4, 2009.



**Photo Gallery: Vlado Kreslin in Washington, D.C.**



