

## CHS EMEA discovers Slovenia: Ljubljana Meeting, June 21 -24, 2018.

To sum up the general experience of **Slovenia**: the country has a clean, peaceful, welcoming feel to it, like our host hotel, **Hotel Slon**, in the very heart of the city center, only a few steps away from the pedestrian zone in the historic **Old City**. With the famous **Triple Bridge**, the majestic **Ljubljana Castle** and all the city sights, the capital **Ljubljana** was definitely a city worth seeing, and return to, for exploring more of the city sights and the countryside with fantastic **Bled Lake**.



An elegantly dressed group ready for the Gala Dinner in the venerable old Post Office.



Deiv's Live Auction with Christian Walter assisting.



Thanks John! Auction Item, 5 ltrs. Castello Banfi Summus.



Laurels to ubiquitous Chief Organizer: Jeff Scott MPS '91



Michael Cortelletti MMH '99 thanking Organizing Committee, receiving well deserved gift package.

Great thanks to the **CHS Alp Adria & Eastern Europe Chapter** and **Tine Brodnjak, GMP '04, Tomo Ceh, GMP '15, Milan Sajovic, GMP '17, Jeff Scott, MPS '91** and **Karl von Ramm, MMH'10**.

**Deiv's Charity Auction** collected nearly **USD 25.000** for Scholarships: Thank you All!

## Welcome reception at Hotel Slon Restaurant.

Regional Vice Presidents, **Jeff Scott, MPS '91 - N&W** and **Michael Cortelletti, MMH '99 - S&E** bid welcome and emphasized the importance of networking at the meeting, encouraging the many newcomers to be acquainted with the old timers to form new friendships and contact. Thanks to **Michael** for sponsoring an ample amount of delightful wines and beers from his companies *Canoso Winery* and *B2O Craft Brewery* for aperò, enjoyed through the evening!



## The Hospitality Summit.

The summit fulfilled the requirements, promoting education, new trends and innovations. Local industry guests also attended the conference.

-First out was **Lolita Prysiazniuk PDP '18** from PKF presenting: **Market Snapshots.**

-Maja Pak, Director, Slovenian Tourist Board and Petra Stusek, Managing Director Ljubljana Tourism convinced us that Slovenia and Ljubljana are more than just a Tourism Destination.

-**Michael Cortelletti MMH '99** and Luka Berger, CEO and Founder of **Flexkeeping** a local start up, presented a timely warning, so look up for: "**Angels & Demons**", **How Start-ups and Angel Investments want to disrupt our Industry.**

-Next, the Key Note speaker Marko Filej, CEO of **Sportyco**, presented an extremely interesting "**futuristic**" innovation that has already started to influence our industry and is rapidly expanding: **Blockchain Technology goes Hospitality!**

-Then "**The new Smoke Signals: Technology, Communication and the Way we work together**", presented by **Adam Walden, MBA**, Hotel School Faculty member, gave us important new understanding and insight.

In between were presentation of some of our generous sponsors:

- **Banfi Wine** is a household name to EMEA members, being a sponsor since London 1975.

- **Smartvatten**, a system that helps detect leakages. Even small leakages can be very expensive.

Contact: **Veikko Vuoristo '76, Hotel Haikko Manor, Finland** who recommends the system as a kind of insurance. With a nominal cost for the monitoring system, the potential savings are huge. If a water leakage occurs, it will be spotted immediately! Mandatory for our hotels!

- **Flexkeeping**, Slovenian based, helping international hotels with their internal communication.

Thanks to Summit organizer **Christian Walter, PDP '08**, Managing Director, PKF hotelexperts.

## THE GENERAL MEETING.

From the Inauguration in 1961, when both Dean **Howard B. Meek** and Dean **Robert A. Beck** were present, the The School's deans have attended the EMEA meetings. The presence of the Dean gives important status to the meetings for the members, but also outward to the local hospitality industry executives participating at the Summit meetings.

We were most happy and grateful to have Dean **Kate Walsh** with us and get to know her better. At the **General Meeting**, she gave an update of the role of The School as part of the **College of Business** and her plans and efforts to develop further the status and connection to the hospitality industry and to the alumni. We were all convinced that the leadership of The School is in the best of hands with Dean Kate Walsh!



CHS President Bill Minnock, MBA '83 presenting an update on CHS Global.



Students, Karolina Vass '20, Gabriela Diaz '19, Assoc. Dean Meg Keilbach, Dean Kate Walsh and Mgmt Lecturer Adam Walden.

The CHS Presidents have attended the EMEA meetings regularly after **Bill Caruso '70** started the practice in 1988. This year **Bill Minnock MBA '83** related how the present CHS Board connects with the Hotel School to confirm and develop the partnership between The School and the Alumni Society. Bill explained the fine cooperation with Associate Dean Alumni affairs and Development **Meg Keilbach, '88**, and Director of Alumni Affairs **Julie Pizzuti, MPS '06**. Both Meg and Julie played an important part during the EMEA meeting.



Encouraging news presented from the national chapters showed good membership activities. A goal for EMEA chapters is promoting the **Executive Education Programs** at The School, especially **GMP**, to the hospitality industry, and thereby make companies give preference to graduates and participants from the courses in their hiring practice.

## Excursion to Bled Lake.

Saturday excursion went to picturesque **Bled Lake** area with its natural beauty, gorgeous mountains, lakes, rivers and plains. We enjoyed the special **Pletna Boat Ride to Bled Island** for a visit to **St. Mary Church** and the Church Bell sermon. Magnificent view from **Bled Castle**.

A highlight on the trip was the lunch at **Lectar Restaurant** with local food and music.



On the way to St. Mary Church on Bled Island.



Church coffee after the St. Mary Bell sermon.



Spectacular view of the Lake from the top of Bled Castle

## Happy gang for Dinner at Ljubljana Castle , high above the city!



**Time to say farewell and  
Au Revoir!**

Yes, brush up your French, for this year our meeting takes place in France.

**The CHS France Chapter**

**Monika Moser, Jonas Ögren and Sarah Livingston**

are ready to welcoming us with a spectacular program in beautiful Cannes on May 2.

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Respectfully submitted by EMEA Historians: **Deiv Salutskij '71** and **Leif R.Evensen '66**  
who have reported from the annual meetings since **Paris 1971**.  
An updated history book will be ready for the Cannes meeting.