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Abassador Andrej Sokolik

## **Activity Report for January to June 2004**

### **Projects**

We, in cooperation with Trondheim Artists' Association, successfully hosted a Slovakian Travelling Exhibition where nine artists presented their work. The exhibition was very well received. Over 1600 members were invited to the exhibition which was officially opened by Ambassador Andrej Sokolik. Slovakian wine was served at the official opening. The local newspaper, Adressavisen was present and an article about the exhibition was subsequently published.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, a Slovakian Culture Evening was held on Munkholmen. Over 160 prominent guests from Trondheim were present where they enjoyed a wonderfully received concert by The Babajakl Siblings from the Bratislava Opera House. Slovakian wine and food was served after the concert where Ambassador Andrej Sokolik and his wife acted as hosts.

Over a long period of time we have worked towards hosting an official visit from the Trencin region of Slovakia. Our goal is to establish a relationship between Trencin and Trønderlag. The local authorities in Trencin are facing some environmental challenges and are interested in cooperating with local environmental technology business (water treatment, etc) in Trønderlag. They are also interested in the possibility of possible financial support through the new EØS agreement in this area. Southern Trønderlag municipality has invited a delegation from Trencin for 27- 29 June 2004. This delegation is made up of the following:

- Mr. Stefan Stefanec – governor,
- Mr Pavol Kristof –director of the Office of the Self-governing region of Trencin,
- Mr. Milan Stano – head of department of regional development,
- Mr Marian Blasko – officer of department of tourism and international relations,
- Mr Stanislav Foltin – director of The Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Ambassador Andrej Sokolik will also take part in this official visit.

### **January 2004**

Slovakian Travelling Exhibition's vernissage held at Trondheim Artists' Association gallery.

The ambassador met with Industry Manager Birger Elvestad, the leader of the Business Support Unit in Trondheim. He is working actively with environmental business activities in Slovakia.

Ambassador participated in the annual Adressavisen's New Year's Concert. Prior to the concert we attended the cocktail party / reception.

### **February to April 2004**

Prepared the program for the Slovakian Culture Evening in Trondheim event.

Made preparations for company visits

Prepared a program for the official visit of the delegation from Trencin.

### **May 2004**

Successfully carrying out of the Slovakian Culture Evening with 160 prominent guests in attendance.

The ambassador visited a local company that produces recycling installations.

The ambassador and wife visited Huseby School and met with Principle Per-Erik Toldnes.

The ambassador visited Eivind Hiis Hauge, the director for Technological Education and Research in Norway.

The ambassador visited Ringve Museum, Norway's national museum of music and musical instruments.

Official meeting between the self-governing region of Trencin and Trønderlag, 27 June to 29 June, 2004.

### **Goals for the second half of 2004**

- Continue working with establishing cooperation between the Slovak region Trencin and Trønderlag
- Travel to Slovakia to learn more about the SPA concept.
- Arrange a meeting with Slovaks who reside in this region.
- Participate in arrangements which promote Slovakia.

Respectfully,

Erik Frederiksen  
Honorary Consul

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