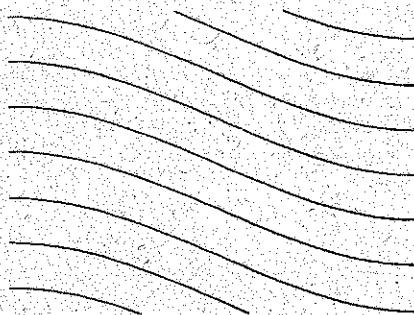


Andragoški center Republike Slovenije
Slovene Adult Education Centre

NOVIČKE



SPRING 1993 / 1

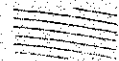
● SLOVENIA - WHERE IS IT? ▲ SAEC EVENTS ● Presentation of the role and programme of the Slovene Adult Education Centre ● Slovene Adult Education Centre in international projects ● Learning Exchange and its position in adult education and learning ● The young without a place in society - The Centre for Younger Adults ● Guide to adult education courses in Slovenia 1992-1993 ▲ SLOVENIAN ADULT EDUCATION SCENE ● Some data from statistical research on education in companies and institutions in 1991 ● From the conference on Systemic organisation of vocational education. Resolutions adopted by The Working Group on Organising Adult Vocational Education ● Unity yes, but not at any price! "Systemic organisation of vocational education" ● Establishing educational needs for a specialised management course for postal workers ● Slovenia, member of ICAE ▲ CONFERENCES, SEMINARS ● International conference Rethinking of Adult Education for Development, October 1993

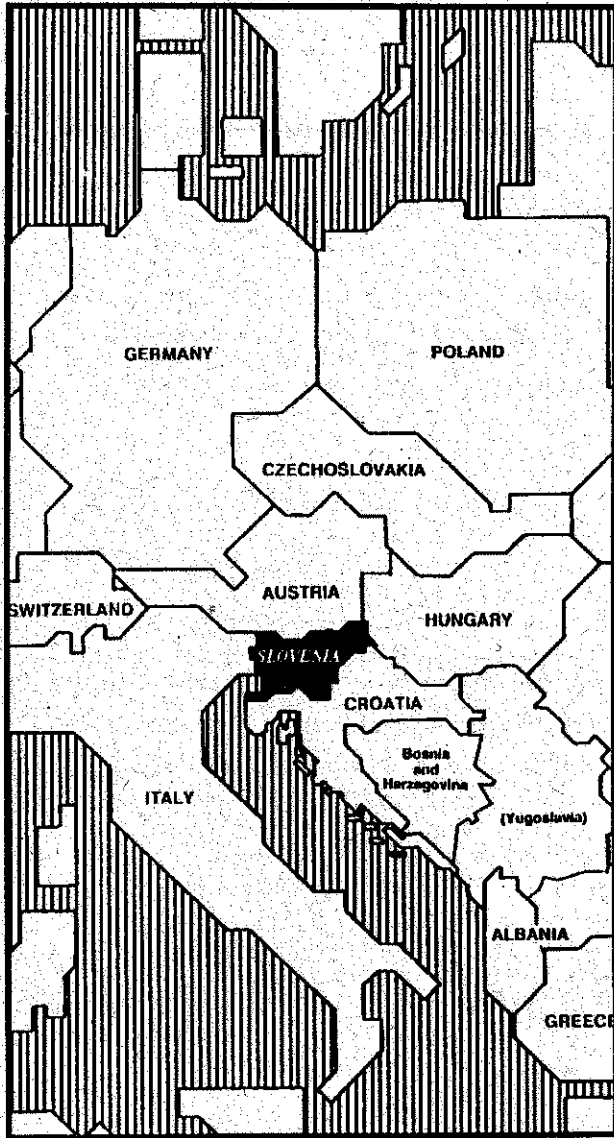
Publisher: Slovene Adult Education Centre, Editor: Peter Monetti

God's blessing on all nations,
Who long and work for a bright day,
When o'er earth's habitations
No war, no strife shall hold its sway;
Who long to see
That all men free
No more shall foes, but neighbours be.

F. Prešeren: THE TOAST

Slovene national anthem







PROGRAMME BASIS OF NOVIČKE

- Novičke (The News) is a comprehensive information bulletin on adult education in Slovenia. With Novičke we wish to improve the information level of those who work in this area or are in any way connected with adult education and learning in Slovenia.
- Individuals or organisations may use and subscribe to Novičke; those who work professionally in adult education and learning as well as those who do so on a voluntary basis (in professional associations, religious, political and other voluntary organisations).
- We plan to provide the following types of information on adult education and learning in Slovenia and abroad:
 - description and presentation of events and activities in adult education;
 - development, research and other programmes and projects;
 - information on organisations, their needs, plans and activities;
 - information on adult courses and the development of the courses;
 - information on policy and strategies of adult education;
 - the latest news in administration and legislation;
 - statistical data;
 - opinions, viewpoints and proposals;
 - data and information on possibilities and sources for learning;
 - information on forthcoming events, workshops, seminars and conferences;
 - presentations of new books and articles;
 - information on new books in libraries, particularly in the Slovene Adult Education Centre (SAEC).
- Novičke will provide brief, concise, objective and unbiased information.
- Novičke will be published monthly with the material for each issue being compiled until the 15th of each month. To maintain contacts with abroad we will publish a quarterly English language edition of Novičke.
- Users will receive Novičke free of charge. This is a policy we intend to continue, provided we are able to cover the costs of publishing from the public funds allocated to adult education.
- Novičke is edited and published by the Information Centre at the SAEC. In charge of the publication are: Vida A. Mohorčič Špolar - head of the Information Centre and Peter Monnetti - editor of Novičke.
- The publisher's address: Andragoški center Slovenije, Šmartinska 134a, 61000 Ljubljana, Slovenija; phone: + 38 61 446 482, fax: + 38 61 445 881



SLOVENIA - WHERE IS IT?

Vida Mohorčič Špolar, SAEC

When we talk of Slovenia, we usually think of it as of the state, now independent, which was formerly a constituent republic of Yugoslavia. The other republics that made up Yugoslavia were Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and its two autonomous regions, Kosovo and Vojvodina, each with their own assemblies, and their representatives in the assembly of Yugoslavia.

Slovenia is a country lying in the north-western part of the Balkan bordering on Italy, Austria, Hungary, and Croatia. It is a small country compared with England. It covers the area of some 22.300 square kilometres and has, according to the most recent population count, over 2 million inhabitants living in various regions. The capital of Slovenia is Ljubljana with 350.000 inhabitants. Slovenia has two universities, one in Ljubljana and one in Maribor, 198 secondary schools and around 200 elementary schools.

According to our labour-force statistics, in 1989 the numbers of employed in various sectors were:

agriculture and forestry	21.300
manufacturing, trade and transport	434.100
banking and insurances	15.000
other services and government	380.300
private households	600
Total	851.300

which would make the percentage of employed as follows:

the agriculture and forestry	2,5 %
manufacturing, and	51,0 %
services	46,5 %.

The unemployment rate was low until 1986 (due to the government policy of full employment), around 1.1 - 1.2 % but then it slowly began to rise from 1.6 % in 1986 to more than 10 % in 1991. While a part of Yugoslavia, Slovenia was considered to be the most economically and socially developed republic with its exports making up one third of the total Yugoslav exports.

Education system in Slovenia

In the school year 1990/91 enrolments for the three levels of education were:

	Full-time	Part-time
Elementary (age 7-14)	240.000	1.300
Secondary (age 15-18)	96.000	12.000
Higher (age 19-24)	24.000	10.000

In Slovenia there is eight years of compulsory education. Obligatory school attendance is from the age of 7 till the age of fourteen. Schools and vocational education is provided for disabled children. After finishing elementary education, the majority of children enter secondary education (in 1991 - 98 % of them) which lasts for two, three or four years (around 70 % of 15 - 18 year olds are in the secondary education).

After finishing the four years course, and after matriculation the pupils can enter full-time university studies. University programmes last for two, four or five to six years (five being the case for electronics, and six for the medical programmes). After that there are post-graduate programmes (specialisation - a six month course and written paper; master's degree - a two year course consisting of one-and-a-half year study and a written thesis; doctoral studies - research and thesis). Special courses are designed for adults wishing to read for degrees which take account of their experience.

Vocationally oriented secondary education lasts two or three years. It consists of school programme and practical experience. The amount of practical experience depends on the year of study. It increases in the second and third years. The subjects taught in secondary education, regardless of its duration are: mathematics, science, Slovene language and literature, foreign language and literature, history, geography, art history, music, civic education, physical training, and in the four year courses, psychology, philosophy and sociology. After finishing school, and passing the final exams, the pupils receive a diploma which enables them to enter the labour market with a proper qualification. If they wish to continue in higher education they must prove that they have mastered the required knowledge in the chosen subjects, which are given in the four year courses. The four year courses are not orientated solely to entering higher education but also give professional diplomas in higher levels of professional achievements.

While the cohort of those eligible to go to the university was limited entrance to higher education did not present a problem, except for those wishing to study medicine and dentistry where they only accepted a limited number of students. Selection was very competitive for medicine and still is. Around 14,0 % of 20-24 year olds are enrolled in higher education.



SAEC EVENTS



Presentation of the role and programme of the Slovene Adult Education Centre

Dr Zoran Jelenc, SAEC

The role and aims of the Slovene Adult Education Centre (SAEC)

The Slovene government established the SAEC as the national institution for research and development for the promotion of adult education. It operates in the following organizational units:

- research,
- development and consultation,
- education of adult educators and staff in related fields and publication,
- information centre - network, documentation and resource base.

Although the SAEC is organised into organisational units, they also collaborate to ensure that the following three theoretical fields are addressed:

- system and organisation of adult education
- needs of adult education
- forms and methods of adult education.

The SAEC is concerned with: further vocational education and training, general and non-formal adult education and formal (qualifying) adult education.

The SAEC will function as a centre for innovation and for promoting and disseminating the work and success of other specialized organizations in adult education in Slovenia.

Current programme

1 Projects for fostering the development of adult education in Slovenia

The main projects in this area are:

1.1 Definition and creation of the National programme of adult education; the following parts of the National programme are to be worked out:

- defining and establishing the network of institutions intended as integral parts of National Programme of adult education,
- determining and developing adult education programmes and courses which make up the national adult education programme,
- developing criteria for the assessment and verification of institutions and educational programmes that will be a part of the National Programme,
- defining norms and standards of quality in National Programme.

1.2 Improving the provision of adult education to meet the needs of the labour market with special emphasis on educational and training programmes for the unemployed.

1.3 Technical assistance in drafting the laws concerning adult education and in developing adequate systems for the financing of adult education.

1.4 Developing new providers of adult education (eg. centres for young adults, adult education in public libraries etc.).

1.5 Initiating and developing new forms and methods in adult education and learning in Slovenia; models of training for high technical management; centres for developing self-directed learning and education; study-circles, learning exchanges etc.

1.6 Developing a system of assessing and measuring the knowledge and skills of adults.

2 Information system

2.1 Establishing the central information centre for adult education in Slovenia (in SAEC and developing information networks for adult education).

2.2. Establishing a specialized library and documentation service for adult education in Slovenia.

2.3. Establishing a resource base and demonstration centre for the evaluation and demonstration of adult education and learning programmes.

3 Education and training of adult educators in Slovenia

3.1. courses and programmes of short and long duration.

3.2. training connected with introducing the results of SAEC projects.

