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MEDIA RELEASE

Slovenia victorious in Postojna!

At the 11th European student championship in forestry skills Slovenia claims top spot among 16 participating countries

Venue: PTC Primorka, Novi trg 2, Postojna
26 May 2012

The contest for the 2012 European student title in forestry skills finished today in Postojna with final demonstrations of competitors' prowess and skills in Technical Events by 1.30 pm. **Slovenia posted the highest score** of all 16 participating teams and claimed the title with 11,346 points followed by Austria (10,492 points) in second place and Norway (10,221 points) in third. Effectively, the win went to the Postojna home team of Toni Šircelj, Domen Arnič, Miha Tominec and Tadej Rupnik, all students of Forestry & Wood Processing Secondary School Postojna.

On the results being announced, Principal **Cvetka Kernel** did not even try to conceal her pride. 'Team victory at this level of the competition means a great deal as it reflects the high standards and quality of our work with the young people opting for forestry related careers. After 2008, Slovenia and our School are back at the top. The Championship in Postojna is just what is needed to show the young people the beauty of this work when performed with joy and in synch with nature.'

'Tadej and Miha did really well in individual events. However, congratulations for this top result go to the entire team!' added Championship Director **Tomaž Ščuka**. Event Coordinator **Petra**



Prelc was thrilled. 'This is absolutely delightful! The competition was very tough, and yet we posted the highest score in Forestry Course and the second highest score in Technical Events, only a few points behind Austria. Next year we will certainly do our best to defend this title in the neighbouring Austria.'

Marijana Dajčman of Unicommerce likewise extended her congratulations to the winners. The sponsorship of the event by Unicommerce as the agent of **Stihl** in Slovenia was vital to the organisation of the Championship as well as deserving for the first ever performance of legendary **Stihl Timbersports** in Slovenia. Pro Champions **Spike Milton** and **Robert Ebner** mesmerised the audience with their axe- and chainsaw skills in six highly demanding disciplines, accompanied by entertaining commentary of reigning World Champion in Ski Cross and winner of the World Cup **Filip Flisar**. Said Flisar, 'That's how it's done – with wits, power, speed and technique!'

Which is exactly what was demonstrated by the winning team from Slovenia at the 11th European Student Logging Championship in Postojna. Heartfelt congratulations!



Photo: Tomaž Penko

Left to right: The winners, SGLŠ students – **Tadej Rupnik, Miha Tominec, Domen Arnič and Toni Šircelj**

Back row – left to right: **Tomaž Ščuka**, Championship Director; **Cvetka Kernel**, Principal SGLŠ; **Dr Jurij Šink**, Acting Director General of Secondary and Tertiary Schooling and Adult Education Directorate; **Boris Samec**, SGLŠ Team Coach; **Gregor Češarek**, SGLŠ Team Captain.

Exclusive trophies and medals. Designed by Damjan Švara, Mentor, Tertiary School of Photography Sežana, assisted by student Matej Župec.



11th European Student Logging Championship, Postojna, 23 – 26 May 2012

Final classifications

TEAM RESULTS

1 SLOVENIA	11346
2 AUSTRIA	10492
3 NORWAY	10221
4 GERMANY	9953
5 ITALY	9417
6 NETHERLANDS	9226
7 LUXEMBOURG	8784
8 ESTONIA	8543
9 SWEDEN	8050
10 POLAND	7406
11 FINLAND	7297
12 HUNGARY	7218
13 ROMANIA	6695
14 FRANCE	6463
15 SRBIJA	6097
16 BELGIUM	5212

Classifications – Technical Events:

Fitting a New Chain and Turning the Bar

1 37	TOMINEC Miha	SLO	126
2 53	ŠIRCELJ Toni	SLO	124
3 63	KOČG Johannes	AUT	118

Undercut and Felling Cut

1 60	KULUSVEEN Emil	NOR	660
2 15	THURNER Matthias	AUT	659
3 21	RUPNIK Tadej	SLO	656

Precision Bucking

1 42	KLIMENKO Riido	EE	232
2 63	KOCH Johannes	AUT	227
3 35	TÖTSCH Simon	IT	226

Bucking by Combined Cut

1 63	KOCH Johannes	AUT	186
2 28	LØKEN Sindre	NOR	183
3 37	TOMINEC Miha	SLO	180

Limbing

1 63	KOCH Johannes	AUT	440
2 47	ROBISCH Tobias	AUT	424
3 21	RUPNIK Tadej	SLO	416

Classification – Forestry Course

1 SLOVENIA	5265
2 GERMANY	5000
3 NORWAY	4505

Technical Events – Teams

1 AUSTRIA	6187
2 SLOVENIA	6081
3 NORWAY	5716

Technical Events – Individuals

1 63	KOCH Johannes	AUT	1616
2 21	RUPNIK Tadej	SLO	1580
3 31	STROMBERGER Lukas	AUT	1566

Photo Gallery – (photos by Tomaž Penko) 11th European Student Logging Championship opening ceremony, competition events, performances, classifications at http://www.gozdarsko-tekmovanje.si/index.php?option=com_slideshowfx&view=picasa&Itemid=96

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