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In a time of globalisation and societal change, the European forest-based sector needs to be innovative. This requires emphasis on research and development and strong links between science and business. The 5th conference of the Forest-Based Sector Technology Platform (FTP) will discuss the meaning of research and innovation to forest-based business. The event will present success stories of how research and innovation are implemented in the daily business practice.

The 5th FTP conference will offer an excellent networking opportunity to those working in Europe's forest-based business. They can meet their colleagues, as well as members of the research community and European and national policy makers. One of the focal points of the conference is the forest-based sector in Southern and South-Eastern Europe.

The 5th FTP conference will be held in Slovenia, president of the European Union during the first half of 2008. Venue will be the beautifully situated alpine town of Kranjska Gora.

The event will start with a pre-conference day on 19 May, with several workshops, including one about the EU Forest Action Plan. On 20 and 21 May, plenary sessions, poster sessions and a panel debate will look at issues of innovation in forest-based business. On 21 May, European Commissioner for Science & Research Janez Potocnik will deliver the final keynote address.

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The 5th Forest-Based Sector Technology Platform Conference

19-21 May 2008
Kranjska Gora, Slovenia



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SLOVENIA – YOUR HOST COUNTRY

The Republic of Slovenia, a member of the European Union, is situated in Central Europe, where different regions and climates meet: the Alps, the Mediterranean, the Karst and the Pannonian Plain. It is a nation of two million inhabitants. A land of magnificent scenery, Slovenia has a large variety of plants and animal species endemic to this part of Europe.

www.slovenia-tourism.si or www.slovenia.si or www.slovenia.info

KRANJSKA GORA – YOUR CONGRESS VENUE

The Zgornjesavska Valley is one of the most breathtaking alpine valleys whose center of activity is the resort town of Kranjska Gora. The valley has developed into a major tourist and sports region, famed primarily for its World Cup competitions in alpine skiing and ski flights on the giant ski-jump in Planica. But it still has much, much more to offer. With its broad variety of tourist services, this alluring valley attracts visitors all year round.



HOW TO GET TO KRANJSKA GORA?

Although the Zgornjesavska valley is safely embraced by the peaks of the Karavanke Mountains and the Julian Alps, the valley is easily accessible.

No more than half an hour's drive will take you to the motorways in Italy (Tarvisio), Austria (Villach) or Slovenia (Karavanke tunnel). The nearest railway station is not far at all and there is less than an hour's drive to the Ljubljana International Airport from where shuttle buses will be available.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFERENCE: www.ftpc5.si



STEERING ORGANISATION

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LOCAL AND TECHNICAL ORGANISERS

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