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FMA 2015 Proposal: Ljubljana, Slovenia

We wish to express our interest in organizing the next FMA Workshop in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The workshop would be organized by members of Laboratory of Computer Graphics and Multimedia (head: Matija Marolt) at University of Ljubljana, [Faculty of Computer and Information Science](#) in cooperation with [Institute of Ethnomusicology](#) of Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

Members of our lab have been active in computational aspects of folk music analysis for several years and know the community well. We have also previously organized several events, the most prominent being [International Computer Music Conference 2012](#), with Institute for Sonic Arts Research. The inclusion of the Institute of Ethnomusicology as co-organizer will enable us to organize events related to Slovenian folk traditions, as well as bring the event closer to the (ethno)musicology community. In addition, to help with organization, we will recruit several students from the Faculty.

By organizing the workshop, we wish to continue the successful path of previous organizers and keep its focus on applications of computational analysis in (ethno)musicology. We hope to widen the range of attendees and attract attendees working on computational folk music analysis, as well as ethnomusicologists interested in such research. We hope that by having two distinct institutions on board as organizers and promote the workshop on both sides will help us reach this goal.

Venue

[University of Ljubljana](#) is the leading academic institution in Slovenia, attended by almost 50.000 students enrolled in its 26 member faculties and academies. The Faculty of Computer and Information Science itself enrolls around 1.500 students.

The workshop will be held on the new premises of the Faculty, opening in July 2014. Facilities are therefore new and modern, and can easily accommodate a workshop of this size. The premises are located in Ljubljana's green belt and are within easy reach from Ljubljana's centre by bus lines (a 15 minute ride).



City

[Ljubljana](#) is the capital of Slovenia, therefore providing for everything that all the other modern capitals have, as well as a relaxed atmosphere of a small city (300.000 inhabitants). Ljubljana lies halfway between Vienna and Venice, at the crossroads of different cultures, geographical regions and historical developments. Its location within a convenient two-hour flight from almost all major European airports makes it a readily accessible destination. According to Lonely Planet, it's the [no. 2 best travel destination](#) in Europe for 2014 😊

There are about 30 hotels in Ljubljana (as well as a large amount of hostels) offering good overall standard at affordable prices. Most of the hotels are conveniently located in the town centre, where most of the cultural and night life also takes place.



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