

# The MEMO Post

"I mean, I don't see where the problem is." – Mario Berljafa, guide

## Holiday season beginning!

OK, so, the "serious" part of MEMO is pretty much over - everything has already been decided, it's just that we don't know the outcomes yet. It's really a funny thought how all the results already exist, even though absolutely no one knows them yet.

Anyway, it's time for some light-hearted entertainment: yesterday we had a football tournament, which actually drew a crowd of spectators (well, three spectators, but let's not get carried away here). While everybody knows "The most important thing is not to win but to take part!", things actually got intense. In the end, winners were visibly happy, while on the other hand, it's hard to forget one footballer throwing himself on the concrete in anger.



In the meantime, the offices for our little newspaper grew (well, not so much grew as us being kicked temporarily out of our old room, which resulted in us moving to an actual 4-computer room which looks much more professional). Good times coming.

### IMPRESSUM:

**The man with the hat:** Mario Berljafa  
**Cashier:** Jelena Gusić  
**Ph.D. student:** Sara Muhvić  
**Slovenian guide:** Melkior Ornik  
**Little guy:** Ana Šušnjara



*(pictured: winning team in their hour of glory)*

As expected, four teams showed up for the football extravaganza of the year. Without clear favorites, players ran in the afternoon sun for 50 minutes altogether before a clear victor emerged.

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### PLAN FOR TODAY

**Yesterday early afternoon contestants handed over all the labour to their leaders. Competition is over and leisure activities have already started!**

**First item on the menu of the day is a visit to old Roman ruins near Varaždinske toplice followed by a detailed inspection of nearby pools. We'll have plenty of time to investigate everything that the aforementioned multifunctional bathing complex has to offer.**

**After lunch our bus is taking us to Croatian capital Zagreb where you'll be shown a number of carefully randomly chosen sights. Since there will be plenty of time left, your guides will at your service both if you desire sightseeing or if you just feel like sitting and drinking coffee.**

## INTERVIEW with the German team

*Are you satisfied with your performance today?*

Yes.

Yeah!

...actually, we are not so satisfied because we've heard that the Polish team solved all the problems.

*Which one is better, the individual or the team competition?*

**Khai Van Tran:** For serious math, the individual competition is better, but team work is more fun.

**David Schmidt:** Team competition is more fun because you can communicate and discuss your solutions during these five hours.

*Did Mathema-Tigerin help you?*

**Kevin Höllring:** Yes! She solved the second and the fourth problem, but she didn't tell us the solutions.

*So these are the two problems you didn't solve?*

**Kevin:** Yes...

*Do you still prefer her over your guide?*

**Martin Thümmler:** We like them both but the Mathema-Tigerin is much more cuddly.

*What kind of music do you like?*

**Dominik Duda:** I prefer classic music.

**Kristina Klein:** ...Italian and Chinese!



*(pictured: German team during team competition)*

The competition itself drew to a close today with five hours of team effort to solve 8 problems. Of course, no results are available yet apart from those predicted by the teams itself (and those predictions speak about 8 problems for Poland, 6 for Germany and Hungary, 4 for Croatia and 2 for a number of teams). However, such predictions are often treacherous and new information were coming in just as we were writing this issue.

## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

### RESULTS

2. Switzerland – Hungary (9 pts)
3. Guides – Coordinators (6 pts)
4. Slovenia (3 pts)
5. Croatia (0 pts)

## REMINDER

Contestants are reminded to bring their swimming suit, as well as a towel and a backpack for today's excursion. While the weather forecast may not be optimal, plans did not change and swimming is on the agenda.



## INTERVIEW with Rudi Mrazović, coordinator

*How many sleepless nights have you spent here so far?*

I hope this will be the first one in which I'll get some sleep.

*[Note: This is irony.]*

*How do you cope with bad handwriting, yours or not?*

I can't read mine, and other people's handwriting instantly puts me in a bad mood.

*Who are in your opinion the most handsome actor and actress?*

Hmm, interesting question. Penelope Cruz and Matt Damon.

*Is this the best interview you've ever done?*

Absolutely.

*One would wonder if this is also his first...*