



Signing of Sister City Agreement Between Cambridge and Beli Manastir

Unforgettable Time in Croatia With Cambridge Delegation!

Last few days were more than exciting for our Cortec®/EcoCortec® team. We have welcomed a delegation from the City of Cambridge, Minnesota and had the honor of being their hosts and showing them a part of beautiful Croatia. Delegation from Cambridge included Mr. Joseph Morin from City Council, Mrs Linda Woulfe - City Administrator, Stan Gustafson - Economic Development Director and Tim Bliss, Production Manager at Cortec® Advanced Films. They visited Croatia for signing of Sister City Agreement between the City of Beli Manastir located in the region of Baranja and City of Cambridge, Minnesota.



Delegation from City of Cambridge pictured with Mayor of Beli Manastir and Cortec's team in front of EcoCortec® plant.



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The sistership of two cities was initiated by our President/CEO of Cortec® Corporation, Mr. Boris Miksic as a result of long-term successful businesses of both Cortec's manufacturing facilities, Ecocortec® in Beli Manastir and Cortec® Advanced Films in Cambridge. The idea of sistership occurred from the fact that both Cortec's plants greatly contribute to their local economies and communities.

After flying to Croatian capital Zagreb, Cambridge's delegation traveled to Beli Manastir the next morning hosted by Cortec's team Ivana Radic Borsic, VP of Sales for Europe and Mr. Ivan Rogan director of CortecCros. They attended the formal part of ceremony that was organized as part of celebration of "Day of Beli Manastir"



EcoCortec's General Manager Dijana Zrinski greeted our guests and invited them to Exhibition of Ethnology Center of Baranja's Heritage. This truly exceptional exhibition was designed through four themes in order to highlight richness of traditional culture of Baranja demonstrating its lifestyle, before and now. Our team has also visited Hungarian Community in Baranja (Baranja is Croatian region bordering with Hungary).

They were given a very warm welcome by city representatives of Hungarian town of Mohac and enjoyed a super delicious Hungarian "paprikaš" and popular Croatian sweet specialties known as "štrudle".





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Our friends from Cambridge along with Cortec's team attended a formal meeting in City Hall with Mayor of Beli Manastir, Ivan Dobos. After a formal welcome and greetings followed by short speeches, presents were exchanged between City Government of Beli Manastir and Cambridge. Both delegations gave interviews to various networks as this event generated large media interest. After that everybody attended a festive event organized as part of „Day of Beli Manastir“.



During this event formal signing ceremony of Proclamation of Sistership between two cities was conducted. Speeches were given by Mr. Joseph Morin from Cambridge City Council and Mayor of Beli Manastir. Our guests were greeted also by other participants of local government and had the opportunity to see some beautiful artistic performances.



Delegation in front of Beli Manastir City Council.



Signing of Proclamation of Sistership.



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In the afternoon everybody walked to the main square to see a performance “Legend of St. Martin”. At the end of the day our team along with representatives of city and local government enjoyed Baranja’s cuisine at Hotel Patria. This was a great opportunity to get to know each other better and relax in wonderful atmosphere.

Next day was a real gastro cultural treat. After tour of EcoCortec® plant, Mayor Dobos was a host to our delegation giving them a tour of this amazing region which could not be fulfilled without tasting Baranja’s famous specialties at one of the most successful family farms in this region. This is an excellent example of rural tourism that is becoming very famous in this part of Croatia attracting tourists from all over the world.

Everyone enjoyed tasting gastro-specialties such as “kulen”, various kinds of domestic schnapps and much more. Our guest were especially impressed with a visit to Belje winery featuring latest production technology of wine making. Before heading to Zagreb everyone once again enjoyed delicious meal as well as wine tasting in Josic Winery, one of Baranja’s favorite gastronomic spots



Wine cellars are part of Baranja's cultural heritage. Oldest bottle in wine cellar Belje is from 1949.





Our friends from Cambridge have spent their last day in Croatian capital, Zagreb, sightseeing the city center including the famous old upper town. They loved researching its network of little streets that stretch between two hills and city's 19th century architecture that mostly dates from the time of Austro-Hungarian Empire



Croatian hosts made sure that our American friends experience finest traditional Croatian gastronomic offerings.

After tasting Zagreb specialties in famous Lagvic restaurant it was time to say goodbye. Few days spent together were truly remarkable. They were filled with education and fun and most importantly true friendship has been formed. Croatian team was happy to host such wonderful and warm guests and hope that these days spent in Croatia are something that will stay with them forever. Beli Manastir and Cambridge will have plenty of opportunities to cooperate in the future and we believe that this trip is just the begging of wonderful things to come!