



Idrija, 17. April 2023

Subject-matter: **International expert consultation on the 300th anniversary of the polymath Joannes Antonius Scopoli's birth**

Dear professionals, researchers and nature lovers,

The year 2023 marks 300 years since the birth of naturalist Joannes Antonius Scopoli (1723-1788), who worked as the first mine doctor in Idrija between 1754 and 1769. Apart from studying the Idrija miners' diseases and social conditions, he devoted a great part of his time to exploring Carniola's nature. He catalogued plants, fungi and animals and published works that put Carniola (and Slovenia with it) on the map of the world. He named the species according to the principles still valid in modern natural science. He was a true polymath, involved also in mineralogy, paleontology, agronomy, veterinary science, medicine, pharmacy, chemistry and forestry.

To mark Scopoli's jubilee, we are organizing an international conference that is to take place on **Friday, 2 June 2023, starting at 10:00 a.m. at Galerija Magazin in Idrija** (Trg. sv. Ahacija 4).

You are kindly invited to present at this event your investigations, new facts and interesting features about Scopoli's species, work and life. Any scientific as well as popular contributions would be most welcomed and appreciated.

Please communicate to us, **by 8 May 2023 at the latest**, the title of the paper and the name of the author (authors) who will represent it at the event to the e-mail address maja.tomsic@bf.uni-lj.si The presentation should not exceed 15 minutes. The official languages at the event will be Slovenian and English.

We will be most pleased to remember and pay respect to this great naturalist together in Slovenian "botanical Athens"!

The organisers:

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