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## FOREWORD

After Slovenia attained independence in 1991, three volumes about Slovenia were issued to inform the international geographic community about this nation state and geographic research on it:

- **Slovenia, Geographic Aspects of a New Independent European Nation**, published on the occasion of the 27<sup>th</sup> International Geographical Congress of the International Geographical Union (IGU) at Washington in 1992 (9 authors, 10 chapters, 98 pages),
- **Slovenia: A Gateway to Central Europe**, published on the occasion of the 28<sup>th</sup> International Geographical Congress of the International Geographical Union in the Hague in 1996 (9 authors, 12 chapters, 100 pages), and
- **Slovenia: A Geographical Overview**, published on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> International Geographical Congress of the International Geographical Union in Glasgow in 2004 (27 authors, 27 chapters, 160 pages).



This is the fourth such volume, **Geographical Tidbits from Slovenia**, which Slovenian geographers have prepared for the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Geographical Congress of the International Geographical Union in Cologne in 2012. It was published as the first issue of volume 84 of the journal *Geografski vestnik/Geographical Bulletin*. This journal is being published by the Association of Slovenian Geographers, which celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012.

This volume presents certain geographic topics that Slovenian geographers have dealt with in recent years. It contains 20 articles by 29 different contributors at various Slovenian research institutions.

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