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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: The first Slovenian international furry convention opens  
Celje

## The Slovenian International Furry Congress opens in Celje.

**Celje, 19 Aug 2023;** The Slovenian Furry Society (Slovensko kosmatinsko društvo) launched the first International Furry Congress in Slovenia at the Hotel Evropa in Celje today.

The Congress will take place over 4 days, from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August. During these days, the organizers from the Slovenian Furry Society are planning a range of fun activities for the participants. Today at 17:00, the main event will be the opening ceremony which will officially launch the Congress. Tomorrow, participants will try their hand at the Tetris tournament. On Monday, the furrries will compete in their costumes in a series of fun challenges - the fursuit games, and on Tuesday in video games. For residents and visitors of Celje, the planned walk in the city streets in fursuits will certainly be interesting.

*A milestone in the development of 'furry' culture in Slovenia.*

The organization of the 'SloFluffCon' - the first international furry con in Slovenia - represents a milestone in the development of the Slovenian furry community. During these days, enthusiasts of fantasy animal characters with human characteristics from all over Slovenia and many European countries (guests are coming from the Western Balkans, Central Europe, Benelux, etc.) will flock to Celje.

*Who are the furrries, anyway?*

This is an international community of enthusiasts for fantasy animal characters with human characteristics. In our country, the English word for "furry" is "kosmatinec" and "kosmatek". The term describes a diverse community of fans, artists, writers, gamers and role-players. Most furrries create an anthropomorphic animal character (fursona) with which they identify and use as an avatar within the community.

The "Furry fandom" is an inclusive term describing a furry community that encompasses online, local and international environments. Furry fans are global, with hundreds of local groups and dozens of conventions held annually around the world.

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