Country: **Slovenia**

Period: **January – June 2018**

**Country Report**

**1. Activities**

**- Conference participation**

Gadpaille, Michelle, “First Nations in London: An Involuntary Ambassadorship.” PRESENTED AT: *Canada’s Challenges in the 21st Century in Complex International Environment*. Faculty of Administration, University of Ljubljana, January 29, 2018.

Blake, Jason. “Canada plays... or at Least Relaxes” PRESENTED AT:

*Canada’s Challenges in the 21st Century in Complex International Environment*.

Faculty of Administration, University of Ljubljana, January 29, 2018.

Durnik, Mitja. “Slovenian Ethnic Economy in Contemporary Toronto”. PRESENTED AT: *Canada’s Challenges in the 21st Century in Complex International Environment*.

Faculty of Administration, University of Ljubljana, January 29, 2018

**- Lecturing/teaching outside the home university**

Gadpaille, Michelle, “When Verbal Does Visual: Atwood’s Cat’s Eye” Canadian Studies Round Table, Karl-Franzens University, Graz, April 26, 2018.

 **- Outreach**

 Onič, Tomaž. Mohar, Tjaša. “Old-Age Narrative: Depictions of Dementia in Alice Munro’s stories”. University of Maribor, June 8, 2018. (Lecture for the students of University of Pittsburgh in the scope of their study abroad program).

 Mohar, Tjaša. “Alice Munro: On trivialities in a non- trivial way.” *TriviaFest*, Maribor, April 20, 2018. (Lecture at a festival on trivial literature)

**- Cultural activities**

Visit of Isabelle Poupart, Canadian ambassador to Hungary, Slovenia and Bosna and Herzegovina at the Faculty of Administration, University of Ljubljana, January 29, 2018. Poupart gave a talk on “Canada-Slovenia: Friends, Allies and Trade Partners”.

Lecture by Stéphane Dion, Ambassador of Canada to Germany and Special Envoy to the European Union titled "Building thriving democracies: Responses from Canada and Slovenia" held at the Faculty of Administration, University of Ljubljana, in cooperation with the Embassy of Canada to Slovenia on March 20, 2018.

**2. Academic publications**

Blake, Jason. “Hockey, humour, and play in Wayne Johnston's The divine Ryans.” In *Writing the Body in Motion: A Critical Anthology on Canadian Sport Literature*. Edited by Angie Abdou and Jamie Dopp. Edmonton: Athabasca University Press, 2018. pp. pp. 43–56**.**

**4. Young Canadianists**

**- Theses**

Brnčić, Mila. “Placing Michel Tremblay in the context of English-Canadian theatre.” MA Thesis, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana. Supervisor: Jason Blake

**5. Collaborative activities**

**- Visiting lecturers**

Siré, Cora (Canadian Author) taught Jason Blake’s Canadian literature class at the Faculty of Arts at the University of Ljubljana on May 7, 2018.

Holman, Andrew C. (Bridgewater State University, USA) presented three lectures at the Faculty of Arts at the University of Ljubljana on May 14, 2018:

1) “First Nations: Appropriation and Misappropriation.”

2) “The American Bugbear in Canadian Literature.”

3) “Hockey: A Metaphor for Canadian History.”