

## EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA IN THE SWISS CONFEDERATION

CH - 3005 Bern, Thunstrasse 45 Tel. +41-31/952 66 59; Fax. +41-31/952 66 93 E-mail: <u>Croatia.Embassy.ch@thenet.ch</u>

Cl.: 910-01/03-01/01 Nr.: 521-CHE-01-03-05 Bern, 4. Juni 2003

## To all interested persons and institutions in the Republic of Croatia

Start of the expedition "TOP to TOP" from Punat, Croatia, on 28 of June 2003

Ladies and Gentlemen

Let me use this opportunity to suggest you co-operation with the "TOP to TOP" World Expedition, which is going to set off from Croatia in August this year and circumnavigate and scale the highest peaks of the world.

Global Climate Expedition "TOP to TOP" is an international project of young people from around twenty different countries, who want to circumnavigate the world and to scale the seven highest peaks of the world in the period of 2003 – 2007. The project is patronised by UNEP (UN Environment Protection). The project co-ordinator is Mr. Dario-Andri Schwörer, who is also president of the "TOP to TOP" expedition.

Having in mind the importance of the project "TOP to TOP" for Croatia, I would also suggest your support and co-operation, especially because of the following:

\* The expedition will do all necessary preparations on the sailing boat in the marina "Punat" for their four-years-trip until August this year, including additional training in the Adriatics.

\* The expedition wish to contact Croatian media, its public and local governments, especially local port-authorities and companies, with the aim of the effective organisation of the ceremonious start from Punat port on 28 June 2003.

\* Members of the expedition wish to visit particular eco-projects on the Croatian coast and to contact project co-ordinators in Kastela-Bay and Ucka.

\* A special goal of the expedition is to gather local young people and to sensitise them for the project, in schools as well as in youth branch organisations. We would highly appreciate your suggestions and support for possible further contacts.

Hoping for your co-operation with the expedition "TOP to TOP",

With best regards,

Sincerely yours

Dr. Mladen Andrlić,

Ambassador