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Last Thursday saw the coastal town of Biograd n/m celebrate the holiday of St. Stosija (Anastasia) and Dan Grada Biograda.

The President of the Coatian Parliment Mr. Zlatko Tomcic along with the President of Zadar County Sime Prtenjaca and representatives of all major political parties joined the Mayor of Biograd at the official lunch at the Hotel Ilirija.

The Hotel Ilirija, which part of the publically listed resort compay Ilirija d.d., is owned buy Adelaide businessman Davor Tudorovic through his now private holding company Tekstil d.o.o. Zadar. The Managing Director of Ilirija d.d. Mr. Goran Raznjevic highlighted the success of the privatisation of both Tekstil d.o.o. in Zadar and Ilirija d.d. in Biograd. Over the past three years, through the implimentation of new management sysytems, recutiment and training of staff coupled with a substantial capital investment program, Ilirija d.d. has been trasformed from a loss making enterprise to one of the most successful tourism companies in central Dalmatia.

Mr. Tomcic who addressed a special seating of the Biograd City Council, spoke about the future tourism potential of the region and the need to build tourism inferstructure. Local businessess were encouraged to plan now for the expected oppertunites that will arise from the completion of the freeway link to Zagreb in late 2005. Mr. Tomcic was pleased to hear of the successful investment by the Mr.Tudorovic , originally from Nevijane on the Island of Pasma, and looked forward to meeting members of the Croatian community during his vist to Australia in March this year.

During the luncheon the Mayor of Biograd, Mr. Rudic, presented three citizens awards, Dr. Branko Uhoda for introducing new methods of spinal injury treatment in Biograd orthopaedic hospital,. Mr. Slaven Benkovic received a lifetime achievement award for improving educational system and Mr. Josip Bepo Colić received a personal award for development of musical activities in the city.

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