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ABSTRACT
BARON MARKUS JABORNEGG: AN (UN)KNOWN CARINTHIAN FACE
The article presents Baron Markus Jabornegg of Javornik and Modrinja vas (von Gamsenegg und Mörndorf) (1837–1910), a highly active member of the Carinthian society in the second half of the nineteenth century, whose reputation transcended the provincial boundaries. His abundant legacy encompasses both his accomplishments in botany and contributions on the mountain world, especially the Karawanks. The said mountain range and most probably also his ancestors link him to the territory of present-day Slovenia.

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SUMMARY

Baron Markus Jabornegg: An (un)known Carinthian face

The article describes the life and work of Baron Markus Jabornegg, whose official name also contained the names of two minor Carinthian places or, rather, castles – Javornik (Gamsenegg) and Modrinja vas (Möderndorf). A wide array of sources featuring different variants of the family name Javornik leads to the conclusion that »our« main protagonist was of Slovenian descent.

The round anniversary of his death was not the only reason to write an article about him. The primary focus is on his achievements in science and research, and his ample social engagement in the Carinthian society of his time. Although he held the office of a government official, Jabornegg was much more than that. The study of sources and literature about him creates an impression that he completely dedicated himself to public service, so that very little is known about his personal life.

Jabornegg was active in various areas, all related to nature, to which he devoted his scientific and research work, most notably the famous herbarium and the discoveries of entirely new plants, the names of which still maintain the memory of him. He admired and appreciated nature, especially the hilly and mountainous areas of Carinthia, and described his observations, either on his own or in collaboration with others, in numerous guidebooks. These guidebooks took his name beyond the provincial borders into what was then the central Slovenian territory. Jabornegg disseminated his findings and new knowledge by publishing in Carinthian newspapers and taught them to the local population with public lectures in Klagenfurt (Slo.: Celovec).

Apart from being a prolific author, Jabornegg was, not only formally, also the president or a member of many (provincial) clubs and commissions. He energetically endeavoured for their successful performance and worked tirelessly towards achieving improvements especially in Carinthian tourism. Although he was often alone in his efforts, his enthusiasm nevertheless set an example to his peers as well as the local society as a whole.

Jabornegg’s active and committed engagement in clubs, public lectures, abundant written legacy, and the names of several plants testify to the exceptional and broad-reaching nature of his productivity. This is also why it feels appropriate to celebrate the round anniversary of his death by writing a few lines to his memory.