

ACADEMIC PROGRAM IN DETAIL

English Panels

A. Relations between CR & SR and North America

Plenary Session: Diplomatic Relations between North America and the CR and SR Miloslav Rechcigl Presiding

H.E. William J. Cabaniss, Ambassador of the US to the Czech Republic
H.E. Bruce Jutzi, Ambassador of Canada to the Czech and Slovak Republics
H.E. Rudolphe M. Vallee, Ambassador of the US to the Slovak Republic
H.E. Petr Kolar, Ambassador of Czech Republic to the US
H.E. Rastislav Kacer, Ambassador of Slovak Republic to the US
H.E. Pavel Vosalik, Ambassador of Czech Republic to Canada

Discussion Panel: Role and Experiences of CZ & SL Diplomats Abroad Margita Fuchsova Presiding

Daniel Novy, First Secretary and Press Secretary, Embassy of CR to the US, Washington, DC
Vilma Anyzova, Counselor for Culture, Science and Education, Embassy of CR to the US, Washington, DC
Zdenek Lycka, Director, Department for Cultural Relations and Czechs Living Abroad, MZV, Prague, CR
Margita Fuchsova, General Consul of CR, Los Angeles, CA
Ales Pospisil, General Consul of CR, New York, NY
Borek Lizec, Consul of CR and Head of Mission, Chicago, IL
Steve Zlatos, Slovak Honorary Consul in the US representing IN, KY and TN

B. Culture and Learning

Presidential Symposium: University Leadership on Both Sides of the Atlantic Zdeněk Brandl and Cecilia Rokusek, Presiding

Prof. Judith A. Ramaley, Ph.D., President, Winona State University, Winona, MN
“The University and the Community: International Approaches to Civic Engagement”
Prof. Michael Spitzer, Ph.D. Provost, St. Cloud State University, Saint Cloud, MN
“Accountability and Student Learning”
Prof. Robert Wilson-Black, Ph.D., Vice President, Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA
“Half-Truths of College Leadership in the 21st Century”
Prof. John Lehman, Ph.D., Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean for Research, Brody School of Medicine, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
“Research: The Cornerstone of the University”
Prof. Ing. Tomas Cermak, CSc., Rector, Technical University of Ostrava, Ostrava, CR
“New Role of the Technical University in the Process of Transformation of Old Industrial Region”
Prof. PhDr. Boris Banary, CSc., Rector, Catholic University in Ruzomberok, Ruzomberok. SR
“Contemporary Challenges of the Catholic University in Ruzomberok”
Prof. Ing. Dušan Húska, Ph.D. and Prof. JUDr. Anna Bandlerová, Ph.D., Vice Rectors, and William Adrian, Visiting Professor, Slovak Agricultural University of Nitra, Nitra, SR
"Leadership and Management - University Today"

Discussants

Prof. RNDr. Zdeněk Brandl, CSc., Vice Rector, University of South Bohemia, Ceske Budejovice, CR

Prof. Cecilia Rokusek, Ed.D., Dean, Winona State University, Winona, MN

University Partnerships and Cooperation between the US and CR and SR

Peter Filip and Jack Recheigl Presiding

Vaclav Roubicek, Senate of the Czech Parliament, Prague, CR

"Governmental Activities Addressing the US – Czech Collaboration in Research, Education, Culture and Human Rights"

Peter Filip, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL

"Ten Years of Experience with US – Czech University Collaboration in Education and Research"

Jack Recheigl, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

"Research and Teaching Collaborations between University of Florida and Czech and Slovak Universities"

William Osborne, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL

"Compatibility of Czech – US Education in Engineering and Dual Degree Programs between SIU Carbondale and VSB Ostrava"

Jana Leskova, IMACH, Technical University of Ostrava, Ostrava, CR

"My Experience from PhD Studies Completed within Czech-US Cooperative Research"

Tom Wiltowski and John Mead, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL

"Czech – US University Cooperation in Area of Clean Coal and Energy"

Pavel Kolat, Technical University of Ostrava, Ostrava, CR

"Role of Czech Universities in US – EC Education and Research"

Milan Krkoska, Technical University of Kosice, Kosice, SR

"Differences in Requirements and Expectations at a Slovak and an US University – My Point of View"

A. Bandlerová, D. Húska and M. Látečka, University of Nitra, Nitra, SR

"Contribution of US Higher Education Partnership to Development of SUA in Nitra"

Dalibor Mikulas, Catholic University of Ruzomberok, Ruzomberok, SR

"Academic Cooperation between the US and Slovak Institutions of Higher Learning"

Education & Education Technology

Cecilia Rokusek Presiding

James Reineke, and Rhea R. Walker, Winona State University, Winona, MN

"A Sense of Community: Developing an OnLine International Exchange"

Mary Jane Guy, Winona State University, Winona, MN

"The American Common School" A Primer for Democracy"

Ken Graetz, Winona State University, Winona, MN

"Current Technologies in Higher Education: Course Delivery and Support"

Michael Svec, Furman University, Greenville, SC

"Reflections on Science Curriculum in the United States and the Czech Republic"

Margaret Hermanek Peaslee, Camp Hill, PA

"Logistics of a Study Abroad Program"

Jitka Mucha, Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School, New York, NY

"Nature of Independence in Education: The Independent Schools"

The Sokol Movement Worldwide - Past and Present
Jan Waldauf Presiding

- Jan Waldauf, Past President, Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad, Mississauga, Ont., Canada
"Sokol Abroad"
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"Sokol in Canada"
- Michael Rokos, Baltimore, MD
"Sokol Baltimore"
- Rastislav Cernik, Sokolska zupa Prazska – Scheinerova, Prague, CR
"Perspectives of the Sokol Ideas Here and Abroad"
- Jitka Scholz, Munich, Germany
"Sokol Abroad – Dynamic or Just Beginning?"

Youth Issues
Anna Grignon and Vlado Kysucky Presiding

- Anna Grignon, New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL
"Youth Abroad and the Importance of the Past"
- Adam Schafer, New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL
"Youth and the Universal Language of Music"
- Vladimir Kysucky, RFMH, New York, NR
"The Effects of Globalization"
- Hana Konecna, Masaryk University, Brno, CR
"A Lesser-Used Language in Globalized World"
- Amy E. Swoboda, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
"Mastering my Czech and Celtic Heritage"

Librarianship
David Chroust Presiding

- Vladimir Borovansky, Arizona State University Libraries, Tempe, AZ
"Graduate of Library and Information Studies at Charles University in an American Academic Library"
- Luba Frastacky, Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ont., Canada
"Selected, Smuggled and Saved: The Czech and Slovak Collections at the Fisher Library, University of Toronto"
- Suzanna Simor, Queens College/City University of New York, Flushing, NY
"Academic Libraries, Visual Collections, and Campus Art Museums and Galleries Joining Forces?"
- Brian Rosenblum, Watson Library, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
"Libraries and Scholarly Communication: Recent Trends and Global Aspects"
- Louis Reith, Georgetown University Library, Washington, DC

“The ‘Castle Library Collection Administered by the National Museum Library of Prague”

Blanka Pasternak, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, Stanford, Ca
“General Gajda Revisited”

Veronica Ehrenreich, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA

“Dealing with Orphan Works: Copyright Problems for Archives with Works of Unknown Origin”

News & Media

Linda Steiner Presiding

Owen V. Johnson, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

“National Censorship in a Multi-National State: Communist Slovakia before the ‘Prague’ Spring”

Michael Werbowksi, Prague-based reporter, Prague, CR

“ ‘New’ Europe’s Perceptions and Misconceptions of a Potential EU Member: Turkey”

Nancy Jannik, Winona State University, Winona, MN

“Science in the News. The Science behind the News”

Linda Steiner, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

“The Difference that Gender Makes...or is it Sex?”

Petr Bisek, Publisher & Editor, “Americke listy,” Glen Cove, NY

“Challenges and Tribulations of the Publisher and Editor of the only Czech and Slovak Newspaper in the US”

Miroslav Krupicka, Radio Praha, Prague, CR

“Radio Prague in the Service of Czechs Abroad”

Eva Strizovska, Cesky Dialog, Prague, CR

“Cesky Dialog (Czech Dialogue) in the Service of Czechs Abroad”

SVU Local Chapters

Carol Hochman Presiding

Vera Roknic, Chicago, IL

“Chicago Chapter”

Carol Hochman, Pittsburgh, PA

“Pittsburgh Chapter”

Stanislav Bohonek, Cleveland, OH

“Cleveland Chapter”

Cathleen M. Oslzly, Lincoln, NE

“Nebraska Chapter”

Marie Booth, London, England, UK

“British Chapter”

Ladislav Pavlik, Munich, Germany

“Munich Chapter”

Alexej Borkovec, Silver Spring, MD

“Washington DC Chapter”

C. The Arts

Czech and Slovak Poetry. Part I - Bilingual Readings - Original and Translation

Vera Borkovec Presiding

Jiri Weinberger and Vera Borkovec

“What if Ogden Could Speak Czech? The selected poetry of Ogden Nash”

Vlado Simko and Vera Borkovec

“The Selected Poetry of Daniel Svetozar Simko

Jan Myslik and Vera Borkovec

“How Are Your Pictures? - The translated poetry of Josef Brukner”

Part II- Readings of Poetry in Czech

Vera Roknic and Vladimira Williams

“Vice nez zit je milovat” - Selected poems

Part III – Reading of Prose in Czech

Vladimira Williams

“Zaklinani hadu”

Visual Arts - Art History

Zdenka Pospisil Presiding

Ralph Harrington, York, UK

“The Architecture of the Baroque in Bohemia, ca 1680-1720”

Naomi Hume, Chapman University, Orange, CA

“Ruptured Style: Alois Riegl’s Stilfragen and the Czech Avant-Garde”

Richard Kamler, San Francisco, CA

“Artist as Citizen: Seeing Peace: Artists Collaborate with the United Nations”

Valentina Varbanova, ME “Old Sofia” with Historical Museum of Sofia, Sofia, Bulgaria

“Spatial Merit of the Czechoslovak Architects, Urbanists and Artists in the Bulgarian Cultural Historical Heritage (1878-1944)”

Karla Huebner, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

“The Myth of Toyen”

Marcela Kotrcova, Bohemia Art & Glass Center, Weston, FL

“Czech Art Festival and a New Opportunity for Czech Artists to Exhibit in the US”

Music and Musicology I

Dagmar Hasalova-White, Presiding

Yordanka Bibina and Kalina Peeva, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria

“The Contribution of Czech Musicians to the Development of Bulgarian Musical

Culture at the End of the 19th and the Beginning of the 20th Century"
Dagmar Rydlo, Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, Canada
"Czech Opera Sung in Czech Abroad"
Louis Reith, Georgetown University Library, Washington, DC
"To my Dear Dark Dove," Leoš Janáček's Letter to Kamila Stösslová. Inspiration for Operatic Heroine?"
Dagmar Hasalova White, Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale, VA
"Castrati, Prima Donnas and the Golden Age of Bel Canto"
John K. Novak, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
"Janáček's Amarus; The Seeds of Style"
Judith Fiehler, Library of Congress, Washington, DC
"Music from Dvorak's America"

Music and Musicology II
Dagmar Hasalova White Presiding

Michael Krompholz, Czech and Slovak Heritage Association of Maryland, Baltimore, MD
"A Short Story of the Hammer Dulcimer (Cimbál)"
Jesse Johnston, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
"Remnants of Moravian Music? Leos Janacek and the Cimbalom after 1891"
Jan Vicar, Palacky University, Olomouc, CR
"Teaching Composition and Music Theory in the U. S. (Alabama 2005 Experience)"

Theatre
Vera Borkovec Presiding

Peter Perina, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., Canada
"The Baroque Theatre of Castle Cesky Krumlov the Past and Present"
Lisa Peschel, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, University of South Bohemia, Ceske Budejovice and Ustav pro ceskou literaturu, Prague, CR
"Theatrical Performance in the Terezín Ghetto: 'Escapism' as Survival Strategy"
Alena Kanka, New York, NY
"People's Comedian - Jara Kohout"
Vera Borkovec, American University, Washington, DC
"The Poetic Language of Josef Topol's Dramas"
Gail Humphries Mardirosian, American University, Washington, DC
"Another American Voicing of the Silenced Theatre of Josef Topol"

D. The Humanities

Cultural History and Philosophy Zdenek David Presiding

Paul Shore , Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO

“The Jesuit University of Trnava. Its Impact on Slovak, Czech and Rusyn Population”

Joseph Patrouch, Florida International University, Miami, FL

“The Court of the Dowager of France, Elizabeth of Habsburg, in her Widowhood in Prague”

Mary I. Bockover, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

“A Comparative Reconstruction of Moral Relativism”

Karin J. MacHardy, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada

“Political Communication before the 'Bohemian' Rebellion of 1620”

Jaroslav Eliah Sykora, New York, NY

“Leprosy in the Bible”

Colette A. Hyman, Winona State University, Winona, MN

“The Dakota of Minnesota: Historical Perspectives and Historiographical Challenges”

Zdenka Pospisil, Southern Connecticut State College, New Haven, CT

“Meeting the Hopi Indians, their Art and Culture - 1952”

Czech & Slovak Political Thought from the National Revival to European Integration

Josette Baer Presiding

Josette Baer, Smolny College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, St. Peterburg, Russia

“Jan Palarik’s Attempt at Slovak Liberalism and its Failure”

Zdenek David, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC

“Masaryk and the Austrian Philosophical Tradition: Bolzano and Brentano

Clayton Hanson, University of Washington, Tacoma, WA

“Radl and Patocka Interpreting Masaryk”

Joseph Ben-David, Church of Humanism, New York, NY

“The Reality and Evolution of the Czech Concept of God - from Jan Hus, Augustin Smetana,

Tomas Garrigue Masaryk, and Alexander Sommer Batek, to Norbert Fabian Capek”

Melanie Leeds, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY

“Masaryk and the Jews”

Vera Roknic, Chicago, IL

“Czech History thru the Eyes of the Poets”

Modern History

Deanna Gayle Wooley Presiding

Deanna Gayle Wooley, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

“November 17th after 1989” Commemoration in Post-Communist Czechoslovakia”

Marcel Tomasek, Masaryk University, Brno. CR

“More than the Symbolic Power of a Student Death: The Role of National Memory in the Regime Change in Czechoslovakia”

James Krapfl, University of California, Berkeley, CA

“Emplotting the Gentle Revolution: Narrative Strategies in Czech and Slovak Political Discourse, 1989-1991”

Kim Strozewski, Charles University, Prague, CR

“Presenting the Past: Commemoration of the Roma Holocaust and Contemporary Roma Politics”

Heidi Bludau, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

“Exploring the Situation of the Nursing Profession in the Czech Republic since 1989”

Slovak History Vlado Simko Presiding

Gregory C. Ference, Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD

“Memorandum of the Slovak League of America”

Edita Bosak, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, Newfoundland, Canada

“An Uneasy Relationship: Bratislava and Slovakia's Roma”

Vlado Simko, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, New York, NY

“Slovakia Sixty Years after the War. A View from Abroad”

Susan Marcinkus, Manifest Film, Oak Park, IL

“Pictures from the Old Country: The Film Director’s Odyssey from Inception to Completion”

Military History Dagmar Hasalova White Presiding

B. J. Moravec, Toronto, Ont., Canada

“What Were We Fighting for?”

Kathleen Kaspar-Paty, VA

“Jaroslav Kaspar-Paty, Czechoslovak Patriot”

Francis Raska, Charles University, Prague, CR

“Service of the Sudeten Germans in the Czechoslovak Army during World War II”

Jank Klinka, Forensic Service of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C., Canada

“Destinies of the Two World War II Czechoslovak, British-trained Paratroopers: Alois Vyhnak and Robert Matula”

Dagmar Hasalova White, Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale, VA

“The Czech Nation and its Armies in Warfare, Victory, Defeat and Nation Building”

Lawrence Cerny and Elaine Cerny, American Czechoslovakian Club of Dayton, Dayton, OH

“The Cleveland Czech Legionaries”

Contributions of Czechoslovak Jews to Science, the Arts, and Civil Society Ruth Davis Presiding

Guest of Honor: Leo Pavlat, Jewish Museum in Prague

Arno Parik, Jewish Museum in Prague, Prague, CR

“Hana Volavkova on Czech and Jewish Art”

Ales Gottvald, Academy of Sciences of CR, Prague, CR

“George Placzek: New Facts about His Remarkable Life and Work”

Joseph J. Kohn, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

“Czech Jews in Ecuador”
Lubomir Doruzak, Prague, CR
“The Jazz Music of Fritz Weiss”
Milan Palak, Ostrava, CR
“In Gustav Mahler’s Footsteps in the Czech Lands”
Petr Brod, BBC correspondent stationed in Prague, CR
“Prague Jewish Museum at Hundred”
Ruth Davis, Czech & Slovak Jewish Communities Archives, New York
“Rabbi Baruch Placzek, Mendel and Darwin”

Ongoing Legacies of Anti-Semitism: The Crusades to Post Holocaust History
Norma Hervey Presiding

Raymond Whitlaw, Luther College, Decorah, IA
“Historic Genocides: A Case Study of Anti-Semitism in the First Crusade”
Norma Hervey, Luther College, Decorah, IA
“The Legacies of the Holocaust in Postwar and 21st Century Europe”
Sarah Kay Frydenlund and Hatem Imam, University College Canterbury, Canterbury, UK
“Spatial Engagements: Boundaries and Performance”
Michael Beckermann, New York University, New York, NY
“The Question of Czechness in Final Works of Gideon Klein’s ‘Terezin Requiem’ “
Stefan Horny, Toronto, Ont., Canada
“When Canada in Auschwitz was - The Story of Rudolf Vrba”
Peter Vasicek, Vivantes Clinics, Berlin, Germany
“Problems with Rehabilitation of Leopold Hilsner in Austria in 2006: Is Anti-Semitism Still Alive in Central Europe?”

Literature & Literary Criticism
Craig Cravens Presiding

Alfred Thomas, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
“Shakespeare’s Bohemia: Englishmen and Women in Renaissance Prague”
Craig Cravens, University of Texas, Austin, TX
“A Bohemian Roskolnikov: Dostoevsky and Czech Criticism”
Andrew M. Drozd, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
“Aleksandr Pypin and Czech Awakeners”
Margaret Hermanek Peaslee, Camp Hill, PA
“Bozena Nemcova: An Early Feminist”
Ellen Langer, University of California, Berkeley, CA
“The Language of Karel Havlicek Borovsky”
Eva Kushner, University of Toronto, Ont., Canada
“Bozena Nemcova: An Early Feminist”
Ellen Langer, University of Toronto, Ont., Canada
“Northrop Frye’s ‘Critical Path’ in Retrospect”
Alice Jedličková, Academy of Sciences of CR, Prague, CR
“Home-made Texts and International Context. Czech Narrative Studies”

Languages & Linguistics
Lida Cope Presiding

- Eva Eckert, Connecticut College, New London, CT
“The Culture of Writing and Sociolinguistic Change in the History of Texas Czechs”
- Vit Bubenik, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, NL, Canada
“On the Expression of Spatio-Temporal Locations in Slovak Romani”
- Mirjam Fried, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
“The Role of Context in Lexico-grammatical Shifts”
- Mila Saskova-Pierce and Michael Klimesh, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
“Distance Delivery of Czech Language in a Learning Community Format”
- Thomas Gral, Sunny Isles Beach, FL
“Vagaries of the Czech Language - Homage to Pavel Eisner”
- Zdenko F. Danes, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA
“The Baptismal Dove: A Lexical Error?”
- Karel Zastera, Charles University, Prague, CR
“Institute for Language and Preparatory Studies of Charles University - Czech Language Teaching and Teaching of Professional Subjects in the Czech Language for Foreigners - Foreign Language Teaching”
- Irena Cajkova, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Discussant

E. Social & Behavioral Sciences

Civics - Culture
Ivo Feierabend Presiding

- Ivo Feierabend, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
“An Essay on American Exceptionalism: How is America Different?”
- Dominika Bukalova, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
“The Political Thought of Vaclav Havel and Milan Simecka”
- Amy Swoboda, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
“Trafficking of Men, Women and Children in the United States: From Sex Trade to Indentured Servitude”
- Asako Umezu, Toyota IT Development Center, Japan
“Pensions in the Czech Republic 1994-2003”
- Vladimir Kajlik, University of South Bohemia, Ceske Budejovice, Czech Republic
“American Education System through Czech Eyes: Comparing General Knowledge of American and Czech Students”
- Susan Marcinkus, Manifest Films, Oak Park, IL
“Cultural Expression in Post Communist Cinema: Czech and Slovak Film Making since 1989”

International Relations
Lewis Marion White Presiding

Frank Hadler, Center for History and Culture of East Central Europe, University of Leipzig, Germany

“Between West and East: Czechoslovakia as a Historical Case”

Ronald Smelser, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

“The Henlein Movement and Fate of Czechoslovakia”

Neil Rees, London, UK

“Czechoslovak Government in Exile Research Society”

Jiri Pehe, New York University in Prague, Prague, CR

“What is the Future of the European Union?”

Lewis Marion White, Vienna, VA

“Wilsonianism in the 21st Century”

Irena Cajkova, Chicago-Prague Committee, Chicago, IL

“Past and Current Projects of the Prague Committee of Chicago Sister Cities”

Asako Umezu, Toyota IT Development Center, Japan

“Technology Interchange between Japan and the Czech Republic”

Economics

Eva Marikova Leeds, Presiding

Francis Menjo Baye, Damasius Niba Fuh, Butum Augustine Njong, Njongwe Emmanuel Niba, Suhwalters Niba, Nforah Kingsley Fonji, Achangwa Iweh Joseph and Emilia Nkeng Eyang, Cameroon Universities Arts and Cultural Union, Buea, South West Provinve, Republic of Cameroon

“Globalization, Institutional Arrangements and Poverty in Rural Sub Sahara Africa”

Eva Marikova Leeds, Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA

“The Effect of Tariffs on the steel Economy”

Oldrich Kyn, Boston University, Boston, MA

“Culture and Economic Evolution”

Daniel M. Leeds and Michael A. Leeds, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

“Time is Money: The Substitutability of Charitable Donations and Volunteer Time”

Joan Winn, University of Denver, Denver, CO

“The Impact of Social and Legislative Policy on Female Entrepreneurship”

Laura M. J. McCann, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

“The Past and Future of Transaction Cost Measurement Related to Environmental Policies”

Ray Bromley, University of Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY

“Bata’s Transitional Urbanism: A Global Network of Planned Industrial Towns”

International Finance

Vladimir Kysucky Presiding

Eva Cihelkova, University of Economics, Prague, CR

“New Regionalism and the New Member States of the European Union”

Selen Sarisoy Guerin, Center for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels, Belgium

"The Structure of FDI in the New EU Member States"

Hideki Takei, Center for Advanced Business Studies, City University, Europe/VSM, SR

"Managing Employees in Slovakia and Bulgaria: Success Factors and Strategic Implications"

Vladimir Kysucky, Columbia University, New York, NY
"Financial Risk Management in Central European Region"
John D. Rossi, Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA
"HealthSouth: What Went Wrong?"

**International Trade and Trading with the Czech and Slovak Republics:
I. International Trade
George Tesar Presiding**

Martina Olejarova, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
"State of the Art of the Slovak Entrepreneurship"
Thaddeus Mallya, and Kamil Sveda, Technical University of Brno, Brno, CR
"Constraints of Product Innovation in the Czech Republic"
Martina Musteen, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS and Deepak K. Datta, University of Texas, Arlington, TX
"Network and International Expansion: A Study of Czech Entrepreneurial Firms"
Marie Pribova, DATAMAR, Ostrava, CR
"Is Slovakia a Foreign Market for Czech Exporters?"
Jens Graff, Umea University, Umea, Sweden
"Tools for Country Evaluation and Planning for SMEs"
Hamid Moini, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI and Frantisek Kalouda, Masaryk University, Brno, CR
"Foreign Market Entry: Case of SMEs in the Czech Republic"
Sicco C. Santema and Jarmila A.Kopecka, Delft University of Technology, Delft, The Netherlands
"Desegregating the Virtual Value Chain: The Search-Transfer View of A-Sourcing Information in New Product Development"
Heather Skinner, University of Glamorgan, Trefforest, Wales, and Krzysztof Kubacki, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, Gloria Moss, University of Glamorgan, Trefforest, Wales, U.K. and David Chelly, ESG, Paris, France
"Segmentation in a Newly Enlarged European Union: Some Insights into Cultural Heterogeneity in Central Europe"

**International Trade and Trading with the Czech and Slovak Republics:
II. Trading with the Czech and Slovak Republics
George Tesar Presiding**

Vladimir Benacek, Charles University and Jiri Podpiera, Czech National Bank, Prague, CR
"Command Economy after the Shocks of Opening Up: The Factors of Adjustment in the Czech Trade with the EU"
Jennifer Weichselbraun and Peter R. Haiss, University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna, Austria
"FSDI and GDP Growth in the Czech Republic and Poland - Theory and Empirical Evidence for the Impact of Foreign Bank-Induced Technology Transfers, Improved Corporate Governance and Pull Effects on Economic Growth"
Tim Wilson, Umea University, Umea, Sweden
"Transparency in Trade: Macro and Micro Concerns"

Vladimir Vanyushyn, Umea University, Umea, Sweden

“The Dual Effect of Resellers on E-Business Adoption by Manufacturing Firms”

David Rawlinson and Robert A. Lupton, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA

“Can Slovak University Students’ Attitudes and Perceptions Regarding Software Piracy Have a Future Impact on Financial Trade in the Slovak Republic: An Exploratory Study”

Tom Bramorski, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI

“Applying ISO-9000 Standards in Education: A Framework for Czech and Slovak Republics”

Louis I. Nzegwu, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Platteville, WI

“The Effect of Consumer Ethnocentrivity in the Emerging Market of Central Europe”

**International Trade and Trading with the Czech and Slovak Republics:
III. Czech and Slovak Trade Issues in an International Context
George Tesar Presiding**

Panelists:

Kamil Sveda, Technical University of Brno, Brno and Nagoya City University, Nagoya City, Japan

Tim Wilson, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI

Svetla Marinova, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK

Hamid Moini, Technical University of Brno, Brno, CR

Thaddeus Mallya, Technical University of Brno, Brno, CR

Moderator:

George Tesar, Umea University, Umea, Sweden

**Law & Justice
Paul Hlavinka Presiding**

Mark Gillis, New Anglo-American College in Prague, Prague, CR

“Are the Principles of Constitutionalism and Democracy in Tension or in Harmony? The Example of the Czech Republic”

Paul Hlavinka, Hlavinka & Associates, Houston, TX

“Status of the Czech Republic in the Visa Waiver Program with the US State Department”

Vladimir Rydlo, Czech and Slovak Association of Canada, Toronto, Ont., Canada

“Reaching for Justice: A Museum of Shame”

Josef Cermak, Toronto, Ont., Canada

Discussant

**Women’s Issues
Lois Herman Presiding**

Memorial Testimonial to the Late Senator Dr. Jaroslava Moserova

Jirina Siklova, Charles University, Prague, CR

“Issues of Women Immigrants – Citizenship”
Cecilia Rokusek, Winona State University, Winona, MN
“The Politics of Academic Leadership - It’s Impact in Today’s Global Society”
Marketa Hronkova, Slovak-Czech Women’s Fund, Prague, CR
“Slovak-Czech Women’s Fund”
Lenka Simerska, Prague Gender Studies Center, Prague, CR
“Women and ICT – Czech Republic and Europe”
Alexandra Bitusikova, Matej Bel University, Banska Bystrica, SR
“Slovakia – Mechanisms to Improve Women’s Political Participation”
Beth Lazroe, Prague, CR
“ 'In Our Faces': Visual Assault on the Streets of Prague' - Project on Advertising
Degrading to Women in the Czech Republic”
Wanda Roach, The Millionth Circle, Abiquiu, NM
“Women’s Circles - Women Bonding for Compassionate Solution to Individual
Community, and World Issues, and Peace”
Lois A. Herman, SVU Women’s Issues Program, Minneapolis, MN
“Presentation of the SVU Women’s Program - Power Point of the Women’s UN Report
Network - WUNRN”

F. Science, Medicine, Technology

Scientists Who Made a Difference

Petr Zuman Presiding

Helena Raskova, Charles University, Prague and Pavel Braveny, Masaryk University, Brno, CR
“Less Well Known Chapters from the Life of J.E. Purkyne”
Hana Papezova and Jana Kocourkova, Charles University, Prague, CR
“Freud, the Psychoanalysis and the Science in the Czech Republic”
Jiri Sekerak, The Moravian Museum, Brno, CR
“Twenty-First Century and Gregor Mendel”
Stephen M. Shea, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, NJ
“Is Mathematics Infallible: The Story of Kurt Goedel”
Peter Zuman, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY
“Scientific Contributions of a Czech Nobel Prize Winner”
Heikki Lempa, Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA
“Rethinking Education. The Reception of Comenius and the Reform Pedagogy in Germany
1760-1790”

Biological Sciences

Pavel Koldovsky Presiding

Pavel Koldovsky, University of Pennsylvania, PA
“Marxist Influence in Biology”
Thomas A. and Soo-ok Miller, University of California, Riverside, CA
“Genetically Transformed Pink Bollworm and Paratransgenic Leafhoppers for Use in Crop
Protection”
Katharine Swoboda, Utah State University, Logan, UT

“Evaluating Bees to Pollinate *Hedysarum boreale* Nutt., a Legume for Rehabilitating Rangeland in the US Intermountain West”

Patricia L. Seyfried, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ont. Canada

"Development of an Environmentally-safe Disinfectant for Hospital Use"

Petr F. Hausner, University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, MD

“Biological Dimension of Human Social Behavior”

Developmental and Regenerative Neuroscience Jitka Ourednik Presiding

Jitka Ourednik, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

“When Worlds Unite. The Alliance of Graft and Host in the War against Neurodegenerative Diseases”

Vaclav Ourednik, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

“Lessons from the Niche. What Brain Development Teaches Us about Stem-Cell-Based Therapy Design”

Martin Marsala, University of California, San Diego, CA

“Spinal Injury Induced Paraplegia: Advantages and Limitations of Stem Cell Therapy”

Ludise Malkova, Georgetown University, Washington, DC

“Socioemotional Behavior and Autism: What Have we Learned from Experimental Studies of the Amygdala”

Physical Sciences Josef Paldus Presiding

Josef Paldus, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ont., Canada

“Theory vis-a-vis Experiment Computing Molecular Properties from First Principles”

Jiri Cizek, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada

“Quantum Mechanics and Today’s Life”

Jiri Janata, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

“Can Analytical Chemistry Prevent Chemical or Biological Terrorist Attack”

Ctirad Uher, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

“Thermoelectricity: a Niche Energy Conversion Technology”

Petr Zuman, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY

“Initial Stages in the History of the Czech Academy of Sciences and some of its Institutes”

Vaclav Vitek, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

“Scientific Path from Prague through Oxford to Pennsylvania”

Medicine I Karel Raska Presiding

Tomas Klima, Texas Heart Institute, Houston, TX

“Czech and American Medicine Compared”

Karel Pacak, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD

“New Imaging Strategies for Adrenal Tumors”

Josef Machac, Ping Lu, Orlandino Almeida, Cynthia Caracta, Louis DePalo, Michael Iannuzzi, Alvin Teirstein, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

“Profiles of Perfusion and Metabolic Abnormalities in Patients at Risk of Cardiac Sarcoidosis with Stress and Rest Rubidium-82 and F-18 Fluorodeoxyglucose PET”

Joseph D. Jenci, St. Peter’s University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ

“Endometrial Hyperplasia”

Ivan Jelen, Peterborough Hospital, Peterborough, UK

“Cancer of Cervix: Could it Be a Sexually Transmitted Disease?”

Anna M. L. Raska, Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, NJ

“Update in Osteoporosis, Preventing Broken Bones and Broken Lives”

Vera Stejskal, University of Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden; Charles University, Prague, CR

“Anti-aging Medicine - Does it Really Work?”

Medicine II

Vlado Simko, Presiding

Karel Raska 3rd, Morristown Cardiology Associates, Morristown, NJ

“Cardiology 2006: Prescription for Viagra and a Defibrillator”

Eva Hausner, Bethesda, MD

“Echocardiology - A New Tool for Diagnosis of Cardiac Diseases”

Bipin Patel, St. Peter’s University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ

“Major Advances in Child Health - Last 50 Years”

Martin Keszler, Georgetown University, Washington, DC

“Tiny Puffs for Tiny Tots: Specialized Techniques of Mechanical Ventilation for Premature Newborn Infants”

Vlado Simko, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, and Brooklyn V.A. Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

“Obesity, Medical and Surgical Management”

Jan Oravetz, Pain and Headache Clinic, Tacoma, WA

“A Look at the Treatment of Sciatica (Ischias) in Slovakia and the US”

Mental Health

Joseph Swoboda Presiding

E. Thomas Dowd, Kent State University, Kent, OH

“Cultural Differences in Cognitive Assumptions of Maladaptive Behavior”

Joseph S. Swoboda, Lancaster Co, Community Mental Health Center, Lincoln, NE

“Community-based Mental Health: An Applicable Model for Use in the Czech Republic?”

Mary Swoboda, Community Mental Health Center, Lincoln, NE

“What about Men? Development of a Treatment Approach for Men with Depression Utilizing the Insight for Women Model”

Ladislav Volicer, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL and Charles University, Prague, CR

“Advances in Prevention and Treatment of Alzheimer Disease”

Michael Rokos, Baltimore, MD

“Alcohol and Alcoholism as it Impacts Americans and Czechs”

Tonia Brooks, Mohave Mental Health Clinic, Kingman, AZ

“Methamphetamine Abuse’s Potential Costs to the Czech and Slovak Republics and How to Meet the Challenge”

Frank Mucha, Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Columbia University, New York, NY

“Administering Research in Mental Health”

Public Health Jiri Mestecky, Presiding

Palma Formica, St. Peter’s University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ

“Fifty Years in Search of Quality Implications for Professionalism”

David Alcid, Saint Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ

“North America: A Tropical Paradise”

Jiri Mestecky, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL

“AIDS: Current Status of Immunological Interventions in the Prevention of Infection”

Eugene Martin, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, NJ

“In the Footsteps of WHO: Rapid HIV Testing in America”

Drew Moffett Bowyer –Petranek , Pompano Beach, FL

“Gastric Bypass: Roux– en-Y – Patient Selection, Operative Indications, and Postoperative Care”

Marilyn Sue Bogner, Institute for Study of Human Error LLC, Bethesda, MD

“Error as Behavior: Implications for Patient Safety”

Bruce Mutch, Canada

“Canada’s Aging Population: Problems and Programs”

G. Czechs and Slovaks Abroad

Symposium: Czech Migrations to Romania and Virginia, then Returning Again Zdenek Uherek Presiding

Daniel Mair, University College London, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, London, UK

“Kde domov můj? Relations between the Czech "Homeland" and the Banat Czech Community of Romania with Special Emphasis on Re-emigration”

Zdenek Uherek, Institute of Ethnology, ASCR, and Charles University, Prague, CR

“Czech Migrations to the Balkans”

John Wells, Virginia Department of Transportation, Richmond, VA

“The Czech Communities in Virginia”

Marie Pearson, Southside Virginia Czech/Slovak Heritage Society

“Exploring Czech Families of Immigrants 100 Years Later: Those who Remained in their ‘Old World’ Ancestral Villages and Those who Were Raised in the ‘New World’ America

Joyce Pritchard, Southside Virginia Czech/Slovak Heritage Society, Richmond, VA

“Czechs in Southside Virginia. An International Search of the Landscape and the Literature”

Mary Vinsh Blazek, Jenny Blaha Jones and Joseph Vinsh, Jr., Sacred Heart Church, New Bohemia, VA

“Vinsh Family History. A Study in Discovering the Czech Romanian Origins of a Virginia Family”

US Settlements and Communities
Michael Klimesh Presiding

Otto Dreydoppel, Jr., Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, PA

“Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A Hidden Enclave of Czech and Slovak Culture”

James Hlavac, Baton Rouge, LA

“The Czechs and Slovaks in Louisiana”

Stephen J. Sebesta, Stephen J. Sebesta Sebesta & Associates, Inc., Cleveland, OH

“The Conflicts, Imprints and Legacy of the Czechs in Cleveland, Ohio”

Lawrence Cerny and Elaine Cerny, American Czechoslovakian Club of Dayton, Dayton, OH

“The Bohemians of Broadway (Cleveland, Ohio)

Michael Klimesh, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN

“Spillville: The Most Historic Czech Village in America, and...First Czech Community in Iowa”

Michael Klimesh, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN

“Beulah Falls / Watson, Iowa: Czech Settlement that Was - A Ceske Budejovice / Trebon Connection”

Czechs / Moravians in Texas
Clinton Machann Presiding

Clinton Machann, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

“Strategies for Coordinating Academic and Popular Cultural Programs Related to Texas Czechs.”

Lida Cope, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC

"Discontinued Intergenerational Transmission of Czech in Texas: The Insiders' Perspectives on Community Language Loss"

Petr Janecek, Charles University, Prague, CR

“Narrative and Festive Folklore of Texas Czechs, 1850-1950”

Paul T. Hlavinka, Hlavinka & Associates, Houston, TX

"The Second Wave: Czech Immigration to Texas, 1900-1910 -- Causation and Characteristics"

Martina Vranova, Masaryk University, Brno, CR

“Cultural Symbols at Texas Polka Dances”

Sharon K. Perkins, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH

"Religious Pluralism among Czech Immigrants to Texas: Critiquing the Narrative of American Catholic History"

Richard B. Pavlasek, Austin, TX

“Texas Czech Sesquicentennial”

Cultural Contributions Czech and Slovak Emigrants
Josef Cermak Presiding

David Chroust, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

“From Polna to the Plains: The 19th Century Bohemia-America in Transatlantic Archives and Historiography”

Michael Kakos, Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Garden, Winter Park, FL

“Restoring the Home and Museum of Albin Polasek”

Paul Burik, Cleveland, OH

“Czech Art and History - Carved in Stone and Cast in Bronze in the Cultural Gardens, Cleveland, Ohio, USA. A Photographic Narrative”

Sandra Doe, Metropolitan State College, Denver, CO

“Seeing American Czech-Slovak Festival with Outside Eyes: College Poets Write Poems from an Ethnic Festival”

Linda Lang-Peralta, Metropolitan state College of Denver, Denver, CO

“Milan Kundera in a Global Context”

Josef Cermak, Toronto, Ont. Canada

“A Walk through Centuries with Hana and Premysl Pelnar”

Barbara A. Chobocky and Jan Kmenta, Australian Film, Television and Radio School, Sydney, Australia and University of Michigan, CERG-EI and Charles University, Prague, CR

“Capitalist Drive”

Preservation of National Heritage Abroad

Michael Krompholz Presiding

John A. Berta, Methodist College, Fayetteville, NC

“The Preservation of Slovak Heritage in “Smalltown” America: Case in Broome County, New York, Middletown, Pennsylvania, and Fayetteville, North Carolina”

Evelyn Krenek Fergle and Marjorie Sladek Stueckemann, Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery, Chicago, IL

"Bohemian National Cemetery (Chicago, Illinois): Outdoor Museum of Unique Funerary Art"

Steven A. Klimesh, Czech Heritage Partnership of Northeast Iowa and St. Wenceslaus Heritage Society, Spillville, IA

“Cesko Narodni Hrbivov (Bohemian National Cemetery – Spillville / Protivin, Iowa”

Michael Rokos, Baltimore, MD

“Bohemian National Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland”

Michael Krompholz, Baltimore, MD

“Czech and Slovak Association of Maryland - Its Role in the Preservation of National Heritage”

Josef Cermak, Toronto, Ont., Canada

“Czech and Slovak Association of Canada - Its Role in the Preservation of National Heritage”

Charles Cerny and Lawrence Cerny, American Czechoslovakian Club of Dayton, Dayton, OH

“1552 to 1842. Uncovering the History of the Cerny Family”