

## The Olomouc Happening

There no better way to describe it. Those who were there will most certainly concur with this characterization of the SVU World Congress held at the Palacky University on June 27-July 4, 2004, while those who were not there cannot imagine what a great event they missed. Had we taken a poll there is no question that the consensus would be that this was the best Congress SVU ever had. After every event there are always some people who complain about something. This time I have not heard any complaints whatsoever, which is truly remarkable and is the best indicator of how the Congress participants felt.

Some people began arriving on Saturday, June 26, including our family, but the majority came the next day. Although it was a bit cloudy at first, on our arrival in Olomouc we were welcomed by sunshine. After checking in the hotel Arigone, which was conveniently located across from the recently renovated old university (Konvikt), where most of the Congress meetings were held, we went to the University Arts Center where the registration desk was located. It was a busy place getting ready for the reception the following day.

On Sunday, as the guests were arriving for the social get-together, they were greeted with champagne and excellent Moravian wine. At five o'clock sharp, Rector of Palacky University Prof. Jana Macakova came, elegantly dressed, wearing a golden chain signifying her university rank. Upon Dean Bartecek's introduction, who also wore a ceremonial chain, in his capacity as Dean of the Philosophical Faculty, the Rector welcomed the participants, and then it was my turn to say a few words on behalf of SVU. At this point stepped forward a mother with her young son and daughter, all dressed in beautiful native Moravian costumes from Hana who symbolically offered me bread and salt, which represents the traditional Moravian welcome. After accepting this gesture, the guests were then invited to help themselves from a festive table overflowing with delicious refreshments. Afterwards, the visitors had the opportunity to view an exhibit on "Czechs in America" organized by Ivan Dubovicky and David Kraft.

The next day started early with a press conference at the government Regional Center where the ceremonial opening of the Congress was held. It was a beautiful, newly constructed modern building equipped with all the amenities, fitting the occasion. After the national anthems, Ivo Bartecek, who was the master of ceremonies, read the personal message from President Vaclav Klaus expressing thanks to SVU for its meritorious work toward preserving democratic values. The University Rector Jana Macakova then heartily welcomed the Congress participants, followed by brief addresses of the former Rector Josef Jarab, Lord Mayor of the City Ing. Martin Tesarik and the Hejtman of the Olomouc Region Ing. Jan Brezina. I had the pleasure then to officially open the Congress as SVU President, followed by additional greetings by Senator Hon. Jaroslava Moserova, Dr. Evelyn Early, representing US Ambassador William J. Cabaniss, the Czech Ambassador to the US Martin Palous, and Dr. Ivan Dubovicky, representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This part of the

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program was concluded by the performance of the children's choir Campanella. After an intermission the participants witnessed the award-ing of university honorary doctorate to Jiri Louda which included an im-pressive academic procession with colorful caps and gowns and univer-sity insignia, ending with everybody's singing "Gaudeamus igitur".

The ceremony was followed by a gourmet buffet hosted by the Gov-ernor of the Olomouc Region. In the afternoon was a plenary session with the theme "Czech and Slovak Scientists Abroad: Their Life Stories and Personal Experiences" in which selected scientists from the US gave testimony of their lives, professional career and achievements. The evening was devoted to a piano recital by Jaroslava Pechocova.

The following three and half days were devoted to the academic program comprised of various topical or disciplinary sessions, symposia and discussion panels, about two thirds in English and one third in Czech or Slovak. There was something for everybody among the plethora of themes that included such topics as How to Run a University American Style, Symposium on John Amos Comenius, Bohemian Reformation, The Czechoslovak Jewish Community — Its Spiritual, Cultural, Political and Economic History, The Holocaust, Edvard Benes Symposium, Bata and Batism, Women's Issues, The American Presence in the Czech Republic, Emigration and Czechs Abroad, The Moravian Texas, etc. Among various disciplines, all areas were covered, from the arts, human-ities, social sciences to science, medicine and technology. The Czech panels were organized under the common theme "Mors Moravicus." Because of space limitation it is impossible to discuss what transpired in each session. Suffice it to say that the talks which I heard or which were reported to me were extremely interesting and invariably of high quality.

Apart from the academic sessions, the visitors had the opportunity to take part in one of the guided tours through the historic part of the city, usually scheduled in the morning. Practically every afternoon was planned for book presentations which were published on the occasion of the Congress.

The evenings were reserved for some cultural or social event. On Tuesday at five o'clock was a piano recital by Marek Kepřt, followed by a ballet performance honoring Antonin Dvorak at the Moravian Theatre. On Wednesday at five o'clock was a chamber concert by Budimir Zvolanek, Mathew Krejci and Marie Bobkova. At night of the same day was the Society's banquet, followed by an evening performance of a delightful baroque opera (Tomas Hanzlik's Endymio). On Thursday night there was a cymbal recital by Edita Keglerova, followed by an organ concert by Petr Planý.

On Friday afternoon we had the final plenary session comprised of the SVU Award ceremony, concluding speeches and General Assembly meeting. The Congress was concluded by a social get-together and festive buffet hosted by the Lord Mayor of the City.

On Saturday the participants could participate in one of the two planned bus excursions, one to view the Holstyn Castle, Roznov pod Radhostem and Koprivnice and the other Bouzov medieval castle, Los-tice and Velke Losiny. Those who partook in one of these could testify how much they enjoyed it.

I should also mention that there was a special meeting during the Congress between the SVU leadership and the representatives of the Senate, Permanent Committee on the Relations with Czechs Abroad, headed by Senator Dr. Jitka Seitlova.

Everybody commented on the convenience of having all the meetings in one building equipped with elevators, allowing an easy access for the participants. Just as was the case during the Plzen SVU Congress, it was a pleasure to see young people attending panels, as well as performing various Congress chores. Mrs. Ludmila Vaskova and her daughter, who were responsible for registration, stayed at the registration desk for the duration of the Congress and with great efficiency and pleasant smiles handled the requests of the participants.

The invisible hand of Ivo Barteczek who had the ultimate responsibility for the Congress, was clearly in evidence and whenever need arose he appeared on the scene and as a music conductor directed all the events smoothly and at strategic points brought them to a crescendo with efficiency, zest and poise. The logistical arrangements were the domain of Dr. Karel Konecny who handled everything superbly with flexibility, calm and ease.

Everybody was charmed by the beauty of the historical part of Olomouc which has been largely refurbished and "renovated" to give it its original picturesque medieval look. In this respect it does resemble Prague on a smaller scale but without the tourists and without commercialization. It is amazing that the city has not as yet been discovered by tourists and foreigners. The food in the city restaurants was excellent and considerably cheaper than in Prague.

Wherever we went we were met with cordiality, kindness and hospitality common to Olomouc inhabitants. In many ways, the people here resemble the mid- and southwesterners in America and, considering that lots of folks actually emigrated to these parts from Moravia, supports this supposition.

All in all, it was a great event. As I mentioned to Olomouc reporters, the Congress not only fulfilled our expectations, it greatly exceeded them. I can talk about it only in superlatives and would give it an A+.

*MILA RECHCIGL, SVU President*

## Prezident republiky

V Praze 20. května 2004

Vážený přítel,

Jsem rád, že Vás mohu pozdravit při příležitosti Světového kongresu Společnosti pro vědy a umění, který se letos koná v Olomouci. Je mi ctí, že jsem mohl nad Vaším zasedáním převzít záštitu a vyslovit Vám tím uznání za Vaši dlouholetou a prospěšnou činnost.

Společnost pro vědy a umění se od svého ustavení v roce 1958 významnou měrou zasloužila o to, aby hodnoty, které československá předválečná demokracie vytvořila, nebyly zapomenuty. Zamýšlet se nad základními duchovními hodnotami a usilovat o uchování kontinuity a duchovní tradice českého národa je přirozenou součástí aktivit našich vědců i umělců, a to bez ohledu na to, zda žijí v České republice či v zahraničí.

Je symbolické, že jako místo konání Vašeho Kongresu bylo vybráno město Olomouc, město, které zaujímá významné místo v českých dějinách a je sídlem druhé nejstarší univerzity v českých zemích.

Dovolte mi, abych Vám popřál pevné zdraví, štěstí v osobním životě a Vašemu Kongresu hodně zdaru.

S pozdravem

Václav Klaus

*[Translation from the Czech original]*

## Prezident republiky

Prague May 20, 2004

Dear Friends,

I am pleased that I can send my greetings on the occasion of the World Congress of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences which is being held in Olomouc this year. I am honored that I could provide sponsorship of your event and express to you how much I value your long-term worthy activities.

The Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences since its inception in 1958 has in significant way gained recognition for its efforts to preserve the Czechoslovak pre-war democratic values. To mediate about the basic spiritual values and to aim at preserving the continuity and cultural tradition of the Czech nation is a natural component of activities of our scholars and artists, regardless whether they live in the Czech Republic or abroad. It is symbolic that you have selected the city of Olomouc for your Congress, considering its important role in the Czech history and the fact that it is the seat of the second oldest university in the Czechlands.

I wish you good health and happiness in your personal life and all the best to your Congress.

With my regards

Vaclav Klaus

## SVU World Congress

Palacky University, June 27-July 4, 2004

### Official Opening

Monday, June 28, 2004

Regionalni centrum Olomouc

### Program of the Opening Ceremony

Arrival of the VIPs

The National Anthems

Introductory Word by Dean of the Philosophical Faculty UP

Doc. PhDr. Ivo Bartecek, CSc.

Words of Welcome by Rector, Palacky University

Prof. MUDr. PhDr. Jana Macakova, CSc.

Welcome by Past Rector UP and Senator of the Parliament CR

Hon. Prof. PhDr. Josef Jarab, CSc.

Welcome by Lord Mayor of the City of Plzen

Ing. Martin Tesarik

Welcome by Governor of the Olomouc Region

Hon. Ing. Jan Brezina

Official Opening of the Congress by SVU President

Dr. Miloslav Rechcigl, Jr.

Greetings by Senator of the Parliament CR  
Doc. MUDr. Jaroslava Moserova, DrSc.  
Greetings by Counselor for Press and Cultural Issues, US Embassy  
Dr. Evelyn A. Early  
on behalf of the US Ambassador H.E. William J. Cabaniss  
Greetings by the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the US  
H.E. Martin Palous  
Greetings by the Ambassador of the Slovakia to the US  
H.E. Rastislav Kacer  
Greetings by the Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs CR  
PhDr. JUDr. Ivan Dubovicky  
"Campanella" Olomouc Children's Choir  
Jiri Klimes Conducting  
Intermission  
Academic Procession  
Honorary Doctorate to Jiri Louda  
Academic Procession  
12:00 Noon 2:00 PM  
**Gala Buffet and Social Get-Together**  
Hosted by the Governor of the Olomouc Region Ing. Jan Brezina  
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Plenary Session  
A Symposium  
**Czech & Slovak Scientists Abroad:  
Their Life Stories and Personal Experiences**  
MILOSLAV RECHCIGL, Jr., *Presiding*  
Joseph Kohn, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
"A Brief Mathematical Autobiography"  
Bohumil Cenk, Northeastern University, Boston, MA  
"From Olomouc to Olomouc"  
Karel F. Raska, Saint Peter's University Hospital and Robert Wood Johnson  
Medical School, New Brunswick, NJ  
"Vse co jsem prozil, zil jsem rad: Four Decades in American Academic Medicine"  
James Jirsa, University of Texas, Austin, TX  
"A Nebraska Czech Studying Earthquake Damage around the World"  
Vladimir Novotny, Northeastern University, Boston, MA  
"Can Ecologically Impaired Streams and Watershed be Restored?"

## **Words of Welcome by the University Rector Prof. Jana Mačáková**

Vážený pane prezidente Československé společnosti pro vědy a umění, vážené členky a členové SVU, spectabilis, pane děkane, Hono-rabiles, Excellence, pane hejtmane, pane primátore, ctění hosté.

Je pro mne zvláštním potěšením, že Vás mohu jménem spolu-pořadatele 22. výročního světového kongresu SVU, jménem akademické obce Univerzity Palackého v Olomouci i jménem svým přivítat na tomto slavnostním zahájení.

Po desetiletí se kongresy Československé společnosti pro vědy a umění konaly mimo území, k němuž se Československá společnost pro vědy a umění ve svém názvu hlásí. ěada z Vás opouštěla Československo za dramatických okolností, s vědomím, že se možná už nikdy nebudete moci vrátit. Sametová revoluce Vám otevřela možnost bližší osobní spolupráce s vědeckou a uměleckou veřejností v Československu, později rozděleném na Českou a Slovenskou republiku. Výrazem této nové reality bylo konání světových kongresů v Praze a v Plzni. V zahraničí jste získali významná postavení a my si velmi vážíme toho, že k nám přijíždíte, abyste se s námi podělili o své zkušenosti a usnadnili nám tak přechod na nové podmínky. Právě pohled z vnějšku, jak zní název

kongresu, umožňuje nezbytný odstup od problémů, se kterými se potýkáme, a které se nás občas zahlcují, přesto, že viděno z jiného úhlu pohledu nemusí jít o podstatná témata.

Letošní důraz na Moravu — posunutí místa konání kongresu do centra Moravy, do Olomouce, i Morava jako téma odborné části kongresu — má zvlášť v tomto roce neopomenutelný symbolický význam. Morava leží mezi Čechami a Slovenskem, spojuje obě země, k nimž Vás poutají rodové vazby. A právě od letošního máje mají k sobě tyto země — jako rovnoprávné součásti rozšířené Evropské unie — opět blíž.

Téma kongresu se nabízelo i proto, že problematice Moravy je věnován mezirezortní výzkumný úkol finančně podporovaný Ministerstvem školství, mládeže a tělovýchovy, který pod názvem *Výzkum historie a kultury Moravy jako modelu pro existenci regionu* řeší pracoviště Filozofické fakulty UP.

Je pro nás velkou poctou, že jako tradiční vzdělánecké a kulturní centrum byla olomoucká univerzita, nejstarší vysoké učení na Moravě, oslovena, aby se ujala spolupořadatelství. Svůj postoj k exilu již dříve projevila založením *Centra pro československá exilová studia* při Katedře historie. Je proto s řadou členů Společnosti pro vědy a umění po léta v živém kontaktu. Členy Společnosti pak jsou i někteří pracovníci naší univerzity. Pro akademickou obec Univerzity Palackého je kongres vítanou příležitostí setkat se s odborníky ze svých oborů, s krajany ze Spojených států Amerických a Kanady, ze Slovenska, z Izraele, z výcarska, Brazílie, Japonska, Venezuely a z dalších zemí a navázat nové pracovní i neformální kontakty.

Věřím, že Univerzita Palackého vytvoří důstojný rámec pro Vaše jednání, že se zhostí role hostitele, jak nejlépe umí.

Přeji Vám, vážení účastníci kongresu a vážení hosté, aby se Vám v Olomouci a na Univerzitě Palackého v Olomouci líbilo. Přeji 22. světovému kongresu Československé společnosti pro vědy a umění zdar.

JANA MAČÁKOVÁ  
V Olomouci 28. června 2004

## Remarks by SVU President Miloslav Rechcigl at the Opening of SVU World Congress

Excellencies, Magnificences, Spectabiles, Distinguished Guests:

It gives me a great pleasure, in my capacity of President of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, to open this historic SVU World Congress in this beautiful city of Olomouc. SVU, as our Society is generally known in short, is an independent, non-profit international cultural organization, dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, the free dissemination of ideas, and the fostering of contact among people. It brings together scholars, scientists, artists, writers, educators, students, lawyers, businessmen and others throughout the world who have, because of their ethnic background or professional calling, an interest in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, their histories, peoples and their cultural contributions.

This is the twenty-second SVU World Congress since its inception in 1958. It is not by accident that we have selected Olomouc for its site. The Hana Region of Moravia where the City is located has begun writing its history already in the 10th century when it became an important crossroad in the country. After Prague, it is the second city to have the most famous protected historic sites. This unique Moravian city is the home of the Moravian bishops and archbishops and the second oldest university in the Czechlands, the latter being founded in the year 1573. The Olomouc environs are also something to see which the Congress participants will have the opportunity to do if they have signed up for the Saturday bus tours.

We have numerous members in our midst of Moravian ancestry who will cherish to view the land of their ancestors. This is the land of such personalities as John Amos Comenius, Sigmund Freud, Johann Mendel, Edmund Husserl, Thomas G. Masaryk, Leos Janacek and Kurt Goedel who shook and shaped the modern world. As a student and admirer of Moravian Brethren I am well acquainted with their history and countless contributions to America, after their exodus from their native Kravarsko region and their temporary refuge in Herrnhut (Ochranov) on the estate of Count Zinzendorf in Saxony.

Our organizers have prepared for you a truly magnificent program, consisting of a variety of lectures, discussion panels and symposia. Apart from the central theme "Moravia in the World's Perspective", the Congress, with its varied and highly interesting program, covers just about every area of human endeavor, from the arts, music, literature and languages, history, politics and international relations, education, women's issues, economics and business to science and technology, and medicine, as well as a series of sessions devoted to emigration and the Czechs and Slovaks abroad.

In addition to our extensive academic program, numerous exciting cultural and social events have been organized, including the opera, con-certs, social get-togethers, banquets, guided walking tours through the historic City of Olomouc, bus excursions through the beautiful Moravian landscape — with castles, wine cellars, scrumptious food and much more.

Most of the planned activities will be held on the premises of the ancient, recently renovated, Palacky University, through the courtesy of the University, under the leadership of Rector, Professor Jana Macakova to whom we are most grateful. I would also like to express our appreciation to Lord Mayor of Olomouc and the Governor of the Olomouc Region for what they have done to make our stay pleasant and most enjoyable here. Last but not least, we are also greatly indebted to our Olomouc colleagues and co-organizers, Dean Ivo Bartecek and Dr. Karel Konecny for all they have done to make the Congress a reality. Without further ado, I wish everyone to enjoy the meetings and have a good time.

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## Program konference Mars Moravicus Neklidná léta Moravy

FF UP Olomouc 28. až 30. června 2004

Pondělí 28. června

### 1. blok (jazykovědný)

14:30 – 17:30

Oleg Malov, Kyjev:

*Jazyk jako hřiště*

Valentina Fedonjuk, ÚJ AV Ukrajiny Kyjev:

*Frazeologismus jako způsob hodnocení*

Helena Bauerová – Miroslav Vepřek, FF UP Olomouc:

*Staroměstský kámen – fakta a hypotézy*

Ondřej Bláha, FF UP Olomouc:

*Moravský jazykový separatismus: zdroje, cíle, slovanský kontext*

Diskuse

16:00 – 16:30

Přestávka

Josef Jodas, FF UP Olomouc:

*Glosa k německé memoárové literatuře ze střední Moravy (1900-1945)*

Božena Bednaříková, FF UP Olomouc:

*O tzv. jednocení školské jazykovědné terminologie*

Petr Pořízka, FF UP Olomouc:

*Téma bude upřesněno*

Diskuse

Úterý 29. června

### 2. blok (historický)

9:00 – 12:30

Josef Bláha, FF UP Olomouc:

*K archeologickým projevům středověkých válečných aktivitv nálezových situacích na území Olomouce*

Martin Rothkegel, Praha:

*Od Nových Mlýnů až po Turecko, 1607-1610: Jak novokřtěnecký mlynář Salomon Pöger hledal svou Turky unesenou manželku*

Jana Engelbrechtová, FF UP Olomouc:

*Třicetiletá válka v korespondenci nizozemského humanisty H. Grotia*

Wilken Engelbrecht, FF UP Olomouc:

*Význam fríské akademie ve Franeken pro pobělohorský exil*

Diskuse

10:30 – 11:00 Přestávka

Eva Ryšavá, Národní muzeum Praha:

*Moravský historiograf válečným zpravodajem*

*(Beda Dudík na jižní frontě v Itálii roku 1866)*

Pavel Marek, FF UP Olomouc:

*Předválečný a poválečný katolicismus (1907-1924)*

Pavel Urbášek, Archiv UP Olomouc:

*Armáda v Olomouci v letech 1918-1939*

Diskuse

### 3. blok (dějin umění a filozofie)

14:00 – 17:30

Jiří Štefanides, FF UP Olomouc:

*Morava jako tranzitní prostor divadelních koncepcí v 17.-20. století*

Tatjana Lazorčáková, FF UP Olomouc:

*Obraz ztracené generace a satirický vzdor divadelní alternativy 70.-80. let*  
(*Studio Forum a jeho dramaturgická reakce v období „normalizace“*)

Pavel Těpánek, FF UP Olomouc:

*Portugalské pohledy 17.-18. století na události na Moravě*

Martin Pavlíček, FF UP Olomouc:

*konografie epitafu knížete Karla z Liechtensteina v Opavě*

Diskuse

15:30 – 16:00

Přestávka

Ivana Panochová, Pardubice:

*Na prahu baroka. K slohovým a typologickým problémům moravské architektury 1620-1650*

Milan Togner, FF UP Olomouc:

*Mars Moravicus Antonína Martina Lublinského*

Karel Floss, FF UP Olomouc:

*Metoděj Habáň a tomismus olomouckých dominikánů*

Diskuse

Středa 30. června

#### **4. blok (literárněvědný)**

9:00 – 12:30

Viktor Viktora, PdF ZČU Plzeň:

*Mars scriptorum*

Jana Kolářová, FF UP Olomouc:

*Protiturecká tematika v dílech latinských humanistických básníků*

Hana Bočková, FF MU Brno:

*Otázka války v nábožensky vzdělávací literatuře počátku 17. století*

(*M. Konečný, J. A. Komenský*)

Karla Vozáková, FF UP Olomouc:

*Raně barokní pamětní kniha primátora města Lipníka nad Bečvou*

Diskuse

10:30 – 11:00

Jiří Fiala, FF UP Olomouc:

*Téma bude upřesněno*

Milada Písková, PPF SU Opava:

*Poznámky k dovršení českého národního obrození v Olomouci*

Zdeňka Vychodilová, FF UP Olomouc:

*Ruská literatura v moravských vydavatelstvích mezi*

*dvěma světovými válkami*

Ivan Dorovský, FF MU Brno:

*Přínos Bablerova překladatelského díla ze slovanských literatur*

Diskuse

#### **5. blok (literárněvědný)**

14:00 – 17:30

Petr Hora, FF UP Olomouc:

*Jaroslav Durych a jeho vojenská léta v Olomouci*

Petr Komenda, Olomouc: *Pozdní prózy Jana Čepa*

František Všetická, Olomouc:

*Ročník jednadvacet K. Ptáčníka*

Lubomír Machala, FF UP Olomouc:

*Utkání se zlem v trilogii Věry Sládkové*

Diskuse

15:30 – 16:00 Přestávka

Alena Těrbová, FF UP Olomouc:

*Dramatická podobenství Oldřicha Daňka (Bitva na Moravském poli)*

Bohuslav Hoffmann, Praha:

*Neklidná léta Moravy ve „filmových“ povídkách Jana Procházky*

Vladimír Novotný, PdF ZČU Plzeň:

*Neklidný rok Moravy v prózách Vladimíra Körnera*

Diskuse

## From Executive Board

### April 3, 2004 Meeting

The Executive Board had its regular meeting at SVU President Mila Rechcigl's house in Rockville, MD on April 3, 2004. In spite of its small turnout the Board had quorum to make decision.

Following the approval of the Minutes, Rechcigl informed the Board that John Fiala withdrew his offer to finance a SVU cultural heritage prize in memory of his son. He further informed the Board of Jiri Eichler's new job in MZV. The Board extends congratulation to SVU Webmaster on his promotion, with the hope that his new career won't affect his work for SVU.

In reference to the accounting for the Iowa 2003 Conference, it was noted that the internal audit committee, which had been appointed to consider the matter, was obliged to report to the Board a.s.a.p. so that the Board can take appropriate action. In the ensuing discussion, the Board reaffirmed that all committees, with the exception of the Nominations Committee, are advisory to the Board and as such they are required, as a unit, to report to Board. It is then up to the Board to communicate its decisions to the public.

Concerning *Kosmas*, C. Machann submitted a Table of Contents for the forthcoming Spring 2004 issue. As for publishing the older articles, which were initially intended vol. 13, #2, they should be published in subsequent issues of *Kosmas*, depending on the availability of space. The Board reiterated again its unwillingness to expend funds for larger issues of the periodical.

Considerable time was spent on discussing the current state of academic panels for the forthcoming SVU World congress in Olomouc. The status is as follows:

- A. Arts: panels on music, theater, and creative writing are in a satisfactory condition;
- B. Humanities: panels on military history, Jewish history and culture, Bohemian Reformation are in a satisfactory condition; panels on modern history, literature, and language and linguistics need attention;
- C. Social Sciences: panels on partisan war in Moravia, the Holocaust, Bata and Batism, and women's issues are in a satisfactory condition; Benes Symposium, and panels on economics, business and trade, education, university administration, librarianship, urban development, and American NGOs in the Czechlands — need more attention;
- D. Science and Technology: panel on Czech and Slovak scientists abroad and a medical panel is in a satisfactory condition; another panel on medicine is in progress; panel on health and aging need more attention;
- E. Czechs and Slovaks Abroad: panels on Czechs and Slovaks in US and Canada, and on Moravian Texas are in a satisfactory condition.

Rechcigl expressed praise for several Board members, and several outside panel organizers for doing a great job on completing their panels, commenting that with diligence one should be able to put together a decent panel. The Board felt that every effort should be made to complete the remaining panels and that the panel organizers should fulfill their promises and meet their obligations.

The next topic on the agenda were SVU monographic publications. Among the publications in progress, the Czech and Slovak Theater Abroad, according to Borkovec, report, more time is needed for preparing the manuscript, with the expectation that the book should be ready next year. Work is in progress on the monograph relating to the Czech Opera Abroad. The editing of the English papers from the Plzen SVU Congress was completed and the manuscript sent to Doc. Ivo Budil in Plzen for publication by their University Press. A potential mono-graph on the Czech and Slovak Art Abroad will need to be rethought.

Secretary General was given the responsibility for the follow up on the SVU Local Chapters, assuring that the chapters provide the required comprehensive report for the last two-year administrative period so that the information be available for the Olomouc Congress. He was also to report on the newly established chapters, i.e., Cleveland and Spillville, IA, and other potential chapters, including Toronto, Florida, Kansas, etc.

Board members were requested to send their individual reports on their activities/accomplishments during the last two-year administrative period to SVU President a.s.a.p. so that the information can be included in his comprehensive State of the SVU Report to the General Assembly.

Dagmar White and Frank Safertal were given the responsibility for designing and executing SVU Fellows, Diploma to be ready for presentation at the SVU Congress. Neddes is also a diploma for the Elias Prize. The next Board meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, June 5 in Mila Rechcigl's house in Rockville, MD.

### June 6, 2004 Meeting

The Executive Board meeting took place on June 6, 2004 in the home of SVU President Dr. Mila Rechcigl in Rockville, MD. It was the last meeting of Board in the 2002-2004 administrative period.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Present were six members of the Board — a sufficient number to have a quorum. It was a relatively short meeting. After the approval of the minutes, there was a brief discussion of the financial report submitted by the Treasurer. The Board approved additional \$500 towards publishing the Plzen

Papers due the large size of the Congress Proceedings. Docent Budil promised to have the Plzen Papers published by the time of the Olomouc Congress.

With respect to other publications, the editing of the Iowa Conference Papers has just about been completed, while the monograph on Czech and Slovak Theater Abroad and another on Czech Opera abroad are still being worked on. The new issue of *Kosmas* has just been released.

Based on SVU President's report, the logistics and the program of the Olomouc Congress seem to be in place. What remains to be done is to finalize the list of VIPs who will address the Congress during the ceremonial opening and to complete the makeup of the Plenary Sessions. Otakara Safertal will prepare the final update on the Congress registration and prepare the SVU Fellows diplomas and give them to SVU President before he leaves for Olomouc.

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## In Memoriam

**VLASTIMIL FOLKE** (1926-2004)

Patrick Vlastimil Folke zemřel nečekaně 3. června 2004 při své návštěvě v Praze.

Vlastík se narodil 28. ledna 1926 v Lysé nad Labem a v pozdějších letech žil se svou rodinou v Horních Počernicích. Již jako student se za-býval četbou klasické literatury, miloval klasickou hudbu a velmi rád fotografoval. Po maturitě z gymnázia v Truhlářské ulici v Praze vstoupil na právnickou fakultu, odkud byl po únoru 1948 vyloučen pro svůj absolutně negativní postoj ke komunismu.

Po srpnové invazi 1968 opustil s manželkou Evou a synem Richar-dem svou rodnou zem a v lednu 1969 přijel do USA. Zde pracoval jako účetní u firmy Danly Machine Corporation v Ciceru, IL až do své penze.

Pečlivý manžel a otec, podporovatel kulturního života v Chicagu, člen SVU, dopisovatel do českého tisku, zdroj rozsáhlých znalostí, vlas-tenec a přítel, bude všemi bolestně postrádán, avšak „*Až tady nebudu, zmizí jak sen, co jsem si ponechal pro sebe jen. Až tady nebudu, jít budu dál v druhých, co jsem jim v životě dal.*“

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## SVU Local Chapters

### Chicago SVU Chapter 2003-04

The Chicago SVU chapter holds monthly meetings during Sep-tember, October, November and February, March, April and May. The meetings are held every third Friday of the month at 7 PM at the community room of Mid America Bank Building, 5900 West Cermak Road in Cicero, Illinois, 60804.

**Sept. 10, 2003** – Special recog-nition reception sponsored by Illinois Cook County Treasurer, Maria Papas, where SVU Chicago received an Award of Excellence for lasting contributions to the Czech community. The meeting was held in the Cook County Building, Chicago, IL.

**Sept. 19, 2003** – Vzpominky na profesora Zdenka Sekeru a jeho pusobeni na universitach v Praze, Chicagu a Los Angeles presented by dr. Josef Podzimek.

**Oct. 9, 2003** – Special presenta-tion: Education in the USA and the Czech Republic. Some observati-ons by Czech exchange law stu-dents in the USA, held in the John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL.

**Oct. 17, 2003** – Regular meet-ing with presentation by SVU treasurer Ms. Vladimira Williams entitled “Jan Masaryk as seen thru Marcia Davenport’s eyes.”

**Nov. 21, 2003** – “Pigeons – Are they bad?” A study of pigeons and their enormous importance during wars in transporting secret messages, presented by Dr. Jaro-slav Majer.

**Feb. 20, 2004** – “Frank Lloyd Wright – The greatest American architect – Right or Wrong?” Lec-ture with slides presented by An-thony Jandacek, vice president of Chicago chapter.

**March 20, 2004** – Special cultural event in cooperation with the Czech Mission: One man show by Czech artist, actor and imitator, Miroslav G. Castek who will pre-sent a program entitled “The old man and the sea” based on the book of the American author E. Hemingway. Music by Leos Kuba.

**April 16, 2004** – Showing of documentary music video entitled “The Czech Philharmonic and its Famous Conductors.”

**May 2, 2004** – Members, attendance pf Dvorak’s Jubilee at the Concordia University, River Forest, IL. Chorus and Orchestra performing Dvorak’s Mass in D, Biblical Songs and Te Deum.

**May 21, 2004** – Lecture and video presentation by Ing. Vaclav Kures, entitled “Vietnam 25 years after the controversial war.”

**August, 2004** – A board meet-ing to reconstruct the present board assignments.

Regular meetings are scheduled to begin in September with a couple of lectures as well as con-tinuation of Dvorak’s celebration.

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## **SVU Hosts Archival Consortium Webpage**

One of the tangible outcomes of the recent immensely successful archival conference, instigated by SVU and co-organized with the Embassies of the Czech and Slovak Republics in Washington, DC on November 22-23, 2003, has been the decision to launch a joint effort to preserve Czech and Slovak American archival materials worldwide. Toward this end, the Conference participants, comprised of professional archivists, librarians, historians and community leaders, established a special Czech and Slovak American archival consortium encompassing university and library archives and other relevant institutions supported by government or by private sector, as well as interested individuals.

To keep the public informed about this important undertaking and to provide an effective means for contact and communication among the Consortium members, the SVU offered to create a special webpage for the use of the Consortium, as a part of the SVU Website. The archival webpage is up and running and can be accessed on the following address: <http://svu2000.org/archivalia/>

Apart from the basic information about the Consortium, its membership and its aims, the webpage provides separate categories on the Consortium activities, meetings, publications, and other news. Special category is devoted to Headline News. There are also links to major archival institutions in North America, Czech and Slovak Republics and other parts of the world. The Webpage also features Queries which enable anybody interested in the subject to ask questions or to respond to inquiries from others.

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