

## 2007 SVU CONFERENCE

**Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania**

**8-10 June, 2007**

**with central theme**

**“Contributions of the Moravian Brethren to America”**

**organized by**

**Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU)**

**and Moravian College**

### CALL FOR PAPERS

We call on scholars, students and other interested persons for papers bearing on the central theme, as well as other papers relating to Czech and Slovak culture and science.

#### Program Committee

Zdeněk David, Ph.D., Dagmar Hasalová-White, Ph.D., Karel Raška, Jr., M.D., Ph.D. and James Skalnik, Ph.D.

Accommodations: Provisions were made for participants to stay at 2 hotels in the vicinity of the College at discounted rates.

Interested participants should contact Zdeněk David, SVU Secretary-General  
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SVU Website: [www.svu2000.org](http://www.svu2000.org)

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#### A Word from SVU President

Dear friends:

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the Society for Arts and Sciences in České Budějovice was a great success and brought new members to SVU. The new SVU Chapter is forming in České Budějovice. Your new Executive Board met and has started preparations for future major events.

The 2007 SVU Conference will take place between June 8-10, 2007 at Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA. The central theme of the meeting is *Contribution of the Moravian Brethren to America*. I want to thank Moravian College and specifically Dr. Robert Wilson-Black, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Dr. James Skalnik, Assistant Dean at Moravian in helping us with the organization of the Conference.

The 24<sup>th</sup> World SVU Congress is planned for September 2008 at the Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia. The President of the University, Professor Boris Banary and Dr. Dalibor Mikulas met with several members of the Board in České Budějovice and again later in the United States to discuss the meeting which is to be co-sponsored by the Mayor of the City of Ružomberok.

Our task for the next year is to expand SVU membership and to attract new young members. For this purpose we plan to revive the past SVU tradition and organize smaller regional conferences that will be more focused and will bring together young Czech and Slovak scholars who work permanently or temporarily in North America. These conferences will be not only in social sciences, but also biomedicine, engineering and technology. We will attempt to enhance our collaboration with the scientific and educational institutions and organizations in both Czech and Slovak republics and to make such collaborations more specific.

To keep the great cultural and scientific tradition of Czechs and Slovaks in America alive, we have to expand our rolls. Please help us and ask your friends and colleagues to join the Society. Thank you.

I wish you and your families the best for the holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year 2007.

Karel Raška, Jr.

## **A REQUEST BY THE PUBLISHERS OF ZPRÁVY**

We would like to hear about any interesting news you would like to share with members of the Society. Please e-mail us at:

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## **FROM THE NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The newly elected Executive Board met for the first time on September 16, 2006 in Rockville, Maryland. Karel Raška introduced the new members. They new members who will focus their activities in the following areas: Organizational development and sales (Charles Heller); membership drive (Charles Kulp); promotion of SVU among young Czechs and Slovaks in biomedicine (Karel Pacak); promotion of SVU among young Czech and Slovak engineers and technologists (Peter Filip); financial matters and databases (Vlado Kysucký).

The Board reviewed the Congress in České Budějovice and acted on remaining organizational and administrative matters. The members formally thanked the Past President Mila Rehcigl for his efforts for the very successful Congress.

The Board discussed initial activities and progress for the 2007 Annual Conference at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The program committee for the 2007 conference is Z. David, D. Hasalova-White and K. Raška, Jr. Announcement of the conference and call for papers is published in this issue of ZPRAVY.

A proposal of the Catholic University in Ruzomberok to sponsor the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of SVU in September 2008 was discussed in great detail. Particular attention was given to the local infrastructure, available facilities and logistics of transportation to Ruzomberok. The plan to hold the Congress at Ruzomberok was accepted and the President was authorized to continue discussions with the Catholic University.

A new initiative was approved for SVU to publish a comprehensive reference listing on notable American personalities of Czech ancestry. This will be a systematic effort to include all significant individuals in specific fields of human endeavor. The program will be carried out by Past President M. Rechcigl.

The update of the SVU website was discussed with the webmaster Jiri Eichler. The publications of the SVU were reviewed.

Subscription and new promotion policies for Kosmas were adopted. (Advertisement for Kosmos is in this issue of ZPRAVY.

Vlado Simko reported on the opportunities to use the facilities of the Bohemian National Building in New York City.

The next meeting of the Board will take place in January 2007 in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

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## **“After the Congress” Note from SVU Congress Treasurer**

Dear Colleagues:

I presume you have by now returned to your homes from our Congress and possibly from a few days or even weeks of deserved vacation in the Czech or Slovak Republic or both. As I heard from just about everybody, I talked to, the SVU Congress was a smashing success and hopefully you enjoyed it too.

The main reason for writing this letter is to express my appreciation to all our Congress participants from abroad who have registered with me. Inasmuch as most of you have preregistered in the US, the final registration in Ceske Budejovice was relatively smooth, since in most cases it simply involved checking your name and handing you the registration and Congress materials. To be sure, we had a few minor mishaps because some participants did not send their registration fee, as well as their orders for accommodations, etc., in time before my departure for Prague. But this was subsequently resolved to everybody's satisfaction.

There is, however, one issue that is disturbing. As we learned from our University of South Bohemia co-organizers, there were instances when some of the participants from overseas did not bother paying the registration fee and more over, they may have even used the dorm accommodations and the university cafeteria without paying. This is, of course, most disturbing and is not right. Why should they go Scott-free while everybody else is paying his/her share. Why should the University and, for that matter, SVU be penalized and pay for these people's expenses. We leave it to their conscience but urge them to come forward and take care of their expenses. It is general knowledge who these individuals are.

Thanks again for your understanding and all your help.

Blanka Kudej, SVU Congress Treasurer

## PUBLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE 2006 CONGRESS PAPERS

Based on the understanding and agreement with our colleagues at the University of South Bohemia only selected papers that are up to the SVU standard will be published. The papers should be written in good English and should be accompanied with appropriate footnotes, in the style common in historical and social science professional journals. Informal presentations, undocumented, unduly polemical and marginal papers will not be considered. The mere Power Point outlines will not be published either.

Maximum size of paper should not exceed 10 letter-size pages. Limited number of uncomplicated Tables and Figures are acceptable but no picture. Please avoid also using strange linguistic and other uncommon symbols.

Papers should be sent electronically – as an Attachment – via e-mail to the following address: [SVU1@comcast.net](mailto:SVU1@comcast.net) Be sure that the paper had been previously saved in WORD. Hard-copy submissions by postal mail are not acceptable because we have no personnel to retype your papers. To assure that papers meet scholarly and scientific standards, they will undergo a peer-review.

The deadline for submission of manuscripts is December 31, 2006.

Thanks for your understanding and your help.

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## A NOTE FROM EDITORS OF KOSMAS

Dear Readers of **Zpravy**,

I know that many of you are already familiar with **Kosmas** – it's a peer-reviewed, academic journal that focuses on Czech, Slovak, and Central European Studies, and of course it's sponsored by the SVU. We publish scholarly articles, personal essays, interviews, reviews, and occasionally even some poetry and fiction, but the emphasis is always on providing our reader with important contributions to academic research involving Czech and Slovak topics. **Kosmas** is the preeminent English-language journal in this field, but you don't have to be a scholar to enjoy contributions by a variety of authors on Czech and Slovak history, culture, literature, religion, politics, and other topics.

Over the years, many of you have not renewed your **Kosmas** subscription and we would like to ask you to rejoin our subscriber ranks. If you're new to **Kosmas**, please join us and see what we mean. The SVU publishes **Kosmas** bi-annually-in the spring and fall. In the US and Canada, an individual one-year subscription to **Kosmas** is \$27.00 (\$22.00 for current SVU members, \$30.00 for libraries and other institutions). In Europe, the rates are \$30.00 (\$25.00 for SVU members, \$33.00 for institutions). For other international subscribers, the rates are \$32.00, \$27.00, and \$35.00, respectively. Multi-year orders receive 10% discount off the single year subscription rate. Payments should be made out to SVU. Please mail your order today to:

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Sincerely,

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## KEVIN GRIEVES

### Winner of 2006 SVU Student Award

This year's winner of the Joseph Hasek SVU Student Award is a graduate student from Indiana University. Kevin Grieves was awarded the prize for his outstanding research paper entitled "An Uncertain Image: U.S. Television Coverage of Czechoslovakia, the Czech Republic and Slovakia".

The Student Awards Committee, composed of Prof. Ivo Feierabend (University of San Diego), Prof. Milan Hauner (University of Wisconsin) and Prof. Vera Borkovec (American University) unanimously agreed that his study showed very thorough research and was remarkable in the coverage of the topic. They also commended the student on the lucidity of his writing style.

Mr. Grieves will receive a check for \$250.00, a Certificate of Merit, a year's free membership in SVU and the bimonthly newsletter *Zprávy SVU*. The announcement of this award was made at the General Assembly meeting of the Society of June 30, 2006 during the SVU 23<sup>rd</sup> Congress held in České Budějovice in the Czech Republic.

The Student Awards Committee and the SVU Executive Board congratulate Mr. Kevin Grieves on his achievement and wish him well in his future studies.

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### A New SVU Initiative:

#### NOTABLE AMERICANS WITH CZECH ROOTS

The newly elected SVU Executive Board has launched a new initiative toward preparation of a comprehensive reference work on American personalities of Czech ancestry. The project will be directed and carried out by past president Mila Rechcigl who has been collecting this type of information for decades.

This won't be a traditional Who's Who consisting of a hatch-patch or chancy listing of individuals based on their popularity or whether they contributed financially toward the publication. Instead, this will be a systematic and comprehensive effort to include all significant individuals in specific fields of human endeavor. The resulting publication accordingly will be organized into various sections by professions or disciplines.

The intent is to include all significant persons starting from the colonial times to present. Apart from individuals who were born on the territory of the historic Czech Lands, the plan is to also encompass American personages of Czech descent irrespective where they were born.

To assure that no important individuals are left out, Dr. Rechcigl would welcome if the SVU members, as well as non-members, would bring to his attention significant persons who ought to be included. Please send your suggestions to the following address:

[SVU1@comcast.net](mailto:SVU1@comcast.net)

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## **CZECH NATIVE'S \$3 MILLION BEQUEST TO KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR CZECH STUDENTS**

Joseph and Elizabeth Barton-Dobenin, Weslaco, Texas, have made a commitment of \$3 million to the Kansas State University Foundation to establish the Joseph and Elizabeth Barton-Dobenin Student Exchange Program, the Joseph and Elizabeth Barton-Dobenin International Chair and the Joseph and Elizabeth Barton-Dobenin Arts/Library Grants Fund. These funds will help expand their exchange program that brings Czech students to the United States and sends K-Staters to the Czech Republic. Their bequest will also fund faculty exchanges, an international chair and fine arts by bringing Czech music, theater, dance and literature to Manhattan.

Joseph Barton-Dobenin is a native of Prague, Czechoslovakia. He moved to the United States in 1950. He earned a bachelor's degree in business in 1957 and a master's in accounting in 1958 from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He taught business classes at Kansas State University from 1958 to 1985, stopping only to get his doctorate from the University of Nebraska in 1966. He helped start the Small Business Development Center at K-State. Elizabeth Barton-Dobenin grew up on a farm near Wymore, Neb. She worked at a beauty shop in Aggieville for several years. The Barton-Dobenins resided in Manhattan until November 2001.

The Barton-Dobenins are members of Presidents Club, a leadership organization for friends and alumni of K-State. Joseph Barton-Dobenin is also a member of the board of trustees of the KSU Foundation.

"When I was a teacher, there was not much emphasis to recruit international students," Joseph Barton-Dobenin said. "That gave us the idea to recruit Czechs to K-State and the United States for the experience of an international education. We want to send Americans to Prague too. We think our contribution will stimulate this kind of exchange and keep the program growing."

"The student exchange scholarships are the core of a much larger relationship between K-State and the Czech Republic that have benefited from the Barton-Dobenins," said William Richter, the Associate Provost for International Programs at K-State. "They add a personal dimension to this scholarship that makes it special. Joe and Elizabeth provide a great amount of hospitality to the Czech and American students, both here and in Prague, where they visit several times a year. As a result of this, scores of Czech and American students have had wonderful study abroad experiences."

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## **GET TO KNOW THE SVU BOARD MEMBERS**

### **ZDENEK DAVID**

Zdenek David, Senior Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars since February 2002, was born in Blatná, Czech Republic, in 1931. After coming to the United States in September 1947, he studied at the Putney School in Vermont in 1947-48, then at Wesleyan University (politics and philosophy, B.A. 1952), and did graduate work at Harvard (Russian area studies, M.A. 1954; history, Ph.D. 1960). He taught historiography, and Russian and East European history at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor from 1960 to 1965. From 1966 to 1974, he served as Slavic bibliographer and history lecturer in Russian and East European history at Princeton University, and from 1974 to 2002 as Librarian at the Woodrow Wilson Center.

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His book, *Finding the Middle Way: The Utraquists' Liberal Challenge to Rome and Luther* (Washington, D.C: Woodrow Wilson Center Press; Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press) was published in 2003. A Czech translation is now under preparation. With the late Robert Kann he is coauthor of the *Peoples of the Eastern Habsburg Lands, 1526-1918* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1984). He compiled the *Bibliography of Works in the Philosophy of History* for 1978-82 (with Robert Strassfeld), and for 1983-87 (Middletown, Conn.: Wesleyan University, 1984-89). His contributions have appeared in *Austrian History Yearbook*, *Bohemia*, *Bohemian Reformation and Religious Practice*, *Church History*, *Cesky casopis historicky*, *Communio Viatorum*, *EEPS: East European Politics and Societies*, *East European Jewish Affairs*, *Folia Historica Bohemica*, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, *Kosmas*, *Sixteenth Century Journal*, *Slavic Review*, and *Slavonic and East European Review*. David has completed a book manuscript, *Catholic Enlightenment and Lutheran Idealism: Shaping the Political Culture of Central Europe, 1773-1848*, and is currently conducting research on the philosophical and religious background of Thomas G. Masaryk's public activity.

In the early 1990s, David joined David R. Holeton and Vilém Herold in organizing symposia on "The Bohemian Reformation and Religious Practice" six of which were held during the World Congresses of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (Prague 1994, Brno 1996, Bratislava 1998, Washington 2000, Plzen, 2002, Olomouc 2004), and four additional ones under the auspices of the Philosophy Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences (Prague in 2000, 2002, 2004, and 2006). He co-edited four volumes of the symposia papers that appeared in 1996-2005. In November 2002, he was invited to address the Historical Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences on the subject of the Bohemian Reformation. He has served as a Vice-President of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences and as a Member at Large of the Executive Committee of the Czechoslovak Studies Association (formerly, Czechoslovak Studies Conference) for 2004-2006.

### **CHARLES HELLER**

Charles O. Heller was born in Prague and came to the US with his parents in 1949, at the age of 13. The family settled in New Jersey. He earned BS and MS degrees in civil engineering from Oklahoma State University. He worked as an engineer for Douglas Aircraft Company and Bell Telephone Laboratories, before joining the aerospace engineering faculty of the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. While at USNA, he earned a Ph.D. in engineering from The Catholic University of America, and he became USNA's youngest-ever tenured professor.

He left academia for 18 years of life as an entrepreneur. In 1969, he co-founded, CADCOM, Inc., a pioneer CAD/CAM software company; he was its President and CEO. In 1979, CADCOM was acquired by Man Tech International Corporation, and Charlie became Vice President for Corporate Development of the parent firm. In 1983, he led a management buy-out of a segment of Man Tech's business which became InterCAD Corporation, now a leading producer of electronic publishing systems software, and part of Corel. He was President and CEO of InterCAD until he sold his interest in the company.

He returned to the academic world in 1986, as Director of Industrial Research at the University of Maryland College Park and, in 1990, became Director of UM's Dingman Center for Entrepreneurship. He build the center into one of the top-ranked such institutions in the nation. After the Velvet Revolution, he was very active in Czechoslovakia, training and educating management teams of newly-privatized firms. At the same time, as a dual citizen of the US and the Czech Republic, he recovered (through restitution and the legal system) some of his family's property, including a factory and an office building in Prague.

In 2000, Dr. Heller entered the venture capital business as General Partner of Gabriel Venture Partners, a bi-coastal firm investing in early-stage high-technology companies. Today, he is president of Annapolis Capital Group, a seed-stage venture capital firm. Additionally, he teaches entrepreneurship in the Smith

School of Business and the Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland. For more than 20 years, he had been a newspaper columnist and freelance writer; today, he continues with this avocation and is writing a memoir.

In 1992, Dr. Heller was named Maryland "Entrepreneur of the Year" by Ernst & Young/INC. magazine/Merrill Lynch. In 1998, he was named by *digitalsouth* magazine one of "The 50 Most Influential People in Southern Technology." In 1999, the University of Maryland named him the first-ever Professor of Practice in UM's history. In 2000, he was awarded the Lohmann Medal, the highest honor awarded to engineering alumni of Oklahoma State University. In 2002, he received the Alumni Achievement Award from The Catholic University of America. In 1998, he was named as one of the world's "Computer Graphics Pioneers."

He serves on a number of public, private, and nonprofit boards, including those of: FBR Mutual Funds, Walden University (a for-profit, online, university and subsidiary of Laureate, Inc.), Chesapeake Innovation Center, Emerging Technology Center, the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU), WebTide Technologies (chair), Goozex, Inc., and the Board of Visitors of the School of Civil Engineering of Oklahoma State University.

He is married, has one son and three grandchildren, and resides in Arnold, Maryland, with his wife Susan. He played Division 1 college basketball, as well as club soccer and volleyball; today, he is an avid golfer, skier, boater, hiker, and writer.

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## OBITUARIES

### **Eminent SVU Historian Passes Away**

A long-time SVU member, History Professor Emeritus Jaroslav Pelikan, a world-renowned scholar of the history of Christianity and of medieval intellectual history, died on May 13, 2005 of lung cancer at his home in Hamden. He was 82 years old.

He was born in Akron, Ohio on December 17, 1923, and joined the Yale faculty in 1962 and served as dean of the Graduate School from 1973 to 1978. A Sterling professor emeritus, Pelikan was a former president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1994-1997) and served on the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities from 1993 to 2000, after being appointed by President Bill Clinton.

Jaroslav Pelikan was the author of more than 30 books, including the five-volume work *The Christian Tradition: A History of the Development of Doctrine* (1971-1989), *The Riddle of Roman Catholicism* (1955) and *Credo: Historical and Theological Introduction to Creeds and Confessions of Faith in the Christian Tradition* (1994). He translated and edited the English edition of the works of Martin Luther in 22 volumes (1955-1971). He was also a best-selling author among general readers with books like *The Illustrated Jesus Through the Centuries* (1997), and *Mary Through the Centuries: Her Place in the History of Culture* (1996).

While other historians of religion focused mostly on an era or an aspect of it, Dr. Pelikan ventured to become an authority on the gamut of Christian history. His body of work threw light on the Reformation and Medieval philosophy, Saint Augustine and Kierkegaard even as he widened church scholarship to embrace the Eastern Orthodox tradition.

He was honored with numerous awards during his career, including an invitation in 1983 by the National Endowment for the Humanities to deliver the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities. In 2004, Pelikan and French philosopher Paul Ricoeur shared the \$1 million Kluge prize honoring scholars in



disciplines not covered by the Nobel prizes. At the age of 80, he was chosen by the Annenberg Foundation to be the scholarly director for the “Institutions of Democracy” project.

SVU honored Prof. Pelikan, who was its member from the very beginning, by electing him “SVU Fellow,” the highest recognition the Society can render for member’s academic achievements. It should be noted that Pelikan was offered SVU Presidency at one time but he declined because of his busy schedule, having been just named Dean of Graduate School of Yale.

Prof. Pelikan’s death is a great loss to all his friends and to SVU, as a whole. God Bless His Soul!

MR

### **SVU COMPUTER PIONEER PASSES AWAY**

Vladimír Slámečka, 78, Professor Emeritus, founder and long time Director of the School of Information and computer science, Georgia Institute of Technology, died on June 17, 2006 after a long illness. Slámečka began with one room in the electrical engineering building, 1.5 faculty and five students in a new master’s program. Under his direction, the school grew into one of the largest in the Institute. It became the College of Computing in 1990.

The school engaged in basic research and studied how the human mind processes information and the ways a computer can interact with natural language, which grew in importance as computers became a mass technology. The school had international impact under Slámečka. The faculty was influential in the development of the Information Age in the United States, serving on various national and congressional committees and in an advisory capacity to the White House.

Vladimír Slámečka was a native of Brno and originally studied chemical engineering at the University of Technology, Brno and later physical sciences at the University of Sydney and the University of Munich. He obtained his Ph.D. in library science from Columbia University and became head of the Chemistry Library of the University. Subsequently he became head of special studies at Documentation Incorporated, Bethesda, MD – this was the time when I first met him. This was a stepping stone to his brilliant career in Georgia Tech.

Vladimír’s death is a great loss to all his friends and SVU, as a whole.

MR

### **Karel Holbík (1920-2006) In Memoriam**

A noted economist Karel Holbík, a long-time SVU member, died July 1, 2006. He arrived in the United States in 1948 with a JUDr. degree from Charles University in Prague, with the intention to seek a master of business administration degree. He received his M.B.A. in 1950 at the University of Wisconsin (1955), where he also taught. His subsequent teaching included Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., Boston University (1958 to 1986) and Harvard Extension School (1973 to 1998).

Professor Holbík’s additional professional activity included consultancy and lecturing at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, RI, a visiting professorship at the University of Brussels, Belgium, a senior Fulbright lectureship at the University of Tunis and lectureships in several overseas countries under the auspices of the US. Information Agency. For four years, he was the chief of a development finance section at the United Nations in New York. In addition, Professor Holbík authored several books and numerous articles.

Dr. Holbík took part in a number of SVU Congresses, the last being at Palacky University in Olomouc in 2004, for which he organized a special panel on Bata and Batism.

He will be missed by his many SVU friends and colleagues.

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## ACTIVITIES OF SVU LOCAL CHAPTERS

### SVU Munich Chapter, Germany

The chapter meets regularly once a month for the past twenty-two years. It published two almanacs compiling lectures from 1984 to 2004.

One of the founders of the Munich chapter, Ladislav Pavlik reminisces. In 2003 we organized a concert together with a lecture about a new Czech music of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

In November 2003 we celebrated 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sokol, Munich. In 2004 Dr. Imrich Kruziak gave a lecture about a Czech newsman, political analyst and former minister of culture Pavel Tigríd. Karel Pokorný, Jr., a member of the military unit in Iraq, addressed a very pertinent problem: Islam a Threat to our Times?

We could not remain silent with respect to accession of Czech and Slovak republics to the European Union. On May 5, 2004 we organized discussions with General Consuls of both republics on a theme "Czech and Slovaks 11 Days in European Union". Of course, it was only a satirical title for this meeting. After 11 days we could talk only about expectations as to what the new membership might bring. One year later, in May 2005, we discussed the one year anniversary of both nations in the EU.

A breath of exotica was promised by a lecture Dr. Y. Fricova about "Czech Indians" in Paraguay. Grandfather of her husband, traveler A-V. Fric, got married there and left native wife (today 103 years old) with a bunch of "Czech" offspring.

In February 2005 we were visited by a guitar virtuoso and poet, A. Andyszczak. Not only he recited his poems, but he also shared some humorous and very private episodes of his rich life. Unfortunately he passed away a year later.

In October 2006 Dr. Jan Otcenasek addressed the topic "A Czech Student – Study and Opportunities Abroad".

### SVU Chapter – Basel, Switzerland

The chapter meets every month, often jointly with the **Spolek Domov**.

List of recent activities:

February 4, 2006 V.+W. Film *Svet Patri Nam*.

March 4, 2005 - Film *Trinacty Revir*

April 15, 2006 – Visit from Bekesczaby in Basel (Life of a Slovak Minority in Hungary, Particularly in Bekescsabe).

May 7, 2005 – An Evening with Lubomir Macha – Dr. Macha discussed How the role and function of Czech literature has changed after November, 1989.

June 10, 2005 – Lecture of Dr. Michal Pehr *Czechoslovak Resistance in World War II*.

June 17, 2005 – An Evening With Peter Kerekes.

September 16, 2005 – Film *Stalin* (1992).

November 3, 2005 – Ustav Pamati Naroda na navsteve vo Svajciarsku.

November 18, 2005 – Actor Jaromir Hanzlik in Basel.

February 10, 2006 – Lecture of Juraj Kalina "*Czechoslovak Intelligence Office (CIO) in the anti-communist resistance*."

February 24, 2006 – A lecture of professor Milos Dokulil *Jan Masaryk – Man and Politician*.

May 11, 2006 – Film *Tabor Padlych Zien*.

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS OF SVU MEMBERS

*Case-Based Pathology and Laboratory Medicine* by  
Nagy Mikhail, Stephen Shea and Jana Raskova, Blackwell Publishing-2005

### Publisher's Note:

Case-Based Pathology and Laboratory Medicine is a brand new text that uses over 20 real patient cases to teach students and junior doctors to recognize and understand significant diseases and their complications from a pathology perspective.

Each case presents relevant clinical data, in full color throughout, and guides you through to a diagnosis via multiple-choice questions. The MCQs are flagged throughout as Basic, Intermediate and Advanced.

Detailed answers are provided with a final diagnosis and synopsis to each presented case. Further information is given to help interpret results and tables and many lab tips are included.

Case-Based Pathology and Laboratory Medicine is a perfect test-yourself revision resources for medical students and junior doctors. Excellent for clinical attachments as well as exam revision and preparation for OSCEs.

### Reviews by Users:

*"The book is really good. It makes pathology easier and more fun to study"* 4<sup>th</sup> year student, Manchester, England

*"Style is ...very understandable, very accurate (the) questions are good and the discussion and (the) lab hints are excellent"*

PGY-2, Resident, Beth Israel Medical Center, New York

### ***Motýli ve fotografii* by George O. Krizek, Sursum Publishing, Tisnov, Czech Republic**

Washington psychiatrist and amateur entomologist George O. Krizek published a photographic atlas of live European butterflies, he worked on for 25 years. The book contains 567 colored pictures taken in nature of Europe, Western Turkey and North Africa. According to experts it is the largest collection of this type in the history of Czech lepidopterology.