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Václav Havel (1936-2011)

The Executive Board of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences extends its condolences and sympathy to the family of Václav Havel and citizens of the Czech Republic in their sorrow over the death of the last President of Czechoslovakia and the first President of the Czech Republic, Mr. Václav Havel. President Václav Havel, a world-renowned playwright and humanist, will be remembered for his essential contributions to the fall of Communism in Czechoslovakia, its transformation into multi-party democracy and for bringing it into the western world, as well as for his defense of human and civic rights around the world.

Karel Raška, Jr., SVU President



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*The SVU and its Role in the Era of Globalization
 Atlantic Cooperation — Innovation — Preservation*

CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
 July 1st — July 6th, 2012
 Žilina, Slovak Republic

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline for Abstract Submission (by e-mail ONLY) will be April 30,
 2012 to Zdeněk David: zdenek.david@wilsoncenter.org.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

I spent the last month in the Czech Republic to prepare the
 infrastructure of the 2012 World Congress in Žilina, Slovakia.

We were all saddened by the death of the last president of
 Czechoslovakia and the first president of the Czech Republic, Mr. Václav
 Havel. President Havel will be remembered as a world-renown writer and
 defender of human rights who played a key role in the transformation of

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Room pricelist:

Standard room	99 EUR
Executive room	130 EUR
Studio	150 EUR



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Standard	45€	60€
Superior	60€	75€
Apartments	70€	85€



Czechoslovakia from a totalitarian state into a multi-party democracy. On behalf of SVU, I expressed condolences and sympathy to Mr. Havel's family and to the citizens of the Czech Republic. It was moving to witness the response of the Czech nation, particularly of the young people, to this sad event.

SVU suffered another loss during my stay in Prague, passing of a long-time SVU member, Professor Josef Škvorecký from Toronto. We all remember the publication of his novel ZBABĚLCI (The Cowards), which was like a breath of fresh air to us, then young students in Communist Czechoslovakia. Your Executive Board expressed on your behalf condolences to Mrs. Zdena Salivarová. Their "Publishers 68" played a key role is saving the Czechoslovak literature during the dark times of "Normalization."

My other activities in Prague focused on preparations of the World Congress which will be held in July 2012 in Žilina, Slovakia. I met with Dr. Dalibor Mikuláš to iron out details of the evolving infrastructure for the Congress, and the cultural program.

I also had the privilege of meeting with the President of the Czech Republic, Mr. Václav Klaus and informed him about our upcoming World Congress in 2012. Mr. President was very interested in our activities and had more kind words to share about SVU.

I also visited the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice and attended the meeting of the Board of the Budějovice Chapter of the SVU. Along these lines, I have received a series of very good news from České Budějovice. Our friends, we remember from a SVU Congress in 2006, are in the new leadership of the University. Professor Libor Grubhoffer was elected President of the University and Professor Vladimír Papoušek is the new Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy. It has been a privilege to congratulate on your behalf both His Magnificence Grubhoffer and Spectabilis Papoušek.

I invited Honorable Norman Eisen, Ambassador of the USA to the Czech republic to our Žilina Congress and briefed his staff on the details of the meeting. I met with the President of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Professor Jiří Drahoš, the Vice-President of the Academy, Professor Jaroslav Pánek, and the President of the Learned Society of the Czech republic, Professor Václav Pačes, who all hope to join us in Žilina next July. President of Charles University, Professor Václav Hampl has also promised to address us at the Žilina meeting.

I also invited the Minister of Health of the Czech Republic, Dr. Leoš Heger, to speak with us about Czech Health reform and Dr. Michael Vít, the Vice-Minister and Director of the Czech Public Health Service to address

us about public health accomplishments and challenges in the Czech Republic. The Minister of Foreign Affairs has asked Mr. Stanislav Kázecký (whom we met at our New York meeting the last summer) to represent him at the Congress.

I also met with a number of senior scientists and academicians in both humanities and natural sciences, who promised to organize academic panels and send young scholars to our Congress. Response from the Czech Republic has been very encouraging and strong. The responses from the Slovak Republic, thanks to the activities of Drs. Dalibor Mikuláš, Cecilia Rokusek and Vlado Šimko are also encouraging. It is up to us that the contributions of members from North America to the Congress will be at least as strong.

I wish all of you a most successful and healthy year 2012 and I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Žilina.

Karel Raška, Jr., SVU President

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

50th Anniversary of SVU Publishing

On December 8, Ambassador Petr Gandalovič hosted a reception in the Czech Embassy in Washington, DC, on the occasion of the book signing of Past SVU President Míla Rechcigl's personal memoirs, *Czechmate. From Bohemian Paradise to American Haven*, sponsored by SVU on his 80th birthday. The SVU used the opportunity to commemorate the 50th anniversary of its publication program.

The event was well attended including guests from a considerable distance, such as Gail Naughton, Director of the Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Ambassador Petr Gandalovič, with whom the guest of honor has been a friend for years, opened the event with kind words for both author and book. He read entertaining sections from the memoir and commented upon them. He was followed by Dr. Zdeněk David, a resident scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, who holds the position of Executive Secretary in SVU, gave an account of the SVU publication program, emphasizing Dr. Rechcigl's involvement and wide-ranging participation. Afterwards, Prof. Věra Borkovec, President of the SVU

REGISTRATION MAIL IN

2012 WORLD CONGRESS OF SVU

“SVU and Its Role in the Era of Globalization and Transatlantic Collaboration”

JULY 1 – JULY 6, 2012 * ŽILINA, SLOVAKIA

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ITEM	PRICE	Number	SUBTOTAL
SVU Member Conference Registration	\$125		
SVU Member's Spouse Conference Registration	\$100		
Non-Member Conference Registration	\$150		
Conference Registration– Non-Member's Spouse	\$125		
Student Registration	\$50		
OPTIONAL CULTURAL EVENTS:	PRICE	Number	SUBTOTAL
7/2/2012—Guitar Concert by Vladislav Blaha	\$15		
7/3/2012—Chamber Concert of Ancient Music	\$15		
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Please Contact Hotels Directly			
Single Apartment—27 Euro	\$40.00		
Double Room— 47 Euro	\$65.00		
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

26TH WORLD CONGRESS ŽILINA, SLOVAKIA

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday	7/1/2012	3 PM—6 PM	Registration
	7/1/2012	6 PM—8 PM	Welcoming “Get Together”
Monday	7/2/2012	10 AM	Official Opening of the SVU 26th World Congress
	7/2/2012	12 Noon	Welcome Reception
	7/2/2012	3 PM	Presidential Symposium “SVU and Its Role in the Era of Globalization And Transatlantic Collaboration”
	7/2/2012	Evening	Cultural Program #1— <i>Chamber Concert of Ancient Music</i> OPTIONAL EVENT—\$15
Tuesday	7/3/2012	9 AM—Noon	Academic Panels
	7/3/2012	2 PM—5 PM	Academic Panels
	7/3/2012	Evening	Cultural Program #2— <i>Guitar Concert by Vladislav Blaha</i> OPTIONAL EVENT—\$15
Wednesday	7/4/2012	All Day	All Day Guided Tour of
Thursday	7/5/2012	9 AM—Noon	Academic Panels
	7/5/2012	2 PM—5 PM	Academic Panels
	7/5/2012	Evening	Book Signing by SVU Authors Wine & Cheese Party
Friday	7/6/2012	9 AM—Noon	Academic Panels
	7/6/2012	2 PM	SVU General Assembly
	7/6/2012	Evening	BANQUET



Boleslav Jiráček. Dr. Rehcígl’s memoirs are, in fact, the latest publication of the SVU.

In his remarks, he explained the basis for deciding on the rather unusual title (*Czechmate*) for his book, i.e., that he has viewed his life as a chess game, having to frequently face various challenges, which usually he had confronted head on and, fortunately, with perseverance, managed to win most of the battles, frequently, against all odds, sort of to say, by a checkmate. The ‘strange’ spelling *Czechmate* is, of course, a play on words, symbolically signifying his Czech heritage. He then went on, mention other examples of confrontations that had occurred at various moments during his life.

Several attendees, made impromptu comments about Rehcígl’s book, picking sections which they enjoyed many or which they found amusing. Among them was Dr. Eva Hausner, who confided that she actually has been regularly reading a chapter or two a night before going to bed, quoted a few passages from the book which she found especially interesting and entertaining. Rehcígl’s niece, Linda Steiner, mentioned how she delighted in reading sections dealing with Míla’s family which gave a human face to his storytelling. Several people had also high praise for Míla’s wife Eva who has always played a significant role in his personal and professional life and who had her share in many of the SVU undertakings, including SVU publications, such as editing biographical *SVU Directories* (8 editions).

Washington DC Chapter, recalled some of Míla’s early involvement in the Chapter, where he had his first start in SVU, as the Chapter’s Executive Secretary, in the early sixties.

Then it was Dr. Rehcígl’s turn, who happened to have with him the very first monograph the Society published, exactly 50 years ago: a small brochure, *Antonín Dvořák 1841-1961* (1961), written by a noted Czech composer and musicologist Karel

CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

SVU STUDENT AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2012 Dr. JOSEPH HASEK AWARD

The Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU) is announcing a competition for the 2012 Dr. Joseph Hasek student awards. The names of the winners will be announced in the Society's newsletters.

The main purpose of the Society's awards is to generate and encourage scholarly interest in Czech and Slovak affairs among university students living outside the Czech and Slovak republics. There will be one prize for the best undergraduate and one for the best graduate study dealing with some aspect of Czech and/or Slovak history, politics, or culture. The winners will receive the \$250 Dr. Joseph Hasek award, a year's membership in the Society, which includes a year's subscription to the Society's newsletter, and a Certificate of Merit.

The following rules apply:

- 1) The paper must be submitted **by the professor** in whose class it was presented and should be accompanied by his recommendation.
- 2) The study must have been written for an undergraduate or graduate course during the academic year 2011-2012. Chapters of theses or dissertations are not admissible.
- 3) The deadline for submission is **MAY 15, 2012**.
- 4) The study essay should be submitted in five copies to professor Vera Borkovec, 12013 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902. It must be typewritten, double-spaced and submitted in Czech, Slovak, or any of the major Western languages (English, French or German).
- 5) The Student Awards Committee which will judge the quality of the submitted essays consists of:
Prof. Ivo Feierabend (San Diego State University), Prof. Milan Hauner (University of Wisconsin), Dr. Vlado Simko (SVU Executive Board), Dr. Zdenek David (SVU Executive Board), and Chair, Prof. Vera Borkovec (American University).
- 6) Submitted papers are not returned.

If you prefer to register by mail please submit the appropriate registration form along with your payment.

The registration fee includes:

- * A welcoming get-together on Sunday evening, July 1
- * The reception on Monday, July 2
- * The guided tour on Wednesday, July 4
- * The Book Signing on Thursday, July 5
- * The Congress Banquet on Friday, July 6
- * Free attendance at all lectures and exhibits.

Two optional events (\$15) are being planned for Monday and Tuesday evening:

- * Guitar Concert by Vladislav Blaha (Monday)
- * Chamber Concert of Ancient Music (Tuesday)

There will also be a pre-Congress opportunity to participate in a two-day Wine Tasting Tour of the *Wineries at Modra* (\$99 Euro plus hotel expenses). For further information please see: www.svu2000.org



Žilina - nám. A. Hlinku square and the Parish church

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REGISTRATION AND SOCIAL EVENTS:

You may register for the conference and social events either on-line at <http://www.svureg.org> or by mailing the registration form ALONG WITH YOUR PAYMENT to:

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	Before 3/1/2012	Between 3/2/2012 and 6/25/2012		Before 3/1/2012	Between 3/2/2012 and 6/25/2012
Member	\$100.00	\$125.00	Non-Member	\$125.00	\$150.00
Spouse	\$75.00	\$100.00	Spouse	\$100.00	\$125.00
Student	\$20.00	\$30.00			
One Day ONLY	\$50.00	\$75.00	One Day ONLY	\$70.00	\$95.00

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	On-site Registration			On-site Registration	
Member	\$145.00		Non-Member	\$170.00	
Spouse	\$120.00		Spouse	\$145.00	
Student	\$50.00				
One Day ONLY	\$95.00		One Day ONLY	\$115.00	

OBITUARY:

Professor Josef Škvorecký (1924-2012)

The Executive Board of SVU extends condolences and sympathy to Mrs. Zdena Salivarová over the passing of a distinguished member of SVU, writer, publisher and scholar, Professor Josef Škvorecký. A writer and publisher who spent much of his life in Canada, Professor Škvorecký and his wife were long-time supporters of Czech dissident writers before the fall of communism. At times eloquent, humorous, wise, and humanistic, Škvorecký's fiction deals with many themes so many of us have shared: the horrors of totalitarianism and repression, the expatriate experience, and the miracle of jazz! The original publication of THE COWARDS was for us like a breath of fresh air...R.I.P.!



<http://tvfeedsmyfamily.blogspot.com>

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE

US: Drs. Zdeněk David, Eugene Martin, Cecilia Rokusek, Vlado Simko, and George Tesar

Europe: Dalibor Mikulàs, Francis D. Raška

LOGISTICS COMMITTEE

US: Eugene Martin **EUROPE:** Dalibor Mikulàs

A registration package will be published in the November-December 2011, Zpravy which will include:

- * A link to the SVU Conference Registration Website that will also allow booking of dormitory accommodations
- * A Map of the area
- * A Calendar of planned events

Please remember, hotel accommodations need to be booked directly with the facility!



PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR

WINETOUR in Slovakia

A specially arranged tour of Bratislava, the Slovak wine region and Modra has been arranged just for SVU participants.

Participant in the pre-conference tour will be picked up by bus on Thursday, June 28th or Friday, June 29th (depending on their arrival). Following the Wine Tour on Saturday, they will then be taken by bus to Zilina on Sunday for the 26th SVU World Congress. Thanks to collaboration with Comenius University, the total cost for all transportation on the tour will be only \$25/person.

Tour details on Saturday, June 30th

- 9:00 am - Departure by bus from Bratislava
- 10:00 – Modra – pottery factory
- 12:00 – Elesko winery - exhibition, winetasting, Zoya museum (with permanent Andy Warhol exhibit) and lunch
- 15:30 – Departure from Modra
- 16:00 – Terra Parna winery tour and tasting
- 19:00 – Departure from Terra Parna
- 20:00 – Arrival in Bratislava

Tour Price: 99€ per person. For further information please see: www.svu2000.org

Price includes:

- * Transport from the hotel to all winetrotters' stops and back to the hotel
- * Guided tour – you will experience the production and design of the Slovak national pottery
- * Elesko winery tour guided by winemaker, 6 tasting samples
- * Elesko restaurant - 3 course menu + beverage
- * Entrance to Zoya museum
- * Terra Parna: 10 tasting samples + snack
- * Tour is guided by the certified sommelier all day long



1. Traditional Slovak pottery

The beginnings of ceramic pottery in Modra are not known for certain, but they stretch back to the era of the town's inception. Winemaking and viticulture demanded the manufacture of earthenware vessels and cups for wine. A pottery guild was founded in 1636. Between 1870 and 1880 there was an earthenware society called Modra Household Earthenware Vessels. A State Jug-making Works was established in 1883. The town later took it under its administration and founded the Ceramics School, led by Jozef Mičko. In 1911 it was renamed to "Ceramic Goods Finishing Works, joint stock company Žák & Co." Samuel Zoch and Dušan Jurkovič were among the shareholders. In 1923 it was renamed as Slovak Ceramics, and in 1952 as the Manufacturing Association for Slovak Folk Majolica. A number of renowned ceramics masters operated in Modra, and Modra ceramics attracted the highest awards in international exhibitions. Such figures as Heřman Landsfeld and national artist Ignác Bizmayer placed themselves among the great masters of European ceramics.

2. ELESKO

One of the most favourite winery complex ELESKO is located in the beautiful surroundings directly in vineyards near Modra. In Elesko Restaurant & Wine Bar you can taste "**the most home-made**" ordinary food of remarkable quality. Of course Elesko, exclusively attributive wine which is the product of ecological agriculture. The wine tour starts with a **winery tour**, where you can get familiar with the whole process of wine-making, see publicly inaccessible areas and acquire new interesting information from the professional winemaker. After the winery tour there will be a **tasting** led by winemaker as well (you will have a chance to taste grape variety Dunaj – which you cannot find anywhere in the world). On the premises, in the middle of vineyards, on area of 1,000 m² stretches is also a museum of contemporary world modern art- **ZOYA MUSEUM** with the art exhibition of Andy Warhol.

3. TERRA PARNA

As the owner say „ *We do not sell the wine, but the atmosphere and experience that comes with drinking wine*“. Winemakers and wine lovers can **taste the wine** with us directly in the vineyard and at the same time perceive the atmosphere of a wine cellar! (Here you can taste grape variety Modrý Portugal – mentioned also in the book of František Hečko "Červené víno")

