

The New Millennium: New Vistas and New Challenges

January 1, 2001 marks the beginning of the third millennium. As the old millennium ended, it is time for some reflection on what we can learn from our past successes, as well as failures, and plan for the future.

The Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, or SVU, as most of us affectionately call it, has been in existence for almost half a century, long enough to make some generalizations as to its usefulness and effectiveness. It was established during the era of the Cold War, when former Czechoslovakia was ruled by the Stalinist regime.

Many Czech and Slovak intellectuals and other freedom loving people were forced to abandon their homeland and seek asylum in the West. It was these intellectuals who conceived the idea of establishing SVU. Their aim was to keep alive the country's treasured historic traditions that had their beginnings long before the second millennium began and which had been repudiated by the oppressing regime. Although the Western world was disturbed by the ongoing events behind the Iron Curtain, it was hopeless to change their course. It was these circumstances that led the Czech and Slovak intellectuals abroad to establish SVU. Some people erroneously thought that the Society was established out of pity or desperation. Not so, according to the late Dr. Jaroslav Nemeč, who is generally recognized the SVU founder. As he used to say, the Society was created out of anger to the world's indecision and inability to stop the inevitable disaster.

The SVU wanted to provide a forum for free development of Czechoslovak culture in exile and make the world aware of the Czech and Slovak cultural traditions which date back more than a millennium. Its activities, as outlined in the original bylaws, consisted of supporting and coordinating the educational, scholarly, literary and artistic endeavors of the Czechoslovak intelligentsia abroad. This concept was soon broadened to open the Society to all individuals interested in fostering Slovak and/or Czech culture, regardless of their ethnic origin.

Our accomplishments to date speak for themselves. In brief, the Society has organized twenty world congresses, six European conferences and twenty regional conferences, over thirty art exhibits, more than fifty musical and drama productions, and more than twenty book displays. Furthermore, it has published over eighty books and monographs, and four periodicals, besides sponsoring or providing support to some fifty other publications. In addition to the above, each chapter has organized meetings, lectures, discussions, exhibits and local functions. It should be pointed out that all of this has been accomplished by its own effort and with its own financial resources. The Society is not dependent on anybody, does not owe anything to anybody and it stands on its own feet.

Following the end of the communist regime in 1989, the SVU's functions greatly expanded. Now, in addition to its original mission, the Society has become a bridge between Czech and Slovak professionals and those in other countries. It has allowed scholars abroad to benefit

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from contact with their Slovak and Czech colleagues, as well as helping to reintegrate the intellectual life of these two nations into the mainstream of world science, arts and letters, from which they were separated by political barriers for so long.

In the last six years the Society has witnessed unparalleled rebirth and remarkable growth. Among various Czech and Slovak-related organizations, SVU now clearly holds the leading position. The 20th SVU World Congress held in Washington last August was an unqualified success, both in terms of its overall program and financially, and in the opinion of many it was the pivotal event of the historic year 2000 for everybody interested in the thing Czech or Slovak.

The newly elected Executive Board which took over the helm of the Society at the SVU General Assembly meeting last August has immediately engrossed itself in mapping its agenda and priorities for the next two years. Notwithstanding the enormous progress the Society has made in recent years, there was the realization that the Society is aging

fast and that remedial action is needed to put a stop to this trend. As a result, the consensus among us is that the time has come to rejuvenate SVU and revamp its leadership ranks with young people.

Our local chapters have already been admonished to start the process in earnest. "Accent on Youth" is now clearly our highest priority. In this connection we have appointed a special Youth Advisory Committee, which is working on establishing a young people database. To be effective we need full cooperation from every member. Members are urged to enroll their children in SVU and encourage them to get involved in our work. We welcome volunteers among our younger generation to participate in various SVU activities and any initiative they may come up with.

Young people can greatly benefit from membership: by presenting papers at SVU conferences and congresses, submitting papers to SVU English periodical *Kosmas*, get advise on dissertation topics, participate in student essay contests, periodically report on their progress, activities and success stories in SVU newsletter, etc. Our newsletter *Zprávy SVU* now regularly brings biographical sketches of selected young people in a special column "Focus on Younger Generation."

There are also many opportunities for our young people to get involved in SVU activities. The organizers of the forthcoming SVU Conference in Nebraska in August would be pleased to have interested young people work with them on the program, as would our collab-orators in Plzen, Czech Republic who are in the midst of preparation of the next SVU World Congress to be held there in the year 2002.

Apart from rejuvenating the Society, we are putting great emphasis on publications which have always been considered "SVU imperative". We are pleased to see our periodical *Kosmas* back in business. We encourage the authors within, as well as outside the Society, to submit their papers for consideration. Our new editor, Clinton Machann, and his Editorial Board are prompt in their response. To make it a viable enterprise, we would like our English periodical to eventually be self-sufficient. To accomplish this goal, we need new subscribers, from individuals, as well as from institutions, libraries, etc. All members are urged to subscribe and publicize it among their friends and university libraries.

We are also anxious to get our monograph series going and would welcome suggestions from our members on possible titles, authors, etc. We normally don't publish books ourselves but rather in cooperation with other established publishing houses which are better equipped for the purpose.

We are also putting great emphasis on improving communications with our members. We have improved our newsletter *Zprávy SVU* in its content and also speeded up its publication schedule. We now carry a regular feature "SVU Calendar", bringing news of the forthcoming activities of individual Local Chapters. For its maximum usefulness it is imperative that the Chapters keep sending in their updates.

The most effective communication, however, is done via e-mail and that is the way SVU Executive Board members communicate with one another. I am pleased to note that most of our Local Chapters have their own e-mail and have access to INTERNET. Those Chapters that don't have e-mail access have been urged to include among their officers individuals with such capability.

SVU needs to use the latest technology to move forward. After a few years of experimentation with a Home Page, we now have our own Web Site, which is highly informative, continuously kept up to date, user-friendly and interactive. Members who haven't seen it yet, should look at it. Our URL address is relatively simple and easy to remember: www.svu2000.org

Two more areas were added to SVU priorities, i.e., preservation of our cultural heritage abroad and work towards the development of civil society. With reference to the former, SVU has already made considerable progress. In cooperation with National Heritage Commission, comprised of major Czech ethnic organizations, it has conducted a comprehensive survey relating to historic sites and archivalia. The result of this survey were two draft reports, "Czech-American Historic Sites, Monuments, and Memorabilia" and "Czechoslovak American Archi-valia." This work is obviously only a beginning. From the reports it is apparent that most ethnic organizations have not as yet deposited their documents in any of the established archival repositories and most of them haven't even inventoried their private possessions.

With reference to the last priority, work on the development of civil society, this was, of course, the central theme of the last SVU Congress in Washington, DC. This is an area which will be further pursued in our future conferences and publications. We have also initiated a new Elias Humanitarian Award which will be awarded annually, together with an honorarium.

I hope these words will give you some "Food for Thought." I look forward to your comments and suggestions, and especially welcome any new initiatives and volunteer help from interested members.

Send your comments and suggestions to: rechcigl@aol.com

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Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences
announces the 2001 North American Conference

The Czech and Slovak Legacy in the Americas
Preservation of Heritage with the Accent on Youth

Lincoln, Nebraska, August 1-3, 2001

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UN-L) will host the 2001 North American Conference of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU). The conference is sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Modern Languages, European Studies, and by the following community and regional groups: the Czech Language Foundation, the Czech Komensky Club, the Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln, and the Nebraska Czechs of Wilber. The dates of the Conference have been selected to coincide with the 40th Annual Czech Festival in Wilber, Nebraska, the Czech Capital of the U.S.A., during the first weekend in August. An estimated 40,000 – 50,000 people from all over the world attend the Wilber festival.

The Conference Committee has been working with our sponsoring organizations to put together a stimulating, exciting program as well as to include a variety of social and cultural activities for all attendees to enjoy. The preservation of Czech and Slovak heritage has long been an important part of Nebraska cultural life. We are reaching out to our Czech and Slovak communities in the state and surrounding areas to become involved with us to make the 2001 SVU Conference a memorable experience for everyone.

One of the central themes of the SVU in the new millennium is our Youth. The organizing committee has taken this theme seriously and at the present time five of our panels are being chaired by youth in our community. A paper that will be presented at our "Youth Organizations" panel is entitled "Czech-Slovak Youth Ambassadors" and will be presented by the Chairman and Pageant Director of the Miss Czech-Slovak USA Pageant.

Members of the Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln will serve as the hosts and hostesses of the conference, helping direct attendees to the exhibits that will be running simultaneously during the conference. We plan to have an array of entertainment during our breaks in the sessions, among the groups appearing will be the Capital City Czech Choraliers, dressed in their traditional kroje.

Panel titles include the following: Youth Organizations; History of Festivals; Banking; Student Exchange Programs; Czech and Slovak Museums, Historical Sites, and Memorials; Heritage Digitilization Project; Czech and Slovak Architectural Influences; Teaching Czech Language; History of Immigration; Czech and Slovak Contributions to Medicine and the Helping Professions, Genealogy, Music, Literature, Theater, Economic Cooperation in the Czech and Slovak Republics, Czechs and Slovaks in Canada, Assimilation and the Acculturation of Youth, Library Archives and Collection Development, Presidential Symposium honoring Presidents of National and Regional Organizations, and the SVU Annual Meeting.

Invitations have been extended to President Vaclav Havel, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, as well as the Czech and Slovak Ambassadors to both the United States and Canada. A number of state, local, and university dignitaries will also be in attendance.

A variety of social and cultural events are planned in the community concurrent with the conference. These events include: A Reception will begin the festivities on Wednesday, August 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wick Alumni Center on the University of Nebraska campus. Entertainment will be provided by local talent. Exhibit at the Great Plains Art Gallery. The "Wall of Remembrance" offers Conference attendees a glimpse into the history of Czechs in this region. An Accordion Jam Session is planned. World Premier Czech or Slovak Movie to be shown at the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery's Ross Film Theater on Friday evening, August 3. View the special collection of Czech archives in the Czech Heritage Collection, housed in Love Library at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Visit the State Historical Society which has an important collection of microfilms of Czech language newspapers published on the American continent. Tour the renovation project of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Lincoln. Attend the 40th Annual Czech Festival in Wilber, Nebraska, on Saturday, August 4th and Sunday, August 5th, featuring ethnic music, dancing, food, parades, theater, and the 15th Annual Miss Czech-Slovak USA Pageant. The entire program for the Festival can be seen on the website: www.ianr.unl.edu.ianr/saline.czech.htm. Transportation will be provided for a separate fee.

Hotel accommodation for SVU members is available in the University dorms at a cost per person, double occupancy, of \$16.00 per night. Dorm lodging requires that participants purchase a meal plan that is served in the cafeteria (breakfast, lunch, and dinner). The cost of this meal plan is \$16.00 per person per day, bringing the total cost of room and board to \$32.00 a day. Parking can be arranged on campus near the dorms. Other hotel accommodations can be made directly with Lincoln hotels (www.lincoln.org/cvb/lodging/lodging.htm). Hotels in the downtown area are within walking distance of the campus. The Cornhusker Hotel is located downtown and has reserved a block of rooms at a special SVU Conference rate. You may call them at 402-474-7474 to reserve a room and be sure to mention the SVU Conference for your special rate.

Call for Papers: Individuals interested in presenting papers and/or organizing additional sessions or symposia, should contact Ms. Cathy Oslzly at: coslzly@unlnotes.unl.edu

SVU Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, August 1-3, 2001 Preregistration and Speaker's Form

Please print or type the following:

Name: _____

Name(s) of person(s) accompanying you:

Institutional Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address:

Telephone and/or FAX: _____

e-mail: _____

Title of the proposed talk:

Speakers should submit a separate page, including the following:

- 1) The same information as requested above.
 - 2) A few sentences describing your talk to help us plan our program.
 - 3) A two sentence statement about your background and your work that will be published in the program.
- Additional comments and/or suggestions including recommendations for speakers (use other side if needed).

Preregistration Fee - Received Prior to June 1, 2001:

\$ 25.00 (SVU Member)

\$ 35.00 (NonMember of SVU)

\$ 20.00 (Spouse)

\$ 15.00 (Students)

Registrations received after June 1, 2001 will be increased by \$10.00 for each category listed above.

Housing accommodations in the dormitories: If you stay in the dorms, you are required to purchase a meal plan. The room rate with the meal plan is \$32.00 a night -- per person, double occupancy, three meals a day. Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday are prorated because you will only have one meal on each of those days (see below listing for details). No one can stay in the dorms without purchasing the meal plan. Even if you don't eat all of your meals there on Thursday and Friday, you are required to pay the full fee. Check in time is 2:00 p.m. or after. Check out time is before 10:00 a.m. If you plan to stay for the entire Wilber Festival, you most likely would want to spend the night of August 5th in Lincoln and leave on Monday, August 6th. We cannot guarantee space in the dormitories for reservations made after July 1, 2001.

Night of August 1 = \$23.50	_____	(supper only on August 1)
Night of August 2 = \$32.00	_____	(per person, double occupancy, 3 meals)
Night of August 3 = \$32.00	_____	(per person, double occupancy, 3 meals)
Night of August 4 = \$20.50	_____	(per person, double occupancy, breakfast only on Saturday, 8/4)
Night of August 5 = \$20.50	_____	(per person, double occupancy, breakfast only on Sunday, 8/5)
Breakfast morning of departure - \$4.50	_____	(add \$4.50 per person for breakfast the morning you check out)
Parking for dorms (\$2.00)	_____	
Registration fee =	_____	(see above for appropriate fee)
Total:	\$ _____	made payable to SVU

Single Occupancy: The rate for Single Occupancy is \$48.00 a night. If you are planning to share a room, please indicate who will be your roommate: _____. This information will be necessary when we turn in our Housing Request. If you have no roommate in mind, Housing will assign roommates. We will send you confirmation of registration and a Conference program towards the end of April. To help us plan for the transportation to Wilber, which will be a separate fee, please indicate below the day(s) you would be interested in attending:

_____ Saturday, August 3 (# of people _____)

_____ Sunday, August 4 (# of people _____)

To facilitate the planning of the conference, you are urged to preregister as soon as possible. Applications for papers or panels cannot be accepted after April 15, 2001.

Cancellation Policy: There won't be any refunds issued after July 15, 2001.

If you have questions, please send an email to: coslzly1@unl.edu.

Send this application form along with the appropriate fee (made payable to SVU) A.S.A.P. to:

Cathleen Oslzly, Department of Psychology, 238 Burnett Hall, UNL, Lincoln, NE 8588-0308.

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Preliminary Announcement

**21st SVU World Congress
August 2002 in Plzen, Czech Republic**

with the general theme

**"Transformation of the Czech and Slovak Society
on the Threshold of a New Millennium
and its Role in Contemporary Global World"**

The Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences will hold its 21st Anniversary Congress on August 24-30, 2002 in Plzen, Czech Republic. The city belongs to the most significant economic centers in the country, with a rich cultural tradition and with an important regional university.

This will be an extraordinary event which will feature prominent speakers and visitors from both sides of the Atlantic. It will be co-sponsored by the University of West Bohemia where the meetings and other activities will take place in cooperation with the Pilsen City Hall, Governments of Czech and Slovak Republics, as well as the Slovak and the US Embassies in the Czech Republic.

As the general theme indicates, the aim of the proceedings will be to look at the Czech and Slovak society, from all angles, with the perspective of the future in the new Millennium. All aspects of human endeavor will be examined, including the vitality of Czech and Slovak communities abroad and preservation of Czech/Slovak cultural identity and heritage. Part of the Congress will also be focused on specific transformation and globalization processes, which at the moment the Czech and Slovak Republics are undergoing.

We call on all scholars, scientists, artists, educators, students, ethnic community leaders, businessmen, lawyers, clergy, social and cultural workers, journalists, computer experts and anybody else who is interested in these matters to send us suggestions for specific topics and possible speakers. Young people are particularly welcome.

As in previous congresses, the academic program will be accompanied with numerous social and cultural activities, as well as sightseeing which the City of Pilsen offers, e.g. receptions at the city hall and at the University, merry making at the Pilsen Brewery, theater performance in the Pilsen Theater, concert by the Symphonic Orchestra, reception at the Prague Castle with the participation of members of the Senate and the Government, and visits of castles and chateaus in the West Bohemian region.

The Congress will be hosted by the SVU Plzen Chapter. Accommodations will be reserved in the University dormitories and in the hotels in Pilsen.

21th SVU World Congress
Plzen, Czech Republic in the Year 2002
PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

e-mail:

Active Participation:

Passive Participation:

Title of Proposed Paper:

I wish to organize symposium/ panel discussion:

Other suggestions:

Mailing Address:

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New Pilsen SVU Chapter is Up and Running

The Pilsen Chapter was officially introduced in December 1999. Currently, it comprises 26 members coming from the academic and the art community of the city. Approximately half of the members belong to University faculty and students and the other half consists of people coming from the art circles, and well known figures of the Pilsen public life.

The Pilsen Chapter officers are:

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The chapter's activities are, at the moment, divided into areas:

1. Recruitment of new, from the social relations point of view interesting citizens of Pilsen and vicinity.
2. Preparations of the so-called "Pilsen Talks" in liaison with the City Hall and the preparations of specialized conferences on University level.
3. Preparations of the SVU Congress 2002.

The status of preparation of the "Pilsen Talks" is as follows:

Panel 1: Issues of the Transformation of the Media in the Central and Eastern European Countries

Chair: Petr Holub (Respekt); Members: Pavel Dymes, Simon Panek, Bohumil Dolezal

Panel 2: The Role of Media after the Coming to Terms with the Communist Past Members : Bohumil Pecinka, Frantisek Cervenska

Panel 3: Media, Democracy and Education

Chair: Brent Bozell; Members: Mrs. Shattuck, Michal Semin, Samuel Abraham

General Discussion Forum: V. Belohradsky, K.Hvizdala, J. Fistejn, R. Kucera, P. Safr, L. Roucek, M. Kruml and others. They all represent public figures. Representation of the US Embassy is expected.

UPDATE ON DR. FISCHMANN'S PAPERS

SVU is publishing posthumously the work of its member, Czech musicologist Dr. Zdenka Fischmann, who devoted her entire life to making available information about Czech music to the English-speaking public. Her articles and lectures are an excellent scholarly study of various epochs, composers, and trends in Czech music. Her expertise was Ja-náãek, MartinŮ, and Jewish musicians of Czechoslovak origin.

The project has been assigned to Dr. Dagmar White and Dr. Judith Fiehler who will serve as co-editors. The planned volume will have between 250 to 300 pages, which will include some articles on psycho-therapy through musical therapy. The bound volume will enhance any library of musicologists and music lovers. Progress on this project is well along, including the compilation of Dr. Fischmann's bibliography and finalization of the Table of Contents. Negotiations with potential publishers are on the way. Our goal is to publish the book within a year.

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From New SVU Rolls

ZDENEK HEL holds the position of a Research Fellow at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. He is a native of Policka, Czechoslovakia and with academic training from Charles University in Prague (Magister in Biochemistry, 1990; RNDr. in Molecular Genetics, 1990) and McGill University in Montreal (Ph.D. in Experimental Medicine with honors, 1997). He specializes in biochemistry, molecular genetics, immunology, virology and vaccinology.

MARJORIE MARIE STUDENT is Assistant County Attorney, Collier County, Florida. She is a native of Philadelphia, PA and is of Czech descent, her great-grandfather, James (Vaclav) Student, having emigrated from Bohemia to the US at the end of the 19th century. She holds academic degrees from Ogle Thorpe University in Atlanta, GA (B.A. in Political Science), Stetson University College of Law at St. Petersburg, FL (J.D.) and University of Miami School of Law (LL.M.). She specializes in land use zoning, environmental law and administrative law and is a member of NJ State Bar Association, Florida Bar and the American Bar Association.

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PETER MEDERLY is head of research and project team at REGIOPLAN in Nitra, Slovakia, a private firm concerned with environmental assessment, case studies and project management. He is a native of Prague, Czechoslovakia with academic degrees from Comenius University in Bratislava (MSc., Dr.). He is a specialist on global issues, environment and sustainable development. He is a co-author, editor and project officer of over 60 projects at local, regional and national levels. The latest projects include: National Strategy of Sustainable Development for the Slovak Republic, Ecofutures 2000, Slovak Republic — State of Environment, and Sustainable Future for the Czech Republic — 21st Century Study.

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ROLAND ANTHONY STILES is a Teacher of English as a second language in Lincoln Public School, Lincoln, NE. He is a native of Calgary, Canada and holds the degree of Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta (1992). He is now studying for Master's degree in education at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

JITKA STILES is employed at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln as a post doctoral research associate. She is a native of Turnov, Czech Republic and holds academic degrees from the Institute of Chemical Technology in Prague (B.Sc. in Biochemical Technology, 1994; MSc. in Dairy and Lipids Technology, 1996; Ph.D. in microbiology and food technology, 1999). In addition to her scientific writings she is a co-editor of *Nas svet*, a bimonthly newsletter published by Czech Komensky Club at the University of Nebraska.

VLASTA LAZU is employed as an editor of Slovak and Czech broadcasting, Radio Timisoara, Timisoara, Romania. She is a native of Hutavoivozi, Bihor, Romania and holds Dipl. Ing. degree from T.C.P.A.T.P, Galati, Romania (1987). She has expertise in food chemistry and in the history of Czechs and Slovaks in Romania.

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Focus on Younger Generation

KAREL ZASTERA is currently working as a professor at the Department of Anthropology and as the Director of International Relations Office of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences of the West Bohemia University in Pilsen. He pursued studies at several European universities; Charles University-Czech Republic, University of Zurich-Switzerland, University of Roskilde-Denmark, and in the US at the American University, and at Yale University. He worked as an independent research consultant at the Department of Ethnography and Folklore Studies of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague and in the US as a research scholar at the National Museum of American History-Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, as well as at the Immigration History Research Center of University of Minnesota. He was awarded the Tempus Erasmus, Sasakawa Foundation, and the Fulbright grants. He is a member of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences and the European Association of Social Anthropologists. He worked in a visiting professor capacity at Suffolk University, Boston and lectured at the Philosophical Faculty, Charles University in Prague.

During his visits in the US he was engaged in the study of the Czech ethnic group living in the United States, which is the core of his scientific concern at this time. He has cooperated with Czech societies in the Midwest area and on the East coast. His further scientific focus is aimed at cultural, regional differences in the American society (he is the author of the book *Cultural Identity of the US South*) and on research of the Native Americans of Northern America (the Southwest region and the tribes on the territory of the state of Minnesota). In the Czech region he is engaged in research and the theory of urban anthropology.

Karel Zastera was instrumental in establishing the new Pilsen SVU Chapter and currently plays a key role in organizing the next SVU World Congress to be held in Pilsen in June 2002.

ANNA VYSOKA is a graduate student in the Educational Policy and Administration at the University of Minnesota and works as a cross-cultural facilitator for Wilson Learning Corporation. Born in 1970 in As, she moved to Prague in 1980 where she attended the Anglo-American College and worked as English/Czech language teacher for "Anglictina Express". In 1994 was admitted to the University of Minnesota where she is pursuing her studies. She holds B.A. in Sociology and Art History (1996), M.A. in Educational Policy and Administration (2001). In September 2001 will begin a PhD program in the Educational Policy and Administration specializing in Comparative International Education. Her two main professional interests are development of higher-order reasoning skills of university students and enhancement of cultural understanding specifically between the U.S. and Czech business communities. She also holds a position of Chair of the SVU Youth Advisory Committee, secretary of Minnesota SVU Chapter, and is a new member of the Czech Cultural Center Executive Committee in Minnesota.

DAVID ZDENEK CHROUST (b. Teplice, North Bohemia, 1962; to U.S. 1969) joined the faculty of Texas A&M University in College Station as a catalog librarian in 1992, served as the librarian of the University's campus in Koriyama, Japan, in 1993-1994, and became the first Slavic studies librarian at its home campus in 1998. He graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in economics from Kent State University in 1984 and an M.L.S. in 1991. As a graduate student in library science he completed a practicum in the Cleveland Public Library's Foreign Literatures Department and a manuscript reference guide to Czech-American sources. (The Cleveland and New York public libraries were the first to collect Bohemica and began to do so in the period of Czech mass immigration in the later nineteenth century.)

He has contributed articles on problems of Slavic and Germanic material in library catalogs to the peer-reviewed journals *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*, *Slavic & East European Information Resources* and *Kosmas*. He wrote about Czech-American collections in Texas for *Ctenar* and about Sorbian- and Ukrainian-American museum libraries for the journal of the Slavic and East European Section (SEES) of the Association of College and Research Libraries. His publications on the Czech-American historian and bibliographer Thomas Capek (1861-1950) include an article in *Kosmas* on the Capek Papers at the Library of Congress and a biographical essay in Clinton Machann, ed., *Czech-Americans in Transition* (Austin, TX: Eakin Press, 1999).

He contributes to the activities of SEES (see above) and its committees at the annual conferences of the American Library Association. He is a director of the Czech Education Foundation of Texas, which led the way to establishing the Chair of Czech Studies at the University of Texas. He has chaired sessions and read papers at SVU conferences in Brno (1996), Texas (1997) and Washington (2000) and currently serves the society as managing editor of *Kosmas*, its peer-reviewed journal of Czech and Slovak studies.

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## I n M e m o r i a m

### **JOSEF POLISENSKY (1915-2001)**

One of the Czech Republic's most respected historians, Josef Polisenky, has died at the age of eighty-five. He was a specialist on modern Czech history, but was also well known for his research into British, Dutch, Spanish and Latin American history. In the English-speaking world he is best known for his work on the historical links between Bohemia and Britain. In his long career, Josef Polisenky published more than 120 books, and taught at universities around the world. He died, following a short illness, having worked until the last day of his life. He worked on a new volume of his work this time dedicated to the role Danes played in the Thirty Years War.

Professor Polisenky was active despite his failing health. Having traveled to the United States in Spring 2000, he planned another visit — he was going to give a lecture on Czech Migration to the United States at the SVU conference in Washington but had to cancel the trip because he was not feeling well. He did give a public lecture in the National Museum on December 7, 2000, a week before his 85th Birthday. As always he did not read his lecture and his lecture was very lively.

Professor Polisenky was a true renaissance scholar his research covering Thirty Years War, History of England, and of Latin America, particularly in 16 and 17th centuries. His works include: *Anglie a Bila hora*, *Trice-tileta valka a evropske krize 17. stoleti*, *Strucne dejiny Kuby*. He received recognition and awards in various countries (Austria, Spain, Venezuela to name but a few). He was open to new methodologies (e.g.: in case of migration), and probably nobody knew Czech archives as well as he. His memoirs should be published shortly and should add another aspect on the development of the Czech society in 20th century.

On a personal level: Professor Polisenky advised many students on their doctoral work. We became friends while I worked on mine. At the funeral where various generations were represented I sat next to a man whom he advised in 1947. My work was defended in 1992.

STEPANKA KORYTOVA-MAGSTADT

### **JOSEF K. HASEK (1911-2001)**

Dr. Joseph K. Hasek, a fifty year resident of the District of Columbia (1948-1998) died on January 20, 2001 at the age of 89 in his native Czech Republic after a long illness. Dr. Hasek was born on April 2, 1911 in Prague and earned a Doctorate of Jurisprudence and Economics at Charles University in Prague. As the last private Czechoslovak banker before the Communist takeover of that country, he was President of Hasek & Co. Bank, founded by his father, Frantisek Hasek. In January, 1948 Dr. Hasek was invited by the U.S. government to come to the U.S. to make recommendations as to expanding trade between the U.S. and Czechoslovakia. He was to have returned to Czechoslovakia on March 5. On February 25 the Communist coup thwarted his return and forced him to remain a political exile in the U.S. The communist government seized his bank and other properties. Dr. Hasek became a U.S. citizen and served as Vice-President of the International Bank of Washington. He later founded Combined Agencies Corporation to provide international economic consulting and promote foreign trade.

Dr. Hasek was an untiring champion of the Czechoslovak cultural legacy in the United States. He established and served as President of the Czechoslovak-American Education Council, and was an active member of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, which in 1998 set up a Joseph K. Hasek Scholarship Fund in his honor.

A memorial service was held on January 29 at the Dahlgren Chapel of Georgetown University. He is survived by his daughter, Eliska Hasek Coolidge of Washington and Prague, his son, Jan Hasek of London and Prague, and by three grandchildren. Instead of flowers the family asks that contributions be made in his name to the Joseph K. Hasek SVU Scholarship Fund, Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, c/o Frank Mucha, Treasurer, 200 Riverside Dr., Apt.5F, New York, NY 10025.

### **DR. ČESTMÍR JEŠINA (1924-2001)**

Čestmír Ješina, rodák z Rapotic na Moravě, zemřel ve věku 76 let v městečku Woodstock ve Virginii.

Do exilu odešel po únorovém komunistickém puči. Studoval v Anglii a v roce 1958 obdržel M. A. v politických vědách na Oxfordské univerzitě. Z Anglie odejel do USA, kde pokračoval ve studiu politických věd na George Washington University. V roce 1970 mu byl udělen titul Ph.D. Dlouhá léta pracoval jako Senior Analyst pro International Energy Affairs of the U.S. Department of Energy ve Washingtonu. V důchodu se pak věnoval spisovatelské činnosti a práci v českých exilových organizacích.

Dr. Ješina byl aktivním členem československé národní rady, Sokola, nějakou dobu byl předsedou Wilson Club a nejmíc práce věnoval Společnosti pro vědy a umění. V letech 1971-1973 byl předsedou washingtonské místní skupiny, pak sloučil dva termíny v předsednictvu SVU ve funkci místopředsedy v letech 1984-1986 a znovu byl zvolen na období 1986-1988. Mimo to byl aktivním členem Czech Interdenominational Service a dvacet let zpíval ve sboru tohoto českého kostela v Emmanuel Lutheran Church v Bethesdě.

Čestmír Ješina byl velký vlastenec a celá léta v exilu pracoval oddaný pro českou věc. Nechyběl na žádné schůzi, na žádném podniku, či národních oslavách. Přidnášel a účastnil se všech SVU kongresů, pokud mu sloužilo zdraví. Když před pár lety onemocněl, česká komunita velice postrádala jeho podporu a věrnou obětavost a bude ji postrádat dále. Dr. Ješina byl jedním z těch nenahraditelných pracovníků na roli národa českého a patří mu náš trvající vděk.

Přátelé Čestmíra Ješiny mohou uctít jeho památku darem Společnosti pro vědy a umění. Vzpomínkový dar, vystavený na SVU, pošlete pokladníkovi Franku Muchovi na adresu: 200 Riverside Drive, Apt. 5F, New York, NY 10025.

Poznámka redaktora

*Dr. Čestmíra Ješinu som poznal ako kolegu na Federálnom ministerstve obchodu aj ako priateľa celého desaťročia. Bol takmer u kolisky SVU a zostal jej verným členom až do svojej smrti. Bol horlivým vlastencom českým i československým. Spomínam ako na niektorých oslavách, keď sme stali vedľa seba, s akou vervou spieval „Nad Tatrou sa blýska“. Ja som sa mu, pravda, nedal zahanbiť a s rovnakým zápalom som spieval. „Kde domov můj.“ Čestmír bol predovšetkým dobrý človek a veľký demokrat. Česť jeho pamiatke. Jeho manželke, Alexandre, vyslovujeme našu hlbokú sústrasť.* A.E.

### **Vzpomínka na MILENU KARGEROVOU**

Před dvěma lety 27. února 1999 zemřela v Los Angeles paní Milena Kargerová, manželka dr. Jiřího Kargera, bývalého předsedy Los Angeles místní skupiny SVU. Její přátelé v Los Angeles chtějí touto vzpomínkou uctít její památku.

## **SVU FELLOWS**

Many members of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, those of long standing as well as the newest, have reached levels of professional excellence in their respective fields as scholars, scientists, educators, technologists, writers, artists, and in other creative vocations. To recognize those of outstanding achievement by electing them as Fellows of the Society, SVU is opening its Fellowship program as envisaged in the SVU By-Laws. The award of Fellowship honors the elected individuals. However, the College of Fellows is also to become yet another source of a continuing critical appraisal of the conduct of the Society's affairs, its effective governance, its adherence to professional standards, and of the maintenance of its democratic and non-partisan character. The award of the status of a Fellow is not conceived as a recognition of only those who have reached the zenith of their creative, life-long work. Many men and women, with much fruitful work still lying ahead of them, may have already attained levels of professional achievement warranting their nomination for SVU Fellowship. The SVU By-Laws charge the Society's Council with administering the Fellows program and, following a professional scrutiny of the proposed candidates for the status of a Fellow, with their election by a simple majority of the voting members of the Council.

*MILOSLAV REHCIGL, SVU PRESIDENT*

## NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF SVU FELLOWS

Members of the Society may be elected Fellows of the Society in recognition of their outstanding record as scholars, scientists, educators, technologists, writers, or artists, or in other appropriate creative fields. Any one or more SVU members acting as Sponsor(s) may propose a candidate for SVU Fellowship to the Fellows Nominations Committee of the SVU Council (further "the Committee") for election by the Council.

A. INITIAL PROPOSAL OF CANDIDACY. The initial proposal should contain the name, the address, the professional field and the current position of the candidate. Upon the receipt of the proposal, the Committee shall provide the Sponsor(s) with guidelines for establishing the candidate's dossier. The initial proposal, in the form of a letter addressed to the Committee, should be submitted by mail, fax, or e-mail to the Speaker of the Council: Zdenek J. Slouka, Lucemburska 43, 130 00 Prague 3, Czech Republic, tel./fax 011-420-2-6272070, e-mail: [sloukaz@cuni.cz](mailto:sloukaz@cuni.cz).

B. REVIEW AND NOMINATION. The completed candidate's dossier shall be evaluated by at least two experts in the candidate's field, chosen ad hoc by the Committee. Where the expert evaluations and other data so warrant, the Committee shall nominate the candidate to the SVU Council for election.

C. ELECTION OF FELLOWS. The nomination of a Fellow to the Council shall be accompanied by a synopsis of the candidate's dossier and of its evaluation. The votes of the members of the Council shall be in writing, their anonymity ensured by the standard double-envelope method. The ballots shall be mailed to the Speaker of the Council for transmission to the Committee. Only votes received within thirty days from the date of the Committee's submission of the nomination to the Council shall be counted as valid. The Fellow shall be elected by a simple majority of valid votes.

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### The Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences announces the establishment of an annual **ANDREW ELIAS SVU HUMAN TOLERANCE AWARD**

Beginning with the year of 2001, the first year of the third millennium, the Society will bestow the annual **Andrew Elias SVU Human Tolerance Award** on an individual whose life and work symbolize the living value of human tolerance. The Award shall be accompanied by a prize of \$ 1,000.

In its Resolution adopted at the occasion of the historic 20th World Congress held in Washington in 2000, the Society reaffirmed its resolve to work "toward enhancing the values of human tolerance and of freedom of spirit and thought." With a sensitivity so uncommon in these times, and expressing his deep and long-held convictions, Dr. Andrew Elias has decided to sponsor, through the Society, an annual Human Tolerance Award.

In an age marked by animosities and strife among human beings around the globe, the quest for human tolerance is the fundamental imperative of this day. Without human tolerance, democracy itself decays, culture is warped, civil society becomes uncivilized. Human tolerance cannot be decreed. It has no institutions and no structures. It either lives in men and women as their innermost value guiding their feelings and thoughts and deeds, or it does not live.

Therein lies the meaning of the Andrew Elias SVU Human Tolerance Award: to keep on reminding us that human tolerance begins in human beings, and to do so by recognizing and honoring those whose life and work have been guided by tolerance and compassion.

Every year, one Award shall be bestowed.

In keeping with the spirit of the Andrew Elias SVU Human Tolerance Award, no criteria, such as nationality or SVU membership, shall limit the eligibility of proposed recipients. Any woman or man whose life and work reflect the ideals of human tolerance and compassion, may be proposed by any SVU member or a group of members, such as SVU Local Chapters or ad hoc groups.

The names of the proposed candidates for the Award, accompanied by adequate data and other relevant information on the life and work of the proposed candidate, should be submitted to the SVU Secretary General no later than April 15 of the year for which the Award is to be given.

All proposals shall be forwarded to the SVU Award Nominations Committee now being formed. The Committee will evaluate the proposals and nominate one or more candidates. The Committee's recommendation(s) shall be submitted to the SVU President for the final decision by the Executive Board. The Committee may nominate two or maximum three candidates of comparable merit.

For reasons of propriety and decency too obvious to enlarge upon further, the proposals of candidates must be submitted on a confidential basis. A premature publicity of the name of the person being proposed for the Award may result in non-acceptance of the proposal.

The Award will be formally presented during the next SVU World Congress or, in the year between Congresses, at another appropriate occasion. The Award recipient shall be invited to deliver a lecture following the Award ceremony.

## HISTORICAL MARKER TO HONOR THE PITTSBURGH AGREEMENT

The Pennsylvania Historic Marker and Museum Commission recently approved an application to honor Tomas Garrigue Masaryk and the signing of the The Pittsburgh Agreement with an official historic marker. The application was submitted to the Pennsylvania State Commission by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU), a nonprofit, international organization ([www.svu2000.org](http://www.svu2000.org)) which includes as one of its goals, the preservation of Czech and Slovak heritage both in this country and abroad

The Pittsburgh Agreement played a significant role in the course of events leading to the establishment of an independent Czechoslovak state

after the First World War. The catalyst for the drafting and signing of this Agreement was the visit to Pittsburgh in 1918 of Professor Tomas Garrigue Masaryk who later that year became the first president of Czechoslovakia. On May 30, during his visit to Pittsburgh, Masaryk addressed an enthusiastic crowd of 20,000 that had gathered in support of the new nation. As recounted by local newspaper reports, Professor Masaryk was "greeted with tumultuous and thunderous applause" and delivered a speech that was described as "striking heart fire." The Pittsburgh Agreement was signed the next day by local Czech and Slovak representatives who pledged support for the formation of an independent country.

A dedication ceremony for the unveiling of the historic marker honoring this event is planned for Thursday afternoon, May 31, 2001 at the corner of Seventh and Penn Avenues in downtown Pittsburgh, near the site of the original signing. In attendance will be representatives from the Czech and Slovak Embassies, state and local officials, and members of Czech and Slovak organizations. Anyone interested in attending the dedication ceremony is welcome to do so.

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### SVU Calendar 2001

#### JANUARY

**January 11** - Prague Chapter - Prof. Jiri Veleminsky's lecture on J. G. Mendel. His Life and Works. Echoes from SVU World Congress, Washington, DC, August 2000."

**January 27** - British Chapter Event: Lecture, "Anglickí Jezerní básníci — Lakers" — o poezii Wordsworthe a Coleridge (Poetry of Wordsworth and Coleridge). Speaker: PhDr. Zdenek Hron, kulturní přídelenec na velvyslanectví CSR u Svatojanského dvora, autor 50 knih překladu vy-dan-ých ve vlasti, mezi nimi právě poezie "Lakers".

#### FEBRUARY

**February 1** - 7:30 PM, Thursday, Washington DC Chapter, a special lecture on "President Bush Has Czech Blood. Guess Who Else? Notable Americans with Czech Roots" by Miloslav Rechcigl, Jr., SVU President. Bethesda Public Library, Arlington Blvd., Bethesda, MD.

**February 6** - Brno SVU Chapter, Special Award Ceremony at the City Hall. Lord Mayor of Brno will present the highest award of the city to two SVU members: Prof. Alena Vesela and Prof. Jan Smarda.

**February 11** - Prague SVU Chapter, Lecture of Doc. J. Halik, "Soudoba prazska architektura" (Contemporary Prague Architecture).

**February 22** - Bratislava Chapter. Klubova miestnost SVU, Laurinska 14 poschodie "Gregoriansky choral" (Gregorian Chorale). Lecture with music. Speaker: Prof. J. Bilek, dirigent, Vysoka skola mu-zických umeni, Slov. filharmonia.

**February 24** - British Chapter. Lecture "Gerontologie a novy, optimisticky vyzkum procesu stárnutí" (Gerontology, a New Optimistic Research of Aging Process). Speaker: PhDr Kveta Sunová.

**February 27** - Brno SVU Chapter. Literary-Music Afternoon on the occasion of the 80th birthday of playwright Milos Hynst. Reading from his works by Dr. Stepan Vlasin. With the accompaniment of a harp.

#### MARCH

**March 1** - Washington DC Chapter. Lecture, "Vystup na Mt. McKinley (6,194 m)". Speaker: Dr. J. Kotik. 7:30 PM, Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington St., Bethesda, MD.

**March 8** - Prague SVU Chapter. Lecture of Prof. Tomas Halik, "Duchovni hodnoty a soucasna spolecnost" (Spiritual Values in Contemporary Society).

**March 11** - Los Angeles Chapter. Celebration of T. G. Masaryk's Birthday (in cooperation with Ceska Narodni Rada and other Czech Clubs in Los Angeles area).

**March 17** - Washington DC Chapter. US premiere of Oldrich Da-nek's play "Zdaleka ne tak oskliva jako se zdala", Performed by Nove divadlo of Toronto. American University, Experimental Theater.

**March 17** - Los Angeles Chapter. Visit to the J. Paul Getty Museum to view a Special Exhibit "Shaping the Great City: Modern Architecture in Central Europe 1890 - 1937". (Mainly about Prague.)

**March 22** - Bratislava Chapter. Klubova miestnost SVU, Laurinska 14. Lecture "Slovensko a Europska integracia, Europska unia a NATO" (Slovakia and European Integration — European Union and NATO). Speaker: Prof.Ing. Juraj Stern, DrSc, Ekonomicka univerzita, Bratislava.

**March 30** - New York Chapter. 7 PM, Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimo, New York University, 24 West 12th Street, New York, NY. Concert of "Poetica Musica" to Benefit the Reconsturciton of the Baroque Theatre in Cesky Krumlov. Program: Dvorak's Gypsy Songs, Love Songs, Brahms and American composers.

**March 31** - Pittsburgh Chapter. Luncheon and Lecture at noon in Sheraton Station Square Hotel, 7 Station Square Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Speaker: Joan McGuire Mohr. Brief Bio: Received her Master's degree from the University of San Diego and is currently a doctoral candidate in History at the University of Pittsburgh. Her specialty is U. S. Immigration History with an emphasis on the Czechs and Slovaks. Title of Talk „The Founding Fathers: The Czecho-Slovak Legion in Siberia 1917-1920“.

**March 31** - British Chapter. Lecture, "Sudetští Němci a CSR" (Sudeten Germans and Czechoslovakia). Speaker: Generál M. F. Kaspar.

#### APRIL

**April 12** - Prague Chapter. Informal meeting with writer J. Stransky, head of the Czech section of PEN Club.

**April 19** - Bratislava Chapter. Klubova miestnost SVU, Laurinska 14. Lecture "Kriticke periody vo fyziologickych funkciich organizmu" (Critical Periods in Physiological Functions of an Organism). Speaker: MUDr. Ladislav Macho, DrSc, Ustav experimentalnej endokrinologie, SAV Bratislava.

**April 28** - British Chapter. Lecture, "Nekteré (kontroverzní) otázky české privatizavce" (Some Controversial Issues of Czech Privatization).

**April 28** - Los Angeles Chapter. Lecture and walk through the Central Los Angeles with architect Paul Jezek.

#### MAY

**May 10** - Prague Chapter. Remember S. Tolsta. Performace by D. Fialkoca and L. Benesova.

**May 12** - Washington DC Chapter. Annual Reception and Lecture. Speaker: Dr. S. J. Ungar, Director, Voice of America. 7 PM. Czech Embassy, 3900 Spring of Freedom St., Washington, DC.

**May 24** - Bratislava Chapter. Klubova miestnost SVU, Laurinska 14. Event: To be announced.

**May 26** - British Chapter. Lecture, "Globalizace v dejinné perspek-tive" (Globalization in Historical Perspective). Speaker: Prof. JUDr. Jaro-slav Krejčí.

**May 31** - Pittsburgh Chapter. The afternoon of May 31, 2001 in CNG Tower, Seventh and Penn Avenues, Pittsburgh, PA. Unveiling of historical marker to honor the signing of The Pittsburgh Agreement on May 31, 1918. Speakers: Representatives from The Czech and Slovak Embassies, State and local organizations, family members of some of those who originally signed this document. Other honored guests.

#### JUNE

**June 2** - Los Angeles Chapter. Lecture on Earthquakes in California. Speaker: Dr. Eisner, Cal. Tech., Pasadena.

**June 21** - Bratislava Chapter. Klubova miestnost SVU, Laurinska 14. Lecture, "Stres a jeho vyznam pre organizmus" (Stress and its Impor-tance to an Organism). Speaker: MUDr. Milan Vigas, DrSc, Ustav experimentalnej endokrinologie SAV, Bratislava

#### SEPTEMBER

**September 29** - Washington DC Chapter. Wine & Cheese Party. 4 PM, Czech Embassy, Washington, DC.

#### OCTOBER

**October 28** - Minnesota Chapter. Sokol CSPS Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota. Lecture "In the Age of Globalization, do we need orga-nizations with national focus?" Speaker: Professor Joseph Mestenhauser, Honorary Consul of Czech Republic.

#### NOVEMBER

**November 17** - Washington DC Chapter. SVU Christmas Bazaar, 12 noon - 4 PM, Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD.

#### DECEMBER

**Beginning December** - Los Angeles Chapter. General Meeting with elections of the new Board of Directors for 2002-2004.

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