

The 21st SVU World Congress Plzen, Czech Republic, June 24-30, 2002 HURRY and REGISTER - LAST CALL for PAPERS!

Preparations are in full swing for the upcoming SVU World Congress. Our Plzen co-organizers, under the leadership of Dean Ivo Budil, are going out of their way to make this a truly memorable event. Logistical arrangements are in place and all effort is currently focused on preparation of the program.

The Congress will take place in the Western Czech Metropolis of Plzen, from June 24-30, 2002 and will be held under the auspices of the Rector of the University of West Bohemia and the Lord Mayor of the City of Plzen. The central theme of the Congress is "The Transformation of Czech and Slovak Societies on the Threshold of the New Millennium, and their Role in the Present Global World."

In addition to the main theme, there will be other panels relating to Czech and Slovak matters, including the Czechs and Slovaks abroad. Various facets covered will encompass history, politics, law, economics, business, education, literature, arts, music, philosophy, science and technology, civil society, women's issues, religion, environment, information technology, international relations, media and journalism, etc. There is hardly a subject or a theme that is not covered. Twenty minutes are reserved for each presentation, followed by a 5-10 minutes discussion. Papers presented at the Congress will later be published in book form.

Tentative panels that are being organized are listed below, i.e., panels that are organized in the US and those that are organized in the Czech and Slovak Republics. There is still time for you to be included, however you will need to act fast. Fill out the Speaker's Form and return it to us promptly, preferably by e-mail. If you live overseas or Western Europe send the Speaker's Form to Mila Rechcigl to the address: rechcigl@aol.com If you reside in Czech or Slovak Republics, send your e-mail to Dean Budil: budil@ksa.zcu.cz.

The participants of the Congress will have an opportunity to take part in a varied cultural program, which will include a brilliant performance of the opera Carmen in the Theater of Joseph Kajetan Tyl, piano recital by Professor Radoslav Kvapil, theatrical performance of Jiri Weinberger, and other concert performances of the known artists. Interested people can also sign up for various events in connection with the Year of Josef Skupa and Jiri Trnka, and view a variety of exhibits in the city galleries. Participants of the Congress will also be able to see some of the older classical Czech films. The social events will be concluded with a festive banquet at the renowned Plzen beerhouse "Na Spilce".

At the end of the Congress, interested individuals will be able to choose between an excursion through regional castles and chateaus, or through renowned and often visited spa cities in the western part of the Czech Republic. They can also visit the newly reconstructed chateau, Kozel, located in the vicinity of Plzen, where they will be hosted in

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the beautiful surroundings of the chateau park.

The organizers of the Congress are renewing their call to educators, scientists, artists, students, experts in various fields of human endeavor, government and community leaders, representatives and members of non-governmental and humanitarian organizations, businessmen, politicians, writers, journalists, and all who care about the transformations that are taking place in the present world, to come to Plzen, and by their contributions enrich the Congress program and help create a truly friendly, and intellectually stimulating environment.

We urge you to fill out the Preregistration Form as soon as possible to assure that you be included in specific events and also that you get the accommodation you prefer. Preregistration Form needs to be filled out by all the overseas attendees, as well as those from Western Europe, irrespective whether they are speakers or not.

Attendees from Czech and Slovak Republics, other than foreigners and former exiles who now live there, register with Dean Budil in Plzen.

Tentative Panels Organized in USA

By subject

Coordinator: Mila Rechcigl – e-mail: rechcigl@aol.com

I. Culture And Learning

Youth Issues – Vysoka

Motivating the Young – Fiala

Czechoslovak Jewish Heritage in the Global Community – Davis

Czech and Slovak Studies Abroad – Fryscak

Education – Novakova

Teaching Czech and Slovak Languages Abroad – Saskova-Pierce

US Universities in Partnership with Czech and Slovak Institutions of Higher Learning – P. Filip

SVU Local Chapters Worldwide – Hochman

II. The Arts

Czech Theater Abroad – V. Borkovec

Czech and Slovak Exile Poetry Reading – V. Roknic & V. Williams

Czech and Slovak Art Worldwide – ?

III. Humanities

Bohemian Reformation – Z. David

Czech Political Culture in the 19th Century – K. David-Fox

Military History – D. Hasalova-White

Liberation of Pilsen by Gen Paton's Troops – R. Kotil & D. White

Masaryk Symposium – ?

Scholars Who Made a Difference – ?

IV. Social and Behavioral Sciences

Civil Rights in CR and SR – Feierabend

Law and Justice in Czech and Slovak Republics – Triska

Women's Issues – Lois Herman

Czech-American Cultural Experiences – The Influence upon Gender Awareness – Elena Sokol

News and Media – ?

Librarianship – J. Hurych & S. Simor

Czech and Slovak Economics as Viewed from Abroad – Kmenta

Business and Trade with Czech and Slovak Republic – P. Novotny

Collaborative Projects with CR and SR – McGinnis

V. Science and Technology

Scientists Who Made a Difference – J. P. Skalny

Advances in Biological and Medical Sciences – J. Machac

Depression – Mary Swoboda

Eating Disorders – Mary Swoboda

Information Technology – F. Safertal

Equal Access to Education and the Economic Systems through Science, Information Technology and

Entrepreneurship – Ramsey

VI. Czechs and Slovaks Abroad

Czechs and Slovaks in Nebraska and Midwest – C. Oslzly

Texas-Moravian Panel – Machann

Czech Sport in America – ?

Sokol Abroad – ?

Czech and Slovak Entrepreneurs Abroad – Kabes

Symposium: Czechoslovak Americans on Behalf of their Homeland – M. Rechcigl

Relations with Czech and Slovak Republics: Outstanding Issues – Kocourek

The 1948 Exiles and their Homeland – Hruby

Congress Panels Organized in ČR and SR

Coordinator: Ivo Budil - email: budil@ksa.zcu.cz

I. Culture and Learning

A. Culture

Multikulturalismus – výzva nebo ohrožení? (Multiculturalism – Challenge or Threat?) – dr. Uherek
Ídovská, česká a slovenská kultura: vzájemné vlivy (Jewish, Czech and Slovak Culture: Mutual Influences)
Kultura a vědecká racionalita na přelomu tisíciletí (Culture and Scientific Rationality at the Turn of the Millennium) – Nikolaj Demjancuk
Prezentace města Plzně (City of Plzeň: Its History and Culture) – L. Havlíčková

B. Education

Vyučování českého jazyka (Teaching of Czech Language)
Univerzity a role vzdělání v 21. století (University and the Role of Education in the 21st Century)
Studentské výměnné programy (Student Exchange Programs)

C. Archives and Museums

Česká a slovenská muzea (Czech and Slovak Museums) – František Fryda
České a slovenské archívy, sbírky a jejich vývoj (Czech and Slovak Archives, Collections and their Development)
– Vladimír Bystrický

D. Genealogy

Genealogie (Genealogy)

II. The Arts

Art and Architecture

Současná česká architektura (Contemporary Czech Architecture)

Music

Česká a slovenská hudba ve 20. století (Czech and Slovak Music in the 21st Century) – Prof. Vičar

Cinema and Theatre

Soudobý český film (Contemporary Czech Cinema)
České a slovenské divadlo (Czech and Slovak Theatre)

III. Humanities

History

Tvář první republiky: legendy a fakta (The Face of the First Republic: Myths and Facts)
Počátky českého státu v mezinárodním kontextu (Beginnings of the Czech State in the International Context)

Literature and Linguistics

Česká literatura na přelomu 20. a 21. století (Czech Literature at the Turn of the 20th and the 21st Centuries)
Shakespeare v české literatuře: Problematika překladu anglicky píšících autorů (Shakespeare in Czech Literature: Problems of Translation of English-writing Authors) – Martin Hilský
Český strukturalismus a jeho mezinárodní ohlas: Osobnost a dílo Romana Jakobsona (Czech Structuralism and its International Influences: Personality and the Works of Roman Jakobson) – Alena Moravková
Česká literatura v nadnárodních kontextech (Czech Literature in International Context) – Doc. Papoušek

IV. Social and Behavioral Sciences

Politics and Government

Přežije Střední Evropa rok 2100? (Is Central Europe Going to Survive the Year 2100?) – Dr. Cabada
Proteovská tvář totalitarismu: komparativní kritika komunismu, nacismu a fašismu (The Proteus Face of Totalitarianism: Comparative Critique of Communism, Nazism and Fascism) – Irenej Kratochvil
Evropská integrace: euroskepticismus a eurooptimismus (European Integration: Euroscepticism and Eurooptimism)
Ústava a volební systémy: české a americké zkušenosti (Constitution and Election Systems: Czech and American Experiences)
Dějiny české sociologie (History of Czech Sociology) – Marie Čermáková

Panel demokratického klubu (Democratic Club) – Stanislav Mirvald & Pavlík

Economics

Ekonomické výhledy České republiky (Economic Outlook of the Czech Republic)

Americký dolar a jeho středoevropské kořeny (American Dollar and its Central European Roots) – Petr Vorel

The Society

Víra a česká společnost (The Faith and the Czech Society) – Břetislav Horyna

Asimilace a akulturace mladých (Assimilation and Acculturation of the Youth)

Hnutí mladých (Political Youth Movement)

Media

Media a demokracie (Media and Democracy) – Petr Holub

V. Science and Technology

Medicine and Biology

Možnosti současné lékařské vědy (Possibilities of Contemporary Medical Science)

Biologie člověka (Biology of Man) – Jaroslav Slípka & Vladimír Sládek

Evoluce Člověka (Evolution of Man) – Jaroslav Slípka & Vladimír Sládek

Biologická antropologie recentních populací (Biological Anthropology of Recessive Populations) – Jaroslav Slípka & Vladimír Sládek

Dějiny medicíny a lékařská etika (History of Medicine and Medical Ethics) – Jaroslav Slípka & Vladimír Sládek

Environment and Ecology

Planeta Země v ohrožení? (Planet Earth in Jeopardy?) – Prof. Marek

Vliv jaderné energie na životní prostředí (Influence of Nuclear Energy on the Environment)

Engineering

Historie českého piva (History of Czech Beer) – Markéta Formanová

Historie firmy · koda: světová a česká průmyslová tradice (History of the · koda Works: World and Czech Industrial Tradition) – Vladimír Krátký

V. Czechs and Slovak Presence Abroad

Češi a Slováci v Americe (Czech and Slovaks in America)

Role etnických organizací v uchování kulturního dědictví (Role of Ethnic Organizations in Preserving Cultural Legacy)

Preregistration Form

21st SVU World Congress, Plzen, Czech Republic, June 24-30, 2002

Name.....

Name of person accompanying you:.....

Address:.....

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Telephone:..... Fax:..... E-mail:.....

1. PREREGISTRATION FEE	\$ 100 (SVU Member) \$.....			
	\$ 60 (Spouse) \$.....			
	\$ 125 (Non-Member) \$.....	\$ 70 (Spouse)	\$.....	
	Total \$.....			

The quoted fees are for the pre-registrants only. Otherwise, there will be additional charge of \$10.

Registration fee includes:

1. Social Get-Together with Buffet Dinner (June 23).
2. Buffet Lunch at the Opening of the Congress (June 24).
3. Closing Reception with Buffet Dinner (June 28).
4. Opera or Theater Performance (June 24).
5. Concert.
6. Trip to the Castle Kozel with Buffet Dinner (June 26).
7. Refreshments – tea, coffee (throughout the duration of the Congress).
8. Free local transportation;
9. All Congress materials, including program, abstracts, maps, information on local arrangements, etc.

Note: This is a fantastic deal by any standards.

2. ACCOMMODATIONS

University Dormitories (5 minutes from the city by tram)

Two beds in each room, available to the participants from June 21 to June 30. \$7.50 per person. Price includes breakfast. This is a very low price but don't expect to get the same conveniences as in a hotel.

From June to June

No. of nights:..... No. of persons:..... Total \$

Hotels. Prices include breakfast. Since only a limited number of rooms have been reserved, you should return this form promptly. \$50 deposit is required beforehand. The university will make the arrangements for you.

\$50 Hotel Deposit \$

GRAND TOTAL \$.....

Grand total includes preregistration fee and payment for dormitories (or hotel deposit).

Select hotel of your choice from the list below and indicate number of nights of your stay.

Hotel Skoda Yes No

Single: Kc 1380 (approx. \$38); Double: Kc 1950 (approx. \$53)

Hotel Continental Yes No

Single: Kc 1580 (approx. \$43); Double: Kc \$2150-2450 (approx. \$59-63)

Hotel Slovan Yes No

Single: Kc 1300 (approx. \$36); Double: Kc 1800 (approx. \$49)

Hotel Central Yes No

Single: Kc 1400 (approx. \$ 38); Double: Kc 2200 (approx. \$60)

I plan to stay from June..... to

No. of nights:..... No. of persons:.....

3. EXCURSIONS. Saturday, June 29. Tickets will be available at registration desk. Please indicate your preference otherwise you may not be able to get in.

Option 1: Castles and Chateau (Rabi, Velhratice, Klenova). Price \$20.

Number of persons:.....

Option 2: Spa cities in the West Bohemian region. Price \$20.

Number of persons:.....

4. AIR TRAVEL

SVU has negotiated with New York-based Tatra Travel cheaper flights from New York to Prague for SVU Congress registrants. You will need to make the arrangements with them directly: Tatra Travel Bureau, Inc., c/o Jindra Kadlec, 212 East 51 Street, New York, NY 10022; tel.: (212) 486-0533, fax: (212) 486-1456; e-mail: jindra@tatratravel.com

5. PAYMENT

Payment should be sent in US dollars only (payable to "SVU Congress") either by check or by International Money Order (e.g., American Express Money Order), to avoid unnecessary high bank charges.

Return the preregistration form promptly to assure you get what you want.

Ota Safertal, Congress Treasurer
5529 Whitley Park Terrace
Bethesda, MD 20814-2064

Speaker's Form

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Name:.....
Institutional Affiliation:.....
Home (or Preferred) Mailing Address:.....

Telephone:..... Fax:..... E-mail:.....

I wish to prepare a talk entitled (English preferred):
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I wish to organize a topical symposium, specialized session, or panel discussion (specify which):.....

I need the following audiovisual equipment (e.g., overhead projector):
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Speakers are required to send us a short abstract (summary) of their paper, not to exceed half a page, including the title of their paper, their name and institutional affiliation (if any), with abbreviated address (exclude the street and number).

Additional comments and/or suggestions, including recommendations for speakers (use other side if needed):
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I am I am not an SVU member.

I wish to become an SVU member (\$35 for individuals; \$10 for members in CR or SR; \$5 for students).

Please send me an application form.

Send with your Preregistration Form to: Ota Safertal, 5529 Whitley Park Terrace, Bethesda, MD 20814; e-mail: Ojsafertal@aol.com with a copy to Mila Rechcigl, 1703 Mark Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; e-mail: rechcigl@aol.com

From New SVU Rolls

MARC ALLAN WEISS is Public Policy Scholar at Woodrow Wilson International Center in Washington, DC. He is a native Chicago or Czech ancestry. He holds degrees from Stanford university (B.A. with honors 1972) and University of California at Berkeley (M.C.P. 1978; Ph.D., 1984). He also attended London School of Economics in 1970-71. He specializes on economic development, urban policy, urban planning, community planning and development, real estate, and history. He is the author of a number of publications, including *The Rise of Community Builders* (1987), *American Destinies* (1993), *The Economic Resurgence of Washington, DC* (1998), *Charter of New Urbanism* (1999) and *Real Estate Development Principles and Process* (2000). He was a recipient of meritorious service medal from U.S. Army and many academic awards.

CLAUDIA PHERIS WEISS serves as a Senior Policy advisor to Congressman Chaka Fattah. She is a native of Philadelphia, PA and hold academic degrees from University of Hawaii (B.S. in Physics, 1971) and Harvard Business School (MBA 1983). She specializes in urban economic development, public policy, business planning and management.

VIRGINIA MARIE PAROBEK is Registered Nurse at Fairfield Medical Center, Ohio. She is a native of Lancaster, OH and has degrees from Hocking College, Nelsonville, OH (LPN and RN, 1984) and Ohio University (B.S. in Comparative Literature, 1999). Her interests are in Czech/Slovak literature, culture and music.

SHARON K. VALASEK is employed by Sprint Corporation as a Project Manager in Overland Park, KS. She is a native of Ord, NE, and holds degrees from the University of Nebraska, Kerney, NE (B.S. in Comprehensive Business Administration, 1979) and Avila College, Kansas City, MO (MBA in Marketing, 1992). Her interests lie in preservation of cultural heritage and fostering relationships through sharing of intelligence, music, culture and intellectual contributions.

STACEY LEE PISTOROVA is self-employed as a translator from Czech to English and Teacher of English and is associated with Teplice Spa of Northern Bohemia. She is a graduate of Skidmore College where she obtained B.A. degree in Art History with a minor in Studio Art (1993). Her interests are in graphic design and has some experience with programs for teenagers in Art Therapy.

LIBOR ZAMECNIK is a physician with specialty in urology and is associated with Zeleznicni nemocnice in Prague, Czech Republic. He is native Sokolov and obtained his M.D. from the First Medical School of Charles University. He is active on SVU Advisory Committee on Youth.

AMY ELIZABETH GARRETT is a Doctoral student at University of Minnesota's Department of Educational Policy and Administration in Minneapolis. She is native of South Carolina and has academic degrees from University of North Carolina (B.A. in English, 1995) and Wake Forest University (M.A. in Secondary Education, 1996). She is active on SVU Advisory Youth Committee.

DAVID SCOTT DANAHER is Assistant Professor in the Department of Slavic Languages at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He is a native of Baltimore, MD and holds academic degrees from American University (B.A. 1989), Brown University (M.A. 1990; Ph.D. 1995, both in Slavic Languages and Literatures). He specializes in Slavic linguistics, cognitive linguistics and language pedagogy. In 1999 and 2000 he attended Summer School of Czech Studies in Charles University, Prague. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he has written a number of studies and lectured widely.

HOLLY JEAN ZUMPF is Student at the Illinois State University. She is a native of Lincoln, NE and holds academic degrees from University of Nebraska at Lincoln (B.A., 1998) and University of Nebraska at Omaha (M.S., 2000). Her interests lie in children with educational and behavior problems and parent training.

JEANETTE D. PRIBYL SMITH is a native of Barneston, NE and lives in Lincoln. Before her retirement she was engaged in publicity work.

STEVE EDWARD ZLATOS is an attorney and partner with Woodard, Errhardt, Naughton, Moriarity and McNett in Indianapolis, IN. He is a native of Chicago, IL and has academic degrees from Purdue University (B.S.E., 1973) and Indiana University School of Law (J.D.). He specializes in intellectual property law, patents, trademarks and copyright.

VLASTA M. SNEBERGER is Vice President and Regional Manager of MidAmerica Bank at Cicero, IL with responsibility for ten branch locations. She is a native of Prague, Czechoslovakia and attended business school of the American Institute in Germany and holds licentiate degree from University of Buenos Aires and American Institute of Banking, Chicago. She has been very active community functions and is recipient of numerous humanitarian, community and business awards.

LUCIE ANN KANDROVA is a student at the University of Pardubice in the Faculty of Human Studies. She is a native of Pardubice, Czechoslovakia and her home is in Prelouc.

LENKA PANKOVA is a graduate student and is employed as a Teaching Assistant at Pennsylvania State University. She is a native of Praha, Czechoslovakia and holds academic degrees from Charles University (Mgr., 2000) and the University of Western Ontario (M.A., 2001). She is interested in comparative literature and translation and interpretation.

TOMAS HUDLICKY is Professor of Chemistry at University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. He is a native of Prague Czechoslovakia and holds degrees from Virginia Tech (B.S. in Chemistry, 1973) and Rice University (Ph.D. in Chemistry, 1977). He specializes in synthetic organic chemistry, biotransformations, biocatalysis, asymmetric total synthesis of alkaloids, carbohydrates and other natural products, new synthetic methods and organic electrochemistry. He is the author of numerous scientific papers and reports, recipient of a number of awards and honors and is a frequent lecturer and speaker. His grant awards exceed \$7.5 million.

AMY ELIZABETH SWOBODA is a student at University of Nebraska in Lincoln. She is a native of Lincoln, NE.

JOSEPH STEPHEN SWOBODA is a psychologist with Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center in Lincoln. He is a native of Columbus, NE and holds degrees from University of Nebraska (B.A., 1970; M.A. 1977; Ph.D., 1987).

KATHERINE ANNA SWOBODA is a student at University of Nebraska in Lincoln and expects to graduate in 2002. She is a native of Lincoln, NE.

MARY DOUGLAS SWOBODA is a social worker with Counseling and Psychological Services at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. She is a native of Denver, CO and holds degrees from the University of Denver (B.A., 1972; M.S.W., 1981). She specializes in mental health.

KATYA KOUBEK is a graduate student and teaching assistant at the University of Nebraska Teachers College in Lincoln, NE and expects her Ph.D. degree in 2002. She was born in Moscow, Russia and holds academic degree from Charles University in Prague (1994). She specializes in foreign languages and education and is interested in promoting Czech language and heritage.

HAZEL B. DEVINE is retired and lives on Hastings, NE. She is a native of Verdigr, NE and holds degrees from San Diego University (B.A., 1969) and the University of Nebraska (M.S., 1969).

GLEN E. RYENSCHÉ is President of Advanced Insurance Services, Inc. in Fairburg, NE. He is a native of Nebraska and holds academic degrees from University of Nebraska - Lincoln (B.S., 1971; M.Ed., 1975) and American College (R.H.U., 1982; C.L.U., 1985). Apart from insurance, he is interested in music and languages.

PETER WALTER is self-employed and lives in Lincoln, NE. He is a native of Prague, Czechoslovakia where he received his education. He works in travel and promotes contacts and cooperation with the Czech Republic.

Focus on Younger Generation

TOMAS HUDLICKY (1949-)

Tomas is the son of Milos Hudlicky (1919-2001) who taught chemistry at the Institute of Chemical Technology (Vysoka Skola Chemicko-Technologiccka or VSCHT) and later, after the communists purged the institutions of higher learning of all scientists not loyal to the regime, worked at the Institute for Pharmacy and Biochemistry (Vyzkumny Ustav pro Farmacii a Biochemii or VUFB) until the family emigrated to the United States in the Fall of 1968. He was an internationally known fluorine organic chemist.

Tomas went through nine grades of school in Czechoslovakia and in 1964, having been denied admission to higher education (gymnasium, grades 10-12), worked as an apprentice in Spolana Neratovice, a commodity chemical factory. In 1965 he attended, albeit briefly, the School of Industrial Chemistry (Stredni Prumyslova Skola Chemicka or SPSCH) in Prague. He was expelled from this institution in the Spring of 1966 and worked as a laborer in pharmaceutical industry (Leciva), brewery (Staropramen), and other less than glamorous jobs. He was finally allowed to enroll in the evening program of the gymnasium (Pripotocni, Praha-Vrsovice) and actually completed grades 10 and 11 without any more problems which, for the most part, were stemming from his involvement in the Prague "Underworld" and consequently many opportunities to interact with the Czech police. The future prospects of university education were therefore not very bright.

In 1968 his family arrived to Blacksburg Virginia where his father was offered a faculty position in the Chemistry Department at Virginia Tech. Tomas enrolled in the senior year of Blacksburg High School but chose to drop out in the Spring of 1969 and opted for a long hitchhiking tour of Canada and US instead. In the Fall of 1969 he was admitted as a probational student at Virginia Tech and (finally) received a B.S. in Chemistry in 1973. In 1972 he spent four months in Antarctica working with a VPI Bio Expedition.

Following graduation he received his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Rice University and followed this up with a year long postdoctoral stay in Geneva, Switzerland, before taking up his first faculty appointment at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. In 1982 he moved back to Virginia Tech, this time as a faculty member in the same department as his father which led to some interesting exchanges of opinions at faculty meetings. His classmates have persuaded the Virginia School Board to award him the High School Graduation Diploma, which he received at the 20th Class Reunion in 1989, precisely one year after his promotion to full professor. In 1995 he moved to his current position at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

His hobbies include skiing, hockey, music, mountaineering, camping, and martial arts (4th Dan). Tomas is married to Dr. Josephine Reed, also an organic chemist. Their son, Jason, is 12 years old and enjoys most of his dad's interests.



JACK E. REHCIGL (1960-)

Dr. Jack Rechcigl, a University of Florida Professor in the Soil and Water Science Department, was recently appointed Director of the University of Florida Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, located in Bradenton and Dover.

For the past year, Dr. Rechcigl, a soil and environmental scientist, has served as Associate Director of the Bradenton and Dover facilities, which are part of the University Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS).

Before moving to the Bradenton facility in February 2000, Dr. Rechcigl was stationed at the UF/IFAS Range Cattle Research and Education Center at Ona for 15 years. At the Ona center, he conducted research on the fertilizer requirements of pasture grasses and the effects of fertilizer on surface and ground water quality. Dr. Rechcigl is recognized nationally and internationally for his research on the beneficial uses of organic wastes and industrial by-products as fertilizers for agricultural crops.

Dr. Rechcigl received his bachelor's degree in plant and soil science from the University of Delaware in 1982. He completed his master's and doctoral degrees in soil, crops and environmental sciences at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1983 and 1986.

He joined the faculty of the University of Florida in 1986 as Assistant Professor, in 1991 was promoted to Associate Professor, and in 1996 attained Full Professorship. In 1999, he was named a University of Florida Research Foundation Professor.

Dr. Rechcigl has authored over 200 publications, including contributions to books, monographs, and articles in periodicals in the fields of soil fertility, environmental quality, and water pollution. His research has been supported by research grants totaling over \$3 million from both private sources and government agencies. Dr. Rechcigl has been a frequent speaker at national and international workshops and conferences and has consulted in various countries, including Canada, Brazil, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Philippines, France, and the Czech Republic. He serves on a number of national and international boards, including the University of Kükurova Mediterranean International Center for Soils and Environment Research in Turkey.

He is currently Editor-in-Chief of the Agriculture and Environment Book Series, Associate Editor of the Soil and Crop Science Society Proceedings, and until recently Associate Editor of the Journal of Environmental Quality. Most recently he has edited *Insect Pest Management: Techniques for Environmental Protection* (Lewis Publishers, 2000), *Environmentally Safe Approaches to Crop Disease Control* (Lewis Publishers and CRC Press, 1997), *Soil Amendments: Impacts on Biotic Systems* (Lewis Publishers and CRC Press, 1995), and *Use of By-Products and Wastes in Agriculture* (American Chemical Society, 1997). He is also serving as an invitational reviewer of manuscripts and grant proposals for scientific journals and granting agencies.

Dr. Rechcigl is a member of the American Chemical Society, Soil Science Society of America, American Society of Agronomy, International Soil Science Society, Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, various trade organizations, and the honorary societies of Sigma Xi, Gamma Sigma Delta, Phi Sigma, and Gamma Beta Phi.

Dr. Rechcigl has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Sigma Xi Research Award, University of Philippines Research Award, University of Florida Research Honor Award, University of Florida Research Achievement Award, and University of Delaware presidential Citation for Outstanding Achievement Award. Most recently he was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, Fellow of the Soil Science Society of America, and the recipient of Honorary Professorship from the Czech Agricultural University in Prague.

Jack Rechcigl is married to Nancy and has three children: Gregory (13), Kevin (10) and Lindsey (7). He is a son of SVU President, Mila Rechcigl and Eva Rechcigl.



DANIEL NECAS (1971-)

Born in the town of the real Budweiser Beer – Budvar, Ceske Budejovice (Budweis) in the Czech Republic, Daniel later moved to Prague where he attended the College of Liberal Arts (Filosofická fakulta) at the Charles University. After finishing his Master's degrees (magistr filosofie) in modern philology (Czech and English) he enrolled in the PhD program at the Czech Department there.

At twenty seven he relocated to Wisconsin, U.S.A., the homeland of his wife Camille (also a member of the SVU) who had previously spent five years living in the Czech Republic. Following their arrival in the United States in 1999, Daniel explored the world of furniture delivery in a small town of Wisconsin for four months. Later he volunteered at the Immigration History Research Center of the University of Minnesota in Saint Paul. Three months later he was offered a part time position as a library and archives project assistant. As the need to support family of four was becoming more and more urgent, he accepted a full time position of administrative/clerical assistant at the same institution. After two years in the United States and almost two years of service and obtaining experience at the IHRC, Daniel became its Assistant Curator in July 2001. Between July 2000 and July 2001, Daniel also worked as a part time Archives Assistant at the University Archives/Area Research Utilizing his experience in library science, teaching both high school and college, linguistics, literary and historical research. Daniel enjoys working with the collections of the IHRC including the Czech and Slovak as well as other Slavic American collections.

Daniel's areas of interest include library science, cultural history, migration studies, literature, linguistics, translation, book art, typography, fine arts, travel. Favorite cities of the world are Chicago, IL, the Minneapolis/Saint Paul area, MN, Washington, DC, Roma, Italy, Praha, Ceske Budejovice and Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic.

Activities of SVU Members

FREDERICK JELINEK, který působí již řadu let v profesorské pozici na Johns Hopkins University, byl vyznamenán 22. listopadu na Karlově univerzitě čestným doktorátem v matematicko-fyzikálních vědách za jeho práci v počítačové lingvistice.

LADISLAV HANKA, známý mikrobiolog v Michiganu, vydal v Čechách další knížku, *Lovil jsem v Americe*. Navazuje na jeho první knihu z roku 1995. Autor v ní popisuje svoje rybářské a myslivecké zážitky z Michiganu a jiných států USA a v Kanadě. Kniha je bohatě ilustrovaná fotografiemi autora a ilustracemi autorova

syna-grafika. Vydalo ji nakla-datelství Moraviapress v Břeclavi společně s redakcí časopisu *Myslivost*. V Americe je kniha ke koupi u Bohemia Books.

PROF. DR. NICHOLAS LOBKOWICZ. Born July 9, 1931, in Prague. Director of the Institute of Central and East European Studies. Left Czechoslovakia in 1948 after Communist takeover, finished High-School in Switzerland. Married 1953 (since 1999 widowed, remarried), five children. Roman Catholic. Since 1966 U.S. citizen, since 1992 moreover again Czech citizen.

Studied philosophy at the Universities of Erlangen, Germany, and Fribourg, Switzerland. 1958 Dr.Phil., University of Fribourg, doctoral dissertation on Martin Heidegger's notion of Dasein. 1958-60 Assistant of Professor I.M. Bochenski at the Institut de l'Europe Orientale, Uni-versity of Fribourg; 1960-67 associate professor of philosophy, Univer-sity of Notre Dame, Ind., USA; 1967-90 Chair of Political Theory and Philosophy at the University of Munich. 1970/71 Dean of the School of Arts and Letters; simultaneously Rector of the (then private) Hoch-schule für Politik, Munich. 1971-82 Rector/President of the University of Munich. May, 1984-April, 1996 President of the Catholic University of Eichstätt. Since 1984 Direktor of the Central Institute for Central and East European Studies of the Catholic University of Eichstätt, Bavaria.

1979-84 Member of the Permanent Committee of the European Rectors' Conference (CRE); 1984-89 Member of the Permanent Com-mittee of the Fédération Internationale des Universités Catholiques (FIUC); 1972-75 Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Institute for East European Studies, Cologne; 1983-90 Member of the Film Award Committee of the German Interior Ministry, Bonn; 1982-92 Member of the Pontifical Council for Culture, Rome; 1985-92 President of the Freier Deutscher Verband; 1982-2001 member, 1994-2001 Chairman of the European Advisory Committee to Radio Free Europe, Munich, now Prague.

Founding member of the International Society for Metaphysics; member of American Metaphysical Association; member of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde; Co-founder, Vice-President of the European Academy of Art and Letters (Salzburg); member of the Col-legium Philosophicum, Hannover; member of the Academic Council of the University of Trnava, Slovak Republic; member (since 2001 Chair-man) of the Board of the Goethe-Price of the Foundation F.V.S., Ham-burg. Co-editor of Studies in Soviet Thought (since 1992 member of the Advisory Board of its successor, Studies in East European Thought), Dordrecht, The Netherlands; of Zeitschrift für Politik, Munich; of mo-nograph series Münchener Studien zur Politik (Munich), Sozialwissen-schaftliche Reihe der Goeresgesellschaft (Munich); Herkunft und Zu-kunft (Graz). 1967 Senior Scholarship of the National Endowment for Humanities; 1986 Award for Scholarship of the Deutschland-Stiftung; honorary member of the Ukrainian Academy of Science (New York), of the Czechoslovak Academy of Arts and Sciences (New York). Honorary degrees by Wayne State University, Detroit; Sung Kyun Kwan University, Seoul (Korea); University of Notre Dame (Ind., USA); Catholic Univer-sity of America (Washington); Charles University, Prague.

Knight of the Order of the Toison d'Or and the Sovereign Order of Malta; Order of Merit of Bavaria, Silver Constitutional Medal of the Bavarian Parliament; Knight of the Papal Order of St. Gregorius; Ludwig Thoma Medal of the township of Munich.

Guest lecturer at universities in the United States, Chile, Czech Re-public, Republic of South Africa, Taiwan, Korea, Poland, Yougoslavia, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Austria.

Languages: Czech and German (maternal languages); fluent in Eng-lish and French; reading knowledge of Latin, Greek, Russian, Italian, Spanish. Never member of a political party; member of Rotary Inter-national. Entries in various British, American and German Who is Who.

In Memoriam

DRAHOMIR PAVEL FIALA, Dip. Econ. (1924-2001)

D.P. Fiala, one of the founding members of the SVU-Sydney, and its Treasurer for 20 years (1972-1992) died on 11th September, 2001 after having been diagnosed with prostate cancer some years ago.

Born on 30. 9. 1924 in Znojmo, he completed matriculation at the III Real Gymnasium in Brno (1943) and post-graduate courses at the Higher Economic School of Hradec Kralove (1956-1958); the School of Economics in Prague (1961-1965); and the Institute of Heavy Engineer-ing in Prague (Management and Planning).

He worked as a public servant in the Social Services Department, and later in Monta Hradec Kralove as an accountant-in-charge.

After the occupation of Czechoslovakis he escaped in July 1970 with his wife and two children, and settled in Australia in January 1971.

After arriving in Australia he completed an accounting course part-time at Gynea College of Technical and Further Education (1973-1977).

He retired as head of the accounting department in the Library at the University of New South Wales on the 1st October 1989.

Chicago vzpomíná na hudebního skladatele K. B. Jiráka

V lednu t.r. jsme si připomněli 20. výročí od smrti (30. 1. 1971) vý-znamného českého hudebního skladatele, dirigenta a pedagoga, profe-sora Karla Boleslava Jiráka, který po dobu 25 let působil v Chicagu.

Od svého příjezdu do Ameriky v roce 1947 K. B. Jirák působil na Roosevelt University v Chicagu, kde byl profesorem kompozice a diri-gování a z toho 14 let zastával funkci přednosta oddělení pro hudební teorii. Jirákovu skladatelské dílo dosáhlo 94 opusů, mezi než patří šest symfonií, z nichž symfonie pátá získala mezinárodní cenu na Edinbur-ském festivalu a se šestou symfonií a Requiem tvoří vrchol jeho tvorby.

V učitelské činnosti se K. B. Jirák opíral nejen o bohaté zkušenosti praktické a teoretické, ale i o učebnice, které sám napsal a z nichž Nauka o hudebních formách je dodnes standartní učebnicí v ČR i cizině.

Hudební znalci klasifikovali Jirákovy skladby jako neoklasické s pří-davkem českého lyricismu a trochu nacionalismu a přiznávali, že i v Americe skládal českou hudbu.

Mezi členstvím v četných předních organizacích, Jirák byl čestným členem Společnosti pro vědy a umění ve Spojených státech do jejíchž sborníku přispíval musikologickými články, v nichž se podrobněji zabý-val československou hudbou v dějinách americké hudby.

Jirák proslavil jméno české hudby, vzdělanosti a ducha jak doma, tak i v zahraničí. Uplynulo 30 let od jeho odchodu z našeho středu, ale jeho dílo žije a pokračuje dál.

S potěšením a radostí v srdci se dovídáme, že na jaře tohoto roku se připravuje vydání monografie od dra. Milana Kuny, nazvaná Exulantem proti své vůli - K. B. Jirák, a tak se snad naplní verše básníka V. Pavla, věnované Mistru:

*Chování na loktech, uznání, zneuznání . . .
Země si čistí dech pro svoje velikány.*



Vzpomínka na Prof. Mudr. RNDr. Jana Opplta, Ph.D.

Mnoha lidem se staví pomníky až po jejich smrti. Prof. MUDr. RNDr. Jan Opplt, PhD. si postavil pomník sám během svého života svou příkladnou prací a nekompromisní morálkou životní i vědeckou.

Prof. MUDr. RNDr. Jan Opplt dosáhl doktorátu jak z medicíny, bio-chemie, tak i přírodních věd. Znáám ve vědeckých kruzích v Česko-slovensku jako vědecký pracovník a také jako nejmladší primář, který by měl doma za normálních politických poměrů na různých ustláno. Nebylo tomu však tak. Jako tichý odpůrce vládnoucího režimu, nakonec získal větší a trvanlivé ocenění v zahraničí, právě tak, jako někteří slavní synové české vlasti.

Dr. Jan Opplt získal v roce 1969 za svoji dosavadní práci v oboru lipoproteinu Cenu Mezinárodní zdravotní organizace (WHO) a tím i stipendium. V květnu téhož roku odletěl s chotí Mimi do USA studovat analytiku a metabolismus lipoproteinu na Cleveland Clinic v Clevelandu. Původně Dr. Jan Opplt nemínil v USA zůstat, ale diktátorské chování tehdy vládnoucích mocipánů v Československu změnilo rozhodnutí Dr. Jana Opplta a jeho paní Mimi zůstat v Americe. V USA působil de-vatenáct let jako ředitel oddělení klinické patologie v clevelandské svě-toznámé nemocnici University Case Western Reserve, kde se stal pro-fesorem klinické patologie. Na univerzitě Cleveland State obdržel mi-mořádnou profesuru v oboru klinické chemie a čestnou hodnost za-sloužilého profesora. Byl členem Newyorské akademie věd, Americké akademie pro klinickou biochemii a nositelem mnoha mezinárodních uznání. V těžké konkurenci vědců a lékařů vždy vynikal a byl zván na mezinárodní symposia, kde jeho vynikající přednášky byly vždy vy-hledávané.

I přesto, že prof. Jan Opplt měl tři doktoráty, profesuru a řadu me-zinárodních uznání a vyznamenání, nejvíce si vážil svého vynálezu Atherotest. Je to nový způsob diagnostického vyšetření pomocí něhož lze rozpoznat a léčebně zachytit počáteční metabolická stádia aterogenezy, což je metabolický proces vznikající aterosklerozy.

Ateroskleróza je tvrdnutí tepen. Tepny se ucpávají a zabraňují zásobování krve k hlavním orgánům a po konečném přerušení nastane srdeční anebo mozková mrtvice. Na tomto vynálezu prof. Dr. Jan Opplt nezbohatl. Až do své smrti se hlásil hrdě ke své původní vlasti — Čes-ko-slovenské republice. Jeho dárek, jeho odkaz své vlasti bylo, že ne-jenom svůj vynález Atherotest své vlasti věnoval, ale i založil v Praze Ústav časné diagnostiky atherosklerozy převážně ze svých prostředků. Doc. MUDr. A. Íák, známý český vědec a lékař pokračuje ve šlépějích prof. Dr. Jana Opplta a věříme, že Ústav časné diagnostiky athero-sklerózy je pod dobrým vedením a přejeme mu hodně zdarů a úspěchů.

Prof. Dr. Jan Opplt zemřel 3. září 2000 v letadle nad Atlantickým oceánem, mezi dvěma kontinenty, kterým svou vědeckou prací pomáhal a které miloval. Zemřel na cestě z Clevelandu do Prahy, na cestě z Ame-riky do České republiky. Jeho věrná manželka a spolupracovnice, paní Mimi Oppltova bude jistě s bolestí v srdci vzpomínat u příležitosti první-ho výročí smrti na svého milovaného manžela. Její slzy bolesti a lásky pokropí hrob prof. Dr. Jana Opplta.

Rovněž tak my všichni, kteří jsme ho znali, připojíme se tichou vzpo-mínkou na člověka, který si postavil svůj pomník svou příkladnou vě-deckou prací a svou milou povahou.

Čest budiž jeho památce!

Lubomír Hromádka, Independence, OH

Pittsburgh Chapter Hosts Reception in Honor of New Sister City for Pittsburgh

On November 14, 2001, the Central European city of Ostrava, Czech Republic became the thirteenth sister city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Official documents were signed at 9 a.m. in City Council chambers. Mayor Tom Murphy welcomed the mayor of Ostrava, Cestmir Vlcek, as well as local and national members of the Czech American community, to the city of Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh Ostrava Sister City Committee, under the direction of chairperson William Lafe, also welcomed Mayor Vlcek with a series of planned business meetings and receptions held during the mayor's weeklong visit. A reception following the signing ceremony was sponsored by the Pittsburgh chapter of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU).

The plans for introducing another official sister city of Pittsburgh were coordinated by the Greater Pittsburgh Sister City Association, a committee of representatives from local ethnic groups. GPSCA holds regularly scheduled meetings to discuss the work of sponsoring inter-national events.

For additional information about Ostrava's new relationship with Pittsburgh, contact SVU President/Pittsburgh Chapter, Carol Hochman at carolh1541@aol.com.

Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences SVU Student Awards for the Year 2002 Dr. Josef Hasek Award

The Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU) is announcing a competition for the 2002 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 2001-2002. Chapters of theses or dissertations are not admissible.
- 3) The deadline for submission in **May 15, 2002**.
- 4) The study essay should be submitted in triplicate 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), and Chair, Prof. Vera Borkovec (American University).
- 6) Submitted papers are not returned.

SVU Presidential Citations 2001

The 2001 SVU Presidential citations were awarded to selected organizations and individuals by SVU President Mila Rechcigl on the occasion of SVU Conference at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, August 3, 2001. The Presidential citations were awarded "In Recognition of Contributions toward Preserving Czech and Slovak Heritage in America and Advancing the Legacy of the American Immigrants with Czech and Slovak Roots."

Institutions Awarded the Citations:

American Sokol Organization
Bohemian Benevolent and Literary Organization
Bohemian Citizen's Benevolent Society of Astoria, Inc.
Czech and Slovak Heritage Association of Maryland
Czech and Slovak Music Society

Czech and Slovak Society of Oregon
Czech Heritage Society of Texas
Czech Language Foundation, Lincoln, Nebraska
Czechoslovak National Council of America
Komensky Club
National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library, Cedar Rapids, IA
Nebraska Czechs, Inc.
Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln
Nebraska Czech of Wilber
Oklahoma Czechs, Inc.
Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas (SPJST)
Matice Vyssiho Vzdelani, Chicago
Slovak American International Cultural Foundation
Masaryk Club of Boston
Czechoslovak Foreign Institute, Prague
Stala komise Senatu pro krajany zijici v zahranici, Prague
Podvybor Poslanecke snemovny pro styky s krajany, Prague

Individuals Awarded the Citations:

Jiri Eichler
Mila Saskova-Pierce
Cathleen Oslzly
John Fiala
R. Thomas Zumpfe

Z nových knih

Living Parallel by Alexandr Kliment, tr. Robert Wechsler, Foreword by Ivan Klíma, \$21 cloth, 219 pages, ISBN 0-945774-51-6, Pub. Date: Feb. 1, 2002. From Catbird Press. Distributed to the Trade by Independent Publishers Group since 1988.

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Lovers & Murderers by Vladimír Páral, translated by Craig Cravens, \$27 cloth, 400 pages, ISBN 0-945774-52-4, Pub. Date: Feb. 1, 2002. Catbird Press, 16 Windsor Road, North Haven, CT 06473-3015, fax 203-230-8029, carbird@pipeline.com, www.carbirdpress.com. Contact: Robert Wechsler, 800-360-2391.

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At the Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, which will take place in Daytona Beach, FL on March 14-16, 2002, one of the panel sessions on Friday, March 15th is devoted to „*The Contributions of Josef Anderle to Czech Studies in the USA*“.

SVU Website – First Anniversary

The New Website's Story actually begins on 19th August 2000, right after the SVU World Congress in Washington DC. Mila Rechcigl, SVU President, mentioned a need of SVU's enhanced presence on the Inter-net in his e-mail to Jiri Eichler of Prague who had just returned from Washington. Since that day, Mila has exchanged one thousand and fifty e-mails with Jiri, of which 689 came from Mila with web postings, suggestions, corrections, and updates. By the end of the first week Jiri placed an experimental home page at a free address on mujweb.cz server. Content was being enlarged and both the authors focused on new website's structure to be created. New version was tested on a larger sever at geocities.com. In the beginning of October 2000, the home page already consisted of 71 pages in 5 categories: Headline News, SVU Organization and its Work (with already 13 subcategories and 16 active sections), SVU Calendar, and How to Become SVU Member.

A decision was made to put the new SVU Website on a rented virtual server maintained by professional provider around the clock, and to have proper SVU Internet-domain address registered. Quick action was taken — search for the best deal, an order, a truly prompt cooperation with Frank Mucha the treasurer, and fast response from the provider. On Wednesday 25th October 2000, at 10:50 AM Prague time, the new SVU Website showed up at its registered address www.svu2000.org. After necessary tests it was publicly announced with its official birth date on 28th October 2000. It featured Jiri's summer photo of the Lincoln Memorial on the main page, Czech and Slovak national flags, SVU original logo, and a moving stripe with SVU Chapters locations across the photo.

The website consisted of 10 main categories with numerous subcategories and approximately 260 pages. From the beginning, registration to major Internet search engines was in process.

During the first year of operation, SVU Website has been visited by more than seven thousand visitors, while the traffic is increasing continually. It provides not only a comprehensive and systematic library of SVU-related information. Thanks to extensive research work of Mila Rechcigl and Jiri's prompt technical solutions, the SVU2000.org domain has become an attractive source of information for general public interested in Czech and Slovak Issues, Genealogy, Czechoslovak America, Czechophilia, or Grants and Aid. It is registered in all major search engines, bringing more visitors who search for Czech and Slovak related sources. To date, the SVU Website has now over 400 pages in 148 active subcategories and sections under 19 main categories. Since January 2001, SVU Publications category contains electronic version of SVU News in PDF format, with an interactive table of contents in each issue.

Thanks to feedback from SVU members and friends, the authors have been successful in improving the website's user-friendliness. In the spring of 2001, the website was rebuilt in order to give every category and page their own addresses. At the end of May 2001, an internal search option was first tested, and soon, an effective Google search module was installed on SVU Website's main page. It provides a full-text search to visitors looking for a particular keyword through all pages of the SVU Website, including all issues of the electronic version of SVU News. This tool was followed by a standard drop-down menu providing fast direct links also to website's subcategories, and also a website map giving an outline of the content. To commemorate the first anniversary, SVU Website has been newly redesigned.

What the traffic statistics say? This summer's winner is definitely the SVU Conference in Nebraska. All pages related to this happening were on the top positions in traffic for three months. However, the most visitors now again request their No. 1 - Czechoslovak Genealogy Sites on the Internet. Also these three documents from SVU Information and Reference Series section belong to the top: Czech and Slovak Genealogy, Czech Societies in the US, and Czech Americans. Most recently, the popularity of the SVU Calendar is increasing and reaching top positions. Among categories, the top five are: SVU Calendar, Who Are We & What We Do, Czechoslovak America, Czech and Slovak Issues, and Other Links.

The peak time for visits is between 7 PM and 11 PM Prague time, which is 1 PM to 5 PM Eastern Time, and throughout the year, the traffic on weekends is lower than during weekdays. More than 40% of visitors come from the United States, and almost 20% from the Czech Republic. Frequent visitors come from Slovakia, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, UK, Australia, and recently also from Japan, Taiwan, and Saudi Arabia. The SVU Website has also been repeatedly visited by people connected to the Internet from the following countries (order by number of visits): Hungary, Poland, Spain, Cyprus, Mexico, Belgium, Germany, Croatia, Estonia, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Finland, Luxembourg, Argentina, Sweden, France, Uruguay, Denmark, South Africa, Israel, New Zealand, Russia, Brazil, Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romania, Philippines, Morocco, Norway, Portugal, Greece, Venezuela, Macedonia, United Arab Emirates, and Chile.

JIRI EICHLER, SVU Webmaster