

2006 SVU World Congress

University of South Bohemia,
České Budějovice, Czech Republic
25 June - 2 July 2006

CALL for PAPERS and for REGISTRATION

We call on scholars, students and other interested persons for papers relating to Czech and Slovak culture, society and affairs and the two countries' relations with the US, Canada and the Western world, generally. As has been SVU practice, the participants from America can submit topics on almost any subject of human endeavor, including the arts, the humanities, social sciences, science and technology, medicine, agriculture, environment, law, business, civil society, library & information science, computers, etc.

You are also asked to register as soon as possible so that we'll know how many of you will participate and to assure that you'll get accommodations and other services you wish. Please note that we have negotiated extremely low prices for accommodations and that the registration fee entitles you to a large number of services free of charge. The price we charge is a real steal! Take also advantage of special excursions and tour we have planned for you! This will be a great event which you will not want to miss!

SVU Website: www.svu2000.org

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Speaker's Form

for the Participants from America and Western Countries

Name: _____

Institutional Affiliation (if any): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Title of the proposed talk: _____

I'd like to organize a special panel or symposium: _____

Other suggestions, ideas, etc.: _____

Please send immediately to SVU President Mila Rechcigl preferably via e-mail: SVU1@comcast.net His postal address is: 1703 Mark Lane, Rockville, MD 20852.

You will be also expected to submit a short abstract of your talk – about half a page long.

Registration Form

for Participants from America and Western Countries

Name:.....

Name of accompanying person:.....

Address:.....

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Phone:.....Fax:.....E-mail:.....

1. Pre-registration Fee:	SVU Member	\$100
	Member's Spouse	\$ 60
	Non-Member	\$125
	Non-Member's Spouse	\$ 70

TOTAL \$.....

Note: These prices apply only until April 15, 2006. There will be additional charge of \$10 for those attendees who register late.

Registration fee includes:

- Guided sightseeing of the City of Ceske Budejovice – Sunday, June 25
- Social Get-Together of the participants – Sunday, June 25
- Concert of the South Bohemian Philharmonic – Sunday, June 25
- Gala buffet ("rout") – Monday, June 26
- Music performance of "Diskants" – Monday, June 26
- Concert of the piano virtuoso Radoslav Kvapil – Monday, June 26
- Clarinet recital by Budimir Zvolanek – Wednesday, June 28
- Flute recital by Hana B.Colombo – Thursday, June 29
- Performance by the violin virtuoso Pavel Sporcl – Friday, June 30
- Gala banquet ("slavnostni raut") – Friday, June 30
- Free attendance to all lectures, discussion panels and symposia.
- All Congress materials, including Program and Abstracts.

2. Concert of the South Bohemian Chamber Philharmonic –

Tuesday, June 27

\$8 per ticket. Number of tickets..... Total \$.....

3. Film at Kino Kotva – Tuesday, June 27

\$5 per ticket. Number of tickets..... Total \$.....

4. Film at Kino Kotva – Wednesday, June 28

\$5 per ticket. Number of tickets..... Total \$.....

5. Visit of the Budvar Brewery – Thursday, June 29

\$7 per ticket. Number of tickets..... Total \$.....

6. Concert on Rivers Vltava and Malse “Muses on the Water” –

Thursday, June 29

\$9 per ticket. Number of tickets..... Total \$.....

7. Excursions:

Excursion I: Cesky Krumlov and Zlata Koruna – Saturday, July 1

Price includes transportation, visit of the castle and the monastery and evening barbecue in the monastery.

\$42 per ticket. Number of tickets..... Total \$.....

Excursion II: Hluboka nad Vltavou, Sunday, July 2

Price includes transportation, visit of the castle and castle's garden and city sight-seeing, visit of Ales, South Bohemian Gallery, visit of castle Ochrada and its zoo.

\$ 28 per ticket. Number of tickets..... Total \$.....

8. Accommodations:

A) *University Dormitories:*

1. Hostel “Bobik”. Conveniently located on campus:

Room with 2 beds and refrigerator. Each room has a bath with shower.

\$26 per room per night Number of persons..... Total \$.....

Arrival..... Departure..... No. of nights.....

2. Dorm (Kolej) K4. Conveniently located on campus:

Room with 2 beds and refrigerator. Two rooms share a bath with shower.

\$24 per room per night. Number of persons..... Total \$..... Arrival.....

Departure..... No. of nights.....

3. Dorm (Kolej) K1, K2, K3. Conveniently located on campus:

Room with 2 beds, refrigerator and sink, joint bath with showers in the hall.

\$20 per room per night Number of persons..... Total \$....

Arrival..... Departure..... No. of nights.....

4. Dorm (Kolej) “Uran”. Some distance from the campus, requires transportation.

Apartment with 2 beds, living room and kitchenette, bath with shower.

\$32 per apartment per night. Number of persons..... Total \$..... Arrival.....

Departure..... No. of nights.....

B) *Hotels:*

1. Hotel “U Tri Lvů” (Three Lions). Some distance from campus, requires transportation.

Room with 2 beds (2 persons):

\$64 per room Total \$.....

Room with 2 beds (1 person)

\$52 per room Total \$.....

Arrival..... Departure..... No. of nights.....

Breakfast is included in the price of the room.

2. Hotel “Atlas”. Some distance from the campus, requires transportation.

Room with 2 beds

\$44 per room Number of persons..... Total \$.....

Arrival..... Departure..... No. of nights.....

Breakfast is included in the price of the room.

9. Food University Cafeteria (Menza)

Breakfast Lunch Dinner \$4 \$5 \$6

No. tickets No. tickets No. tickets

Sunday, June 25 Total \$.....

Monday, June 26 Total \$.....

Tuesday, June 27 Total \$.....

Wednesday, June 28 Total \$.....

Thursday, June 29 Total \$.....

Friday, June 30 Total \$.....

Saturday, July 1 Total \$.....
Meals TOTAL \$.....

10. Transportation from and to Prague "Ruzyne" airport:

Bus from Prague airport to Ceske Budejovice on Sunday, June 25
\$16 per person Number of persons..... Total \$.....

Bus from Ceske Budejovice to Prague airport on Saturday, July 1
\$16 per person Number of persons..... Total \$.....

Bus from Ceske Budejovice to Prague airport on Sunday, July 2
\$16 per person Number of persons..... Total \$.....

GRAND TOTAL \$.....

PAYMENT should be made in US DOLLARS ONLY either by check or by International Money Order (e.g. American Express Money Order) drawn on "SVU CONGRESS", payable at a major bank in the United States to avoid unnecessary high bank charges. Please return the pre-registration form with your check promptly to: Dr. BLANKA KUDEJ, Congress Treasurer, 7927 Ferndale Bend Drive, Lake Worth, FL 33467-7069; Tel/Fax: (561) 649-9553; E-mail: sbkudej@aol.com.

From Executive Board Meeting

The SVU Executive Board had its regular meeting on January 21, 2006 in SVU President Mila Rechcigl's residence in Rockville, MD. With seven members in attendance, the board had the required quorum for decision-making.

In the absence of Frank Safertal, VP Zdenek David assumed the role of Secretary General and the responsibility for the preparation of the meeting minutes. After the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting, Rechcigl informed the Board about several new developments. First he brought them up to date on his trip to the Czech Republic and Slovakia, particularly his discussions with the University of South Bohemia in Ceske Budejovice, where he met all the key players involved in the organization of 2006 SVU Congress and where he negotiated the last remaining details regarding the local arrangements and the logistics. Among other, he met with Prof. Vaclav Baisakh, Rector of the University, Prof. Vladimir Papousek, Vice Rector for International Relations, Prof. Zdenek Brandl, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Prof. Libor Grubhoffer, Dean of Biology Faculty, Doc. Jan Sula, Director of Entomology Institute of the Czech Academy. Doc. Michal Bauer of the Philosophical Faculty, etc. While in Prague, he met with Vaclav Paces, President of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic who informed him that their Academic Council agreed to co-organize the 2006 SVU World Congress. He also had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Ale-na Moravkova, President of the Prague SVU Chapter and Dr. Jiri Jindra, the Chapter Secretary.

With regret the Board heard the news of the death of several SVU members, including Vera Laska, Jiri Parma, Emilka Royco, Stanislav Segert and Frank Skopec. On a brighter side, several members reached important anniversary dates, i.e., Karel Husa 85, Sasa Borkovec 80, while other members received honors, i.e., Jozka Mestenhauser (Award for Global Engagement), Mila Rechcigl (Jan Masaryk Silver Medal from MZV) and Michael Seng (Czernin Palace Memorial Bronze Medal).

The Board was pleased to hear that Hogan & Harston, one of the most prestigious law firms in Washington, offered SVU to represent it on *pro bono* basis. This is the same law firm of which the newly named Chief Justice John Roberts was a partner and in which he headed the appellate practice. It was also announced that the Andrew Elias SVU Humanitarian Award will be presented to Jan Figel, the Slovak Commissioner at EU, on February 6 at a special ceremony at the Slovak Embassy in Washington, DC.

The Board decided to go ahead with publishing a new SVU Directory under the editorship of Mila and Eva Rechcigl and Jiri Eichler. In order to save time and also money and avoid problems with storage and transportation, the next edition will be published electronically in form of a CD. To be ready by the next Congress it is imperative that the member send in their complete updated biographical entries via e-mail to the following address: SVU1@comcast.net

The newly established Florida SVU Chapter had its first meeting in North Miami. The meeting, which was very successful, was attended by some 70 members, including both Czech and Slovak Ambassadors in the US. VP Vera Borkovec briefed the Board on the completed monograph "Czech and Slovak Theatre Abroad" which she is editing. The monograph is already at the publisher's and will be ready by the SVU Congress in Ceske Budejovice this June. VP Dagmar White, who has been, in turn, working on another monograph relating to Czech Opera Abroad, reported that she will be finished by March at which time she would send the camera-ready manuscript to the printer. Her aim is also to have it ready by the time of the SVU Congress. Rechcigl also informed the Board that Jiri Eichler prepared a CD of the selected papers presented at the SVU Conference in Iowa. The CD will be available for sale. Based on the latest report from Prof. Ivo Barteczek, Dean of the Philosophical faculty at the Palacky University in Olomouc, the selected papers from the 2004 SVU Congress are at the printer's and will by

ready at the time of the next SVU Congress in Ceske Budejovice.

The last item on the agenda was the discussion of the organization of the 2006 SVU World Congress at the University of South Bohemia at Ceske Budejovice, June 25-July 2, 2006. As a result of Rechcigl's trip to Ceske Budejovice, the last details of the local arrangements have been finalized. Based on the latest news, the Slovak Academy of Sciences has joined the Czech Academy, agreeing to co-organize the forthcoming Congress with SVU.

The ceremonial opening of the Congress on Monday, June 26, the gala banquet ("rout") which will follow and the afternoon plenary session will take place in the newly constructed city cultural center "Bazilika" in the center of town on Prazska 1247/24. The final day of the academic program, the General SVU Assembly meeting, concluding plenary session and the festive banquet on Friday, June 30, will also take place there. The academic program planned from Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will take place on the main campus of the University. Here are also housed the University dorms where the majority of Con-gress participants will stay, as is the University cafeteria.

The Congress registration form is now available, being printed in the current issue of SVU newsletter *Zpravy SVU* and has also ben posted on SVU Website: www.svu2000.org The members are requested to fill it out as soon as possible and send it in, as instructed.

Next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 18.

NEW SVU PUBLICATION

Professor Věra Bořkovec has prepared a new book to be published this spring and which will be available at the 2006 SVU Congress in České Budějovice. It is a monograph entitled *Czech and Slovak Theatre Abroad*. It consists of eight chapters dealing with Czech and Slovak immigrant theatre. There is a general chapter on Czech and Slovak theatre in the USA, a separate one on Czech marionette theatre in America, several chapters on theatre in Canada (with particular emphasis on the theatres in Toronto), a chapter on the theatres in Australia and one on Czech theatre in England. The book is dedicated to one of the members of the Editorial Board, the late prof. Jarka M. Burian, a fore-most expert and writer on Czech theatre. The authors of these chapters in order of appearance in the monograph's table of contents are Věra Bořkovec, Vít Hořejš, Josef Čermák, Markéta Goetz-Stankiewicz, František Safertal, Pavel Král, Josef Skála, Oliver Fiala, and Milan Kocourek.

Attention SVU Members – Urgent Announcement

New SVU Biographical Directory on CD

Eva and Mila Rechcigl, in cooperation with SVU Webmaster Jiri Eichler, are planning to produce an updated SVU Biographical Directory. In order to speed up the process, reduce the printing costs, and avoid the storage and the transportation problems, the planned SVU Directory will be published electronically and will be available on CD.

Since we would like to have the CD ready by the next SVU Congress in June 2006, it is imperative that the members send us their updates as soon as possible. To save time, rather than filling out lengthy questionnaires, the simplest thing would be if you would send your complete entry, in the form as it appears in the 2003 Directory.

Don't send us your biographical data unless there are mistakes or omissions in your current entry. In any case, it is important that you recheck your postal addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

In case you are a new SVU member, you should note that a typical entry consists of the following: Name (Last, First and Middle); Occupation title, employer, work address, telephone and fax numbers, work e-mail address; Home address, telephone, private e-mail address; Place and complete date of birth; Degrees, field, institution, year; Areas of competence or interest; major books with year of publishing; significant awards with year.

Send your information via e-mail to Mila Rechcigl at SVU1@comcast.net. Because of the tight schedule there is no time for postal communications. If you don't use computer, have your biographical update sent by one of your friends. If we don't hear from you, we'll assume that your current entry is correct and consequently we'll use it as is.

SVU Nominations Committee

SVU Executive Board appointed a new Nomination Committee consisting of Petr Zuman (chair), Peter Demetz, Josef A. Mestenhauer, Vladimir Paces, Jan P. Skalny, and Zdenek Slouka, who have all served on the SVU Blue Ribbon Search Leadership Committee. The purpose of the committee is to select nominees for all the elective bodies in the Society for the term 2006-2008. Members in good standing are requested to send their suggestions, within a month, to the Committee Chairman Petr Zuman, 9 Castle Drive, Totsdam, NY 13676; e-mail: zumanp@clarkson.edu. Every recommendation should be accompanied by supporting statement concerning the candidate's qualifications, experience and suitability for the relevant function/office.

News of SVU Members

MARK SLOUKA has just finished his fourth book, a novel entitled *The Visible World*, to be published in 2006 by Houghton-Mifflin. An already completed collection of essays, the fifth volume under his name, is to appear at about the same time.

Mark was born in 1958 in New York City to Czech parents, Olga and Zdenek Slouka. In 1987 Mark received his Ph.D. from Columbia University and embarked on a teaching career, already commenced before his graduation. While offering courses in American literature as a Teaching Fellow at Harvard University in 1985-89, he received twice the Harvard-Danforth Distinction in Teaching Award. During this period Slouka was also the recipient of the two-year Mellon Scholar Research Award at the University of Virginia, Center for Advanced Studies. After a one-year interlude at Pennsylvania State University, Slouka moved on to the University of California, San Diego, received there the Out-standing Teacher Award in 1994, and stayed until 1999. In that year, Mark was on his way back to his birthplace: he accepted a professorial appointment in the Writing Division of his alma mater, Columbia University. In the academic year 2005-06, while on leave from Columbia, Slouka holds a full professorship at The University of Chicago and chairs its Division of Creative Writing.

And writing is what Mark Slouka does. Over the past few years, as a Contributing Editor of *Harper's Magazine*, Slouka published a number of essays and short stories. Two of his essays were selected for and reprinted in the 1999 and 2000 annual editions of *Best American Essays*, one of them published in translation by *Shimpei Tokiwa* in Japan. Of his short stories, one ("The Woodcarver's Tale") won him the 1995 National Magazine Award for Fiction, with another ("Feather and Bone") he was a finalist for the same prize.

Slouka's first book was a non-fiction, a searing, humanist's critique of the digital revolution: *War of the Worlds: Cyberspace and the Hi-Tech Assault on Reality* (Harper Collins 1995). In the same year it was re-published separately in Great Britain (Little, Brown) and, in translations, in S.Korea, Japan, Taiwan, China and Indonesia. There followed a volume of fiction: *Lost Lake* (Knopf 1998), a book of stories. It was re-issued in paperback by Vintage Press, re-published in Great Britain by Macmillan and, in translations, in Germany, France, Holland and the Czech Republic. The book was designated "New York Times Notable Book of the Year", received "California Silver Medal Book Award", and was selected as "One of Best Books of 2002" by *Lidové Noviny* in the Czech Republic. In 2002, as a Fellow of the National Endowment for the Arts, Mark Slouka published a major novel, *God's Fool* (Knopf). The novel was selected as Book of the Year 2002 by both The San Francisco Chronicle and by The Washington Post, was re-published in Great Britain and as a paperback in the US, and was published in translation in Germany, France and Holland. In 2005, Slouka was awarded the coveted Guggenheim Fellowship. With two more books coming up, Slouka's pen shows no signs of drying up. It may have rested just for the last two weeks of December 2005 with Mark, Leslie and their children, Maya (14) and Zack (17), once again roaming through Prague, Brno, and Vysočina.

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Professor MICHAEL P. SENG was honored during a reception at the John Marshall Law School, Chicago, on January 19, 2006 when he received the Czernin Palace Memorial Bronze Medal Award in recognition for his accomplishments in promoting United States and Czech relations thru the Law school's student exchange program. This award is given by Czech Ambassador and was presented to professor Seng by Honorary Consul, George T. Drost. A large number of American and Czech representatives attended the reception.

Michael P. Song is a professor of law at The John Marshall Law School. He specializes in the areas of Constitutional Law, Civil Rights Law, and Comparative Law. He is co-director of the John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center and executive director of the John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Clinic. He regularly speaks nationwide at training and conferences on fair housing law.

He is also the director of the John Marshall Law School Czech/Slovak Legal Institute, which organizes legal study tours to the Czech and Slovak Republics, maintains a sister school relationship with the Faculty of Law at Masaryk University in Brno, conducts continuing legal education programs for the Czech Bar Association, sponsors a student exchange program with the Faculty of Law at Masaryk University, and produces a week-long class in the Czech Republic for new Czech and Slovak lawyers in American law and dispute resolution.

He received his B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Notre Dame. He grew up on a farm in Lost Nation, Iowa.

ZDENEK SALZMANN Octogenarian

Zdenek Salzmán was born in Prague on October 18, 1925. He graduated in 1944 from the Realgymnasium in Truhlarska Street and spent the last year of the war as a pharmacy assistant to avoid being sent to work in a factory in Germany. Immediately after the war he began studying Czech, English, and linguistics at Charles University.

During the summer of 1947 he volunteered to accompany a group of American College students through Czechoslovakia. He made various arrangements for them, acted as a translator, and housed them in his parents' apartment when he returned to Prague. As a result of his services to them he was invited by the World Student Service Fund to visit the United States as the Fund's traveling secretary to speak to American students of private secondary schools and colleges about what had happened to Czech university students under the German occupation from 1939 till 1945.

He arrived in the U.S. by ship in August 1947, and when his assignment ended in January 1948, he decided to spend one semester at an American university before returning to Prague. Thanks to the kind intervention of Roman Jakobson, at that time professor at Columbia University, he was accepted at Indiana University as a graduate student, with full scholarship. When the communists took over the Czechoslovak government in February 1948, he decided to continue with his studies at IU, realizing that as son of a bourgeois family and with his American experience, he would probably be sent to dig up ore at Jachymov if he returned. His mother, who in the meantime had been widowed, indirectly discouraged his returning by insisting in her letters that he complete a doctorate in the U.S. before returning home.

His professional career began at Verde Valley School in Sedona, Arizona, a boarding preparatory school, where he taught for seven years and then served for three years as headmaster. With his doctorate in anthropology (his dissertation was a description of the grammar of the language of the Northern Arapaho in Wyoming) he introduced anthropology at the well-known Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire (1966-1968), and then became associate professor at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, becoming a full professor in 1974. He retired from the University as professor emeritus in 1989, but he has continued teaching and doing research to the present day.

In 1970 he served as a visiting professor at the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität in Freiburg, Germany, in the University of Pittsburgh's Semester at Sea in 1982, and at Yale University in 1983. Since his retirement he has taught as a visiting professor at Charles University in Prague, West Bohemian University in Plzen, and the University of Pardubice, as well as at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, about 45 miles north of our home near Sedona, Arizona, where we have lived since 1989.

During the 1980s he was invited several times to the reservation of the Arapaho Indians to help them in their efforts to save their language, and in an impressive ceremony they gave me an Arapaho name that translates as Arapaho Chief.

He has some 340 publications to his credit, including the textbook *Language, Culture, and Society*, which is about to appear in its 4th edition and has been translated into Czech and Korean.

In 2000, in Prague, he was awarded the Cestna medaile Tomase Garrigua Masaryka, and is listed in *Who's Who in America*. He continues being very active, still teaching or lecturing in Europe every spring and occasionally helping the Arapaho maintain and reinforce their language.

The Czech ethnological journal *Cesky lid* devoted its 3rd issue in 2005 to Professor Salzmán on the occasion of his 70th birthday. We wish Professor Salzmán mnoga ljeta and best of luck in his future work.

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Prof. MUDr. JAN ŠMARDÁ, DrSc. pětasedmdesátníkem

Prof. Jan Šmarda se narodil 29. 8. 1930 v Tišnově v rodině učitele přírodovědy, později ředitele Botanického oddělení a posléze (celého) Moravského zemského muzea v Brně. Absolvoval reálné gymnázium, kde na studium francouzštiny postupně navazovalo studium angličtiny. Medicínu absolvoval v roce 1955. Už v době studia pracoval na Bio-logickém ústavu Lékařské fakulty jako volonter a po promoci jako odborný asistent. Zde si jej vybral profesor Hercík, který koncem 50. let – ještě stále silně ideologicky deformovaných – pomáhal v mezích možností nejschopnějším mladým pracovníkům. Tito pak později z velké části vytvořili vědeckou základnu československé biologie vůbec. A většina se dodnes podílí na její reprezentaci.

Profesor Šmarda působí jako vědecký pracovník na Lékařské fakultě. Problematika, kterou se zabývá, je neobvykle široká a rozsáhlá. Bakteriofagy spolu s prof. Rosenbergem, tři monografie o bakterio-cinech (jedna s prof. Brandisem), v češtině, němčině a angličtině, dále problematika strukturalní morfologie sinic. Sve vedecké clanky doplňuje spektakulárními obrázky bakterií a problematika strukturální morfologie sinic. Svě vědecké články doplňuje spektakulárními obrázky bakterií a sinic z elektronového mikroskopu. Zde projevuje prof. Šmarda nejen smysl pro absolutní upřesnění daného jevu, ale také neobyčejný výtvarný cit, jemnost, křehkost a smysl pro krásu – až s filosofickým dotažením vnitřní pokory v univerzu. Prof. Šmarda je aktivní ve všech oblastech svého oboru. Zkouší mediky, učitele biologie, ale také posluchače psychologie na Filozofické fakultě, Přírodovědecké fakultě, připravuje výukové filmy, píše učebnice, skripta, aj.

Bilance: přes 150 původních vědeckých prací a sdělení, přes 60 odborných přehledových prací a monografií, spolupráce na desítkách populárně vědeckých knih, učebnic, celkem ve 32 vydáních, okolo 20 skript, spoluautorství učebnice „Biologie pro lékařské fakulty“, 150 knižních recenzí, 162 zpráv a příležitostných publikací, knihy „Život z obou stran“, „Člověk v proudu dědičnosti“. A samozřejmě organizace mezinárodních kongresů, sjezdů, seminářů, práce ve vědeckých radách, agenturách, oponentních řízeních. Pro vědecko-popularizační práce nachází uplatnění prof. Šmarda v rozhlase, v časopisech Vesmír aj.

Osobnost prof. Šmardy však poznamenaly i mnohé hořké zkušenosti. V roce 1970 mu byla v poslední chvíli pozastavena cesta a studijní pobyt do Spojených států. Jeho vnitřní odvaha, jasné myšlení a pracovitost byla nepohodlná pro politickou atmosféru nastolenou v posrpnových dnech. Znamenalo to stop na 20 let. Stop služebnímu postupu, možnosti publikovat, udržovat živé vědecké kontakty. Až v roce 1989 mu byl udělen doktorát věd Krlovy univerzity v oboru mikro-biologie a v roce 1990 byl jmenován profesorem. Od roku 1989 do roku 1997 byl statutárním proděkanem Lékařské fakulty Masarykovy univerzity. V této funkci musel zvládnout nelehkou úlohu nezbytných změn v programu studia Lékařské fakulty, s cílem přiblížit způsob studia evropským a světovým parametrům. V tom smyslu zavedl mimo jiné výuku samoplátců v angličtině. Následovalo přednáškové turné v Kanadě, USA, ve Francii, Německu, co nejrychlejší návaznost na dřívější kontakty se zahraničím.

Za celoživotní práci dostal pan profesor Šmarda několik medailí, z nichž snad nejdůležitější jsou: Zlatá pamětní medaile LF MU 1990, Zlatá medaile Masarykovy univerzity v roce 1995, Pamětní medaile LF MU – 1997 a medaile MSMT ČR – 1997, cena ministra MSMT ČR – 1997, 2x pamětní medaile J. E. Purkyně za zásluhy v biologických vědách, kterou uděluje ČSAV, cenu „Talent 1995“ za dlouholetou pedagogickou činnost při podpoře talentu, aj. Dne 6. února 2001 mu byla udělena Cena města Brna za obor přírodních věd.

Po celá ta léta si profesor Šmarda houževnatě udržuje obrovskou sílu ducha a s hlubokým pochopením řeší aktuální namnoze svízelné situace.

Prof. Šmarda totiž zůstal zodpovědný své rodinné tradici. Až do roku 1969 udržoval úzký kontakt se svým bratrancem Ivanem Blatným, významným básníkem, který žil od roku 1948 v Anglii. V roce 1969 byl prof. Šmarda pověřen starostí o Ivanovo literární dílo vydávané u nás, později o celý jeho literární odkaz. Po básnickově smrti v roce 1990 zůstala v jeho rukou ještě řada původních rukopisů ke zpracování.

Literární aktivita profesora Šmardy, jeho úvahy, eseje, verše nejsou jen záležitostí „volného času“, jak se ve snaze opisu mnozí vyjadřují. Je integrovanou součástí osobnosti vědce a umělce. Schopnost myšlení a schopnost vůle dokázala volit slova a vrstvit je v následnostech. Míra poznání a osobnostní šíře, či velikost, vnitřní ukázněnost – prostě talent.

Šmardův emoční vztah k umění jittí jeho pohled na křehkost všeho živého, které je schopen obdivovat s pokorou. Kromě literárního a výtvarného umění je to hudba, kterou miluje a vnímá. Jeho další bratranec, Pavel Blatný, je známým klavíristou, skladatelem a dirigentem.

K rodinným přátelům jeho rodičů, s nimiž se setkal ještě jako chlapec patřili malíř Josef Jambor, Bohdan Lacina. Výstavy výtvarného umění, které prof. Šmarda pořádal v klubu Antonína Tryba i v těžkých 70. a 80. letech, se svými obrazy účastnili autoři jako Jiří Suchý, Jan Wolf, prof. Pavel Bravený. Mezi návštěvníky patřili Oldřich Mikulášek, Ludvík Kundera, Igor Zhor, Adolf Kroupa . . . a tato setkání nesla v sobě sílu a poselství svobody a tvorby. Kéž je tomu tak i dnes.

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Biskup PETER ESTERKA Celebrates His 70th Birthday

Peter Esterka, Auxiliary Bishop of Brno, Bishop for Czech Catholics in Diaspora and Titular Bishop of Cefala, celebrated his 70th birthday on November 14, 2005. A long time member of SVU, he was born on November 14, 1935, in Dolni Bojanovice, district of Hodonin in South-ern Moravia, Czechoslovakia. He was old enough to experience the horrors of World War II as the front lines formed a few miles from his home.

He was a student at the Jesuit High school in Brno in 1948 when the Communists took over the government and outlawed the public practice of religion. During the following years, conflict grew between him and the communist teachers who were assigned to educate him in party values. He was refused schooling except at a communist training school, and was finally called before the secret police for interrogation.

By 1957 life had become unbearable for him, so in June, with two other young men friends, he cut through the barbed wire and crossed the heavily guarded border into Austria. His escape story has been published under the title *Never Say Comrade*.

After several months in an Austrian refugee camp, he made his way to Rome, living at the Pontifical College Nepomucenum while studying philosophy and theology at the Pontifical Lateran University. He was ordained March 9, 1963, in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, and sent to his first mission in San Antonio, TX. After three years as assistant pastor in Texas he returned to Rome to earn his doctorate in theology. His dissertation on the Unionistic Congresses at Velehrad has been published in the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* in 1971.

For thirty years he was professor of moral theology and ecumenical studies at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota. He continued to be active in the parishes of the area and was also a chaplain (Lt. Col.) in the Air Force Reserve Unit in Minneapolis. He began his work among Czech Catholic immigrants in 1978 and founded in 1984, at the request of Bishop John Morkovsky, the North American Pastoral Center for Czech Catholics to support Nepomucenum Seminary at a time when its very existence was threatened.

In 1986 Fr. Esterka was named Vicar for Czech Catholic immigrants living in the United States and Canada. In 1994 that jurisdiction was extended to include Australia. He was named Monsignor in 1987, Prelate in 1992, and Bishop for Czech Catholics living in diaspora in 1999. From Orange, California, he continues this ministry of the Pastoral Center for Czech Catholics.

We wish him well in his noble work.

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In Memoriam

JIRI PARMA (1922-2005)

Jiri Vaclav Parma died September 12, 2005 at the age of 82 in Bedford, Pa. He was a native of Tesin where he was born on December 6, 1922. During 1945-48 he attended Charles University but had to leave Czechoslovakia when the life of his family was threatened. He emigrated to the US and eventually settled at Oxon Hill, MD. He worked for the American military and rose to the position of Washington's Navy Yard's Director of Finance. He was an avid sportsman and his countrymen will remember him for his popular ski race "Baca Cup" which he organized near his cottage at Blue Knob, PA.

STANISLAV SEGERT (1921-2005)

Stanislav Segert, emeritus professor of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at UCLA and a 36-year resident of Pacific Palisades, died at Kaiser Permanente Hospital on September 30 of complications following surgery for a head injury sustained in a fall at his home. He was 84.

Born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, on May 4, 1921 to Antonin and Marie Segert, he earned his doctorate at Charles University in Prague in 1947. Prior to that, he was ordained a minister in the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (Unitas Fratrum). In 1958, the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences awarded him his CSc. degree. He taught at his Alma Mater until 1968 when the worsening political situation caused him to emigrate to the United States. Beginning in 1970, he served on the faculty of UCLA's Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, as Full Professor and Professor Emeritus, until his death.

Segert taught biblical Hebrew and other languages of the ancient Middle East. Among his scholarly works were grammars of Ugaritic, Phoenician, and ancient Aramaic and hundreds of articles and reviews. He was a pioneer in the use of computers to analyze ancient languages and the Bible. His Czech publications included a book on the Dead Sea Scrolls and several translations of biblical poetry into Czech in cooperation with later Nobel Prize-winner Jaroslav Seifert and other Czech poets.

His colleagues considered him "the last great grammarian of the Semitic languages in the polymathic European tradition of Dillmann, Brockelmann, and Noeldeke." He is perhaps best known in the United States for his textbook *Basic Grammar of the Ugaritic Language* (1984), and his *Altaramäische Grammatik* (1975). He also wrote a fundamental *Grammar of Phoenician and Punic* (1976). Besides these works he wrote still unpublished grammars of Syriac and Biblical Aramaic for classroom use. His hundreds of articles include many on the Qumran texts, and dozens more on aspects of Ugaritic studies. His study of the language of the Moabite stone ("Die Sprache der moabitischen Königinschrift," *Archiv Orientalni*, 1961) is still the best survey of that dialect. He held visiting appointments at the University of Chicago and Johns Hopkins University before coming to UCLA. He later taught at the University of Beersheba, Israel and the University of Muenster, Germany during sabbaticals. His research and scholarly conferences led him to travel widely in Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa.

He was a great scholar and his untimely death is a great loss not only to his profession but also to SVU of which he was an active and devoted member.

FRANK CHARLES SKOPEC (1923-2005)

Frank Charles Skopec, a long time SVU member and resident of Rockville, MD died on December 5, 2005 after a prolonged illness. He was a native of Stity, Czechoslovakia, where he was born on December 31, 1923. He was a nuclear engineer by training.

After escaping from Czechoslovakia, he came to the US in 1953 with no knowledge of English. After years of hard work, he was able to complete his education, receiving his engineering degree from the University of Chicago in 1959. He then worked as a nuclear engineer for General Electric in San Jose, CA. In 1975 he removed to Washington, DC where he obtained a position with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission where he remained until his retirement in 1990.

VERA O. LASKA (1923-2005)

Vera O. Laska, 82, a long time SVU member, Professor Emeritus of History at Regis College and resident of Weston, MA, died on December 11, 2005 after a long illness. She was the wife of the late Andrew J. Laska, who was also SVU member.

She was born in Kosice, Czechoslovakia. She was awarded two diplomas, equivalent to master's degrees, in philosophy and in history from Charles University in Prague. After immigrating to the US, she earned a scholarship to the University of Chicago, and in 1959 received her PhD in US history.

Her teaching career started at Roosevelt University, Illinois and has been a professor of History at Regis College in Weston, MA since 1966, where she earned the love of generations of students. At Regis she chaired the Department of History, and the Division of Social Sciences. She was the founding director of the American Studies minor.

In 1972 she was named Outstanding Educator of America. She received the prestigious Kidger Award for Excellence in History in 1984 and was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal in communication in 1990. In 1993, she received a Fulbright professorship at Charles University in Prague.

A survivor of three concentration camps during WWII, she wrote seven books, including *Women in the Resistance*, which details her experience in the Czech resistance and as a political prisoner in the Nazi concentration camps; and *Two Loves of Benjamin Franklin, Women and Diplomacy*. She has also authored over 350 articles and reviews in professional journals and newspapers.

Early in life she was an outstanding swimmer and cross country skier. She was also an experienced bridge player, together with her husband. She enjoyed traveling and lecturing aboard cruise ships. Her other accomplishments were; member of the Massachusetts Bicentennial Commission, President of the Weston Historical Society and founding member of the Masaryk Club at the University of Chicago where she also served as the Foreign Students Counselor for many years. She was a long time contributor to the Weston Town Crier. She also spoke fluently nine languages.

She was the mother of the late Thomas V. Laska, a graduate of Weston High School and Duke University and is survived by her son, Paul A. Laska, graduate of Weston High School and Springfield College. She will be sorely missed.

Tribute to EMILIA ROYCO (1909-2005)

It seems only yesterday – actually it was six years ago – when we paid a special tribute to Milka, on the occasion of her historical 90th birthday. It is with sadness that we meet here today to bid her farewell. She would not want us, of course, to be gloomy on this day, preferring to be remembered on a joyous note.

Eva and I have known Emilka and her marvelous family since they first moved to the Washington area in the early sixties. We are probably Emilka's and Emil's oldest friends here. While we all have visibly aged, it seems that she had not changed a bit with coming years, and looked exactly the same as when I first set my eyes on her – cute, sexy, vivacious, elegant, amusing, witty, energetic, smart, resourceful, hospitable, generous and . . . I could go on and on with other fitting adjectives.

Emil was, of course, well aware of the treasure when he married her. I don't know how many of you know their love story. Both Emil and Emilka came from patriotic Slovak families. When efforts were on the way towards establishing an independent Czechoslovakia, Emil's father, who was living with his family at that time in St. Louis, wanted to be a part of the war effort and so he immediately joined the Czechoslovak Legions, thereby participating in the triumphant legendary march of the legionnaires, all the way from Siberia to the newly established Czechoslovak state.

Emil, who was an American by birth, showed his love to his ethnic roots even more intimately when he decided to marry the Slovak girl of his dreams, whom he met during a brief visit in the small Slovak town of Lubina near Trencin. It was love at first sight when he met the vivacious, pretty postmistress. But, being quite young then and lacking suitable means to support his future bride, he told her that he would return to the States where he was living, get an education, and then, when he could support her, would return for her. She consented and, true to his word, after putting himself through college and graduating from Washington University with an Architect's degree and a job, he returned for her. They were married and managed to take the last boat from Europe before the

Nazis invaded Czechoslovakia in 1938. Emilka and Emil settled in St. Louis where their daughter Emiline was born.

This story reflects some basic characteristics of Emil and Milka Royco family – their love, faith, initiative, determination and perseverance. When one talks about one, one really has to talk about both, as they always worked as a perfect team.

After moving to Washington, Emil and Emilka became progressively more and more involved in the affairs of our Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, or SVU, as we call it, first in the local chapter, and then in the national organization. They gave it their 100%. They took over the local arrangements for several congresses and did a marvelous job. When they were in charge of the Majales Ball they worked ever so hard to make them the success that they were.

Of all the people I have known in the Czechoslovak Washington community, Milka was the only one who never used “NO” in her vocabulary. Whenever someone was ill or in need, she was always there ready to help. When someone needed a shelter, she immediately offered room and board in their house. When someone needed a donation, she was the first to give. She was also the hardest working person during the SVU Bazaars. Her cooking and baked goods could win all the contests and her scrumptious cookies, particularly her “rozky”, which were her specialty, we all adored. They had a profound affect on all radio and TV announcers who were lucky enough to taste them – and who then went out of their way to promote the SVU Bazaar on their shows. And as if this were not enough, Emilka devoted one day a week to do voluntary work at Georgetown University Hospital for some 45 years. Nothing was ever too much work for her.

Her love and interest in people was her trademark. She would always want to know the accomplishments of our children and served as a grandmother to ever so many. She remembered everything about everyone – an incredible trait. She was proud of Emiline and Marvin and their accomplishments. When asked about her daughter and son-in-law her bright eyes would light up and proudly tell us their accomplishments.

Already some years ago, the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences had long recognized Emilka’s and Emil’s contributions by awarding both of them SVU Founding Memberships, the highest award SVU could bestow on its members. No other husband-and-wife-team has ever been so honored in the entire SVU history.

For all that she had done, Emilka deserves our appreciation and our love and I am happy to say that she is indeed surrounded by the warmest love one can hope for – from her most loving daughter Emiline and from her most devoted son-in-law Marvin Ott, both SVU members, as well as tens, if not hundreds, of her dear friends. So, it is with great honor and humility for me to thank her again – at this occasion – for all she has done and bid her farewell. She was so loved and will be terribly missed by all of us but always remembered. The exuberant smile and enthusiasm with which she attended every function will surely be missed.

MILA RECHCIGL, SVU President

Activities of SVU Local Chapters

FLORIDA SVU Chapter

The newly established SVU Florida Chapter of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences held its first meeting on January 15, 2006 at the American Czech-Slovak Cultural Club in North Miami, Florida. The President of the new chapter, Dr. Blanka Kudej, addressed the audience about the SVU history, goals and future activities.

Dr. Robert Petrik, Honorary Consul of Slovakia, and former President of the American Czech-Slovak Cultural Club, spoke on his history, activities and future projects of the Club.

His Excellency, Dr. Petr Kolar, Czech Ambassador to the U.S.A. and His Excellency, Dr. Rastislav Kacer, Slovak Ambassador to the U.S.A., discussed the current state of affairs of both republics and their relations with the United States.

Among some 70 guests who attended this very successful meeting were the Honorary Consul of Czech Republic Mr. Allan Backer, Mrs. Aja Vrzanova-Steindler, singers Waldemar and Olga Matuska, professors from Florida Universities and scientists from research institutions. A reception with wine, coffee and homemade “kolacky” followed.

NEW YORK Chapter

Saturday, January 15, 2005 the local chapter hosted a lecture by Mgr. Josef Fryscak on the voice education of children. The speaker teaches at Ostrava Conservatory of Music and is a voice specialist working with members of Ostravsky detsky sbor, one of leading children’s choirs in Czech Republic that was awarded top prizes in international competitions of children’s choirs in recent years. The lecture was accompanied by selections from winning performances of Ostravsky detsky sbor in Japan, Italy and Switzerland.

The topic of the April 10 lecture, delivered by Dr. Jiri Pehe, a prominent publicist and political commentator, was “The European Constitution in the Context of Czech Politics”. Mr. Pehe is a former adviser to President Vaclav Havel and the present Director of New York University in Prague, a year-round program of NYU Global University.

On June 4, 2005, the eve of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Frantisek Klatil (1905-1972), a dedicated exile journalist, politician and poet, the local group paid tribute to the impressive accomplishments of this remarkable man. The event was honored by the presence of the poet's widow, Mrs. Milada Klatil, who had collaborated with New York Public Library in organizing an interesting exhibit of Frantisek Klatil's works on view in the Slavic and Baltic Division of the Library during the month of June.

BRITISH SVU Chapter

Meetings have been generally held at Velehrad, London at 2:30 P.M.

January 29 – Devana Pavlikova: *Duchess of Zahan and her love letters.*

February 26 – Dr. Miroslav Kru-picka: *Czech Society and Media in 2004.*

April 30 – Vit Bezdicek: *From ghetto to se shop, the second generation of Czech underground.*

May 28 – Neil Rees: *President Benes at Aston Abbots during the Second World War.*

September 24 – Dr. Eva Pinka-va: *Jan Kresadlo and his work* (at the Czech Embassy in London on the occasion of 10th anniversary of his death).

Note: Milan Kocourek who is the chairman of the British Chapter gave recently an interview about the Chapter's activities which can be found on the Internet under *krajane.net*

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BRNO SVU Chapter

Rok 2004

20. 3. – V Moravském zemském muzeu přednáška Prof. Josefa Normona Rostinského, na téma Japonsko, USA a EU.

Červen 200 – Účast našich členů na Kongresu SVU v Olomouci. Fotografie jsou u webmastra.

Dne 1. 10 – Slavnostní setkání při příležitosti mezinárodní prezentace knihy: Filozofie psaná kurzívou. Tuto knihu dne 3. 12. 2003 uvedla právě SVU na SVU akci. Křtu byl přítomen velvyslanec Ecuadoru, pan V. Kamenetski. Ten přeložil tuto knihu do španělštiny. Setkání pořádal Parlament České republiky. Projevy: podpředseda Parlamentu Dr. Zaorálek, ministr pro životní prostředí Dr. M. Ambrožek, Marie Bobková za SVU o celé historii vzniku tohoto překladu. Byla to právě SVU, která uvedla tuto knihu na světlo Boží. Setkání bylo velmi slavnostní a zúčastnili se čínský velvyslanec s doprovodem, ruský velvyslanec, členové velvyslanectví pro Jižní Ameriku, mnozí spisovatelé a politici. Foto jsou u webmastra.

16.10. – Den Moravy. Je to takový nový trend pořádat přednášky zástupců špičkových pracovišť přírodovědných i humanitních oborů z oblastí Moravy. (Letos se tento den koná ve Zlíně.) M. Bobková byla mezi zvanými za SVU.

Morava je součástí ve všech parametrech, ale vždy jako součást, v koordinaci s ostatními oblastmi, či územími. Přednášky trvaly celý den a to ve Velkém sále v budově ombudsmana Otakara Motejla.

22. a 23. 10. – Uskutečnily se dva koncerty interpretačních umělců z italské Cremy, s kterými má SVU tradiční spolupráci. Oba tyto koncerty zaštitila SVU a logo SVU je na všech plakátech i pozvánkách s těmito koncerty souvisejícími. Materiály u webmastra.

8. 12. 2004 – Setkání architektů, které vedla Ing. arch. Sylva Schwarzeneggerová, členka brněnské skupiny, vnučka arch. Krohy. Název: Žáci Wagnerovy školy na Moravě.

V Praze byly kdysi pozemky dražší než na Moravě. ěada vynikajících architektů, či už z období secese anebo funkcionalistů, se mohla vybudovat na Moravě. Byla to celodenní elegantní akce a příjemná před Vánocemi.

Rok 2005

Otevření Vaňovky. Ve Sdružení Vaňovka pracuje několik členů SVU a byli zváni k slavnostnímu ceremonálu 1. části. Díky Sdružení Vaňovka byly restaurovány a zachovány budovy z roku 1850. Jsou k dispozici k našim schůzkám. Z velké strojírny má být Galerie moderního umění.

19. 4. – Krásná akce SVU s krásnými výtvarnými pozvánkami Zdenky Hochmanové. Věnována 100. výročí narození Profesora Františka Schafra. Byl to jeden z nejlepších profesorů klavíru v historii Československa.

5. 5. – V Moravském zemském muzeu v historickém sále pořad věnován hudebnímu skladateli Zdeňku Pololaníkovi. Hodně fotografií. Vydárená akce.

13. až 27. srpna – Mezinárodní hudební festival Petra Dvorského na zámku v Jaroměřicích nad Rožkynou. Petr Dvorský věnoval SVU vždy 2 čestné vstupenky na všechny koncerty tohoto Festivalu.

23. 11. – Japonské inspirace v Moravském zemském muzeu. Ukázky japonského divadla.

Ceny Společnosti pro vědy a umění Praha 2005

Výbor pražské skupiny Společnosti pro vědy a umění ve spolupráci se Stálou komisí Senátu pro krajany žijící v zahraničí na slavnostním zasedání ve Valdštejnském paláci udělil tyto ceny:

Jaroslavě Adamové, za vynikající hereckou tvorbu, např. ve hrách F. Duerrenmatta, Jeana Anouilhe, Josefa Topola a mnoha dalších

Bohumile Grögerové, za mnoholeté básnické, prozaické a překladatelské dílo, tvorbu pro děti a rozhlasové hry

Prof. Dr. Heleně Illnerové, DrSc., za významné vědecké práce v oboru fyziologie

Prof. Ivanu Moravcovi, za dlouholetou koncertní i pedagogickou činnost a za skvělou reprezentaci české hudby v zahraničí

Prof. Marcele Němečkové, za vydávání samizdatové náboženské literatury a pedagogickou a charitativní činnost

Režiséru Ladislavu Smočkovi, za mnoholetou režijní a dramatickou tvorbu a za zásluhy o dobré jméno českého divadla v zahraničí

Prof. Dr. Františku Šamalíkovi, DrSc., za dlouholetou vědeckou práci v oblasti historie práva a za výchovu a spolupráci s mladými vědci

Malířce Adrienně Šimotové, za celoživotní výtvarnou tvorbu a skvělou prezentaci českého výtvarného umění v zahraničí a

Režisérovi Janu Švankmajerovi, za významnou režijní a scénářistic-kou tvorbu a za šíření dobrého jména českého filmu v zahraničí.

Payment of SVU Dues

Once again it is time to renew your SVU membership. As before, you have the option to prepay one or more years, and your additional donations will be more than appreciated. When paying your dues, you can also simultaneously subscribe to our English periodical *Kosmas – Czechoslovak and Central European Journal* at a reduced price and also our *Bibliographic Directory*. In addition, you can now arrange for a bank transfer – an option used often outside of the US. Please inform your bank to transfer the funds to: Valley National Bank 85 County Road Tenafly, NJ 07670, Account name: Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, Account # 512 001 4266.

As you know from SVU President Mila Rechcigl's 2005 State of the SVU Report, our Society has made tremendous strides, both in terms of its new initiatives and in recruitment of young members. Our SVU Conference in Florida at North Miami last March was an unqualified success, thanks to the splendid cooperation of Prof. Cecilia Rokusek and Dr. Robert Petrik. You read all about it in Mila's "SVU Extravaganza in Florida." We also call your attention to the series of recently released publications, including the English Papers from the SVU Plzen Congress, *Proceedings of the Working Conference on Czech and Slovak American Archival Materials and their Preservation*, and Mila Rechcigl's *Czech-American Historic Sites, Monuments, and Memorials*, his 2-volume set *Czechoslovak American Archivalia*, and just released monograph *Czechs and Slovaks in America*. The vigor and vitality of the Society is evident everywhere. Just look at the SVU Website: www.svu2000.org

We are now in the midst of preparation of our next SVU World Congress to be held at the University of South Bohemia in Ceske Budejovice on 25 June - 2 July 2006. The Congress with its general theme "Czech and Slovak Culture in International and Global Contexts" is being co-organized by the University of South Bohemia and the Academies of Sciences of the Czech Republic and Slovakia, under the aegis of the Czech and Slovak Presidents. Detailed information can be found in the SVU newsletter *Zpravy SVU* and on the SVU Website. It will be an extraordinary event and we urge everyone to attend. Make your reservations soon for accommodations and if you wish to participate in the planned excursions in picturesque and historical sites of Bohemia. Members interested in giving papers or organize specific panels or symposia should immediately contact SVU President via e-mail: SVU1@comcast.net or call him on (301) 881-7222.

By paying your dues promptly you will save us precious time and effort because we won't have to send you reminder letters. As always, we welcome your comments, and volunteers to assist us with our agenda.

Pay your dues to F. Mucha, SVU Treasurer, 36 W 88 Street, Apt. 1, New York, NY 10024.

M. Rechcigl,

President and F. Mucha, Treasurer