**SVU World Congress**  
Palacky University, June 27 - July 4, 2004

**Word from SVU President**

This is the last occasion I have before the forthcoming SVU Congress to address SVU membership. This is the 22nd World Congress the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU) has organized since its inception in 1958. It is being convened in cooperation with Palacky University, Lord Mayor of the City of Olomouc and C.E.O. (Hejtman) of the Olomouc Region, under the auspices of Vaclav Klaus, President of the Czech Republic.

Based on our periodic reports and announcements on SVU Website: www.svu2000.org you could see that this will be a fantastic event, certainly a pivotal event of the year for anyone interested in the Czech and Slovak culture and affairs. The University Rector Prof. Jana Macakova and Dean of the Philosophical Faculty Docent Ivo Bartecek, under whose leadership and counsel the preparations have been made, have gone out of their way to make all the university resources available to us to make the Congress a success and all the visitors welcome.

The Congress, with its varied and highly interesting program, will cover just about every area of human endeavor from the arts, music, literature, history, education, law, politics, media to business, law, medicine, science, technology and much more.

Apart from various sessions, discussion panels and symposia, there are numerous exciting cultural and social activities being planned, including opera, concerts, social-get-together, banquets, guided walking tours through the historic City of Olomouc, bus excursions through the beautiful Moravian landscape (with castles, wine cellars, scrumptious food and lots of fun).

We have many members of Moravian ancestry. They ought to take advantage of this unique opportunity to visit the land of their ancestors. It is unlikely that there would be comparable occasion in the future where you would learn and see so much about Moravia and its rich history and culture. After all, this is the land which produced John Amos Comenius (Komensky), Sigmund Freud, Johann Mendel, Edmund Husserl, Thomas G. Masaryk, Leos Janacek and Kurt Godel — the personalities who shook and shaped the world.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity. You will enjoy it, make contacts and learn a lot too. This will be a great opportunity to meet all sorts of interesting personalities, dignitaries, government representatives etc.

I urge everyone who has not as yet made up his or her mind to come to Olomouc and enjoy the meetings and all the fun. You won’t be sorry.

MILA RECHCIGL, SVU President

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**Innovative Way for Students to Come to Olomouc SVU Congress**

Prof. Margaret Hermanek Peaslee developed a Study Abroad class that will include attendance of the SVU World Congress in Olomouc and for which students can earn three college credits from the University of Pitts-burgh. The class is described on the web at http://www.upt.pitt.edu/upt_academics/czech_2004.htm

We encourage students to take advantage of this great opportunity.

MILA RECHCIGL,  
SVU President
1. Academic Program
   (Tentative)

   English Panels – Coordinated by Miloslav Rechcigl, Jr.

   A. Culture & Education

   Education
   Presiding

   Margit Meissner, Bethesda, MD
   “Preparing High School Students with Disabilities for Employment in the
   Community”

   Jitka Mucha, Columbia Preparatory School, New York, NY
   “Constructivist Teaching: Yes or No?”

   Pavel Cenkl, Green Mountain College, Poutney, VT
   “The Role of Place-based Pedagogy in the Teaching of Environmental
   Writing”

   Rambouskova, Fulbright Program, Prague, CR
   “The Czech Fulbright Program”

   Skip Kifer, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
   “My Experiences in Czech Republic”

   Wayne Svoboda, Columbia University, New York, NY

   Ashley Slavik

   How To Run A University American Style: A Discussion Panel
   Milada Hirschova, Presiding

   Discussants:
   Antonin Smrcka, Vice President, Century University, Albuquerque, NM
   Jack E. Rechcigl, Director, Gulf Coast Agricultural and Education Center,
   University of Florida, Bradenton, FL
   Others to be added

   Librarianship and Information Resources
   David Chroust and Suzanna B. Simor, Presiding

   David Chroust, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
   “Chicago Czech Benedictine Press and its Popular Editions: The Librarian as
   a Multicultural Agent”

   Jitka Machova and Petr Zabicka, Moravian Library, Brno, CR
   “Historical Collections of the Moravian Library”

   Gail Naughton, National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Cedar Rapids, IA
   “Providing International Access to the Library & Archives of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library”

   Layne Pierce, Lincoln City Libraries, Lincoln, NE
   “The Prominence of Libraries in the Internet Home Pages of the Top 100 Universities in the United States”

   Suzanna B. Simor, Queens College, Flushing, NY
   “Shedding Light on Centuries Past: New Tools for Research in the Western Middle Ages”

   Stanley Kalkus, Charles University, Prague, CR
   “To be announced”

   Milos Korhon and Katerina Handlova, Vedecka knihovna, Olomouc, CR
   "Rare Books in Research Library in Olomouc and their Preservation"

   Stanislav Psohlavec, AIP Beroun, CR
   "MEMORIA Project"
B. The Arts

Creative Writing

Bronislava Volkova, Presiding

Margit Meissner, Bethesda, MD
“‘Margit’s Story’ My Autobiography”

Martha Peaslee Levine, Middletown, PA
“Musings At Midnight”

Bronislava Volkova, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
“Transforming the Absence”

Helena J. Lawson, Inlingua, West Hartford, CT
“Selected Poems”

Dibyendu Rumar Banerjee, Northampton, MA
“Translations from Czech and Moravian Poets”

Dusan Simko, University Basel, Basel, Switzerland
“Magicke Kosice”

Visual and Performing Arts

Jiri Lonsky, Presiding

Patrick Muller, Center for Experimental Critical Thinking, Iowa City, IA
“Infiltration of the Mundane: A Survival Strategy for the Studio Artist”

Jiri Lonsky, Gainesville, FL
“NCECA as a Model Umbrella Organization for the Support of Ceramic Art and Craft”

Linda Vlasak, Baltimore, MD
“Public and Private Support for the Arts in Maryland: Where Are the Medici?”

Dennis Stevens, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA
“Models for Craft Based Art Education in the United States: an Exploration of Sustainable Opportunities within the Czech Republic”

Don Martin, Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens, Winter Park, FL
“Albin Polasek” (tentative title)

Vit Horejs, New York, NY
“Czech Marionette Theatre in the USA”

Josef P. Skala, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada
“Impact of Fringe Festivals on the Development of Theatrical Arts”

Music & Musicology

Dagmar Hasalova White, Presiding

Lewis Reith, Georgetown University Library, Washington, DC
“Pavel Josef Vejvanovsky (ca 1639-1693): Neglected Moravian Baroque Composer”

Lillian A. Pruett, North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC

Dagmar Hasalova White, Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale, VA
“Mozart and Prague”

Jesse Johnston, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
“The Polka Music of Czech-Americans in Wisconsin, Interpreted Through Studies of Ethnicity and Performance”
Eva Solar-Kindermann, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada

Czech and Slovak Theatre
Vera Borkovec, Presiding

Vera Borkovec, American University, Washington, DC
“Jaromir John’s Rajsky ostrov: Czech Theatre and Patriotism (as Reflected in the History of Czechoslovak Theatre in the USA)”
Josef Cermak, Toronto, Ont., Canada
“Czech and Slovak Theatre in Canada”
Gail Humphries Mardirosian, American University, Washington, DC
“An American Voicing of the Silenced Theatre of Josef Topol”
Lisa Peschel, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
“A Theatrical Call to the Nation: “Oldrich a Bozena” (1787)”
Frank Safertal, Bethesda, MD
“Czech Jazz Scene in the Early 60s and Its Influence on the Creation of Divadla malych forem”
Lauren McConnell, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
“Theatrical Conservatism in the Post-Communist Era: The Case of Pavel Kohout and His Play Zeros”
Paul I. Trensky, Fordham University, Bronx, NY
“The Art of Petr Zelenka”

C. The Humanities

Bohemian Reformation
Vilem Herold, Presiding

Zdenek V. David, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.
“New Interpretations of the Bohemian Reformation”
Thomas Fudge, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand
“Hus and the Hussite Wars: Recent Historiography”
Petr Somr, Center for Medieval Studies, Prague
“The Objectives and Programs of the Center for Medieval Studies”
Pavel Soukup, Philosophical Institute AS CR, Prague
“Jakoubek of Stribro”
Dagmar Hasalova White, Washington, D. C.
“Church Songs in the Vernacular”

History
Zdenek David, Presiding

Victor M. Fic, Brock University, St. Catharine, Ont., Canada
“The Tantra and the Kundalini Yoga”
Otilia Marie Kabes, Bethesda, MD
“Frederick of Palatinate, the Winter King of Bohemia”
Paul Shore, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO
“Bohemian Jesuit Missions in the Old and New World”
Brenda Flanagan, Davidson University, PA
“Images of Moravia in the West”
Zdenek David, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC
“Anti-Romanticism in the National Awakening: The Case of Karel Hynek Macha”
Francis Raska, Charles University, Prague, CR
“Health and Hygiene Measures During the Official Transfer of the Sudeten Germans”
Military History
Dagmar Hasalova White, Presiding

Lawrence Cerny, Cernyland, Huber Heights, OH
“Czechoslovak Legionnaires of Cleveland: Presentation with Video”
Lewis White, Vienna, VA
“Czechoslovaks in World War II”
Josef Soucek, Sao Paulo, Brasil
“On the French Front”
Thomas G. Gibian, Sandy Spring, MD
“Recollections of a Czech RAF Pilot”
Milos R. Knorr, New York, NY
“General Viest”
Milica Hasalova Moravcik, Edmonton, Alta, Canada
“General Antonin Bohumil Hasal”
Vlado Simko, Brooklyn, NY
“Liberation of Pilsen, 1945”
Mirko Janecek, Mississauga, Ont., Canada
“The Six Volunteers in Cracow”

Jan Amos Comenius: A Symposium
Milan Fryscak, Presiding

Christopher Barina Kaiser, Reformed Church in America, Holland, MI
“The Marks of God’s Wisdom in Comenius’ Panorthosia: A Biblical Topos at the Foundation of Modern Science”
Frantisek X. Halas, Teologicka fakulta Univerzity Palackeho, Olomouc
“Komensky – historik”
Michal Bauer, Jihocefska univerzita, Ceske Budejovice
“Recepce Komenskeho v ceskem kontextu padesatych let dvacateho stoleti”
Vladimir Papousek, Jihocefska univerzita, Ceske Budejovice
“Obraz Komenskeho v ceske literature od padesatych do sedmdesatych let dvacateho stoleti”
Carmen G. Mayerova, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
“Ends and Means in Politics: What Would Comenius Say?”
Ivo Feierabend, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
“To be announced”

The Czechoslovak Jewish Community:
Its Spiritual, Cultural, Political and Economic Heritage
Ruth Davis, Presiding

Milos Dobry, Jewish Religious Community, Olomouc, CR
“The Jewish History and Landmarks of Olomouc”
Alexander Putik, Judaica Bohemiae, Jewish Museum in Prague, Prague, CR
“The Movement of Shabbetai Zevi in 17th-century Bohemia”
Jaroslav Klenovsky, Moravian Jewish Communities, Brno, CR
“Jewish Trebic: A UNESCO World Heritage Site”
Michael Deiml, Ditzingen, Germany
“Jewish Memorial Cernovice. Holocaust Memorial in Czech Republic – Visual Art and Education”
Aharon Moshe Rabinowicz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel
“The Political Jewish Community: A Contribution to the Legal History of Moravian Jews”
Jiri Fiedler, Prague, CR
“The Jewish Community of Steingrub (Lomnicka) and the Youth of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise”
Jitka Chmelikova, Cheb Municipal Archive, Cheb, CR

“Maestro Rudolf Serkin on the 100th Anniversary of His Birth”
Ivo Moravcik, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alta, Canada

“Translation of Tomas Pekny's History of Jews in Bohemia and Moravia”
Ruth Davis, Czech & Slovak Jewish Communities Archive, New York, NY

“Wool and Human Rights: The Brno-Bradford Connection”

Odboj na Morave, 1939-1945
(Resistance in Moravia, 1939-1945)
Radomir Luza, Presiding

Radomir Luza, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
“Partyzanska valka na zapadni Morave: Rada tri 1945. Historik jako ucastnik”
Marie Hrosova, Male Kysice u Unhoste, CR
“Brigada Jana Zizky, 1945”
Josef Bartos, Palacky University, Olomouc, CR
“Cesky odboj na severni Morave”
Petr Kopecny, Brno, CR
“Obrana naroda na Brnensku”
H.E. Jitka Grunova, House of Represenatives, Parliament of CR, Prague, CR
“Stretnuti s Nemci v roce 1938 na Svitavsku”

Literature & Literary Criticism
Maria Nemcova Banerjee, Presiding

Maria Nemcova Banerjee, Smith College, Northampton, MA
“The Cosmopolitanism of Czech and Moravian Literature”
Margaret Hermanek Peaslee, University of Pittsburgh, Titusville, PA
“Listening for Whispers: The Relationship between Bozena Nemcova and F. M. Klacel”
Clarice Coutier, Charles University, Prague, CR
“Towards a Philosophy of Time: Jaroslav Seifert and Saint Augustine”
Elena Sokol, College of Wooster, Wooster, OH
“In Search of the Other: Travel Narratives of Eva Pekarkova”
Peter Petro, Vancouver, BC, Canada
“Peter Pistanek’s Rivers of Babylon 3: A Czechoslovak Novel?”
Charles Kraszewski, King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, PA and the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences, New York, NY
“Apocalypsis in the Poetry of Jan Zahradnicek”
Norma J. Comrada, Eugene, OR
“Karel Capek: Cosmopolite, Cosmophile”
Joanna Czaplinska, Stettin University, Stettin, Poland
“Historicke svedomi v proze ceskych exilovych spisovatelau po 1968”

Languages & Linguistics
Lida Dutkova-Cope, Presiding

Mila Saskova-Pierce, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
“The Czech Gestures and Body Language from a Foreigner’s Perspective”
Vit Bubenik, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, NS, Canada
“The Regularity of Constraints of Lexical and Structural Borrowing”
Pavel Caha, Masaryk University, Brno, CR
“The Czech Adjectives in synchronic and Diachronic Perspective”
Adela Rechziegel, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherland
Zdenko F. Danes, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA
“The Similarities between Etruscan and Basque”
D. Social Sciences

Politics, Civics, International Relations

Ivo Feierabend, Presiding

Ivo Feierabend, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
“Humor as a Mirror of the Nature and Fall of the Soviet System and Empire”

Veronica Kubalkova, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL
“Czech Contribution to International Relations”

Mirko Janecek, Toronto, Ont., Canada
“Two Janeceks: Inventor Frantisek Janecek and Diplomat Jiri Janecek”

Juraj L. J. Slavik, Washington, DC
“A Czechoslovak Patriot’s Selected Memoirs from Two Exiles”

Asako Umezu, Kanagawa, Japan
“Population and Pension in Czech Republic”

Patrick Muller, Center for Experimental Thinking, Hills, IA
“Czech-American: What Relevance is a Culture in a Multi-cultural World”

Petr Bisek, Americke Listy, Glen Cove, NY
“15 Years of Americke Listy”

Edvard Benes Symposium

Mojmir Povolny, Presiding

Mojmir Povolny, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI
“Dr. Eduard Benes’ Democracy Today and Tomorrow – after Sixty-Five Years”
Economics
Eva Marikova Leeds, Presiding
Eva Marikova Leeds, Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA
“Culture and Economic Development”
Eva Marikova Leeds, Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA
“Building Savings in the Czech Republic”
Others to be added

Industry, Business and Trade
Frank Safertal, Presiding
Josef Franek, Office of the Chairman of the Board, Czech Trade, A.S.
“Role of Czech Trade in Promotion and Support of Czech Exports to North American Markets”
Peter Rafaeli, Honorary Consul of Czech Republic, Philadelphia, PA
“Experience of Czech Republic Trade Promotion in Pennsylvania”
Frank Safertal, Qumis LLC, Bethesda, MD
“Implementation of Value Added Reseller Agreements in Czech Republic And Legal Impact of Czech Commercial Code on US Based Agreements”
Bohuslav Vodicka, B & D Engineering Services, Inc., Brockton, MA
“Concrete Structures in USA. Research, Design, Production and Construction in Last 35 Years”

Bata and Batism: A Symposium
Karel Holbik, Presiding
Karel Holbik, Boston University, Boston, MA
“Economic Legacy of the Bata Shoe Co.”
Lillian Ludmila Rokytova Sonberg, Abingdon, MD
“1939 Exodus of Instructors – Zlin to Belcamp, Maryland”
Ctirad Josef Vrana, Toronto, Ont., Canada
“The Bata Shoe Co. of Canada”
Silvia Filipova and Karel Kouba, Zlin
“Social Dimension of Bata’s System in Zlin”
Josef Cermak, Czech and Slovak Association of Canada, Toronto, Ont., Canada
“Jan v. Tomas – A Question of Intention”
3 participants from Tomas Bata University, Zlin, CR

The Holocaust
Norma H. Hervey, Presiding
Anne Estling, Luther College, Decorah, IA
“Interpretative Original Dance Reflecting on her Learning”
Norma H. Hervey, Luther College, Decorah, IA
“The Holocaust: Background”
Anna Hajkova, Terezin Initiative Institute, Prague
“Structures of Women’s Behavior in Terezin”
Amy Lieffrig, Luther College, Decorah, IA
“Sculpture Reflecting on her Learning”
Ryan Nilsestuen, Luther College, Decorah, IA
“Historical Study”
Anne Estlin
“Conclusion”

Women’s Issues
Lois A. Herman, Presiding

H.E. Jaroslava Moserova, Senate, Parliament of the Czech Republic, Prague
“Women in Reinstated Democracies”
Hana Haskova, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, CR
“Women’s Campaign for Change in the Czech Republic”
Alexandra Bitusikova, Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica, Slovakia
“Gender Equality in Slovakia — A Reality or a Dream?”
Jirina Siklova, Charles University, Prague, CR
“Women’s Memory: Searching for Identity within Socialism”
Michaela Markova-Tominova, Karat Coalition, Prague, CR
“Czech Republic Gender Equality and the European Union Accession”
Brona Vargova, Rosa Foundation, Prague, CR
“Domestic Violence in the Czech Republic – Campaign Against Violence – Silent Witness Program Against Domestic Violence Homicides”
Slavka Macakova, Your Spis Roma Program, ETP Slovakia, Kosice, Slovakia
“Realities of Roma Women’s and Girls’ Issues and Community Development Programs in Eastern Slovakia”
Bronislava Volkova, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
“Metaphysical Woman Poet's Perspective”
Cecilia Rokusek, Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft. Myers, FL
“Primary Health Challenges Facing Women in the 21st Century”

American NGO Relations with CR & SR
Michael Rokos, Presiding

Michael Rokos, Baltimore, MD
Peter Rafaeli, Philadelphia, PA
Others to be added

The American Presence in the Czech Republic
Eliska Hasek Coolidge, Presiding

Charles Brockner, The Fund for American Studies, Washington, DC
“The AIPES Institute in Prague”
Others to be added

E. Science, Medicine and Technology

Czech & Slovak Scientists Abroad:
Their Life Story and Experiences
Miloslav Rechcigl, Jr., Presiding

Joseph Kohn, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
“A Brief Mathematical Autobiography”
Bohumil Cenkl, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
“From Olomouc to Olomouc”
Karel F. Raska, Saint Peter’s University Hospital and Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, NJ
“Vse co jsem prozil, zil jsem rad: Four Decades in American Academic Medicine”
Premysl Ponka, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada
Vladimir Novotny, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
“Can Ecologically Impaired (Injured) Streams and Watershed be Restored?”
**Medicine**

*Josef Machac, Presiding*

Pavel Fort, NS-LIJ Health System, New Hyde Park, NY  
“Faces of Diabetes Mellitus in Children”
Jan Malat, Radiology Research Center, Naples, FL  
“Breast Cancer – Diagnosis and Management”
Josef Machac, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY  
“PET-CT Imaging: Changing Clinical Paradigm”
Vlado Simko, Brooklyn VA Medical Center, Downstate University, New York, NY  
“Hiatus Hernia and Esophageal Reflux: Are We All Affected?”
John Chaloupka, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Karel Pacak, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD  
“Role of Positron Emission Tomography in the Evaluation of Endocrine Tumors”
Susan Lucak, Columbia University, New York, NY  
“Irritable Bowel Syndrome, A Common Gastrointestinal Disorder: Novel Approaches to Diagnosis and Treatment”
Miroslav Myslivecek, Palacky University, Olomouc, CR  
“Technetium-99m-MIBI Scintigraphy in Multiple Myeloma and Related Gammopathies”
Ladislav Macho, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, SR  
“Immunomodulating Hormones in Plasma and Synovial Fluid of Patients with Osteoarthrosis or Rheumatoid Arthritis”

**Health Issues**

*Cecilia Rokusek, Presiding*

Cecilia Rokusek, Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft. Myers, FL  
“A New Demographic Reality: An Aging Majority”
Sue Maxwell, Older Adult Services, Lee Memorial Hospital, Ft. Myers, FL  
“Aging Issue – Challenges in the US with a Florida Perspective”
Cheryl Mejta, NorthStar Medical Center, Chicago, IL  
“Elderly and the Aides Epidemic”
Charles Opatrny, Cedar Rapids, IA  
“Reflections on Czech Emigres Seniors’ Nursing Homes”
Frank Mucha, Columbia University, New York, NY  
“Health Research Administrator: Servant and Leader”
Jan Klinka, British Columbia Government Service, Victoria, BS, Canada  
“Evaluation of Risk for Violent Behavior”

**F. Czechs and Slovaks Abroad**

**Emigration and Czechs Abroad**  
*Robert Dulfer, Presiding*

Robert Dulfer, Rozumberk Society, Trebon, CR  
“to be announced”
Lillian A. Pruett, North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC  
Dusan Simko, University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland  
“Cesky a slovensky exil od roku 1968 vo Svajcarsku”
Bohuslav Hynek, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prague, CR  
“Czechs in Zimbabwe”
Czechs & Slovaks in the US and Canada

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“Czech Settlements in the 19th Century Cleveland”

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“The Beseda Dancers Video”

Lida O’Donnell, Portland, OR
“Czech Footprints in Oregon”

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“Pioneer Czech-American Educator Martin Valentinus Bouska (Bouschka) 1808-1881”

Steven Klimesh, Spillville, IA
“St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Spillville, Iowa”

Peter and Robert Alfredson, Oaks Technologies, Raleigh., NC
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The Moravian Texas

Clinton Machann, Presiding

Clinton Machann, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
“The CEFT Hlavinka Fellowship and Links with Palacky and Masaryk Universities”

Magdalena Vintrova, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
“Eating Ethnicity: Food as a Means of Ethnicity Initiation”

Lida Dutkova-Cope, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
“Authentically Texas Czech: Preserving the Ethno-cultural Community”

Eva Eckert, Connecticut College, New London, CT
“Language and Identity: Reading the Immigrant Press”

Paul T. Hlavinka, Hlavinka & Associates, Houston, TX
“A Visual Tour of ‘Moravian Texas’”

Joseph N. Rostinsky, Yokai University, Hiratsuka, Japan
“The Viability of the Moravian Nation. Why It Is And Isn’t in Texas”

Richard B. Pavlasek, Travis-Williamson Counties Czech Heritage Society, Austin, TX
“Augustin Haidusek, Early Texas Czech-Pioneer and Statesman”

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Dr. Miloslav Rechcigl, SVU President
and Frank Safertal, Secretary General of SVU
convoke
A Meeting of the
General Assembly of SVU
to be held on Friday, July 2, 2004 at 3:00 PM.
Umelecke centrum, Konvikt, Palacky University,
Univerzitni 3, 772 00 Olomouc, Czech Republic

According to the SVU Bylaws (Article 10), regular meetings of the General Assembly shall be called annually. In the event a sufficient number of members entitled to vote are not present (at least 100) at the time for which the meeting has been called, the general membership meeting will be held one hour later.

From Executive Board
Despite the unpredictable bad weather, a large contingent of SVU Executive Board members attended the scheduled Board meeting on February 7 at SVU President’s house in Rockville, MD.
The meeting started at 9:30 AM and, with eight members present, there was a quorum to make decisions. Following the approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting, Mila Rechcigl informed the Board about several news items, including the regretful loss of Ivo Budil’s candidacy for Rector of the University of West Bohemia and the death of several SVU members, including that of Prof. Jan Milic Lochman, Dr. Milada Smetacek and Dr. Karel Baroch.
Treasurer Frank Mucha gave a brief update on the status of finances since his last December report and since he sent out the reminder dues notices for the current year. He also informed the Board that he received accounting for the Iowa Conference but without the back-up documentation which he needs for the auditors before the books can be closed. According to a short note from J. Fiála, a check from the conference proceeds was being sent to SVU Treasurer.
Editor Clinton Machann sent in his progress report on the periodical Kosmas, including the tentative table of contents for the next issue. Since the older material received from the former editor Bruce Garver has not been edited, the Board accepted Clinton Machann’s proposal to have it incorporated in the next issue(s) of the periodical rather than publishing it as a separate issue, as originally planned. Jiri Eichler is ready to send out the Kosmas promotional package to the potential subscribers in CR and SR.
SVU Directory — Rechcigl informed the Board members that the Directory was distributed among the SVU members who previously ordered it. There are, however, difficulties in storing and transporting the remaining copies to the US. They had to be quickly and unexpectedly removed from their temporary storage at the Czech Academy and for the time being are at the Institute of Contemporary History, through courtesy of its director Oldrich Tuma.
English Papers from SVU World Congress in Plzen — Their editing has been completed and the final manuscript is in the hands of Jiri Eichler who is putting in the final touches before sending it to University of West Bohemia for printing. The planned monographs, one on Czech and Slovak Theatre Abroad and another on the Czech Opera Abroad, are in progress, under the respective editorships of Vera Borkovec and Dagmar Hasalova White. With reference to the third proposed monograph on Czech and Slovak Visual Art Abroad, the Board is searching for a suitable editor.
Rechcigl gave a status report on the preparation of the SVU World Congress at Palacky University on June 27-July 3, 2004. The logistical preparations have been completed and local arrangements are in place. Otakara Safertal agreed to serve as Congress Treasurer and will handle registration for the participants from overseas and from abroad. Local registration, i.e., registration of permanent residents of the Czech and Slovak Republics, will be handled by our Olomouc co-organizers. Every participant, including speakers, need to register as soon as possible. It should be noted that Americans and other foreigners, who reside and work now in the Czech or Slovak Republics, as well as former emigres who returned to CR or SR, will also have to register with Otakara Safertal. Only permanent Czech and Slovak residents will register locally.
Dr. Ivo Barteccek, Dean of the Philosophical Faculty at Palacky University, who is the chief Congress coordinator for the Olomouc side, sent in detailed information on the major events, as well as various social and cultural activities, including the planned guided tours and excursions through the Moravian countryside. The Board was impressed with the plans and expressed appreciation to Dr. Barteccek and his colleagues for their efforts. Based on the information received from Dr. Barteccek, Mila Rechcigl, jointly with Ota Safertal, have prepared the Congress Registration Form which will be sent to the Congress participants from abroad.
With reference to Congress academic program, i.e., individual sections, discussion panels and symposia, Mila Rechcigl will have the responsibility for organizing the overseas English panels, while Dr. Barteccek will coordinate the Czech and Slovak panels with the participants from the Czech and Slovak Republics. Based on previous contacts and discussions, Rechcigl
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Imrich Bobb was born January 1, 1922 in Budimir, Slovakia, and he passed away on December 5, 2002 at home in Newark, California. He began his studies of Engineering at the University in Bratislava and later, after World War II, studied 2 years at the University in Prague, where he received his Engineering degree in 1948. After the communist take-over, he left the Czechoslovak Republic. He continued his studies for one year at the University of Brussels in Belgium. In 1950 he moved to Toronto, Canada and worked at General Electric. In 1951 he moved to Cleveland, Ohio in the United States where he worked on numerous engineering projects in various engineering positions. In 1962 he left for the Los Angeles, California area to work for Rocketdyne, a division of North American Aviation (later Rockwell International) to work on various programs; among these projects were “Flight to the Moon,” and the “Space Shuttle.” He was invaluable to Rocketdyne from the beginning of his career, continuing as Project Manager until he retired in 1986. He received numerous awards and was member of the Profes-sional Engineers of America, the Manufacturing Engineers of America and Canada, Management Club of Rockwell, and a member of SVU since 1966. In 1997, he moved with his wife of 49 years, to Newark, California to be closer to their daughter and her family.

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STANISLAV BROŽEK (1916-2003)


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**STUDENTSKÉ CENY PRO ROK 2004**

**CENA DR. JOSEFA HAŠKA**

Společnost pro vědu a umění oznamuje svou studentskou soutěž pro rok 2004. Jména výherců budou oznámena ve Zprávách SVU a čestné diplomu budou předány.

Hlavním účelem soutěže je podnítit a podpořit vědecký zájem zahraničních uni-verzitních studentů o české a slovenské záležitosti. Odměněny budou nejlepší semi-nári práce (jedna „undergraduate“ a jedna „graduate“), týkající se nějakého aspektu českých a (nebo) slovenských dějin, politiky či kultury. Výherci obdrží cenu dr. Josefa Haška ve výši $250, čestný diplom, jednoroční studentské členství v SVU a jednoroční předplatné na SVU zpravodaj.

Podmínky soutěže jsou následující:

1) Seminární práce **musí být podána univerzitním profesorem**, pro jehož kurs či seminář byla napsána a má být provázena jeho dobrozdáním.


4) Práce musí být zaslána v triplikátu na adresu předsedkyně komise: Prof. Věra Bořkovec, 12013 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902. Musí být napsána na stroji, obrádku a může být psána česky, slovensky, anglicky, francouzsky nebo německy.

5) Členy komise, která hodnotí kvalitu obdržených prací, jsou: Prof. Věra Bořkovec (American University), Prof. Ivo Feierabend (San Diego State University) a Prof. Milan Hauner (University of Wisconsin).

6) Rukopisy se nevracejí.