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## 24th WORLD CONGRESS OF SVU

**CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**Celebrating SVU: 50 Years of Promoting Czech and  
Slovak Culture and Science Worldwide**

**September 8th - 14th  
of 2008**

at the

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY  
Ružomberok , Slovakia**

*Co-Sponsors of the congress are:*

The Catholic University, **Ružomberok** and  
The City of Ruzomberok

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**FIND 2008 SVU CONGRESS REGISTRATION  
IN THIS ISSUE!!**

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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF THE 24TH WORLD CONGRESS

<b>Sept. 7th, 2008</b>	Registration and Welcome Party
<b>Sept. 8th, 2008</b>	Formal Opening, Reception and Plenary Session
<b>Sept. 9th-12th, 2008</b>	Academic Sessions and Exhibits
<b>Sept. 12th, 2008</b>	General Assembly Meeting, Closing Ceremonies and Banquet
<b>Sept. 13th, 2008</b>	Visit to Unesco Registry Village of Vlkolinec with Music and Barbecue (Optional)
<b>Sept. 14th, 2008</b>	Visit to High Tatras or Bešeňová Thermal Spa (Optional)
<b>Sept. 14th-19th, 2008</b>	6 Day Tour of the Treasures of Slovakia (Optional)

*There will be five cultural events during the meeting (for more details see the Congress registration package).*

**Lodging:** Rooms have been reserved in several hotels and pensions in Ružomberok. Prices are expected to be in the range of \$21-69 per person/night.

The number of available hotel rooms is limited, so book your room early!

Reservations can be made after January 8, 2008 online at: [nemec@ku.sk](mailto:nemec@ku.sk) or by mail:

Katolícka Univerzita v Ružomberoku  
Zahranicne oddelenie  
Nam. A. Hlinku 60  
3401 Ružomberok, Slovakia

An unlimited number of rooms will be available at the University dormitories priced at approximately \$14 per person/night. Regularly scheduled transportation to the meeting will be available.

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 2007 has been a successful one for the Society. The Bethlehem meeting was received well and the proceedings of the meeting are in the final stages of the editorial process. Our publication activities were also productive. A treatise “Czech and Slovak Theater Abroad” edited by Věra Bořkovec has been published and two large monographs are with the publisher. Our periodical *Kosmas* is receiving good review and is considered to be among the premier journals in its field. I want to thank Dr. Clinton Machann and his editorial board for their productive and meritorious work.

We have also renewed close relations with several chapters in Europe. Dr. Zdeněk David and I used the opportunity of being in Europe to meet with the leadership of SVU Chapters in Munich, České Budějovice and Prague.

The meeting in Munich has demonstrated that it is possible to run a regular program and to have a large attendance including young people at monthly meetings. Dr. Ivan Cíkl and Ing. Ladislav Pavlík and other members of their committee should be congratulated for all the many activities at “Velehrad”. A summary of their 2007 program is in this issue.

Similarly, it was a pleasure to attend a meeting of the Prague chapter. Dr. Alena Morávková and her committee also run a regular program of high quality, with a significant number of members participating. It is reassuring to witness their collaboration and “mentoring” of the younger chapters in the Czech Republic.

The most reassuring event was our visit to the SVU Chapter in České Budějovice, the newest member of SVU family. *Akademický klub* is an organization with the style of a highly prestigious academic outfit, keeping in line with the outstanding quality of the 2006 World Congress. Their President, Dr. František Sehnal is to be congratulated. This issue of *ZPRAVY* reprints their position on the construction of the U.S. antimissile radar installation in the Czech republic. We wish them best luck in their future endeavors.

The three chapters we visited in Europe can serve as an outstanding example to many SVU chapters in North America. Their programs are interesting, relevant and of high quality, so that they attract large audiences. It is more than a social event! We hope to visit more chapters and to expand our collaboration beyond the World Congress every two years.

The year 2008 brings a number of important anniversaries, the most important being that of the foundation of the Czechoslovak republic

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in 1918. Another happy anniversary is the fiftieth year of our organization, the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences. Among the sad events to remember, is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Munich agreement, the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Communist takeover and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Warsaw treaty forces invasion and occupation of Czechoslovakia in 1968.

For us, the fiftieth anniversary of the SVU, poses a challenge to prepare an outstanding 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress with a central theme: *SVU – 50 Years of Promoting Czech and Slovak Culture and Science Worldwide*.

The Program Committee consists of Drs. Zdeněk David, Petr Hausner, Charles Heller, Eugene Martin, Karel Raška, Cecilia Rokusek, Vlado Šimko, George Tesar, and Dagmar White. We have a good representation of both natural and social sciences. Working closely with our hosts in Ružomberok, we are happy to report that the preparations of the Congress infrastructure and logistics are going well. This issue of ZPRAVY contains the Congress information booklet. Registration for the Congress is available on line as well as subscription to the optional activities. For those who do not have access to Internet, conventional registration by mail is also available.

Reservations for lodging and meals will also be available on line or by mail at the Catholic University in Ružomberok.

At this time we call for abstracts of papers or exhibits so that the Program Committee can prepare a program of quality that reflects the importance of Ružomberok meeting.

We can be proud of the fifty years of SVU. During the cold war, SVU provided a platform for Czech and Slovak artists and scholars to meet and to keep our culture alive in the free world. The publication history of SVU can also fill us with pride.

Since the fall of the totalitarian regime in Czechoslovakia the role of SVU has changed, but it remains equally important. We bring Czech and Slovak scholars and artists, worldwide, together. It is our duty to interest the young generation in the SVU and to attract them to participate in our activities.

Next year we have to elect a new Executive board. We are fortunate to have Nominations Committee of the highest caliber. All of its members are long-time members of the Society who gained national prominence in their respective fields and enjoy great respect of all of us: Dr. Zdenka Horáková, Professor Radomír Luža, Professor Leopold Pospíšil, Dr. Miloslav Rechcígł and Professor Zdeněk Slouka.

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

ous New Year! I look forward to meeting all of you in Ružomberok.

I will celebrate the New Year in the Czech Republic. I have accepted an invitation to participate in the symposium “*Threat of Epidemics and Current Surveillance Opportunities*” sponsored by the Senate of the Czech Republic, Charles University and Czech Society for Microbiology and Epidemiology. I shall speak on “*Preparedness Against Bioterrorism in the U.S.A.: The Role of Hospital Laboratories*”. It will give me an opportunity to meet many old friends and to invite them to our Ružomberok Congress.

VESELÉ VÁNOCE A ŠŤASTNÝ NOVÝ ROK!

Karel Raška, Jr.

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### **Stanovisko Akademického klubu Společnosti pro vědu a umění k výstavbě radaru v Brdech**

Společnost pro vědu a umění (SVU) je velkou organizací, která spojuje původem české a slovenské vědce a umělce v cizině s jejich domovinou. SVU vznikla v USA v roce 1958 a v dobách komunismu představovala důležitý neoficiální mechanismus vědeckých a kulturních styků přes železnou oponu. Nyní slouží především k udržení národního povědomí u našich krajanů a k propagaci české a slovenské vědy a kultury v zahraničí, hlavně prostřednictvím každoročních celosvětových kongresů SVU, které se pořádají za účasti významných osobností střídavě v USA a v České republice nebo na Slovensku. Místní organizace SVU jsou roztroušeny po celém světě a jednou z nich je Akademický klub v Českých Budějovicích. Je občanským sdružením vědců, kteří mají mezinárodní zkušenosti, jsou uznávanými odborníky a ztotožňují se s posláním SVU. Většina členů Akademického klubu strávila několik let v USA a poznala tuto zemi dobře nejen z hlediska organizace a úrovně vědy, ale i vzhledem k politickému systému a mentalitě Američanů. Proto se cítíme povoláni, abychom zveřejnili své stanovisko k výstavbě radaru v Brdech.

Dle našeho názoru je výstavba radaru pro náš stát natolik výhodná, že je její odmítání nepochopitelné. Mezinárodní politika USA v posledních letech nebyla příliš šťastná, to však nic nemění na dlouhodobém postoji této země, která je spolehlivou oporou demokratického světa. USA

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podstatně přispěly k ukončení první světové války, porážce fašismu ve druhé světové válce a posléze k pádu komunismu. USA neměly žádný zisk ze vzniku Československa po první světové válce a podpořily snahy dvou národů o sebeurčení. Po druhé světové válce nám USA nabídky rozsáhlou pomoc (Marshallův plán), komunistické vedení země ji však odmítlo. Výstavba radaru je rovněž pomocí naší zemi, i když toto zařízení je primárně určeno pro ochranu USA.

Odpůrci výstavby radaru prohlašují, že jim jde o nezávislost naší země, kupodivu to ale nejsou lidé, kteří se zasazovali o odchod sovětských vojsk. Podle jiných odpůrců ohrozí radar jejich zdraví, všechny expertízy však potvrdily bezpečnost radarového provozu. Třetí skupina odpůrců by ráda viděla obranný systém Evropy nezávislý na USA. To by bylo jistě hezké, my jako vědci však dobře víme, nakolik vědecká a technologická úroveň Evropy zaostává za USA. Je naprostým nesmyslem představovat si, že by Česká republika nebo evropská část NATO byla schopna vybudovat obdobný obranný systém během několika příštích let. Pokud nevyužijeme obranný systém USA, žádný obdobný mít nebudeme.

Česká republika před časem pronajala za mnoho miliard několik nadzvukových stíhaček pro hlídání svého vzdušného prostoru. Stíhačky jsou zřejmě potřebné, neochrání nás však před raketovým útokem. Nelze vyloučit, že některou z nedemokratických či politicky nestabilních zemí ovládnou fundamentalisté, kteří umožní vyzbrojení teroristů dalekonosnými raketami hromadného ničení. Už teď jsme potenciálně ohroženi a míra tohoto ohrožení se bude spíše stupňovat než klesat. Proto potřebujeme, stejně jako jiné mírumilovné a prosperující země, adekvátní obranu. To je jednoznačným důvodem pro přijetí nabídky USA. Analýza argumentů odpůrců výstavby radaru vede k závěru, že buď sledují výlučně svoje osobní zájmy, nebo z principu zaujímají protiamerický postoj. Členové Akademického klubu SVU České Budějovice jednoznačně podporují výstavbu radaru v Brdech a vyzývají politické vedení země, aby nepodlehlo nátlaku a jednalo v zájmu České republiky.

**Prof. Dr. František Sehnal CSc.**

**předseda Akademického klubu SVU České Budějovice, o.s.**

# NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

## Deutschland - München

Československá společnost pro vědy a umění ve Spolkové republice  
Německo e.V.

Tschechoslowakische Gesellschaft für Wissenschaft und Kunst in der Bundesrepublik  
Deutschland e.V.

Přehled programů

### SETKÁNÍ A HOVORY v roce 2007

- 274. leden:** RIVER DANCE  
promítání DVD s diskuzí
- 275. únor:** SLÁVA VOLNÝ - žurnalista a člověk  
*Milan Schulz, Josef Rakušan, Ing. Ladislav Pavlík a další*
- 276. březen:** ADALBERT STIFTER - český spisovatel německého jazyka  
*Mgr. Anna Knechtel*
- 277. duben:** ČESKÝ DIPLOMAT V EVROPĚ  
*konzul Dr. Jan Hloušek*
- 278. květen:** MĚNÍ SE POČASÍ? - ŘÍTÍME SE DO KATASTROFY?  
*Dr. Milan J. Jermář, CSc*
- 279. červen:** PUTOVÁNÍ PO LAOSU, VIETNAMU A KAMBODŽI  
(s ruksakem)  
*Manželé Mikešovi*
- 280. červenec:** PAVLIK MOROZOW - hrdina Sovětského svazu  
*promítání DVD s diskuzí*
- 281. srpen:** ZLATÁ CESTA stopy Karla IV. v Bavorsku a Německu  
*promítání Filmu „Die goldene Strasse“ s diskuzí*
- 282. září:** ZÁMEK MLÁDÍ DRAŽIČ v jižních Čechách  
*majitel zámku Leopold Graf Deym*
- 283. říjen:** ZKUŠENOSTI V AMERICKÉ MEDICÍNĚ  
*MUDr. Karel Raška jun., prezident SVU*

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## NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

Plánuje se:

**284. listopad:** SYMPOSIUM - HUDBA - PROJEV ČESKÉ NÁRODNÍ POVAHY

*Prof. Dr. Mastnak, Ing. Pavlík společně s Mgr. K. Stegemannovou,  
prof. Janem Čechem, Mgr. Ivetou Ptákovou a kvintetem Arcis  
Strings ad.*

**285. prosinec:** TRADIČNÍ VÁNOČNÍ SETKÁNÍ

*připravuje Eliška Cíkl*

za správnost: L. Pavlík 2.11.2007

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### CHICAGO SVU CHAPTER

#### Activities 2007

February meeting was canceled due to inclement weather

**March 13, 2007** – Video presentation of the latest recording of Bedřich Smetana's beloved opera *The Bartered Bride* with Peter Dvorsky and Gabriela Benáčková and Czech Philharmonic with conductor Zdeněk Kosler

**April 10, 2007** - *The Human Body is a Walking Miracle* – lecture presented by guest speaker, Dr. Wafik A. Hanna, M.D., well-known plastic surgeon

**May 8, 2007** – *In the Shadows of the Cordilleros and Brazil* – presented by world traveler Ing. Václav Kureš, documenting his recent visit to Brazil, Chile and Argentina

**June 2007** – SVU members participated in and attended most of the cultural events during the Chicago-Prague days, sponsored by the Chicago Sister Cities and the Czech Consulate, culminating in the Golden Prague Gala Banquet

**September 11, 2007** – *Praha – Slovem, hudbou a obrazem* - featuring narration, poetry and music with artistic slides of Prague's historical and modern parts, presented by SVU board members

**October 9, 2007** - *A Tribute to Charming Ladies* – *Alfons Maria Mucha et al* – The program was prepared by SVU Vice President Anthony J. Jandáček (collector of Mucha's art) and complemented by V. Roknic and V. Williams (interpreters of love poetry)

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## NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

**November 6, 2007** - *Life Saving Techniques – CPR* – presented by Ms. Lucie Casiello, physical therapist and certified by the American Heart Association to instruct CPR and Basic Life Support courses

**December 11, 2007** - *Christmas Reverie (Vánoční rozjímání)* – presented through melodies and words, with a color video of famous Christmas music as well as slides and favorite Czech Christmas carols

**V. Roknic, SVU Chicago**

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<h3>SVU WASHINGTON DC</h3> <p><b>Activities 2007</b></p>
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| <b>March 13, 2007</b>    | Membership Meeting at the Bethesda Library to discuss and approve the establishment of SVU Washington Endowed Grant Fund   |
| <b>April 11, 2007</b>    | Annual Champagne Reception at the Czech Embassy; Distinguished Speaker: Carl Gershman, President, National Endowment for Democracy   |
| <b>October 6, 2008</b>   | SVU Washington Wine and Cheese Party at the Czech Embassy  |
| <b>October 15, 2007</b>  | Screening of PUPENDO, an award winning Czech film directed by Jan Hřebejk  |
| <b>November 10, 2007</b> | Czechoslovak Christmas Bazaar presented by SVU Washington and the Embassy of the Czech Republic; at the River Road Unitarian Church, Bethesda, MD                          |
| <b>December 4, 2007</b>  | Book Signing at the Bethesda Library. <u>The Voices of Birds and Other Plays</u> by Josef Topol, translated by Vera Borkovec. The fourth book published by SVU Washington. |

*Vera Borkovec, Washington, D.C. Chapter*

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# CALL FOR PAPERS

## ***CALL FOR PAPERS*** **24<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONGRESS** **RUZOMBEROK, SLOVAKIA**

**September 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Organized by the Czechoslovak  
Society of Arts and Sciences  
And Catholic University,  
Ruzomberok, Slovakia**

*SVU: 50 Years of Promoting  
Czech and Slovak Culture and Science Worldwide*

We call on scholars, students and other interested persons for papers bearing on the central theme as well as other papers relating to Czech and Slovak culture and science.

Interested participants should contact Zdenek David, Ph.D., SVU Secretary-General by e-mail:

[zdenek.david@wilsoncenter.org](mailto:zdenek.david@wilsoncenter.org)

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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## 24TH WORLD CONGRESS RUZOMBEROK, SLOVAKIA

### REGISTRATION AND SOCIAL EVENTS:

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

Dr. Eugene Martin  
53 South Drive  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816-1134

**We encourage you to consider on-line registration.** Because payment is accepted directly through a secure provider, PayPal, it provides you assurance that your transaction will be protected. It also provides immediate confirmation and a receipt, allows you to use multiple currencies and lets you to register simultaneously for the conference and the optional events.

**The deadline for registration is May 31, 2008.**

SVU Member Conference Registration	\$120
SVU Member's Spouse Conference Registration	\$70
Non-Member Conference Registration	\$145
Conference Registration -Non-Member's Spouse	\$85

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

The registration fee includes:

- A social get-together      Saturday      September 7, 2008
- A reception      Monday      September 8, 2008
- The Conference Banquet      Friday      September 12, 2008
- Free attendance at all lectures and exhibits.

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# 24TH WORLD CONGRESS

## MEALS:

**BREAKFAST:** IF NOT INCLUDED IN HOTEL PACKAGE- \$4.00 PER DAY

**LUNCH:** \$6.00 PER DAY

**DINNER:** \$5.00 PER DAY

## ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hotels: There are a limited number of hotels and rooms available in Ruzomberok. The Katolicka University will serve as a clearinghouse for **all available rooms** including both hotel and university dormitory rooms. **Meals and rooms** may be reserved **after January 8, 2008** by email to: [nemec@ku.sk](mailto:nemec@ku.sk) or by mail at:

Katolicka Univerzita v Ruzomberoku  
Zahranicne oddelenie  
Nam. A. Hlinku 60  
03401 Ruzomberok, Slovakia

The number of available hotel rooms is limited so it would be advisable to book your rooms early.

## HOTELS:

Number of Rooms

Price

### **City Hotel Kultura\*\*\* Immediate vicinity of the meeting**

6 single room	1,500 SKK
26 double room	2,000 SKK
6 suite small	3,000 SKK
3 suite large	3,500 SKK
4 substandard rooms (2 persons)	1,800 SKK

[www.hotelkultura.sk](http://www.hotelkultura.sk)

### **Hotel Acko\*\*\* Hrabovska cesta 34**

6 single room	800 SKK
13 double bed suite	1,800 SKK

[www.hotelacko.sk](http://www.hotelacko.sk)

# 24TH WORLD CONGRESS

## HOTELS:

Number of Rooms	Price
<b>Hotel Hrabovo** Hrabovska cesta 1679/31</b>	
1 single room	700 SKK
15 double rooms	800 SKK
3 suite	1,200 SKK
1 luxury suite	1,500 SKK

e-mail: [recepia@hotelhrabovo.sk](mailto:recepia@hotelhrabovo.sk)

### **Penzion Park\*\* Immediate vicinity of the meeting**

1 single room	950 SKK
3 double room	1,850 SKK
1 suite small	1,970 SKK
3 suite large	2,170 SKK
1 suite extra	2,400 SKK

[www.penzionpark.sk](http://www.penzionpark.sk)

### **Hotel Pansky Dom Immediate vicinity of the meeting**

11 double room 450 SKK per person

[www.panskydom.sk](http://www.panskydom.sk)

## DORMITORY-LIKE ACCOMMODATIONS

Pension Trio – single room - per bed/per night

**Price: 400 skk**

Pension Trio - cell of two rooms - per bed/per night

**Pricet: 350 skk**

Pension Trio - cell of three rooms - per bed/per night

**Price: 300 skk**

University Dormitory per bed per night - shared bathroom facilities

**Price 250 skk**

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# 24th WORLD CONGRESS

## OPTIONAL EVENTS:

There are 5 *optional* cultural events planned during the 24<sup>th</sup> SVU World Congress at a cost of \$10.00 each:

- An evening of folklore with troupe Liptov
- An evening of piano with Richard Rikkon
- An evening of opera with Peter Dvorsky
- Organ Afternoon with David di Fiore
- Choir of the Catholic University

Each of the evening events will include a wine reception and a souvenir gift.

There are 3 **optional** trips (see the mail in registration for details):

- A saturday trip to the UNESCO registry villageVlkolinec with the Liptov troupe and barbecue
- On Sunday you can take an optional trip to the high Tatras; or you can travel to the Besenova thermal spa with lunch and transport
- Following the conference you can take 6 day trip - "Gothic Treasures of Slovakia" conducted by Mr. Krompholz

Please see the registration website [http://www.svureg.org/24th%20world\\_congress.htm](http://www.svureg.org/24th%20world_congress.htm) for additional information on these events.

# REGISTRATION FORM- 24TH WORLD CONGRESS OF SVU

**CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
**Celebrating**  
*SVU: 50 Years of Promoting*  
*Czech and Slovak Culture and Science Worldwide*  
**September 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO:

**Dr. Eugene Martin**  
**53 South Drive**  
**East Brunswick, NJ 08816-1134**

Conference Registrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of accompanying person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Category	Cost	TOTAL
SVU Member	\$120	
SPOUSE	\$ 70	
NON-MEMBER	\$145	
NON-MEMBER SPOUSE	\$ 85	
<b>CONFERENCE REGISTRATION</b>	XXXXXXXXXXXX	

*These **PRICES APPLY ONLY** until May 31, 2008.*  
*After that time an additional charge of \$20 late fee will be applied*

# REGISTRATION

## ACCOMODATIONS:

**Meals and lodging must be reserved in a separate transaction:**

### On-line:

Email [nemec@ku.sk](mailto:nemec@ku.sk)

### By mail:

Katolícka Univerzita v Ruzomberku  
Zahranicne oddelenie  
Nam. A. Hlinku 60  
034 01 Ruzomberok  
Slovakia, EU

Cultural Events		Cost	Number	TOTAL
An evening of opera with Peter Dvorsky  <i>Includes wine reception and eventual souvenir gift</i>	<i>Monday evening- September 8, 2008</i>  <i>Hlinka's Cultural House</i>	\$10		
Organ with David di Fiore  <i>Includes wine reception and eventual souvenir gift</i>	<i>Tuesday afternoon - September 9, 2008</i>  <i>Organ Hall Rector's Building</i>	\$ 10		
An evening of piano with Richard Rikkon  <i>Includes wine reception and eventual souvenir gift</i>	<i>Tuesday evening— September 9, 2008</i>  <i>Hlinka's Cultural House</i>	\$10		
An evening of folklore with troupe Liptov  <i>Includes wine reception and eventual souvenir gift</i>	<i>Wednesday evening - September 10, 2008</i>  <i>Hlinka's Cultural House</i>	\$10		
An evening with the Choir of the Catholic University  <i>Includes wine reception and eventual souvenir gift</i>	<i>Thursday evening - September 11, 2008</i>  <i>Hlinka's Cultural House</i>	\$10		

# REGISTRATION

OPTIONAL TRIPS		Cost	Number	TOTAL
Trip to Vlkolinec with the music of the Liptov troupe and barbecue.  <i>Includes transportation and barbecue</i>	<i>Saturday- September 13, 2008</i>	\$40		
A trip to the high Tatras  <i>Includes transportation and LUNCH</i>	<i>Sunday- September 14, 2008</i> <b>CHOOSE ONLY ONE TRIP ON SUNDAY!!</b>	\$40		
A trip to Besenova thermal spa  <i>Includes transportation and LUNCH</i>	<i>Sunday- September 14, 2008</i> <b>CHOOSE ONLY ONE TRIP ON SUNDAY!!</b>	\$40		
A 6 day trip - "Gothic Treasures of Slovakia" - Mr. Krompholz  <i>Includes transportation and lodging for 2</i>	<i>Sunday through Friday- September 14 -19, 2008</i> <b>DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ACCOMMODATIONS for 2</b>	\$1680		
A 6 day trip - "Gothic Treasures of Slovakia" - Mr. Krompholz  <i>Includes transportation and lodging for 1</i>	<i>Sunday Sept. 14- Friday, September 19, 2008</i> <b>OCCUPANCY ACCOMMODATIONS for 1</b>	\$970		
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	<b>TOTAL OF ALL EVENTS</b>	XXX X	XXXX	\$

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# SVU CONGRESS RUZOMBEROK - OPTIONAL TOUR

## Optional tour: Gothic treasures of Slovakia

This optional tour starts Sunday, September 14, 2008 in Ružomberok and ends on Sunday, September 21, 2008 either in Bratislava or Vienna, depending which airport will be chosen by the organizers of the Congress for the participants to arrive and depart. The tour covers significant historic sites in NE Slovakia, most of which are Gothic treasures from the 13<sup>th</sup> C. A refreshing raft trip on the river Dunajec is included for recreation and relaxation. UHS indicates a UNESCO Heritage Site.

### Day 1. Sunday 9/14.

From Ružomberok we travel to Pribylina where we stop at a Liptov area skanzen (a collection of Liptov village buildings). We then follow on the scenic road at the foot of the High Tatras toward our next stop in Kežmarok for lunch. Elevated to a city in 1269, Kežmarok boasts several interesting churches and a city castle. After lunch we continue to Stará Ľubovňa for the night.

### Day 2. Monday 9/15.

Trip to Červený Kláštor. It is Monday and all monuments in Slovakia are closed and so is the old monastery. We will try to gain entrance through personal contacts. We will however take a relaxing rafting trip through the wide picturesque canyon of the river Dunajec, which makes here the natural border with Poland. In the afternoon our bus ride along the Polish border will take us to Bardejov (UHS).

### Day 3. Tuesday 9/16.

Bardejov is a walled-in 13<sup>th</sup> C merchant town. The Gothic church of St. Egidius has thirteen hand carved winged altars, some by the famous Master Paul of Levoča. A regional skanzen is next to the city. A nice small icon gallery is also open for a visit. Then, on our way to Levoča we stop at the village Hervartov to see the 16<sup>th</sup> C wooden church, the oldest

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church in Slovakia. We will also make a brief stop in Presov, the center of the Uniate (Greek Catholic) church in Slovakia and see the Uniate cathedral as well as the Gothic church of St. Nicholas, both in the center of the city. For the night we move to Levoča.

### Day 4. Wednesday 9/17

In the morning we visit the church of St. James. The almost 60ft tall hand carved altar by Master Paul of Levoča in the late Gothic church of St. James is the tallest in Europe. There are additional points of interest in this medieval town, the Baroque church of the Holy Spirit, the restored Renaissance city square and the preserved walls protecting the town. We will also visit the nearby village Spišský Štvrtok with the early 13<sup>th</sup> C Gothic church of St. Ladislaus built by Hans Pusbach, one of the builders of St. Stephens Cathedral in Vienna. Overnight in Levoča.

### Day 5. Thursday 9/18

Today we travel to nearby Dravce, a village with one of the most valuable early-Gothic churches decorated with priceless wall paintings from the 14<sup>th</sup> C. The mid-13<sup>th</sup> C church in the village of Žehra (UHS) is adorned with frescoes from four centuries. The fortified Spiš Chapter (UHS), the ecclesiastical administration seat of the region, boasts a Romanesque/Gothic church. Finally we will tour the expansive ruins of the Spiš Castle (UHS). Overnight in Levoča.

### Day 6. Friday 9/19

In the morning we travel to Betliar, a luxurious manor house furnished with original furniture and collections of the Andrassy family. After lunch in Rožnava, a town with a preserved medieval city square we visit the Gothic castle Krásna Hôrka, one of the best preserved castles in Slovakia. Overnight in Zvolen.

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### Day 7. Saturday 9/20

On our way to Bratislava we make stop in Nitra. The oldest church on the proper of the former Czechoslovakia is in Nitra. It was built at about 820 AD, some 40 years before St. Constantine and St. Methodius arrived to Christianize the Slavs of the great Moravian Empire. The tour ends in Bratislava.

### Day 8. Sunday 9/21

The coach will take tour participants to the airport for a trip back home. For those who would like to spend a few more days in Bratislava we can arrange for an extension.

Cost: \$ 840.00 double occupancy, \$ 970.00 single occupancy.

Included in cost: Hotel accommodation incl. breakfast, admissions to sight-seeing monuments, raft trip, transportation by A/C coach, full time escort.

### Not included:

Airfare. Participants purchasing airfare for SVU Congress will specify return on 9/21 for return to their home.

Meals other than breakfast.

Tips and gratuities.

Travel insurance is recommended and available upon request.

A minimum number of twelve participants required for tour to take place.

**Note: Due to the volatility of currency exchange rates price subject to change.**

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## OBITUARIES

### JOSEF BROZEK (1913-2004)

Joska- as he liked to be called, was born in Melnik and died at the age of 90. He was a renowned psychological scientist and a passionate admirer of the folk music of Czechoslovakia, especially of Moravian Slovakia. He received his Ph.D. at Karlova Universita in Prague in 1937. His dissertation was titled “Memory, its measurement and structure. A psychotechnical study”. This field preceded by 30 years the explosion of research in behavioral sciences. He became a member of the Czech Biotypological Society. Joska’s keen interest in psychology fielded him a position at the Bata Shoe Co. in Zlin. In 1939, at the outset of WW II he came with Bata to the World Fair in New York, Queens, never to return. First years were difficult. He survived by washing dishes in restaurants. His talent was soon recognized and in 1942 he joined the faculty at the University of Minnesota where he was for 18 years a professor in the laboratory of physiology and hygiene at the School of Public Health. This position produced his most recognized scientific accomplishment, articles and a book on Human Starvation, co-authored by the famous nutritionist Ancel Keys, Ph.D. This study was conducted in 1944- 1945 on volunteers, conscientious objectors to war who consented to confinement without food in closed laboratory environment, to study metabolic effects of weeks-long starvation. The results were unique and still unsurpassed, observing the effect of starvation on body composition and on human personality. This data were very pertinent to the world ravaged by war, full of prisoners and seeded with beastly concentration camps. Joska became a naturalized US citizen in 1945. In 1959 he joined the Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA as a full professor and chair in the psychology department. In addition, he organized summer institutes on the history of psychology, sponsored by the National Science Foundation. His interest in international; psychology made him to travel, contact and perform archival studies in numerous European countries, especially Yugoslavia. To that end he translated works on psychology, originally published in Czech, Dutch, French, Spanish and Russian. His energy and ambitions made him to continuously publish until his late years. The reprints of his articles he proudly documented to his friends. In the last decades he actively cooperated with research psychologists at the Czech Academy of Sciences, Dr. Jiri Hoskovec. His last work, published just a few months before his death, was on psychology in Brazil. His personal

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# OBITUARIES

## JOSEF BROZEK (1913-2004) Continued

Library, part of which is located at the Linderman Library at the Lehigh University, contains one of the most extensive collection of books and journals of psychology, published in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union. In 1999 he received a honorary Dr. h.c. in biological sciences from the Masaryk University in Brno.

I am personally indebted to Joska for assisting me to come to the Graduate School of Nutrition at Cornell University in 1969. I met him few years before in Bratislava, a cheerful and informal American scientist, walking the streets and socialist research institutes in casual sneakers. My continuous supply to Joska of recordings of authentic Slovak folk music further strengthened our friendship. In 1970, my family and I were invited by Joska and his wife of many years, Eunice, to their home in Bethlehem. After the dinner, around midnight, Joska decided he would show us the historic cemetery of the Moravian brothers, only a few steps away from his home on the Market Street. As we stumbled in the dark over the gravestones, the glow of the Bethlehem Steel furnaces (at that time still active) on the opposite hill imbued in us a fearful respect for the history...

Joska will be remembered as a perfect example of an ingenious Czechoslovak personality and a productive scientist who despite all adversities found his right place in the interesting world he loved so much.

*Vlado Simko*

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## JOSEPH HAJDA (1925-2007)

Joseph Hajda died October 25, 2007 in Manhattan, Kansas, of Alzheimer's disease. He was 81 years old. He was born in Poličky-Doloplazy, November 4, 1925 and grew up in Kroměříž. After World War II, he studied at the College of Political and Social Sciences in Prague while working in public relations for the Czech Socialist Party. After the Communist takeover he escaped to West Germany and then moved to the refugee camp in Bagnoli, Italy.

In 1950, he emigrated to the United States and earned his Master's degree at Miami University in Ohio and his Ph.D. in Political Science at Indiana University in Bloomington. In 1957 he joined the Department of

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## OBITUARIES

### JOSEPH HAJDA (1925-2007) Continued

Political Science at Kansas State University, where he taught until he retired in 1992, with a year out in Washington, D.C., where he served in the Johnson administration as a special assistant on trade relations under Christian Herter. In the sixties and seventies he traveled on several occasions to Central Europe and Latin America on behalf of the Department of Agriculture.

In 1992-93 he lived in Kroměříž where he helped the mayor of the city as an 'idea man'. With the help of the journalist Jiří Mrva, he wrote *Pro svobodu člověka*, part memoir and part discussion of the Kennedy brothers and an analysis of the American political system.

*Jan Hajda*

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### DASHA LEWIN (2007)

Dasha Lewin was born Dagmar Fried in Northwest Bohemia at her family's home near Litomerice. In 1941, she and her family were transported to Terezin Concentration Camp. While in Terezin, she performed in children's opera, Brundibar. From Terezin, she was deported to Auschwitz, then to a labor camp near Hamburg, and finally to Bergen Belsen. She was at Bergen Belsen when it was liberated in 1945. She was able to return to Prague where she completed her education. In 1960, she met Maury Spira Lewin of California, who was also a Holocaust survivor. They were married in 1962 and she moved to Los Angeles for the remainder of her life.

Mrs., Lewin began working at Neutrogena in 1962 and worked there until it was sold in 1994. At the time of the sale, she was the Treasurer of the Corporation. She devoted her time to the preservation of the history of the Holocaust which included speaking in local schools. She participated in the Shoah Project of Steven Spielberg. Dasha Lewin was a member of the Los Angeles Chapter of SVU for over 35 years. She was President and participated in all of the activities of the Society. She was also a member of the Pasadena Beseda.

She passed away on September 11, 2007 in Prague while visiting her place of birth.

Burial Services were held in Prague's New Jewish Cemetery next to her husband, former SVU member Maury Lewin. There was a Memorial Service held in Los Angeles on October 17 at Bais Sonya Gutte School where the Activity Center is named for Mr. and Mrs. Lewin

*Vera Borkovec*



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