



SLET BULLETIN

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Dear Brothers and Sisters :

On behalf of Sokol Canada - a district of Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad, we are sending you this heartfelt invitation to the 8th SOKOL CANADA SLET 1988 which will be held in Montreal from June 24 to 26 of next year.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to meet with us in Montreal in 1988 and thus contribute to the continuing success of S o k o l endeavors in Canada. Your presence in Toronto at our two previous Slets is a living part of our memories and your participation at our next one will be a pleasant experience for all. So why not plan your next year's vacation around our S l e t dates and invite your friends to come along as well ! A preliminary outline of the Slet events which you will find on another page of this bulletin, should help you in planning your stay.

The year 1988 is an important anniversary for all of us. For one thing, it will be seventy years since the b i r t h of Czechoslovakia. But there are many more anniversaries which come to mind and which are so full of meaning for Sokols of Czech and Slovak origin. All of us will be talking about them when we meet in Montreal next year !

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President

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Sokol Montreal
Unit President

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Friends and Supporters of Sokol:

Every Sokol Slet is an opportunity to show how well we have prepared ourselves for the gymnastic competitions, as well as the tournaments. It is also an opportunity to strengthen old friendships and to form new ones.

Our 8th Sokol Canada Slet, however, has something more to offer. It is the location of the Slet itself, for it will be held in a place which has a very special attraction for most North Americans. It will be held in the city of Montreal, in

the province of Quebec, where the English language - though widely spoken - is not predominant - where the official and first language is French. This fact, which gives the city a unique character, will also be reflected in the local organization of the upcoming Slet. The Slet events will be divided equally between the French "Universite de Montreal" and the English "McGill University".

We hope to see you a l l in Montreal, not only during the three days of the Slet, but also before and after. Do plan to stay longer in order to enjoy Montreal to the fullest.

Au revoir ! Nazdar !

Vladislav Zajic, Director of Men, Sokol Canada
President, Slet Committee, Sokol Montreal

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

We, the Sokol Montreal Gym instructors, are members of the subcommittee planning the actual Slet events, overseeing the preparations for the apparatus competitions, volleyball tournaments and the program of the main Slet day. Further in this newsletter, you will find the preliminary schedule for our Slet events - this will be updated and a more detailed program will appear in future issues. The Slet organizing committee has decided to repeat the apparatus, calisthenics and Indian club routines which were used in Washington at the XX-th Sokol USA Slet. Currently, we are busy working on the Slet Manual which will contain the corrected versions of all routines. We shall let you know when the manual is ready for distribution. Due to the limitations of time, we do not plan to have either the championship or rhythmic gymnastic competitions. We are inviting, instead, the latter gymnasts to be part of the gymnastic exhibition, while the former should compete in the high division of apparatus competitions. We are really looking forward to seeing you all in Montreal!

Mary Anne Dobrovolny
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The year 1988 is rapidly approaching. Many of us do and will have rather mixed feelings about any year ending with the number eight. One of the anniversaries associated with this number represents the creation of a new and modern state for the Czech and Slovak people. But during recent history, it seems, that all national tragedies, sadness and suffering were mostly linked to a year ending with the number eight. Our thoughts and reminiscences will go back to those anniversaries. And depending on our ages, our memories will go back to some of those dates more often, than to others.

It will be against this mental picture of each of us, that something pleasant will be going on at the end of June, 1988. Something which is closely interlaced with our national traditions, development, feelings and history.

The "VIII SOKOL CANADA SLET " will be hosted by the Canadian Sokol Organization and organized by our brothers and sisters in Montreal. A great deal of work has already been done to assure its success. You know, of course, that it is in the nature of each "Slet" that it cannot be only a local affair. It traditionally requires and receives broad participation from all our districts and local organizations.

To assure a constant and regular flow of information about the June 1988 "Slet" in Montreal, we will be mailing this monthly bulletin to all levels of Sokol organizations in Western Europe, United states, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and so on. - Also it will be mailed free of charge to Slovak and Czech ethnic newspapers, and to short wave radio services broadcasting in those two languages. We hope that pertinent information will be reprinted in your local newspapers, newsletters etc. either in its original form or in a translated version.

We plan to inform you about all aspects of the Slet, about the planned events, the participation of other local and district Sokol organizations, about best connections to Montreal by air, sea and land. - How to order individual tickets, or what " Package Deals" for the Slet are available. We will inform you about accommodations, restaurants, prices etc. - And to help you to plan your stay, we will tell you what you should see in Montreal, about other cultural or sports events preceding or following our "Slet", and about Quebec and Canada.

We welcome your suggestions regarding our "Slet-Bulletin" and hope that you will tell us what o t h e r features and information you wish us to include on its pages.

Any of your members, or readers, may order all issues of the "Slet -Bulletin". Individual subscribers should include Can. \$ 7,00 to cover postage and handling.

We hope that you will stay in touch. - We will.

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Hana Zuber / Vlasta Jan Vrana, Editors

WELCOME TO MONTREAL!

April in Paris and autumn in New York ... well, why not June in Montreal - a city which combines the charm of Paris with the sophistication of New York

Your June visit to Montreal will be not only an opportunity to participate in the VIII. SOKOL CANADA SLET but also to get to know a truly unique city.

Located on the banks of the mighty St. Lawrence river, with Mount Royal, the royal mountain, as a backdrop, and less than 80 km (50 miles) north of the U.S./Canadian border, the Montreal of today is the largest French speaking city in the world, outside of Paris. The first settlers who came here from Europe were French and the links with the past are strong and numerous. Yet Montreal is not really a French city, nor truly a North American one. To us who live here, it seems to combine the best of both worlds, the old and the new.

English, of course, is spoken almost everywhere, being the language of trade and commerce - so those of you who do not speak French need have no worries. And because Montreal, in its almost 400 years of existence, has attracted immigrants from all over the globe, you will find this reflected in the daily life of the city as well, in its shops, churches and restaurants. There is a large Italian population - over 100 thousand - tens of thousands of Germans, Greeks, Hungarians, Portuguese and Poles. The Czech and Slovak community is less numerous - only a few thousand souls. There are Chinese and Vietnamese, Koreans and South Americans, as well as many other nationalities. All of them have contributed towards making the word "Montreal" synonymous with "cosmopolitan".

In future issues of this bulletin we will tell you all that you need to know about our city, in order to enjoy it to the fullest. We'll touch upon its history, inform you about the various points of interest, talk about shopping and entertainment. We will give you a map of the city and its surroundings, showing the major roads and arteries. We'll tell you enough about Montreal to enable you to come here not as a complete stranger and yet leave enough unsaid to make exploring the city a truly exhilarating experience.

BIENVENU A MONTREAL!

SLET EVENTS

June 23/88 - Thursday - Meeting of referees

June 24/88 - Friday - day:

Apparatus competitions, women
Volleyball - men

- evening:

Official SLET opening, followed by
cultural program
Youth program

(This is also St. Jean Baptiste Day,
the French-Canadian National Holiday)

June 25/88 - Saturday - day:

Apparatus competitions, men
Volleyball - women

- evening:

Social evening with dancing
Victory dance with award
presentations

June 26/88 - Sunday - morning:

all participants rehearse on
stadium

- afternoon:

main public Slet displays and
mass calisthenics