

Nebraska SVU Conference

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, August 1-3, 2001

Preparations are in full swing for the upcoming SVU Conference in Nebraska to be held on the University of Nebraska campus in Lincoln on 1-3 August. Our enthusiastic organizers, especially Cathy Oslzly, Mila Saskova-Pierce, and R. Thomas Zumpfe, have outdone themselves in making the conference into a fantastic event. Some 100 scholars and popular speakers will offer papers in more than twenty panels exploring the Czech and Slovak Legacy in the Americas with the focus on preserving their heritage and the accent on youth. Topics include history of immigration; assimilation and acculturation; language; the role of major ethnic organizations in preserving our heritage; future and role of young people; contributions of Czech and Slovak settlers and their descendants; archival and library holdings; cooperation with Czech and Slovak Republics; genealogy sessions; etc. Persons interested in presenting papers may still do so but need to act fast.

Between sessions the participants will have the opportunity to view the exhibits and collections of special family memorabilia, art, and unique archival material that will be on display. Bring along your accordion for a special Jam Session to be held one afternoon or bring a poem you have written to share at a poetry reading. You will have the opportunity to meet the leading scholars and community leaders from all parts of the US and Canada, as well as distinguished visitors from the Czech and Slovak Republics, including the ambassadors and other dignitaries from here as well as from abroad.

An authentic Czech meal will be featured on Thursday evening in Kauffman Hall, followed by a polka dance at the Cornhusker Hotel, so bring along your dancing shoes! There will also be a festive banquet the final evening with music and a guest speaker. On-campus housing will be provided by the University of Nebraska's new Kauffman Honors Hall. Kauffman Hall offers suites with private bathrooms as well as some other amenities not present in traditional residence halls. The rates for using Kauffman Hall have been increased slightly — by \$2.00 to a total of only \$34.00 a night. The facility is truly outstanding! Only 100 guests can be accommodated in Kauffman Hall, so we urge you to make your reservations fast if you plan to stay there.

The SVU conference is held in conjunction with the 40th annual Czech Festival in Wilber, Nebraska — Czech Capital of Nebraska and USA — which will follow on August 3-5. During this Czech Festival the 15th annual Miss Czech-Slovak USA Pageant will be held wherein 20 states will be represented by young ladies of Czech and Slovak descent. The theme of the Czech Festival in 2001 is "Youthful Czechs" in recognition of the past Nebraskan "Czechs of Wilber" chapter queens. The current reigning national queen is Karina Molacek of Nebraska. The Miss Czech-Slovak USA Pageant, which began in 1987, is held two nights during the festival. It is a very colorful, exciting and entertaining ethnic

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pageant involving very special and proud Czech and Slovak girls who, over these past 14 pageants, have gone out into society as youth ambassadors. The entire Wilber Festival program can be viewed on the following website:

<http://ianrwww.unl.edu/ianr/saline/czech.htm>

We urge you to view it and then make your plans to attend the SVU Conference and the Wilber Festival for the entire weekend!

I urge all SVU members and other interested people to take advantage of the excellent program and the various amenities our Nebraska Conference offers and come with us to Lincoln in large numbers. Ambassador Vondra was in Lincoln last August to give a talk and he spent the weekend in Wilber and was overwhelmed with the beauty and culture that the festival had to offer. We want all of our conference participants to leave this Nebraska conference filled with the same kind of pride, enthusiasm, and excitement that we are all feeling as we plan this event for you. Combine it with a vacation and your entire family will have a splendid time.

MILA REHCIGL, SVU PRESIDENT

SVU North American Conference

in Lincoln, Nebraska

August 1-3, 2001

PREREGISTRATION FORM

Name:

Name(s) of person(s) accompanying you:

Wish to present paper on:

Institutional affiliation:

Mailing address:

Telephone and/or fax:

e-mail:

Pre-Registration Fee: \$ 25.00 (SVU Member);
\$ 20.00 (Spouse);
\$ 35.00 (NonMember of SVU);
\$ 15.00 (Students).

Preregistration form should be sent as soon as possible to Cathleen Oslzly, Department of Psychology, 238 Burnett Hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588-0300. Preregistration ends June 1. After June 1, the fee will increase by \$10.00 for each category listed above.

Information about housing was reported in January issue of our Newsletter. You can also find it on SVU Website: www.svu2000.or. In case of questions, contact Cathy Oslzly at: coslzly1@unl.edu

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## Nové milénium: Nové vyhlídky a nové úkoly

První leden 2001 znamená začátek nového tisíciletí. Staré milénium skončilo a nadešel čas k zamyšlení nad tím, v čem se můžeme poučit ze svých úspěchů i nezdarů v minulosti a na plánování do budoucna.

Československá společnost pro vědy a umění, neboli SVU jak si většina z nás zvykla ji důvěrně nazývat, existuje po víc než půl století — dost dlouho na některé závěry o její užitečnosti a účinnosti. Byla založena v době studené války, kdy v bývalém Československu byl u moci stalinistický režim.

Mnozí příslušníci české a slovenské inteligence i jiní lidé milující svobodu byli donuceni opustit svou vlast a hledat asyl na Západě. Právě tito příslušníci inteligence pojali myšlenku založit SVU. Záměrem bylo udržovat při životě vzácné historické tradice, které začaly dlouho před začátkem druhého milénia a které utlačovatelský režim odmítal. Ačkoli západní svět byl zneklidněn událostmi za železnou oponou, nedělal si naději na změnu jejich kurzu. Právě tyto okolnosti vedly české a slovenské intelektuály v zahraničí k založení SVU. Někteří lidé se mylně domnívali, že Společnost byla založena z lítosti nebo zoufalství. Podle Dr. Jaroslava Němce, který je všeobecně považován za zakladatele SVU, tomu tak rozhodně nebylo. Dr. Němec říkával, že naše Společnost byla produktem hněvu nad nerozhodností světa a neschopností zastavit nevyhnutelnou katastrofu.

SVU chtěla vytvořit platformu pro svobodný vývoj československé kultury v exilu a přiblížit světu české a slovenské kulturní tradice, které jsou starší než tisíc let. Aktivita Společnosti, jak je nastínil původní stanovy, sestávaly z podpory a koordinace výchovného, akademického, literárního a uměleckého úsilí československé inteligence v zahraničí. Toto pojetí se postupně rozšířilo tak, aby otevřelo Společnost všem jednotlivcům zajímavajícím se o pěstování české a slovenské kultury, bez ohledu na jejich etnický původ.

Naše dosavadní výsledky hovoří samy za sebe. Společnost uspořádala dvacet světových kongresů, šest evropských konferencí a dvacet regionálních konferencí, přes třicet uměleckých výstav, více než padesát hudebních a divadelních produkcí a více než dvacet výstav knih. Kromě toho vydala přes osmdesát knih a monografií a čtyři periodika, vedle sponzorování nebo podpory zhruba padesáti jiných publikací. Zcela mimo zmíněné činnosti každá skupina pořádala svá zasedání, přednášky, diskuse, výstavy a jiné místní akce. Je na místě

zdůraznit, že toho všeho se dosáhlo vlastním úsilím, pomocí vlastních finančních zdrojů. Společnost není na nikom závislá, nikomu nic nedluží a stojí na vlastních nohou.

Po zániku komunistického režimu v roce 1989 se aktivity SVU značně rozrostly. Nyní kromě svého původního poslání se Společnost stala mostem mezi českými a slovenskými odborníky a lidmi v jiných zemích. Umožňuje akademickým pracovníkům v zahraničí čerpat užitek ze styku s kolegy v Čechách a na Slovensku, a pomáhá při opětovném zapojení intelektuálního života těchto dvou národů do hlavního proudu světové vědy, literatury a umění, od něhož byla tak dlouho oddělena politickými překážkami.

V posledních šesti letech je Společnost svědkem nebývalého oživení a pozoruhodného růstu. Mezi různými organizacemi orientovanými na české a slovenské záležitosti nyní SVU očividně uplatňuje vůdčí roli. 20. světový kongres SVU pořádaný loňského srpna ve Washingtonu byl nesporný úspěch pokud jde o celkový program i finančně, a podle názoru mnoha lidí to byla klíčová událost historického roku 2000 pro všechny zájemce o české a slovenské záležitosti.

Nově zvolené předsednictvo SVU, které převzalo vedení Společnosti ve valné hromadě SVU pořádané loni v srpnu, se okamžitě pustilo do mapování svého programu a priorit pro příští dva roky. Bez ohledu na obrovský pokrok, jehož Společnost dosáhla v posledních letech, panova-lo uvědomění, že Společnost stárne, a že je zapotřebí nápravného opatření, aby se tento trend zastavil. Výsledkem je konsensus v našich řadách, že nadešel čas na omlazení SVU a na zapojení mladých lidí do vedení.

Naše místní skupiny již poukazují na zahájení tohoto procesu: „Důraz na mládež“ je nyní bezpochyby hlavní prioritou. V této souvislosti jsme jmenovali nový Youth Advisory Committee, poradní výbor pro mládež, který sestavuje databázi mladých. Abychom se dopracovali k hmatatelným výsledkům, potřebujeme plnou spolupráci všech členů. Členové jsou vyzýváni, aby přihlašovali do SVU své děti a aby je vybízeli k aktivnímu podílu na naší práci. Vítejme dobrovolníky z řad naší mladší generace k účasti na různých aktivitách SVU a vítáme jakékoli nové iniciativy, s nimiž mohou přijít.

Mladí lidé mohou čerpat značný užitek z členství předkládáním referátů na konferencích a kongresech SVU, posíláním svých příspěvků k otištění v anglickém periodiku SVU *Kosmas*, prostřednictvím poradenství pro jejich disertační náměty, účastí ve studentských soutěžích esejí, sledováním pravidelných zpráv o svém postupu, aktivitách a úspěších v bulletinu SVU, atd. Naše *Zprávy SVU* nyní pravidelně otiskují biografické údaje o vybraných mladých lidech ve zvláštní rubrice nazvané „Focus on Younger Generation“, záběr na mladou generaci.

Také existuje mnoho jiných příležitostí pro zapojení mladých lidí do aktivit SVU. Organizátory nadcházející srpnové konference SVU v Nebrasce by potěšil zájem mladých lidí o spolupráci s nimi na programu stejně jako by byli potěšeni kolegové v Plzni v České republice, kteří tam připravují příští světový kongres na rok 2002.

Kromě omlazování Společnosti klademe značný důraz na naše publikace, které vždy byly považovány za „imperativ SVU“. Těší nás návrat periodika *Kosmasu* k plné činnosti. Vybízíme autory jak v SVU tak mimo ni, aby obesílali redakci *Kosmasu* svými příspěvky. Náš nový šéfredaktor, Clinton Machann a jeho redakční rada odpovídají svižně. Aby se *Kosmas* stal životaschopným podnikem, rádi bychom naše periodikum v angličtině viděli postupně jako soběstačné. Aby se tohoto záměru dosáhlo, potřebujeme nové předplatitele, jak mezi jednotlivci, tak institucemi, knihovnami, aj. Všichni členové jsou vyzýváni, aby se stali předplatiteli *Kosmasu* a zasazovali se o jeho publicitu mezi svými přáteli a v univerzitních knihovnách.

Rovněž hodláme pokračovat ve vydávání monografické série — uvítáme návrhy z řad členů pokud jde o tituly, autory, atd. Obvykle nevydáváme knihy sami, nýbrž ve spolupráci s renomovanými nakladateli, kteří jsou pro tento účel lépe vybaveni.

Také klademe důraz na zlepšování kontaktů s našimi členy. Zlepšili jsme obsah *Zpráv SVU* a rovněž jsme urychlili jejich publikační časový rozvrh. Nyní přinášíme pravidelnou rubriku „SVU Calendar“, ve které tiskneme zprávy o nadcházejících akcích jednotlivých místních skupin. V zájmu pokračující užitečnosti této rubriky je nanejvýš důležité, aby místní skupiny neustále posílaly redakci nejnovější informace o své činnosti. Nejúčinnější udržování styků se však děje prostřednictvím e-mail a právě tímto způsobem jednotliví členové předsednictva komunikují navzájem. S potěšením konstatuji, že většina našich místních skupin má vlastní e-mail a přístup k internetu. Ty skupiny, které dosud nemají přístup k e-mail jsou vyzývány, aby měly mezi svými činiteli co nejméně jednotlivců s takovým vybavením.

SVU potřebuje nejnovější technologii k postupu kupředu. Po několika letech experimentů s Home Page, nyní máme vlastní Web Site, která je vysoce informativní, neustále se obnovuje, je přátelská k uživatelům a interaktivní. Členové, kteří ji dosud nenavštívili, by se na ni měli podívat. Naše adresa URL je poměrně jednoduchá a snadno se zapamatuje: [www.svu2000.org](http://www.svu2000.org).

Mezi prioritami SVU přibýly dvě — udržování našeho kulturního dědictví v zahraničí a práce směřující k rozvoji občanské společnosti, civil society. Co se týče prvního záměru, SVU již značně pokročila. Ve spolupráci s Komisí pro národní dědictví sdružující hlavní české etnické organizace provedla souhrnný průzkum vztahující se k památným místům a archiváliím. Výsledkem tohoto průzkumu jsou dvě pracovní zprávy, „Czech-American

Historic Sites, Monuments and Memorabilia“ (česko-americká historická místa, památníky a pamětihodnosti) a „Czechoslovak American Archivalia“ (československé americké archiválie). Tato práce samozřejmě teprve začíná. Z uvedených zpráv je zřejmé, že většina etnických organizací dosud neodevzdala patřičné dokumenty do žádného z renomovaných archivních depozitářů a většina z nich dokonce neprovedla inventář svých vlastních sbírek.

Co se týče druhé priority, práce směřující k rozvoji občanské společnosti, to bylo samozřejmě hlavní téma posledního kongresu SVU ve Washingtonu, DC. Je to oblast, na kterou se budeme soustřeďovat i na našich příštích konferencích a v našich publikacích. Rovněž jsme iniciovali založení nové Elias Humanitarian Award (Eliášova humanitní cena), která bude udělována každým rokem společně s čestným titulem.

Doufám, že tato slova vám dají alespoň částečný podnět k zamyšlení. Těším se na vaše odezvy a návrhy, a zvláště vítám veškeré nové iniciativy a dobrovolnou pomoc z řad zainteresovaných členů.

*MILOSLAV REHCÍGL, President SVU*

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SVU Website — Six Months of Operation

The new SVU Website at <http://www.svu2000.org> was launched on October 28th, 2000. Since then, it has been visited by over twenty-six hundred people. Dozens of other visitors have accessed selected pages of the SVU Website when searching for text strings somewhat related to SVU activities or SVU members' names, using search engines, mainly through Google. Since January 2001, there has been an increasing number of visitors coming to the SVU Website from links sponsored by cooperating institutions. Among the referrals are: the website of the Czech Embassy in Washington, DC and Jiri Muselik's Czech InfoCenter.

The number of visited web pages has increased continually, indicating that visitors are searching for more detail rather than just viewing the main page. "Picture Gallery" has been the most visited category for the past three months, followed by a fixed star "Who Are We and What We Do." A newcomer „Czech and Slovak Issues“ quickly became the third most popular category of the SVU Website. "Other Links" and "Local Chapters" belong to the "Top 5" categories.

Interestingly, on weekends the SVU Website has had the least number of viewers. For some reason, the largest number of visitors check the SVU Website in the middle of the week. There is one peak at about noon Eastern Time (12 PM – 1 PM) and then between 3 PM and 5 PM EST.

Where do the SVU Website's visitors come from? Presently, 30% come via US commercial Internet providers. Over 15% come from the Czech Republic, and from US academic computer networks. Frequent visits to the SVU Website are also from Canada, UK, Slovakia, and Switzerland. The SVU Website has also been visited by people connected to the Internet from the following countries (order by number of visits): Australia, Hungary, Spain, Cyprus, Japan, Poland, Mexico, Belgium, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Croatia, Ireland, Italy, Taiwan, Netherlands, Finland, Luxembourg, Argentina, Sweden, Austria, France, Uruguay, Denmark, Israel, New Zealand, Russia, Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romania, Philippines, Morocco, Greece, and Venezuela.

JIRI EICHLER, SVU Webmaster

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## From Executive Board Meeting

SVU Executive Board met on March 19, 2001 in SVU President's residence in Rockville, MD. Present were Mila Rechcigl, Frank Safertal, Frank Mucha, Vera Borkovec, George Glos, and Dagmar White.

Treasurer Mucha informed the Board of his sending out annual notices to members for payment of their dues, indicating that he will send another notice since many have not responded. The Executive Board appeals to members to pay their dues right away to avoid sending out additional reminders which are time-consuming and costly. There are a number of members on our rolls who have not paid their dues for several years, while receiving *Zpravy SVU*. These members are asked to pay their dues right away or they will be dropped from our rolls.

There have been some difficulties with distribution of the last issue of *Kosmas* which have been largely resolved. If there are any subscribers among SVU members who have not received their copy, they are asked to contact *Kosmas* Managing Editor, David Chroust. To avoid future distribution problems, Managing Editor will work closely with the SVU Treasurer on *Kosmas* subscribers' list. In addition he will prepare a marketing strategy to enlarge the subscribers' base. As per Editor Machann's report, the new issue of *Kosmas* has been completed and will be sent to the printer soon. The contents of the issue are discussed separately. VP Machac is in charge of coordinating the interface between *Kosmas* and the Executive Board.

Vera Borkovec gave a brief report on the progress of the planned anthology of Czech and Slovak Poetry in honor of Frank Marlow. Advisory Board responsible for the selection of poets is in place and a tentative Table of Contents is being prepared. Because of the Copyright stipulations, one needs to get permission from the poets or

their families or publishers for publishing selected poems, which slows down the work. Since we are planning to have the anthology bilingual some of the poems will need to be translated into English.

Dagmar White and Judith Fiehler reported on their efforts to prepare for publication Zdenka Fishmann's papers on Czech musicology. They have prepared a tentative table of contents and Z. Fischmann's bibliography. With reference to publishing, arrangements have been made with Prof. Fischer-Galati to publish the book in his East European series under the University of Columbia Press label. To speed up the preparatory work, it was decided to have the previously published articles scanned rather than retyping them. The Executive Board agreed to have Mr. Jiri Eichler of Prague scan the papers and format them for publication. Dagmar White and Judith Fiehler will be responsible for the final proofreading.

Mila Rechcigl reported on the preparation of the SVU Conference in Nebraska, scheduled for August 1-3, 2001 at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He informed the Board of the enthusiasm with which the Nebraska organizers have approached their task and praised in particular SVU new member, Cathy Oslzly, who is doing an extraordinary job in sending invitation letters nationwide and worldwide. The details of the progress made to date are elaborated elsewhere.

Rechcigl also briefly reported on the preparations for the SVU World Congress in Pilsen next year, tentatively scheduled for 24-30 June 2002. The Congress will be held under the patronage of the Lord Mayor of Pilsen and the Rector of the University of West Bohemia. The local SVU, jointly with the Faculty of Humanities at University of West Bohemia, will be responsible for local arrangements and the planning of the program. The main theme of the Congress will be "Transformation of the Czech and Slovak Society on the Threshold of the New Millennium and its Role in the Contemporary Global World". The program will, however, be much broader and will include practically every aspect of arts and sciences. Karel Zastera and Ivo Budil have assumed the leadership roles in the Congress planning.

Anna Vysoka sent a brief report of her Youth Advisory Committee, on her work on the database and the plan to prepare a compilation of grants and scholarships available to students from the Czech and Slovak Republics and those interested in pursuing Czech & Slovak scholarly studies. Rechcigl also mentioned some of his own efforts to involve young people in the SVU work. Since several important Executive Board members were absent, the subject of revitalization of SVU with younger members and the new initiative "Accent on Youth" was discussed only briefly, leaving it for the most part for the next meeting of the Board.

A part of the meeting was devoted to the discussion of the new SVU Website on which great progress has been made. The content, for the most part, has been prepared by Mila Rechcigl, while Jiri Eichler did all the technical work in his capacity as a Webmaster. The details are reported elsewhere. There has been increased "traffic" on the SVU Website as indicated by the Website counter. Whereas before, the work on the Website focused primarily on the SVU-related matters, lately the emphasis has shifted toward making the Website useful to anybody interested in Czech or Slovak matters.

Rechcigl also reported on the progress made on the new initiative to elect SVU Fellows and select candidates for the Elias Tolerance Award.

And finally, at the recommendation of Mila Rechcigl and Frank Safertal, Executive Board appointed Milan Kocourek, the present President of SVU British Chapter the new SVU Communication Coordinator.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on June 10 at Mila Rechcigl's residence in Rockville.

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SVU Youth Advisory Committee's Recommendations

The SVU Youth Advisory Committee is pleased to present a compendium of ideas in accordance with "Think globally, act locally" philosophy.

From a global perspective:

1. Through the creation of a directory database of the young people we will be able to establish an easily accessible network system by which to communicate more immediately with each other. It will also provide SVU members with a possibility to form little "interest" groups based on professional interests.

2. As soon as the database is completed, I intend to inform its members about specific professional opportunities which young people have a chance to participate, such as publishing in the periodical *Kosmas* or presenting at conferences. These activities provide young people with vitally important professional experiences that are sometimes difficult to come across in the Czech/Slovak Republics.

3. The greater professional involvement of young people should also be the priority for the forthcoming SVU World Congress in Plzen in 2002. Since the conference will take place in the Czech Republic, the financial burden for the students wanting to participate will be significantly lessened. Based on this fact, SVU needs to take an

advantage of this situation and create a variety of panels reflecting students' interest. In recruiting students, Karel Zastera and others should play a crucial role.

4. SVU as such, with its great intellectual potential, should also promote and broaden possibilities for Czech/Slovak students to study abroad in forms of host families, providing information about grants, fellowships, universities, etc. Inversely, the SVU representatives in the Czech/Slovak Republics should focus on attracting more foreign students to study or otherwise participate in the activities of the Czech/Slovak Republics.

From a local perspective:

1. Each member of the SVU Youth Advisory Committee will focus on recruiting new members from the Czech/Slovak Republics and other countries whose professional and personal interests lie within these two countries.

2. More specifically, Victor Gomez suggested creating a web site on which he or others could regularly post suggestions or summarize the latest news. Furthermore, he is willing to organize bi-weekly or monthly meeting of young people in a cafe or pub in Praha where they could discuss issues of interest. These "sessions" could be arranged in conjunction with various organizations (NYU, *Přítomnost*, Nadace Nova Skola etc.)

3. Marek Pavko's effort is directed at popularizing "forgotten" personalities of the Moravian region through discussions, lectures, publishing. These activities, along with publicity and raising money should continue to be shared with SVU.

4. Anna Vysoka and Jitka Sebek in Minnesota will organize similar informal gathering of young people, or as Victor Gomez called it "happy hours". We will also teach Czech language for beginners, starting in September 2001. Finally, we are planning to organize a "business miniconference" at which young Americans that have lived and worked in multinational companies (Honeywell, Ericsson, Nokia, Deloitte & Touche) in the Czech or Slovak Republics will give presentations on selected topics.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to all members of our committee who contributed to this report. I am confident that we, as a team, will significantly contribute to the demarcated goal of SVU to revitalize its ranks.

ANNA VYSOKA

From New SVU Rolls

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1972) and the Johns Hopkins University (Business Studies, 1991-93). Her interests are in the human resources area and business.

JAN KAPLAN is a freelance producer/director with extensive back-ground of film, television and video production. He is a native of Prague and has lived in England since 1968. Initially trained as a Film Editor in Prague Television. In Britain, he attended a full-time course in film making at the London School of film Technique and a two-year Director Training course at LWT. Since 1973 worked as a freelance director/producer on a wide range of projects.

MILAN KOCOUREK is a freelance journalist, working as London cor-respondent for Radio Praha, *Lidove Noviny*, etc. He was formerly with BBC. He is a native of Liberec and holds degrees from the University of Dundee (M.A., 1992) and the University of Birmingham (M.Soc. Sci.). He is a specialist on United Kingdom, history and monarchy. In addition to numerous articles, he is the author of *Dejiny Sokola londynskeho a zacatky ceske obce v Anglii* (Praha, 1990), *Na zacatku byla invaze* (London, 1992) a *Krajanska farnost v Londyne* (1994).

CATHLEEN MARIE OSLZLY holds the position of Undergraduate Academic Advisor in the Psychology Department of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE. She is a native of Crete, NE and holds a degree from the Nebraska Wesleyan University at Lincoln (A.B. in Education, 1973). She is a recipient of awards from UNL Parents' Association and from the American Psychology-Law Association. She has been very active on various NE-based Czech-related organizations and plays a key role in organizing the forthcoming SVU Conference in Nebraska.

EMIL G. RUMISEK is a librarian by training, recently retired. He is a native of Beaver Falls, PA and holds academic degrees from Pennsylvania State University (B.A. in German, 1952), Indiana University (M.A. in Russian area studies, 1954) and University of Pittsburgh (M.L.S. in Library Science, 1967). He worked as cataloguer of Slavic, science and technology and German publications, and also as a translator from Czech, Slovak, Polish, Russian and German.

BONNIE A. BARLETT has recently retired from her position as Special Education Teacher. She is a native of Homestead, PA and holds degrees from Slippery Rock University (B.A. in Elementary Education, 1969; M.E. in Special Education, 1972). She also took courses in Slovak Language Studies at Comenius University in Bratislava (1986).

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## SVU Members Activities

### Minnesota Chapter Reports

1. **Dr. Ivan Furda** published the chapter entitled "Chitin and Chitosan – Special Class of Dietary Fiber" in CRC Handbook of Dietary Fiber in Human Nutrition 3rd Edition, 2001.

2. **Dr. Ivan Furda** presented presentation on "Czech Republic in transition period" to professors and students of the University of Minnesota attending faculty development program: Internationalization of Universities (October 2000).

3. January 30 – **Anna Vysoka** was guest speaker in the "Quadruple By-pass on the Heart of Europe: Czechoslovakia in the Twentieth Century and Beyond" seminar led by Dr. Josef A. Mestenhauser at the University of Minnesota. Anna Vysoka examined the impact of communism, prewar intellectual tradition on the context of educational development after the collapse of the communist regime in the Czech Republic.

4. March 3 – **Anna Vysoka** was a guest speaker in the "Quadruple By-pass on the Heart of Europe: Czechoslovakia in the Twentieth Century and Beyond" seminar led by Dr. Josef A. Mestenhauser in New Prague, MN. She discussed major educational reforms in the Czech Republic and their impact on national development.

Anna Vysoka is also involved in League of Women Voters in Minnesota; organization that focuses on the encouragement of US citizens, particularly women, to participate in democratic processes. Anna is interested in the development of relevant strategies for the Czech Republic that would increase women's participation in local

communities (e.g., school boards, community meetings) as well as increase the number of women in leadership positions in the Czech Republic.

5. **Don and Jeanette Pafko** conducted a seminar entitled "Czech & Slovak Folk Dress: A Presentation of the Heritage" in the Czech & Slovak American Genealogy Society of Illinois conference held March 24, 2001, in Chicago, Illinois.

6. **Don Pafko** conducted a seminar on "Slovak Immigration to Minnesota" at the Immigration and History Research Center where he is President of the "Friends of the IHRC Board" in February.

## Other Members

**Gerald Cerny**, Ph.D., informed us that the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC accepted 285 Czech prints from his collection to enter into its permanent collection. This collection is apparently the largest Czech collection of the 20th Century prints outside the Czech Republic. Dr. Cerny has also created an endowment at the National Gallery of Art for the purchase of Czech, Slovak, Polish and Hungarian original prints. His collection will hence grow at the National Gallery in future decades.

**Jan P. Skalny**, former Executive Vice President of the Society, has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the Slovak Technical University in Bratislava, his last employer before leaving for England in 1967. In 1968 he and his family settled in the United States.

Jan is a chemical engineering graduate of the Chemical-Technological University in Prague (1958) and received his PhD at the University of Mining and Metallurgy in Kraków (1965). His specialty is materials science and engineering, specializing in construction materials. In the United States, he worked first at the Clarkson University in upstate New York, and later as research scientist and research director for Martin Marietta Corporation and W.R. Grace & Co. During his career, he traveled and lectured worldwide, authored numerous publications, and is the editor of a series of volumes on Materials Science of Concrete.

Our congratulations, Jan!

**Lydia Smutny Sterba**, concert pianist and instructor was the featured soloist at the Spring West Suburban Concert Band on Friday Evening, April 6th, at 7:30 pm in the Reber Center Auditorium, Lyons Township High School North, 100 South Brainard Avenue in La Grange, Illinois. Ms. Sterba, who is on the music faculty at Morton College played the first movement of the Concerto in A Minor by Edward Grieg transcribed for concert band by D. F. Bain.

4th lecture entitled „Shortcuts To Good Memorization“ by **Lydia Smutny Sterba** was featured in the Summer Edition of the *Piano Guild Notes* magazine published by the National Guild of Piano Teachers Association.

**Zdenek P. Bazant**, W.P. Murphy Professor of Civil Engineering and Materials Science, has been elected as Foreign member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna. This old science academy, whose past members included Boltzmann, Mach, Schroedinger, Freud and many other giants of science, currently has five Austrian and four foreign engineers among its members. In addition to the National Academy of Engineering in the U.S. and the Academy of Engineering of the Czech Republic, this is Bazant's third academy membership.

The Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, awarded Bazant the Stodola Gold Medal, its highest honor, named after an ETH Zurich professor of Slovak descent who created the modern theory of steam turbines. Bazant was cited for „contributions to engineering sciences, particularly solid mechanics, stability of structures and fracture mechanics“.

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In Memoriam

GORDON SKILLING (1912-2001)

"It would be absurd to consider Masaryk a ready-made model for today, or to treat his ideas as trusty guides in the vastly different condition of the immediate future. He himself did not always live up to his principles, and some of them have been outdated by later events. None-the-less Masaryk's towering personality, his belief in truth, his remarkable courage, and his moral approach to politics, seem highly relevant to a world, and to two nations, Slovak as well as Czech, in which political partisanship, party polemics, national egoism, ideological intolerance, and narrowness of vision seem often to dominate the scene."

H. Gordon Skilling, arguably the best Canadian-born friend the Czechs and Slovaks ever had, will be remembered by many Western academics as a co-founder of the Centre for Russian and East European Studies (CREES) at the University of Toronto which he led from its inception in 1963 until 1974 when he had to resign due to ill health. Yet, what a survivor! He taught, published and defended his opinions with such a vigour and for so long that that he will be undoubtedly remembered by humanity as one of its most honourable doyens. The Czechs,

and Slovaks, however, will always claim Gordon Skilling as their own man for he loved their country dearly both before and after their separation. He even married his American fiancée Sally at the famous Old Town Hall in Prague (in 1937) as many locals do. Therefore it is almost unbelievable that only two of his numerous books dedicated to Czechoslovak and Central European history and politics have so far been translated into Czech: T. G. Masaryk, *Against the Current Prague*, 1995 one year after its appearance in the English edition from which the above quote is taken, and his memoirs *Czechoslovakia, My Second Home*. This, his last work, came out in Prague a few days before his death on 2nd March this year. It would be a fitting tribute to Gordon Skilling's memory if all his works were to be published post-humously in the country which owes him so much.

MILAN KOCOUREK, *Walton on Thames, Surrey*

FRANK KREYSA (1919-2001)

Frank J. Kreysa, 81, a chemist who directed the testing and evidence-processing laboratories of the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, died of pneumonia March 12 at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. He had a circulatory ailment.

He was head of the division of scientific services from 1973 to 1982, directing laboratories in Rockville and elsewhere. Lab duties include examining firearms, explosives and arson evidence and checking the purity of alcohol.

Dr. Kreysa, who lived in Gaithersburg, helped create the facility in Rockville, which was moved in 1978 from the Internal Revenue Building. During his tenure, techniques were developed to identify voices, explosives, inks, gunpowder residue and other substances.

He also had been vice president of the Smithsonian Institution Science Information Exchange, helping develop a computerized system for the exchange of scientific information. He negotiated cooperative agreements with other governments and private research organizations.

Dr. Kreysa was a native of Stankov, Czechoslovakia, who came to this country in 1939. He graduated from Macalester College in Minnesota and received a master's degree and doctorate, both in chemistry, from Columbia University.

He developed drugs for treating tropical diseases while working for the Division of War Research at Columbia during World War II and then taught chemistry at St. John's University in New York.

He joined W. R. Grace & Co. as a researcher in 1955, working on plastics, metals and petroleum catalysts. He joined the Smithsonian program in 1961. He wrote articles about chemistry, science documentation and manpower and held patents on polymers and pharmaceuticals.

Survivors include his wife, Aida M. Kreysa of Gaithersburg; four sons, Francis John Kreysa of Damascus, Henry Joseph Kreysa of Frederick, Charles Gerhard Kreysa of San Diego and Peter George Kreysa of Los Angeles, and seven grandchildren.

Editor's personal note:

I met Dr. Frank Kreysa — through Dr. Mila Rechcigl — more than 30 years ago, while organizing the scientific part of the 4th SVU Congress in Washington, D.C. He eagerly accepted my offer to co-chair one scientific section and volunteered to present a paper at another. From the time of our first meeting we became the lifelong friends. We met often at some social gatherings, or for lunch, or at evening receptions at various embassies, when both of us were employed by the Federal Government. Dr. Kreysa was a very punctual man. No matter how early I would arrive at some gathering, he would be there already, waving to me to come and join him at the banquet section. His Christmas greetings would reach our house two or three weeks ahead of our next Christmas card. He would never be late in anything he would promise or undertake. In later years we met only occasionally, usually at the COSMOS CLUB, where we would discuss — with a bottle of good wine on the table — the latest news, or our business activities, or to recollect our long-ago studies at Columbia University, our alma mater.

Frank Kreysa was a very decent man, a caring father and loving husband. A gentleman par excellence. To his wife Aida, their for sons and their families, we express our sincere condolences.

ANDREW ELIAS

PILSEN TALKS

organized by

**University of West Bohemia — Faculty of Humanity Studies, Pilsen
in cooperation with the SVU Pilsen Chapter**

The Fifth Pilsen Talks Conference which will take place in Pilsen on 3-4 May 2001 under the patronage of the Lord Mayor of Pilsen and the Rector of the University of West Bohemia has as its central theme The Role of the Media in Open Society.

The Pilsen Talks will be opened by the festive session of the Science Council at University of West Bohemia; Mr. John Shattuck, Chief Executive Officer, and Ivan Medek, the official American and Czech Key-note Speakers, will be awarded there. Václav Havel, the president of the Czech Republic, has also been invited.

During the Fifth Pilsen Talks Conference discussions will revolve around The Challenges of the Transformation Process of the Media in Central & Eastern Europe, The Role of the Media in Coping with a Communist Past, and The Interplay of the Media, Democracy, and Education.

The keynote speakers will be Jefim Fištejn, Radio Free Europe; Petr Holub, Chief Editor, *Respekt*; František Červenka, Czech Christian Academy; Adam Drda, BBC; Michal Semín, The Civic Institute; Samuel Abrahám, Chief Editor, *Critical Thinking*; Ondřej Neff, *Internet*; Ivo Mathé, *Prague Post*; and Mrs. Ellen Hume Shattuck, Journalist and Lecturer in Media Studies.

The topic of the Fifth Pilsen Talks Conference which should attract attention of broader society stresses the actual problems of transformation in Central and Eastern Europe.

A Tentative Program

The Role of the Media in an Open Society

Thursday, May 3, 2001, J. K. Tyl Theatre

Chair: Doc. RNDr. Ivo Budil, Ph.D.

9:00-10:00 AM — Science Council Awards University awards Honorary Dr. h. c. degree to Prof. Sterling (Brunel University, Great Britain)

10:00-12:00 AM — The Role of the Media in an Open Society

Welcome Addresses: Prof. ing. Zdenek Vostracek, DrSc., Rector of the University of West Bohemia; Ing. Jirí Šnebergr, the Lord Mayor of Pilsen

CZ Keynote Speaker: Ivan Medek, former Head, Office of the Czech President; *US Keynote Speaker:* Mr. John Shattuck, Chief Executive Officer, JFK Library & Foundation, Former US Ambassador to the Czech Republic

12:00-13:00 PM — Reception at City Theatre

2:00-4:00 PM — Čas Theatre

Panel 1: Challenges of the Transformation Process of the Media in Central & Eastern Europe

Student Chair: Marek Tramba (FPE), František Bureš (FHS)

CZ Keynote Speaker: Petr Holub, Chief Editor, *Respekt*

CZ Panelists: Pavel Dymeš or Šimon Pánek, *Člověk v tísni*; PhDr. Bohumil Doležal, IPS FSV UK Prague; Jefim Fištejn, Radio Free Europe; Mgr. Alena Zemančíková, *Literární noviny*; Ondřej Neff, *Neviditelný pes*

US Panelists: Alan Levy, *Prague Post*; Mr. Smith, Anglo-American College

Czech Panelists: Adam Drda, BBC; Doc. PhDr. Rudolf Kučera, CSc., IPS UK Prague

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon — Čas Theatre

Panel 2: The Role of the Media in Coping with a Communist Past

Student Chair: Ondřej Černý (FHS), Martin Karas (FPR)

CZ Keynote Speaker: PhDr. Ladislav Cabada, Ph.D., Department of So-ciology and Political Science, FHS UWB

CZ Panelists: Bohumil Pečinka, *Reflex*; František Červenka, Czech Christian Academy; Mgr. Alena Zemančíková, *Literární noviny*; Petruška Šustrová, *Lidové noviny*

US Panelists: Brent Bozell, Media Research Centre

Friday, May 4, 2001 — 1:00-3:00 PM

Panel 3: The Interplay of the Media, Democracy, and Education
Student Chair: Tomáš Běhounek (FPR)

CZ Keynote Speaker: Karel Hvižďala, *Lidové noviny*

Independent US Keynote Speaker: Mrs. Ellen Hume Shattuck, Journalist and Lecturer in Media Studies

CZ Panelists: Michal Semín, Občanský institut/Civic Institute; Samuel Abrahám, Chief Editor, *Časopis kritického myšlení/Critical Thinking*; Ivo Mathé, Head, Office of the Czech President; Mgr. Přemysl Rosůlek, Dept. of Sociology and Political Science, FHS; Mgr. Alena Zemančíková, *Literární noviny*

US Panelists: Mr. Smith, Anglo-American College

Czech Panelists: Hana Hikelová, Radiožurnál, Český rozhlas; Tomáš Klvana, *Mladá Fronta Dnes*; PhDr. Petr Fiala, Ph.D., FSS MU Brno; possible Petra Procházková, Independent; Zdenek Šámal, *Týden*; Petr Hořejší, *Lidové noviny*

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### **New Issue of *Kosmas***

The Spring 2001 issue of *Kosmas: Czechoslovak and Central European Journal* is now in preparation and will be the second to emerge from its new editorial home at Texas A&M University. Among the articles offering important new historical scholarship on the history of Czech and Slovak politics, culture and journalism will be David Z. Chroust, "Bohemian Voice: The First Journal about the Czechs in English," T. Mills Kelly, "An Unlikely Partnership: The Search for Peace and Understanding in East Central Europe, 1910-1914," James Krapfl, "The Sacred and the Velvet Revolution," and Catriona Menzies, "A Fish Out of Water? Democracy and the HZDS (Movement for a Democratic Slovakia)."

In addition, Lida Dutkova-Cope and C. S. Smith will each offer papers based on recent linguistic studies of the Czech language as it is still spoken in the state of Texas, Petr Simunek will be "Looking to the Future – Czech Republic as EU Member," and H. Gordon Skilling will offer part two of his report on "Memories of the Masaryks in Moravia". Special features will also include a speech by Václav Klaus on "The Problems of a Newly Born Democracy and Market Economy Ten Years after the Collapse of Communism" and a new short story by Josef Škvorecký, as well as book reviews by Ivo K. Feierabend, Mila Šaškova-Pierce, Miloslav Rechcigl, and Lyn Coffin.

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ANDREW ELIAS SVU HUMAN TOLERANCE AWARD

Beginning with the year of 2001, the first year of the third millennium, the Society will bestow the annual **Andrew Elias SVU Human Tolerance Award** on an individual whose life and work symbolize the living value of human tolerance. The Award shall be accompanied by a prize of \$ 1,000.

In its Resolution adopted at the occasion of the historic 20th World Congress held in Washington in 2000, the Society reaffirmed its resolve to work "toward enhancing the values of human tolerance and of freedom of spirit and thought." With a sensitivity so uncommon in these times, and expressing his deep and long-held convictions, Dr. Andrew Elias has decided to sponsor, through the Society, an annual Human Tolerance Award.

In an age marked by animosities and strife among human beings around the globe, the quest for human tolerance is the fundamental imperative of this day. Without human tolerance, democracy itself decays, culture is warped, civil society becomes uncivilized. Human tolerance cannot be decreed. It has no institutions and no structures. It either lives in men and women as their innermost value guiding their feelings and thoughts and deeds, or it does not live.

Therein lies the meaning of the Andrew Elias SVU Human Tolerance Award: to keep on reminding us that human tolerance begins in human beings, and to do so by recognizing and honoring those whose life and work have been guided by tolerance and compassion.

Every year, one Award shall be bestowed.

In keeping with the spirit of the Andrew Elias SVU Human Tolerance Award, no criteria, such as nationality or SVU membership, shall limit the eligibility of proposed recipients. Any woman or man whose life and work reflect the ideals of human tolerance and compassion, may be proposed by any SVU member or a group of members, such as SVU Local Chapters or ad hoc groups.

The names of the proposed candidates for the Award, accompanied by adequate data and other relevant information on the life and work of the proposed candidate, should be submitted to the SVU Secretary-General no later than May 15 of the year for which the Award is to be given.

All proposals shall be forwarded to the SVU Award Nominations Committee now being formed. The Committee will evaluate the proposals and nominate one or more candidates. The Committee's recommendation(s) shall be submitted to the SVU President for the final decision by the Executive Board. The Committee may nominate two or maximum three candidates of comparable merit.

For reasons of propriety and decency too obvious to enlarge upon further, the proposals of candidates must be submitted on a confidential basis. A premature publicity of the name of the person being proposed for the Award may result in non-acceptance of the proposal.

The Award will be formally presented during the next SVU World Congress or, in the year between Congresses, at another appropriate occasion. The Award recipient shall be invited to deliver a lecture following the Award ceremony.

The Vaclav Havel Fellows Program The University of Michigan

1. Vaclav Havel Fellowship in Czech Studies

This fellowship provides five years of support for an incoming student in a Rackham doctoral program who expects to focus his/her graduate studies and dissertation research on Czech lands and culture. Departments and professional schools are invited to submit nominations for the Vaclav Havel Fellowship to the Center for Russian and East European Studies, which is handling the nomination process on behalf of the Graduate Board of the International Institute. Students may not apply directly for this award, but interested faculty or potential students may notify the International Institute of their interest.

Departmental nominations should include a plan for funding all five years of the award. Different combinations of support are possible for this award. Typically, Rackham support would come in the first year, providing a stipend of \$16,800 for twelve months, two terms of tuition, and GradCare. Departmental plans should include, in addition to GSI or GSRA awards, at least one additional year of funding in the form of a fellowship. This fellowship may come from sources such as a Regents Fellowship or Merit Fellowship, or external awards such as FLAS. GradCare should be provided as well for these years. In a given year, with approval of the Dean of Rackham and the Director of the International Institute, the Graduate Board might choose to defer an award if no suitable candidates are found, or to offer additional awards in another category of the Havel Fellows Program.

Yearly Fellowship \$45,000; Endowment Goal \$900,000

2. The Vaclav Havel Fellowships for Incoming Graduate Students who are Residents of the Czech Republic

This fellowship provides five years of support for an incoming student in a Rackham doctoral program who is a resident of the Czech Republic. Departments and professional schools are invited to submit nominations to the Graduate Board of the International Institute. Students may not apply directly for this award, but faculty or potential students may notify the International Institute of their interest. Departmental nominations should include a plan for funding all five years of the award. Different combinations of support are possible for this award. Typically, Rackham support would come in the first year, providing a stipend of \$16,800 for twelve months, two terms of tuition, and GradCare. Departmental nominations should provide a plan for funding all five years of the award, and may include arrangements for folding in a Fulbright or other external award. If a student has an external award that provides partial support, the nomination may propose alternative ways to use Rackham funding. GradCare should be provided as well for these years. In a given year, with approval of the Dean of Rackham and the Director of the International Institute, the Graduate Board might choose to defer an award if no suitable candidates are found, or to offer additional awards in another category of the Havel Fellows Program.

Yearly Fellowship \$45,000; Endowment Goal \$900,000

3. The Vaclav Havel Doctoral Dissertation Research Award

This award is a twelve month fellowship for University of Michigan students enrolled in a Rackham doctoral program to conduct research anywhere in the world or to write-up a dissertation that focuses on topics that reflect the life, work, intellectual contributions, or spirit of Vaclav Havel. In addition to a stipend of \$16,800 and GradCare coverage, the student may receive an award that includes, as needed, candidacy tuition for up to three terms or funding for travel. Only students who have been advanced to candidacy by the Rackham Academic Records and Dissertation Office are eligible. In a given year, with approval of the Dean of Rackham and the Director of the International Institute, the Graduate Board might choose to defer an award if no suitable candidates are found, or to offer additional awards in another category of the Havel Fellows Program.

Yearly Fellowship \$35,000; Endowment Goal \$700,000

For information concerning the Havel Fellowships at the University of Michigan, please contact: Kirsten Willis, 1080 S. University, Room 2632, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1106; tel. (734) 763-3297; fax (734) 763-9154; e-mail: kbakke@umich.edu.

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