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## 26<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONGRESS OF SVU

*The SVU and its Role in the Era of Globalization  
Transatlantic Cooperation — Innovation — Preservation*

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CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
July 1<sup>st</sup> — July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Žilina, Slovak Republic

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### CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline for Abstract Submission (by e-mail ONLY) will be April 30, 2012 to Zdeněk David: [zdenek.david@wilsoncenter.org](mailto:zdenek.david@wilsoncenter.org).

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Preparations for the Žilina Congress continue. I am particularly pleased that senior academic leaders from the Czech Republic are planning to send young scholars to the meeting in July. We have a large number of members who are interested in presenting results of their work. We should recall the outstanding presentations of several young attendees at our meeting in New York in June. The response of the academic leadership from Czech institutions exceeds expectations. Please reserve time for this important event. Next month I am meeting with Dr. Dalibor Mikuláš to continue development of the Congress infrastructure. The main theme of next year's meeting is:

### *SVU and its Role in the Era of Globalization.*

Transatlantic Cooperation – Innovation - Preservation

This theme will give us an opportunity to articulate our plans for the future and discuss the rejuvenation of our membership rolls. Thousands of young Czech and Slovak scholars and artists work temporarily or permanently worldwide. We need to interest them in SVU and provide help and advice wherever we can.

H.E. Ambassador Gandalovič celebrated Czech National Day on October 26, 2011 at a reception at the Czech Embassy in Washington, D.C. Dr. Eugene Martin and I attended this annual festive event and I was pleased to see a number of our Washington chapter in attendance, to hear about the

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Standard	45€	60€
Superior	60€	75€
Apartments	70€	85€

coming BAZAAR and other events. Doctor Martin and I used the opportunity for discussions of the upcoming Žilina Congress with both Ambassadors Gandalovič and Burian. I invited them both to join us in Žilina and thanked them for all their help.

It is obvious from this issue of ZPRAVY that publication activity of SVU members is increasing. Not only are Dr. Rechčígl's books advertised in this issue, but we are pleased to acknowledge the book by Dr. Charles Heller, *My Long Journey Home* published in Prague and an outstanding book of poetry *Verses From Far Away* by Dr. Vlado Šimko published in Bratislava. This issue also gives you the contents of the Proceedings of our recent meeting in New York, edited by Dr. Zdeněk David which will be going to press shortly. Also in the final stages of preparation is a book, *The Long Road to Victory*, by Dr. Francis Raška. His latest book describes post -1968 Czechoslovak exile political activities.

It is 50 years since the SVU started its publications. We have been one of the respected "exile publishers", well presented at LIBRI PROHIBITI in Prague. The Mila Rechčígl book signing hosted by H.E. Petr Gandalovič at the Embassy with an introduction by Dr. Zdeněk David is a nice recognition of this aspect of SVU activity. We also can be proud of the quality of KOSMAS, which has become a highly respected journal.

There are several members of the Executive Board that I want to express special thanks for their activities: Dr. Eugene Martin has recently taken on two additional tasks: the administration of our organizational data bases, the collection of membership dues and subscriptions; as well as the responsibility Circulation Editor of KOSMAS thus filling the void caused by Mr. Kysucky's overseas assignment and Mr. Safertal's retirement from the KOSMAS. Connected with his ever growing professional responsibilities at the University of Medicine & Dentistry, I can only express my personal gratitude to Gene for all his selfless help.

My thanks also go to Dr. Cecilia Rokusek for her activities connected to Žilina program and to members of the committee planning the future for KOSMAS: (Drs. Zdeněk David, Mila Rechčígl and Vlado Šimko) and Dr. Clinton Machann for his excellent work as Editor-in-Chief.

Lastly, I want to thank our webmaster Mr. Jiří Eichler, who responds to our needs promptly and efficiently and on top of it, he helps by proofreading galleys of ZPRAVY.

I have been invited to address a meeting next month of the SVU Chapter in České Budějovice about our future plans. Dr. David and I visited there in 2007 and were impressed by their plans. It will be nice to see again our friends who made our World Congress in 2006 such a success.

Have a nice Thanksgiving.

Karel Raška, Jr.  
SVU President

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Dr. George Jiří Kukla Awarded Medal of Merit in Science

On October 28, 2011, President Václav Klaus awarded Medal of Merit in Science to a long-standing SVU member **Dr. George Jiří Kukla** of Columbia University, for his research in climatology and contributions to the questions of global warming.



Beginning in the early 1970s Dr. Kukla played an important role in establishing a national climate program in the US. In January 1972 he and Robert Matthews joined 42 other participants at Brown University in a discussion of "The Present interglacial, How and When Will it End?". In January 1972 kamen Georg Kukla und Robert Matthews zu einer Konferenz in der Brown University in Providence/ Rhode Island zusammen. Die Schlussfolgerungen wurden in zwei Veröffentlichungen von 1972 zusammengefasst. The conclusions were summarized in two publications of 1972 and in a letter from the two scientists to President Richard Nixon. In dem Schreiben warnten sie vor der Möglichkeit einer massiven globalen Verschlechterung des Klimas und deren Auswirkungen. The letter warned of the possibility of a massive global deterioration of climate and its effects which could conceivably lead to glacial temperatures within a century.

This led to a review by the Interdepartmental Committee for Atmospheric Sciences (ICAS), formation of an ad hoc committee and eventually led President Carter to sign into law the *National Climate Program* in the fall of 1978. Das *Climate Diagnostics Center* wurde bei der *National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration* angesiedelt. The *Climate Diagnostics Center* is located at the *National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration*.



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Executive room	130 EUR
Studio	150 EUR



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Single room	39.00,- Euro
Double room	59.00,- Euro
Suite	69.00,- Euro
Whirlpool suite	75.00,- Euro
Extra make up bed	20.00,- Euro

## Czech-American Timeline

Our 'SVU-Scholar-In- Residence', Mila Rechcigl has undertaken – under SVU auspices – another first, i.e., “A Czech-American Timeline: A Chronology of Milestones in the History of Czechs in America” with the focus on accomplishments of American personalities with roots in the Czech Lands, from the times of the discovery of the New World to date. Although he has the study well in hand, he encourages the SVU members, and other readers of this note, to submit, for consideration, suggestions of significant events in the life of Czech immigrants and their descendants in America, which he may have missed. Please send your suggestions via e-mail to [svu.one@gmail.com](mailto:svu.one@gmail.com)

### SVU publishes personal Memoirs of Mila Rechcigl:

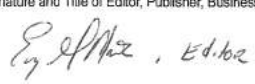
#### *Czechmate. From Bohemian Paradise to American Haven.*

On the occasion of his 80th birthday, the SVU has sponsored publication of Past SVU President Mila Rechcigl's personal memoir: *Czechmate. From Bohemian Paradise to American Haven.*

These reminiscences represent an intimate account of nearly 50 years of the Mila Rechcigl saga, from its beginning in a small hamlet in northeastern rural Bohemia through a successful government career in Washington, DC. The memoir also describes his retirement years in active scholarship and voluntary work for non-profit organizations, such as SVU. In it, he views his life as a chess game, in which he confronts various challenges head-on, usually ending with a “checkmate” in his favor.

His memories include an idyllic youth at his family mill, in an area known as ‘Bohemian Paradise,’ fond memories of his parents and grandparents, time spent in a one-classroom rural school, followed by eight years in gymnasium in Mladá Boleslav, four during the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia and four years in the post-War era under the Communist threat. He describes adventurous attempts to escape from Communist Czechoslovakia, during the first being caught and put in jail and the second, outsmarting the Communists by twice volunteering in their ‘brigades’, from which he succeeded in getting away across the border to the West.

After spending some time in a refugee camp in Germany, he immigrated to America, spending his greenhorn years in New York City, working in a glass jewelry factory. He receives a scholarship, is accepted by a prestigious Ivy League school and with skimpy English manages to get his bachelor's degree in biochemistry in two and half years, followed by Master's and Ph.D. He is hired by the National Institutes of Health where he conducts research on enzyme turnover and later is offered training in science policy and administration, leading to his appointment as Special Assistant for Nutrition and Health, and later is in charge of research at the US State Department's Agency for International Development.

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Today, he publishes numerous books and in his "spare time," retains his devotion to the SVU, and continues to work on immigration history.

The book can be ordered from SVU on line <http://My.memberclicks.com/csas> from our SVU Member website for \$35 in the US (\$37 from Canada and other parts of the world). Checks should be made payable to SVU. Mail orders should be sent to:

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- \* A link to the SVU Conference Registration Website that will also allow booking of dormitory accommodations
- \* A Map of the area
- \* A Calendar of planned events

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Non-Member Conference Registration	\$150		
Conference Registration– Non-Member's Spouse	\$125		
Student Registration	\$50		
OPTIONAL CULTURAL EVENTS:	PRICE	Number	SUBTOTAL
7/2/2012— <i>Guitar Concert by Vladislav Blaha</i>	\$15		
7/3/2012— <i>Chamber Concert of Ancient Music</i>	\$15		
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Single Apartment—27 Euro	\$40.00		
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If you prefer to register by mail please submit the appropriate registration form along with your payment. The registration fee includes:

- \* A welcoming get-together on Sunday evening, July 1
- \* The reception on Monday, July 2
- \* The guided tour on Wednesday, July 4
- \* The Book Signing on Thursday, July 5
- \* The Congress Banquet on Friday, July 6

Free attendance at all lectures and exhibits.

Two optional events (\$15) are being planned for Monday and Tuesday evening:

- \* Guitar Concert by Vladislav Blaha (Monday)
- \* Chamber Concert of Ancient Music (Tuesday)
- \* There will also be a pre-Congress opportunity to participate in a two-day Wine Tasting Tour of the *Wineries at Modra* (\$99 Euro plus hotel expenses). For further information please see: [www.svu2000.org](http://www.svu2000.org)



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 26<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONGRESS ŽILINA, SLOVAKIA

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday	7/1/2012	3 PM—6 PM	Registration
	7/1/2012	6 PM—8 PM	Welcoming “Get Together”
Monday	7/2/2012	10 AM	Official Opening of the SVU 26th World Congress
	7/2/2012	12 Noon	Welcome Reception
	7/2/2012	3 PM	Presidential Symposium “SVU and Its Role in the Era of Globalization And Transatlantic Collaboration”
	7/2/2012	Evening	Cultural Program #1— <i>Chamber Concert of Ancient Music</i> <b>OPTIONAL EVENT—\$15</b>
Tuesday	7/3/2012	9 AM—Noon	Academic Panels
	7/3/2012	2 PM—5 PM	Academic Panels
	7/3/2012	Evening	Cultural Program #2— <i>Guitar Concert by Vladislav Blaha</i> <b>OPTIONAL EVENT—\$15</b>
Wednesday	7/4/2012	All Day	All Day Guided Tour of
Thursday	7/5/2012	9 AM—Noon	Academic Panels
	7/5/2012	2 PM—5 PM	Academic Panels
	7/5/2012	Evening	Book Signing by SVU Authors Wine & Cheese Party
Friday	7/6/2012	9 AM—Noon	Academic Panels
	7/6/2012	2 PM	SVU General Assembly
	7/6/2012	Evening	BANQUET