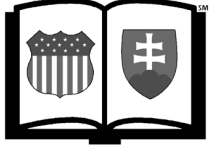


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AWARD SUPPORTING SCHOLARSHIP ABOUT SLOVAKIA ESTABLISHED

What do Americans know about Slovakia? How much coverage does the press give Slovak history and art? How much support is there for fostering scholarship about Slovakia?

“Not much” is the answer to all of these questions.

Let’s change the answer. The fall of Communism has provided scholars with an unparalleled opportunity because many sources once secret are now available for study. How can we take advantage of this opportunity to stimulate interest in the history and development of Slovakia and Slovak-America? How about a prize for the best research paper written by a graduate student on some topic of Slovak history?

The Slovak-American International Cultural Foundation, whose mission is to help the world learn about the contributions of Slovakia and Slovak-Americans to civilization, has decided to do just that. In order, to stimulate interest in the history and development of Slovakia, the Foundation has entered into an agreement with the Slovak Studies Association (SSA), the premier association of scholars for the study of Slovakia, to sponsor a prize for the best research paper written by a graduate student on some topic of Slovak history during each academic year. The Prize will be inaugurated at the annual meeting of the SSA in the Fall of 2000.

“The Slovak Studies Association is an outstanding body of scholars devoted to all avenues of research and teaching about the history of Slovakia and the important contributions of Slovakia to American history and culture,” Don Bustion, Managing Director of the Foundation noted. “We are most pleased to be collaborators with our estimable colleagues in SSA for the advancement of knowledge” he said on behalf of the Directors and Advisors of the Foundation, all of whom hold places of high distinction and great achievement in Slovak-American life.

The Foundation invites the public to support scholarship about Slovakia with tax-deductible gifts to the Foundation. “The Foundation currently seeks funding to turn scholarship into books,” Bustion noted in a recent key-note address at an international forum for Slovak History. He emphasized that the sponsorship of fine books about Slovakia is a unique and lasting way to recognize the achievements of an individual, a family, or business. For more information about the Foundation, please see www.slovakculture.org or write to the Slovak-American International Cultural Foundation, 1000 Brown Street, Wauconda, Illinois 60084.

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