

"After the Congress" Note from SVU Congress Treasurer

Dear Colleagues:

I presume you have by now returned to your homes from our Congress and possibly from a few days or even weeks of deserved vacation in the Czech or Slovak Republic or both. As I heard from just about everybody, I talked to, the SVU Congress was a smashing success and hopefully you enjoyed it too.

The main reason for writing this letter is to express my appreciation to all our Congress participants from abroad who have registered with me. Inasmuch as most of you have preregistered in the US, the final registration in Ceske Budejovice was relatively smooth, since in most cases it simply involved checking your name and handing you the registration and Congress materials. To be sure, we had a few minor mishaps because some participants did not send their registration fee, as well as their orders for accommodations etc., in time before my departure for Prague. But this was subsequently resolved to everybody's satisfaction.

There is, however, one issue that is disturbing. As we learned from our University of South Bohemia co-organizers, there were instances when some of the participants from overseas did not bother paying the registration fee and more over, they may have even used the dorm accommodations and the university cafeteria without paying. This is, of course, most disturbing and is not right. Why should they go Scott-free while everybody else is paying his/her share. Why should the University and, for that matter, SVU be penalized and pay for these people's expenses. We leave it to their conscience but urge them to come forward and take care of their expenses. It is general knowledge who these individuals are.

Thanks again for your understanding and all your help

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