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Ambassador Dusan Rozbora

Activity report for July to December 2006

Projects

On Monday November 11, 2006, there was a meeting of the National Committee of Slovakia (National Monitoring Committee), which has the responsibility for the application for EU funding for Slovakia.

In this meeting the applications for culture funding were evaluated. Unfortunately, Trencín's funding application for the restoration of Trencín Castle was not prioritized.

We have received word on this decision from Norway's ambassador to Slovakia, Brit Løvseth and our partners in Trencín. We and our partners have invested a great deal of energy into this project.

In cooperation with the leader of the commercial Affairs department, Mrs. Erika Chuda, we have completed a seminar on Business Opportunities In Slovakia. Forty participants attended the seminar. The theme was the markets and possibilities of trade, establishing economic relationships, the possible import of skilled workers from Slovakia to the Trønderlag region of Norway. The seminar closed with a presentation of Slovakian wine and cheese. Ambassador Dusan Rozbora also took part in the seminars.

In conjunction with the seminar there was an exhibition of Slovakian books that will remain open until the end of this year.

The consulate has supported a photography exhibition at Trondheim Kunstmuseum. Slovakian Zdenka Svitekova performed a dance performance. The exhibition will remain until the end of December.

Wednesday, September 13 Consul Erik Frederiksen and his wife attend the National Day of the Slovak Republic in Oslo.

In conjunction with Poland Week in Trondheim, our firm contributed with the organizing of a reception in Poland's Consulate. A thank-you letter was received from ambassador Ryszard M. Czarny.

Friday 27 October Consul Erik Frederiksen and his wife participated in Corps Consular of Norway general meeting. In the evening there was a formal ball to which the ambassador was invited.

Wednesday 8 November, a seminar on Business Opportunities in Slovakia was held. In conjunction with the seminar, the ambassador visited Nidaros Cathedral Restoration Committee.

Sunday 26 November, the opening of a photography and dance exhibition at the Trondheim Kunstmuseum.

Consul Erik Frederiksen and his wife visit Ambassador Duzan Rosbora and his wife in Oslo December 8.

Goals for 2007

- Plan a visit with ambassador Duzan Rozbora to Møre & Romsdal in June 2007
- Student exchange and support in the establishing of a Nursing Studies program with the University Alexander Dubcek. HiST (www.hist.no) is currently in contact with University Alexander Dubcek.
- NTNU (www.ntnu.no) will make contact with University Alexander Dubeck to discuss the possibilities of closer cooperation
- Regional High Schools (Sør Trøndelag) and Trenčín to work in the EU's Leonardo Program.
- Arrange a meeting with Slovaks who reside in this region.
- Participate in arrangements that promote Slovakia.

Respectfully,

Erik Frederiksen
Honorary Consul
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