**Ceremonial Conference on the 45th anniversary of the Slovak Statistical and Demographic Society**



*Opening Ceremony - from left: vice president of the SSDS Peter Mach, president of the Czech Statistical Society Hana Řezanková and president of the SSDS Jozef Chajdiak.*

The Slovak Statistical and Demographic Society (SSDS) celebrated its 45th anniversary. On this occasion, a ceremonial conference was held on March 20, 2013, in Sládkovičovo. The conference was held under the auspices of PhDr. Ľudmila Benkovičová, CSc., the President of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic (SO SR). The conference was one of the events the SSDS held in the International Year of Statistics 2013.

The conference was opened by Doc. Ing. Jozef Chajdiak, CSc., the President of the SSDS; and chaired by RNDr. Peter Mach, the Vice President of the SSDS for International Relations. As guests attended the conference PhDr. Ľudmila Benkovičová, Csc., President of the SO SR; prof. Ing. Hana Řezanková, CSc., the President of the Czech Statistical Society, as well as representatives of the Czech demographic community.

PhDr. Ľudmila Benkovičová, CSc., the President of the SO SR, held the opening speech on the integration processes in the Slovak statistics at the conference. In the beginning of his speech she congratulated to the SSDS on its

significant anniversary and expressed her appreciation of the cooperation between the Statistical Office and the SSDS.

Ing. Silvia Szabová, the Director of Regional Office of the SO SR in Bratislava, presented “Interesting Aspects of Development of the Regions between 2001 – 2010”. Ing. Miroslav Hlavenka participated on the preparation of this contribution.

Doc. Ing. Jozef Chajdiak, CSc., the President of the SSDS, presented the history and current activities of the SSDS. The contribution was prepared together with RNDr. Ján Luha, CSc., scientific secretary of the society. Detailed information on the activities of the SSDS can be found on the website www.ssds.sk.

Mgr. Lukáš Pastorek held the presentation “Statistics and Demography through the Eyes of Young People”. Ing. Tomáš Želinský, PhD. participated on the preparation of this contribution.

Dr.h.c. prof. RNDr. Michal Tkáč, Csc., the Vice President of the SSDS for Statistical Quality Control, presented "Statistics and Quality".

Doc. Ing. Eva Sodomová, PhD., the Head of the Department of Statistics at the Faculty of Economic Informatics of University of Economics in Bratislava, informed about teaching statistics at the University of Economics in Bratislava.

Doc. Ing. Vladimír Úradníček, PhD., the Vice president of the SSDS for the Applied Statistics, focused his speech on the correctness of application of statistical methods in financial analysis of enterprises.

President of the SSDS Doc. Ing. Jozef Chajdiak, CSc. presented “Macroeconomic Progress of the Slovak Republic in Graphs“.

Prof. Ing. Hana Řezanková, CSc., the President of the Czech Statistical Society, informed about the activities of the Czech Statistical Society at the international level.

The final event of the ceremonial conference was the submission of the Commemorative Letters of SSDS on the Occasion of the 45th Anniversary of the SSDS. The President of the SSDS, Doc. Ing. Jozef Chajdiak, CSc., and the Vice Presidents of the SSDS, Doc. Ing. Vladimír Úradníček, PhD. and RNDr. Peter Mach, handed the Commemorative Letters to the officials of the SSDS, active members of the SSDS and to the important co-workers of the SSDS.

The SSDS published the conference proceedings “45 Years of the Slovak Statistical and Demografical Society“ (ISBN 978-80-88946-61-8) which includes speeches and presentations that were held at the Ceremonial conference.

The ceremonial conference continued along with the 14th Slovak Demographical Conference in the early evening.

The Vice President of the SSDS for Demography, Doc. RNDr. Branislav Bleha, PhD., opened the session of the Slovak Demographical Conference. The main topic of the conference were challenges for Slovak demography in the 21th century.

The first part of the conference included the following contributions: “Challenges, Problems and the Future of the Demographic Statistics” presented by PhDr. Ľudmila Ivančíková, the General Director of the Section of Social Statistics and Demography at the Slovak Statistical Office, “Training of Academic Educated Demographers” presented by prof. RNDr. Jozef Mládek, DrSc. from the Department of Human Geography and Demogeography of the Faculty of Natural Sciences at the Comenius University in Bratislava and ”Demographical Research in the Branch of Statistics“ presented by Ing. Boris Vaňo, the Head of the Demographic Research Centre from the Institute of Informatics and Statistics (INFOSTAT) in Bratislava.

The delegates from demographical departments from the Czech Republic (doc. Ing. Jitka Langhamrová, CSc., the Head of the Department of Demography at the Faculty of Informatics and Statistics at University of Economics Prague and RNDr. Tomáš Kučera, CSc. from the Department of Demography and Geodemography of the Faculty of Science from Charles University in Prague) gave their greetings to all participants of the conference in the next part of the session.

Panelling about the Census of Population and Housing 2011 and 2021 closed the agenda. Ing. Marián Horecký moderated this final part of the conference.

Peter Mach
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