

# INVITATION



NÁRODNÁ BANKA SLOVENSKA

## Popular Banking and the Financial System

Annual Conference of the  
European Association for Banking History e. V.

**BRATISLAVA, NATIONAL BANK OF SLOVAKIA HEADQUARTERS**  
**29 – 31 MAY 2003**



# PROGRAMME

29 May 2003

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- 16.30 **Registration**
- 17.00 **Opening of the exhibition**  
*The First Ten Years of the Slovak Currency*
- 18.00 – 21.00 **Reception**

30 May 2003

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- 11.00 **Welcoming Address**  
NBS Representative  
EABH e.V. Representative
- 11.15 – 11.45 *Reform of the Banking System in Slovakia*  
NBS Representative
- 11.45 – 12.30 *Popular Banking in Central Europe*  
Roman Holec, Comenius University, Bratislava  
Ján Hájek, Institute of History, ASCR, Prague
- 12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00 ***Emergence and Growth of Popular Banking***  
Chair: Jaime Reis, University of Lisbon
- Popular Banking: Typologies and Models*  
Timothy Guinnane, Yale University
- Poverty and Saving: the Rise of Popular Banking in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century*  
Duncan Ross, University of Glasgow
- Cooperative and Non-profit Banking in Southern Europe before 1939: Achievements and Failures*  
Giuseppe Conti & Alessandro Polsi, University of Pisa
- 15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee Break**
- 16.00 ***Riding the Stream: The Interwar Years***  
Chair: Gabriel Tortella Casares, University of Alcalá, Madrid
- International Banking and Central Europe between the two World Wars*  
Alice Teichova, University of Cambridge
- The Position of Popular Banking in the Banking System of Czechoslovakia between the two World Wars*  
Ludovit Hallon, Slovak Academy of Science, Bratislava
- Popular Banking in Western Europe: Development and Crisis in Western Europe. The French Case*  
André Gueslin, University of Paris
- 17.30 **Close**
- 19.00 **Sightseeing tour of Bratislava, Dinner**

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31 May 2003

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9.00

***The Soviet Model of Banking***

Chair: Youssef Cassis, University of Grenoble

*The Soviet Model of Banking: A Model for Eastern Europe*

Paul R. Gregory, University of Houston

*The Centralization of the Czechoslovak Popular Banking after  
Introducing the Soviet Model*

Vaclav Průcha & Lidmila Nemcová, University of Economics, Prague

*Financing the Local Economy in Central Europe – Metamorphoses  
of 'do-it yourself' Banking in Capitalist and Socialist Systems*

Damir Jelic, Leicester University

10.30 – 11.00

**Coffee Break**

11.00

***The Alternatives: Globalisation or Localisation***

Chair: Duncan Ross, University of Glasgow

*Development of Banks and Foreign Capital entering into  
Central Europe*

Egon Hlavatý, Institute of Slovak and World Economics, Bratislava  
Marián Tkáč, NBS, Bratislava

*Rabobanks' Domestic and International Strategies in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*

Stefan de Boer, Rabobank Nederland, Utrecht

*The Czech Credit Co-operatives in Historical Perspective  
(Case Study from the Period 1990 - 2002)*

Lidmila Nemcová, University of Economics, Prague

12.30

**End**

12.30

**Lunch**

15.30

**Boat trip on the Danube and refreshments**

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# USEFUL INFORMATION

## How to get to Bratislava

### - *by air*

Most visitors to Slovakia fly into Vienna's Schwechat International Airport (60 kilometers away from Bratislava), with connections to all important European cities. There is a regular bus service to the Bratislava bus station, departing from the airport at: 8.25, 11.55, 13.25, 15.25, 17.25, 18.55, 19.55, 22.25. The journey takes about one hour, and costs 7 euro.

Bratislava International Airport is used mainly by the Sky Europe airline with regular connections to Prague, Zurich, Milan, Berlin and Munich.

### - *by train*

International trains to Bratislava run from Vienna, Budapest, Prague and Krakow several times a day. When travelling via Vienna, there are about 13 connection trains to Bratislava from Wien Sudbahnhof.

### - *by bus*

There are regular bus lines connecting Bratislava with 21 European towns, those to Vienna and Prague are the most frequent.

## Travelling within Bratislava

To get to Bratislava's city centre from **Bratislava International Airport** (15 kilometres) you can take a bus departing every 15-30 minutes.

*The Bratislava Main Railway Station and the Main Bus Station* are a 10-15 minutes walk from the city centre. A wide choice of public transport is available.

*Local transportation* is serviced by a network of buses, trams and trolleybuses. A 10-minute ticket costs 12 Slovak crowns, while a 14 crown ticket is sufficient for 30-minutes.

*Taxis* are still quite cheap. A taxi from the airport to the town centre costs up to 300 Slovak crowns, shorter distances within the town are accordingly less expensive.

## Prices and Payments

All prices are in Slovakia's currency unit the Slovak Crown (slovenská koruna), with smaller amounts denominated in hellers (halier). Coins come in denominations of 1, 2, 5 and 10 crowns, and 10, 20, 50 hellers; banknotes in denominations of 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000 and 5000 crowns.

Money can be changed in banks or exchange offices (zmenáreň). Steer clear of strangers offering to exchange money on the street.

*Selected exchange rates as of January 2003:*

1 euro	41 Sk
1 US dollar	38 Sk
1 British pound	62 Sk

International accounts can be accessed via an automatic teller machine (ATM), usually marked „Bankomat“. Travellers' cheques can be cashed at most banks and some exchange offices. Standard credit cards are widely accepted.