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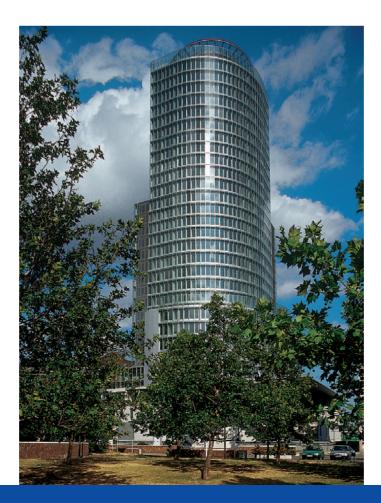




Popular Banking and the Financial System

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 _____

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 _		
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	<i>Emergence and Growth of Popular Banking</i> 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 th Century Duncan Ross, University of Glasgow	
	Cooperative <mark>a</mark> nd 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 _____

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 Cent <mark>ral</mark> 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 th 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

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 connnection 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.