



Slovak Eustory Competition – 3rd round 2005/2006

This year we have launched the third round of Eustory history competition under the topic

How did our Parents, Grandparents and Great-grandparents Spend their Leisure Time (Leisure Time of Children and Youngs in 20th Century).

Announcement has been made through our Eustory website, published in the Pedagogické spektrum (Pedagogical Spektrum) magazine for schools and teachers, by direct e-mailing to secondary schools all over Slovakia, through the Methodical and Pedagogical Centre of Bratislava and Eustory information calendars sent out to schools and local partners.

137 students from overall Slovakia were participating in the competition with 107 entries - 81 individual and 26 group researches. Every year participants from schools for handicapped children take part, too, for example, this year we have a couple of students from the Special Secondary School for handicapped students on Mokrohájska street in Bratislava.

In their entries the students have investigated and described the ways and possibilities how their ancestors have spent their leisure time in the period of their childhood and youth. The students mostly focused on the members of their own families, e.g. „Rocket modelling in my family“, some of them has been interested in particularities of spending free time in selected regions, cities or villages. The topic of more researches has been the theme of scouting, sports, artistic activities (amateurish theatre, folklore singers, etc) or voluntary work in fire or other brigades. Some students have described concrete games and entertainments popular among children in a certain period of 20th Century. A few students have compared the differences and changes in spending leisure time in the past and presence. Young people with their entries created a colourful mosaic of different forms of games, entertainments, hobbies and voluntary activities of youngsters in the past illustrated with that time photos, pictures, newspaper articles, archive notes and personal interviews with elderly people collecting their memories.

The competition was running under the patronage of the wife of the Slovak President Mrs. Silvia Gašparovičová and the President of the Slovak Academy of Science profesor Ing. Štefan Luby, Dr.Sc., Dr.h.c. A few newspaper articles about Eustory competition have been published (e.g. „História“ Journal of the Slovak Academy of Science, „SME“ daily or the „News of the Slovak Academy of Science“). An interview with coordinator Oľga Peštuková about Eustory was broadcasted live in June on a Slovak Devin Radio.

The awarding ceremony for winners was held on June 20, 2006 in the premises of the **Slovak National Museum** at the presence of patrons, sponsors, media, historians, teachers

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and students from all over Slovakia. 33 students has been awarded including a special price for two handicapped participants. **Opening speeches were presented and prices to winners were handed over by PhDr. Dušan Kováč, Phd., the Vice-president of the Slovak Academy of Science, the General Director of the Slovak National Museum – PhDr. Peter Maráky and Ms. Meike Köhler, representing Körber-Stiftung from Hamburg.**

The award ceremony, moderated by one of the best Slovak professional TV moderators, has been variegated with a presentation of a short moovie about Slovakia made by a famous Slovak film director Pavol Barabáš and the performance of „Arcus“ music band and followed by a small reception in the cafe „Museum“ for all participants. All expositions in the museum have been freely available for all invited guests.

The winners were awarded with Tesco shopping coupons each and prices granted by local donors (The American Fund for Refugees, Comenius University, The Slovak Academy of Science, bookstores, privat companies, etc.) who donated the winners with DVD player, PC equipment, multimedial encyclopedies, educational CDs and games, mobile phones, books, diaries, cups, pens, annual free prescriptions of „History“ magazine, etc. Five winners shall participace at the academies in Italy, Germany, Ukraine and Romania. **Each not awarded competition participant** has got a **certificate and a small present** from sponsors to appreciate their effort.

Winners in individual category:

1. place:

Katarína Šípošová, Gymnasium Žilina: Scouting and Leisure Time
and

Veronika Kačírová, Gymnasium Spišská Nová Ves: The Childhood of My Parents and Grandparents in a Village

2. place:

Lucia Šnajderová, Gymnasium Žilina: How Did My Family Spend Its Leisure Time in Childhood and Youth

and

Lucia Húšťavová, Gymnasium Žilina: This Way, also, Our Ancestors Spent Their Leisure Time

3. place

Eva Oravcová, First Slovak Literary Gymnasium, Revúca: All My Family
and

Lukáš Stolárik, Religious Gymnasium of Štefan Mišík, Spišská Nová Ves: Leisure Time – Collection from the Past

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Winners in Category of Group entries:

1. Zuzana Krivá and Lenka Elizová, Gymnasium Metodova, Bratislava: How Did Our Grandparents Spend Their Leisure Time
2. Miroslav Lacko and Juraj Romer, Gymnasium of Ján Kollár, Žiar nad Hronom: The Free Time Center in Žiar nad Hronom and Its History
3. Adela Binderová and Slavomíra Kmeťová, Gymnasium of Ján Kollár, Žiar nad Hronom: A Clew of Historical Realities and Interesting Memories of People from Pohronie

In a cooperation with the **Cabinet of History of Methodical and Pedagogical Centres** in Bratislava and Prešov we have arranged two workshops for fifty history teachers focused on Eustory competition and project elaborating. The presentations were made by Mrs. Ružena Kormošová in the Prešov Region and by Ms. Adelaida Mezeiová and Mrs. Olga Peštuková in Bratislava region. Both, Mrs. Kormošová and Ms. Mezeiová have participated at the Hamburg workshop organized by Körber –Stiftung for Eustoy tutors.

Problems:

Time pressure (every year we have more entries)
Finding local sponsors for financial support

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