

REPORT – EUSTORY 2011/2012 – SLOVAKIA

The topic of the 2011/12 Eustory competition in Slovakia was „Multicultural coexistence in Slovakia in the 20th and 21st century“. 98 students of secondary schools applied in three different categories: individual works, group works and works written in English. For the first time in seven-years lasting history of Eustory in Slovakia there was a possibility to submit research works in English - a really big challenge for students and for us as well.

The Evaluation committee awarded the students as follows:

Category individual works:

1st – Christozova Kristína – Bulgarian Minority – Grammar School of Jozef Lettrich, Martin

1st – Širová Lucia – Impact of Czech Teachers on Development of Education in Žilina – Grammar School Varšavská, Žilina

3rd – Trokšiarová Ivana – Those Who Passed on the Side of Good Ones – Grammar School of Milan Rúfus, Žiar nad Hronom

(two first places were granted in this category as the quality of the works was really high and the score was balanced)

Category group works:

1st – Medvecká Bianka, Brodová Dominika – Jewish Community in Svätý Kríž nad Hronom - Grammar School of Milan Rúfus, Žiar nad Hronom

2nd – Zorkóczyová Ema, Holicková Nina, Rafaelisová Petra – Family as a Multicultural Model of the Society in the 20th Century in Slovakia - Grammar School of Milan Rúfus, Žiar nad Hronom

3rd – Škrovinová Lucia, Nguyenová Michaela – Jews in Žilina and Their Impact on the Culture of the town - Grammar School Varšavská, Žilina

Special award for the courage to write in a foreign language:

Husáková Kristína, Liptáková Gabriela, Gocoliaková Katarína – Multicultural Diversity of Kysuce – Grammar School of Jozef Miloslav Hurban, Cadca

The Patron of the 7th year was Mr. Peter Štastný who is a member of the European Parliament and a former successful ice-hockey player. Our choice was determined by his personal story that is highly multicultural. He also enriched our ceremony by his personal participation and speech as well as giving some remembrances for our Eustorians.

The ceremony itself took part on the 15th June 2012 in the University Library in Bratislava Old Town. The ceremony started by a welcome speech of Mrs. Anna Polievková, the Director of Documentation and Information Centre of UNESCO, and Mrs. Zuzana Jezerská, the Director of the Slovak Centre for Communication and Development, n.o.

This year the ceremony included presentations of the works that were awarded first place which brought us nearer to the topics and the process of writing. Special thanks go to Professor Pavol Mešťan who gave us a lecture on the topic of multiculturalism, and to Nations

Memory Institute represented by its director Ivan Petranský. The Institute sponsored prizes for Eustorians.

Finally, Eustorians and their teachers took part in a sightseeing tour through Bratislava Old Town thanks to a gift of Tour4U.