

EUSTORY in Slovakia – 6th Round 2009/2010

After the previous Slovak Eustory competition organiser Jan Hus Educational Foundation from Bratislava has stopped to be functional in spring 2009, the Slovak Centre for Communication and Dvelopment,n.o - a new Eustory AISBL member organisation - continues to carry out the competition in Slovakia.

Thus in October 2009 the SCCD launched the **sixth round** of Eustory history competition in Slovakia under the topic

Migration of Slovak Citizens in the 20th Century

The competiton has run under the patronage of PaedDr. Rastislav Púdelka, the general Director of the Slovak National Museum.

The new competition topic was **announced** at the end of October 2009 to over 255 secondary schools in Slovakia via e-mail, newspapers for teachers, phone calls or personal visits, through the network of local partners and informational meetings of coordinator Olga Peštuková with history teachers at the Methodical and Pedagogical Centre of Bratislava and the State Pedagogical Institute. **Promotional Eustory posters** have been distributed to involved schools and institutions.

During the whole round JHEF had a close cooperation with **Slovak Eustory National Partners Network** - Methodical and Pedagogical Center of Bratislava, UNESCO Center, Historical and Ethnological Institute of the Slovak Academy of Science, State Pedagogical Institution, Nation's Memory Institute, City Institute for Monuments Preservation, Slovak National Museum, teachers from universities and secondary schools, etc.). A few newspaper articles about Eustory competition have been published (e.g. in "História" Journal of the Slovak Academy of Science, in "Učitel'ské noviny (Teachers' Newspaper), etc).

96 students from all over Slovakia have been participating in the competition with 56 entries – 42 individual and 14 group researches.

The main aim of researches has been to describe and record various destinies of people in different regions, cities or villages of Slovakia in the period of migration waves of 20th Centrury. In their entries the students mostly delt with migration history of individuals or groups of persons who (from different reasons) have experienced migration on their own. To explain the circumstances and economic, social or political reasons for migration, the students have chosen wider - Slovak, Czecho-slovak, European or sometimes even worldwide approach to migration process. The entries have been mostly focused on migration events of supraregional, national or international character.

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The awarding ceremony for winners was held on June 15, 2010 in the premises of the Slovak National Museum at the presence of patrons, sponsors, media, historians, awarded students and teachers from overall Slovakia. Speeches were presented by a patron of competition PaedDr. Rastislav Púdelka, by General Director of Eustory AISBL from Hamburg Mrs. Gabriele Woidelko and Mrs. Zuzana Jezerská, the director of the SlovakCentre for Communication and Development. A special guest - migrant Dastagír Ghani z from Afghanistan living in Slovakia has been also invited to the ceremony.

In total 26 students were awarded: 7 awards were given to individual researches and 7 to group works. There was one special price given for the originality of topic (Mária Mališová - Migration to France in years 1938-1941). Six winners shall participace at the Eustory Youth Academies in Germany, Bulgaria and Switzerland.

Winners from first to third place in Group Researches:

1.place:

Zuzana Andrejčáková a Slavomíra Krištofová:

Vysťahovalectvo v regióne východného Slovenska (Migration in the region of East Slovakia)

Gymnázium bl. P.P Gojdiča, Prešov, 3.class Tutor: PaedDr. Mária Tutokyová

and

Dominika Osvaldová (3. class), Samuel Klikáč a Dávid Melichar (4.class) Cesta za šťastím (Path to happiness)

Spojená škola Metodova 2, Bratislava Tutor: Mgr. Mário Šefc

2. place:

Tatiana Kološtová a Andrea Benedeková: Vyhnancom vo svojej vlasti (The reffugee in own country) Gymnázium, Varšavská cesta 1, Žilina, trieda 6.class Tutor: PhDr. Alica Virdzeková

3. place:
Daniel Sihlovec, Marek Fišera, Daniela Gjablová:
Chceš lepšie žiť? Migruj...! (Do you want to live better? Migrate...!)
Gymnázium, Varšavská cesta 1, Žilina, trieda 7.class
Tutor: PhDr. Alica Virdzeková

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Category of Individual Entries:

 place: Ivan Kolárik: Šalom alejchem (Mier s vami) (Peace with you) Gymnázium, Varšavská cesta 1, Žilina, sexta A Tutor: PhDr. Alica Virdzeková

2. place: Jasmin Slováčková Migrácia obyvateľov Slovenska v 20. Storočí a jej vplyv na súčasnú migračnú politiku (The Migration of Slovak citizens in 20th Centrury and its impact on a migration policy) Spojená škola Metodova 2, Bratislava, trieda 4. class Tutors: PhDr. Adelaida Mezeiová a Mgr. Mário Šefc and Matúš Poklemba: Migranti z Hnileckej doliny (Migrants from the Hnilecká valley) Gymnázium, Školská 7, Spišská Nová Ves, 1. class Tutor: PhDr. Ružena Kormošová

3. place:
Adela Tavačová:
20. storočie – storočie zmien v osudoch Slovákov
(20th Century – the Century of Changes in Destinies of Slovaks)
Gymnázium, Varšavská cesta 1, Žilina, sexta A
Tutor: PhDr. Alica Virdzeková
and
Lenka Polčová:
Životné osduy a dielo židovského lekára MUDr. Mikuláša Atlasa
The Life and Work of Jewish Doctor MUDr. Mikuláš Atlas)
Gymnázium Leonarda Stöckela, Jiráskova 12, Bardejov, 3. class
Tutor: PhDr. Anna Šimová

The total approved budget from Körber-Stiftung for the 6th round has been 9 500 EUR.

The winners and their tutors were awarded with PC equipment, multimedia encyclopedia and multimedia library, educational Langmaster multimedia, PC games, music CDs and books – all gifts donated by local sponsors in amount of 550 EUR.

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Certificates with small presents (pens) have been sent to all not awarded participating students together with thanks letter to their tutors.

Improvements in this round:

Expanding network of local partners and sponsors Growing Public Awareness

Weaknesses:

The interest from media side is still not sufficient Problems with finding financial support

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