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NEWS

POSTER PRIZES

Poster prizes will be awarded from three publishing houses, e. g. Wiley, Elsevier and Taylor & Francis. Wiley donates one-year subscription of the journal *Advanced Synthesis & Catalysis*. Special issue of this journal devoted to biocatalysis is also distributed to all conference participants. Elsevier kindly donated two prizes, one-year subscription of the *Journal of Molecular Catalysis B: Enzymatic*. This journal will also publish full papers from the conference contribution. Another price from Elsevier will be a compendium "Catalysis: an integrated approach" (2002).

Taylor & Francis will kindly donate one-year subscription of the journal *Biocatalysis and Biotransformation*. The prizes will be awarded at the Farewell dinner in Hotel Flora on Wednesday.



Cheese and wine party

The conference participants appreciated not only posters but also Moravian wine and cheese afterwards. There were different sorts of white and red wine, supplied by wine cellar of Petr Kachyňa, Velké Bílovice. Cheese was offered by the conference sponsor: Mlékárna Kunín, a. s.

The participants used the occasion for informal discussions inside and outside the Jesuit Convent. The weather was very hot, so Convent's yard and garden with fountain were ideal places to sit and chat.



EXCURSIONS

On Tuesday afternoon participants had the opportunity to join excursions of their choice to very interesting and most beautiful places within Moravia. One group was directed to the castle Bouzov (with the stop in Loštice), one to Valtice – wine archive and one to Kroměříž castle and gardens.



BOUZOV, CASTLE

One of the most often visited castles in the Czech Republic.



A former fortress from the 13th century, it was rebuilt from 1895 – 1909 as a residence for the grand master of the Order of German Knights. **Thanks to its superb location in the middle of the forest and a majestic look** (a 58 m high tower with 3 – 5 m high walls), **it is a favourite place for filming fairy-tales.** The interior offers a collection of ancient furniture and art of all styles. What is most unique is the castle kitchen with its stylish facilities and technical rarities.

LOŠTICE

Home to real Olomouc cheese

Olomouc cheese is the only original Czech cheese. Its originality and true nature is respected by the entire cheese making world.

The traditional production goes back nearly 600 years. Visit the company museum to experience the history of cheese production which is specific to the region as well as to taste this speciality, a favourite not only in the Czech lands but also in all of Europe. Of course, good beer is always available.

VALTICE

The Lednice–Valtice area: The Garden of Europe

Lednice–Valtice area – the garden of Europe, one of the most beautiful chateau mall and together the largest artistically externalized landscape in the world. At the area almost 200 km² between Břeclav, Lednice and Valtice powerful noble family Lichtenstein built beautiful world where works of human hands perfectly connect with nature. The result is impressive mosaic of parks, gardens, ponds, rivers and forests, added by many sculptures, sporting chateaus, chapels and colonnades. **The Lednice–Valtice area was registered to the list of world heritage UNESCO in 1996.**

The Wine Challenge of the Czech Republic is located at the National Viticultural Centre in the historic Valtice Chateau, in spaces reconstructed with funds contributed by the European Union and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic. The town of Valtice itself is a center of viticulture and tourism in the region. Wines awarded the title „SALON VÍN ČESKÉ REPUBLIKY“ (Wine Challenge of the Czech Republic) is deposited in the public degustation exhibit in the cellars of the National Viticultural Centre. Here are available to the public, who may taste our best wines, in one place, and at the same time learn all the important information on each wine. These wines may also be purchased, only by the individual bottle. An integral part of the exhibit is a store with gift packaging for the bottle, wine literature, tasting glasses, sommelier's equipment, etc.



KROMĚŘÍŽ

Unesco monument – gardens and chateau

The town of Kroměříž forms the centre of the eastern part of the Central Moravia region. It lies along the River Morava and was founded in around 1260.

Due to the large number of building monuments, a rich cultural life and tradition of teacher training, the town is called Hanakian Athens. The historical centre, dominated by the Velké náměstí (Big square), was given the status of urban historical reserve, and **the Kroměříž gardens and chateau given the status of UNESCO monuments.** It has a unique garden architecture of European importance.

The Archbishop's Chateau

– a national cultural monument – is undoubtedly the dominating feature and the major attraction for visitors. Impressive interiors, an old library and the treasures of the palace gallery with the works of world – famous masters (Tizian, Cranach, Veronese, Durer) are open to the public. Next to the chateau there is an inviting garden which contains exotic plants, several ornamental objects and a small ZOO. The wine cellars, founded by Bishop Bruno of Schaumburg in 1266, are spread over large areas directly under the Kroměříž chateau. The Czech King Charles IV. authorised these cellars to mass produce wine in 1345. Since that time, wine has been in mass production according to the Vatican standards. The wines are natural, unsweetened and not treated with chemicals.

The travel agency **CK Pressburg** – one of the biggest incoming travel agencies in the Czech and Slovak Republic and a specialist in congress tourism would like to thank you for your participation in our excursions. We hope you enjoyed them. Once more, thank you and we wish you a safe journey back home.

CK Pressburg – congress team

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OLOMOUC REGION

The Olomouc Region is extending in the North of Central Moravia and has a 104-km long international border with Poland. **The area** of 5139,3 km² ranks the Region eight among the CR's 14 regions, includes large protected areas Jeseníky (the Jeseníky Mountains) and Litovelské Pomoraví (the Litovel Lowland of the River Morava) accounting together for 10.8 % of the area (the national share of large protected areas is 14.7 %). The Region comprises the following Districts" Jeseník, Olomouc, Prostějov, Přerov and Šumperk. The highest point of the Region is Praděd (Mount Praděd, 1492 m above sea level) in the Jeseník District, while the lowest point is the surface of the River Morava at the town of Kojetín in the Přerov District.

The Olomouc Region has a rather **industrial character**, with the highest employment reported for the sectors of industry and construction. Employment in the sector of agriculture accounts for 8.1 %, which is by one half above the national average



(5.5.%). Predominant role is played by enterprises in the sector of general engineering, manufacture of fabricated metal products and manufacture of electrical and optical equipment. Other important sectors include textile industry, glass industry and manufacture of materials for construction purposes.



The 1997 **gross domestic product** per capita amounted to CZK 134 000, which was by 17.28 % lower than the national average. The share in the national GDP (5.2 %) ranks the Region eight in the CR.

The **average wage** in the Region amounts to CZK 11 892 and keeps below the national average which is 13 484.

The development of entrepreneurship is strongly conditioned by **transport accessibility**. The density of highway and motor-vehicle road network is 0.013 km/km² – the density of other roads is 0.688 km/km². While the distribution of rail network is rather even, highways and motor-vehicle roads are situated in the youth-central parts of the Region. The land transport accessibility within the Region is also ensured by railway network whose density is 0.113 km/km² (the national density is 0.120 km/km²). The town Přerov is an important railway node and a crossroads of two international railway high-speed corridors. The Olomouc Region has a **historical tradition** represented by many national heritage buildings, monuments and cultural establishments. Institutions of over-regional impact include Moravské divadlo (the Moravian Theatre), the Zoological Garden at the village of Svatý Kopeček, and number of museums and galleries about the Region. Another important institution is Státní vědecká

knihovna in Olomouc (the State Scientific Library in Olomouc), let alone the 549 local libraries in the lower-level territorial units. The Olomouc Region is a very interesting place for tourism. Visitors, foreigners as well as Czech nationals, come to experience exceptional landscape, to see nature formations, national heritage sights and other places of interest. There are many specific areas in the Region that are strongly linked to tourism: Jeseníky, Rychlebské hory (the Rychlebské Mountains), Javoříčské and Mladečské jeskyně (Javoříčské and Mladečské Caves). Moreover, a rather dense network of cycling tracks has been developed in the Region.

Frequented attractions of national heritage significance include castles, such as Bouzov, Velké Losiny, Jánský Vrch, Helfštýn, Úsov, Sovinec etc., and religious buildings as well.



BIOTRANS IN PICTURES

More pictures will be available at the BIOTRANS website – www.biotrans2003.upol.cz



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