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FOUNDATION OFFICER SELECTED TO ATTEND PRESTIGIOUS SLAVIC INSTITUTE

Don Bustion, Managing Director of the Slovak-American International Cultural Foundation, has been selected to attend the annual Slavic Studies Institute at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. The Institute, which is funded by the United States Department of State, provides an opportunity for scholars and others to gather and discuss important developments in the Slavic world. The University library holds the largest collection of Slavic materials in the United States, outside of Washington, D.C., and is the home to a number of renowned scholars in the field. This is the second consecutive year that Mr. Bustion has been awarded this special honor.

“I am pleased to receive this award. Attending this program at the University of Illinois is an important part of the work of our Foundation,” Mr. Bustion, an international lawyer and publishing company executive, noted from the offices of the Foundation near Chicago. “At the Institute, I will consult with colleagues and conduct important research in the library, which has a marvelous collection of Slovak materials,” Bustion also noted. Mr. Bustion also will address a symposium of Slavic Studies librarians from around the world on Slovak book publishing developments, including the Foundation’s efforts to make Slovak books available in North America.

The Slovak-American International Cultural Foundation, with headquarters in the Chicago area, promotes knowledge about the contributions of Slovakia and Slovak-Americans to the culture and history of the American people and the world. The Foundation, which is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization, will: (1) sponsor and promote Slovak artists and artworks; (2) encourage scholarship about Slovakia and the history of Slovak-Americans; (3) assist university libraries in Slovakia to acquire books and technology; and (4) provide technical assistance to the Slovak book publishing industry. The Foundation's site on the World Wide Web (www.slovakculture.org) includes a virtual museum of Slovak art and artists and a wide variety of information of interest to Slovak-Americans and others. The Foundation accepts tax-deductible support from the public, corporations, and government sources.

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