
**THE INTERNATIONAL MISCELLANY
ETHNOLOGIA SLOVACA ET SLAVICA**

The first volume of the international miscellany of Slavicists ETHNOLOGIA SLOVACA ET SLAVICA (until 1991 ETHNOLOGIA SLAVICA) was published at the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of Comenius University in Bratislava in 1970.

The foundation of the miscellany with a focus on Slavic studies was based on the traditions of the majority of humanities oriented to scientific subjects – to which ethnography and folklore studies also belonged – which focused on Slavic research and teaching of students with the emphasis on history, language and culture of Slavic nations.

This fact motivated professor Ján Podolák, whose ambition was to provide the ethnologists doing research in the field of Slavic ethnology (material, spiritual social and artistic culture) with a space for the exchange of research results and knowledge through an international journal. He aimed at making the research results of Slavic ethnology accessible to the non-Slavic scientific community.

Gradually the scientific but also territorial scope of the published articles (originally focused on the study of inter-ethnic relationships in the culture of the Slavs) has extended by the comparative studies of Slavic – non-Slavic cultures in the Central European context. For this reason the practice to publish studies and articles in English, German and French languages (with a more comprehensive resumé in the Slavic language of the author) proved to be very convenient.

Since the publication of its first volume these goals have been fulfilled due to the close collaboration of the members of its international editorial board consisting of the prominent representatives of Slavic and European ethnology such as J. Komorovský – one of the co-founders, M. Barjaktarovic, V. Belaj, B. Beneš, P. Bogatyrev, J. Burszta, K. V. Čistov, L. Droppová, V. Frolec, M. Gavazzi, M. Gladysz, F. Grieshofer, E. Horváthová, Z. Jasiewicz, M. Leščák, J. Kramařík, A. Kunachowicz-Zambrzycka, J. Michálek, A. Paládi-Kovács, Ch. Vakarelski, O. Sirovátka and others.

Besides publishing scholarly studies the aim of the miscellany is to inform a wide circle of international scholarly community on the most significant research programs, scholarly books and journals, research institutions and their activities and to pay attention to the important events in the lives of prominent representatives of Slavic ethnology. Each volume contains the following sections: *Recensio Librorum*, *Reviews*, *Biographical Notes*, *Information*.

In spite of our effort to maintain a regular periodicity of the miscellany (one volume a year) in the recent years the miscellany has been published irregularly for financial reasons. So far 33 volumes have come out.

At present the work on the 34th volume, dedicated to the 90th anniversary of ethnography and ethnology studies at Comenius University, is finishing.

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