

## MEETING OF GRADUATES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ETHNOLOGY FA CUB

The Department of Ethnology of the Faculty of Arts of Comenius University Bratislava (FA CUB) organized for the fifth time within the Week of Science and Technology, this time on 15 November 2022, a meeting of graduates. Unlike the previous two online meetings, this year the graduates of ethnology had the opportunity to join the meeting live in the faculty's seminar-room on Gondova Street, which many of them took advantage of. The hybrid form of the meeting also allowed to join graduates whose life paths have taken them to different parts of Slovakia and the world.



**Fig. 1**

*In the 1970s and 1980s the department was located on Zelená Street in Bratislava. From the seminary to the street was just a step. A group of students from the graduating class of 1987. Photo: Peter Horanský, 1985/1986.*

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Based on the publicly available CU database, graduates from years ending in the numbers "2" and "7", which were the anniversary year of their graduation, were searched. 124 graduates from 12 years matched these criteria. The organizers, Marta Botiková and Dominika Lešková, have contacted almost 50 of them and received feedback from approximately 30 graduates from 11 years - 1952, 1957, 1967, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017. We sent a letter of greetings to the well-known folklorist and artist Darina Laščiaková (née Gažová), who graduated in 1957 with a degree in combined study of ethnography and musicology. Among other graduates we can find successful university teachers, managers in the fields of culture and social life, as well as museum curators and researchers.



**Fig. 2**

*The study programme included museum practice in the Slovak National Museum – Ethnographic Museum in Martin. Winding fur coats; (from left) Katarína Popelková (née Magalová) and Juraj Zajonc. Photo: Peter Horanský, 1986.*

All the graduates were asked to answer two questions: What did the study of ethnology give you in and for your life? and a second question Do you remember your teachers and courses... And it doesn't matter if for better or worse... The intention of the meeting is not only to show how diverse the profession of graduates can be in practice, but also to enrich the department's Documentary Collection with biographical data of the graduates and photo documentation from the time of their university studies. The collected material also is used as a source for the preparation of an exhibition each year, which is always installed in the faculty corridors after the meeting.

## 1967 PhDr.

Obdivuhodná je knižná produkcia predstaviteľov tohto ročníka. Predstavujeme ukážky ich diel z našej seminárnej knižnice:



**Fig. 3**

*One of the results of our event is an exhibition.  
A banner dedicated to the life's work of the 1967 PhDr. graduates.  
Selection of publications: N. Holubová, photo: T. Madeja.*

Among the jubilee years were also included graduates from the years 1952 and 1967, who received the so-called small doctorate PhDr. in the field of ethnography at the FA CUB. Most of the representatives of these years are known as important personalities in the field of ethnology and museology, so special attention was paid to them in the meeting and exhibition.

- In 1952 these graduates received PhDr.: Božena Ida Filová (née Barabášová), Viera Anna Gašparíková, Anna Kostková (née Onderová), Ján Lešták, Estera Plicková, Ján Podolák.
- In 1967 these graduates received PhDr.: Emília Horváthová (née Čajánková), Ema Kahounová, Titus Kolník, Ján Michálek, Štefan Mruškovič, Viera Nosáľová (née Brychtová), Kliment Ondrejka, Jarmila Paličková (née Pátková), Anna Petrová (née Pleskotová), Irena Pišútová (née Hynie), Viera Urbancová.

From the mentioned years most of the colleagues passed away. Two graduates – Dr. Viera Gašparíková and Dr. Viera Nosáľová – were greeted indirectly by message or by letter. From their messages, we learned precious biographical memories of the times of youth and studies, as well as of their own life path in our field.

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This year's meeting had another special aspect due to the fact that we jointly commemorated 100 years since the beginning of the teaching of ethnography at the FA CUB, where the first lectures began in the academic year 1921/1922 in an independent ethnographic seminary.

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