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OVERVIEW OF PROJECT

During 1994-1997, the University of Delaware (UD) and the Slovak Agricultural University (SAU) cooperated in a USIA-funded program to establish a market economy-based business management training program at SAU. The program consisted of five components — classroom teaching, faculty development, curriculum development, outreach program development, and administrative structural development — and was largely a one-sided effort from UD to SAU. However, UD and SAU's collaborative relationship dates back to 1982 when Dr. Ladislav Kabat, a former rector of SAU, visited UD for one semester.

Over time UD and SAU have sustained their relationship with and without external funding. For example, Dr. Kabat returned to UD in a teaching capacity several times between 1988 and 1994 while at the same time UD faculty served as visiting lecturers at SAU and helped to develop and revise SAU's business and economics curricula. Most recently, UD faculty participated in conferences devoted to filling the academic needs of Central European agricultural universities, including SAU. In the Spring 1999 semester, UD sponsored an SAU faculty member during a sabbatical visit to UD. In addition, UD has provided financial support for several former SAU students in UD graduate programs, one of whom later became a teacher at SAU. In fact, after the 1994-1997 USIA-supported project, three SAU students received full funding of their graduate studies at UD.

In 1999 a new proposal was submitted to USIA for a new education exchange. This project was approved and funded for \$120,000 for three years. The current project consists of four components:

- Educational exchange - faculty and students from each university will teach and study at their respective partner universities. Courses will cover a variety of trade and resource economics topics, including Financial Management, Operations Research, Community Economic Development, International Agricultural Trade, and Environmental Law and Policy.
- Collaborative research - exchange faculty will work with host faculty to develop collaborative research projects on topics of mutual interest, including International Agricultural Trade, European Union Expansion, and Property Rights in Emerging Market Economies.
- Curriculum review and development - UD will evaluate the success of SAU's past curriculum updates and make suggestions for continued improvements. SAU will introduce to UD faculty a five-year curriculum concept that leads to a combined undergraduate/graduate major.
- Administrative development and modernization - UD will advise SAU as to budget decentralization and faculty governance, workload, and evaluation; SAU will discuss with UD the SAU process for selecting university administrators.

This program's focus on reciprocity promises to yield important benefits to both universities, including:

- Continued international educational partnership between the universities.
- For faculty, international teaching experience, enhancement of expertise and teaching skills, interaction with international colleagues.
- For students, study-abroad opportunities, exposure to a variety of teaching methods, strengthening of ties to the academic and research communities, and preparation for entering the global economy and environment.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**YEAR 1, August 1999 to August 2000**

- Project funded for three years, beginning August 23, 1999
- On October 2 through October 6 1999, Dr. Gempesaw and Dr. Ilvento traveled to Slovak Agricultural University (SAU) in Nitra to met with the reciprocal agreement partners and plan out the first year of the program.
- SAU Visitors to U.S. - January 5, 2000 through February 4, 2000
Dr. L'udmila Nagyová
Dr. Elana Horská
Ivana Dubecova

During their stay the participants enrolled in a week-long Problem Based Learning Class; presented research interests in a department seminar; met with faculty and students; visited the Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia; visited Princeton University; presented two lectures in FREC 150; conducted library research.

- UD Visitors to SAU
Dr. Josh Duke, Assistant Professor Feb 7 through March 4
Taught a course in environmental law; met with SAU faculty to discuss research interests; published a FREC Research report containing the student projects for the course.
Ryan Jost, FREC Graduate Student
Dr. Joachim Elterich, Emeritus Professor - April 13 to May 14, 2000
Taught a course in Managerial Economics to 32 students; met with SAU faculty
- UD Visitors to SAU June 15 through June 25, 2000
Provost Mel Schiavelli
Dean Nye, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Dr. Bobby Gempesaw, Vice-Provost for Academic and International Programs
Dr. Tom Ilvento

The purpose of the visit was to participate in a seminar with Rector and Deans of SAU in issues of faculty governance; budget decentralization in university budgets, capital campaign funding; five-year undergraduate/Master programs; and other issues. The workshop covered two sessions with presentations and participation from both universities. The visit also included visits to SAU facilities and meetings with potential candidates for the project in the second year.

- SAU visitors to U.S. - July 5 through August 5, 2000
Dr. Peter Fandel
Dr. Eleonora Marisove
Milan Beno, Ph.D. Graduate Student

Key activities included participation in a workshop in Best Practices in Faculty Development for Fandel and Marisova; learning the use of SAS (Beno), a visit to Senator Biden's Agricultural breakfast at the Delaware State Fair, participation in a department seminar, and attendance at the 2000 AAEA Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida (Fandel).

YEAR 2, January 2001 to August 2001

- SAU Administrative visitors to the U.S, January 6 through January 16, 2001
Rektor Imrich Okenka, Csc.
Dean Vladimír Gozora, Ph.D

Key activities included the attendance of a UD Chairs workshop, visits with President Roselle and Provost Schiavelli, meetings with Dean Nye (Agriculture and Natural Resources) and Dean Ginzberg (Business and Economics) and a visit with staff in Senator Biden's office in Washington D.C.

- SAU visitors to the U.S. January 6, through February 7
Peter Chrenka, graduate student in the Department of Management and Marketing
Pavol Toth, graduate student in the Department of Economics

Key activities included using SAS and giving a seminar on their Ph.D. research.

- UD Visitors to SAU March 29 through May 26, 2001
Joachim Elterich, Professor emeritus
Taught a course in Managerial Economics; met with SAU faculty; visit to Gregory Orr, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy in Bratislava; met with Mayor of Nitra and Mayor of Komarno to discuss possible regional projects
Jamie Kuklish, FREC Graduate Student
Assisted Dr. Elterich and worked on M.S. Thesis on the role of trade in Slovakia
Francis X. Tannian, Professor emeritus
Presented at three seminars to Department of Regional Development; ; visit to Gregory Orr, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy in Bratislava; met with Mayor of Nitra and Mayor of Komarno to discuss possible regional projects
Thomas W. Ilvento, Chair
Met to discuss the project, visit to Gregory Orr, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy in Bratislava; met with Mayor of Nitra and Mayor of Komarno to discuss possible regional projects
Scott Malcolm, Assistant Professor
Taught a course in Operations Research

- SAU visitors to UD July 2 through August 2, 2001
Dr. Maria Fazikova, Associate Professor of Regional Studies
Marian Felsen, graduate student
Marek Dorvak, Assistant Professor

Key activities included the discussion of a regional development project involving a web-based information system for planning. Marian Felsen secured a graduate assistantship in civil engineering at UD during his visit.

- Radavon Okenka enrolled as a graduate student in the Agricultural Economics M.S. Program in the Department of Food and Resource Economics

YEAR 3, January 2002 to August 2002

- SAU visitor to the U.S. January 2 through February 2, 2002
Peter Szovics, Assistant Professor

Key activities include attending a Learning by Applying New Technology Seminar at UD, attending a seminar on Micro-Soft Office Products, conducting a department seminar on current research, and a visit to a poultry operation.

- UD Visitors to SAU April 4 through April 15, 2002
Dr. Tom Ilvento, Chair
Richard Bacon, Director of Agricultural and Technology Education
Sara-Beth James, FREC Graduate student
Laura Csoboth, Natural Resource Management Undergraduate

Key activities included visits with the Agricultural Education program at SAU including a visit to a local high school; a seminar to the faculty of Agricultural Education on Agricultural and Technology Education and Problem Based Learning Strategies in Higher Education; visit to a cheese factory in Eastern Slovakia; discussions on a future training in SAS and a statistics certificate course.

- UD Visitors to SAU May 28 through June 22, 2002
Dr. John Pesek, Assistant Professor

Based on Spring visit, we arranged a special 5 day seminar in the use of SAS.

- SAU visitors to UD July 1 through August 20, 2002
Anna Bandlerova, Professor and Vice-Rector
Lubica Bartova, Associate Professor
Peter Fandel, Professor and Vice-Dean
Elenora Marsova, Assistant Professor

Key activities included work on a graduate student thesis committee, travel to the AAEE Annual Meeting, department seminar in inequality, and visits with faculty. Dr. Duke, Dr. Marsova and Dr. Bandlerova began a research project.

- Jana Slovinska and Martin Nota enrolled as graduate students in the Agricultural Economics M.S. Program in the Department of Food and Resource Economics

YEAR 4, January 2003 to September 2003 plus Elterich Trip, October 2003

- SAU Visitors to U.S. July 15 to August 14, 2003
 Jozef Repiský, Associate Professor Department of Statistics and Operations Research
 Patrik Rovný, Ph.D. Student Economics and Management
 Jural Cheben, Ph.D. Student Economics and Management
 Pavol Schwarcz, Ph.D. Student Economics and Management

Key activities included visits with faculty in Business, Economics, and Finance to discuss teaching methods

- Slavka Szombathova enrolled as a graduate student in the Agricultural Economics M.S. Program in the Department of Food and Resource Economics
- SAU Visitors to U.S. September 14 to 25, 2003
 Elenora Marsova, Associate Professor Department of Law

Key activities included visits with graduate student and UD Faculty for a thesis defense.

- U.S. Visitor to SAU October 10 to December 4 2003
 Joachim Elterich, Professor emeritus
 Taught a course in Managerial Economics; received an honorary degree from SAU. This was funded by the Department of Food and Resource Economics after the closing date because a Spring 2003 visit by Elterich was not possible due to hip replacement surgery.

RESEARCH EFFORTS SUPPORTED THROUGH THE PROJECT**Publications**

Duke, Joshua M. Environmental Conflict Resolution in Slovakia: Report of Student Research Reciprocal Education Exchange Program, FREC Research Reports, FREC RR00-01, 2000

Duke, Joshua M., Elenora Marisova, Anna Bandlerova and Jana Slovinska, *Price repression in the Slovak agricultural land market*, Land Use Policy, 21 (2004) 59-69

Managerial Economics Joachim Elterich, Emeritus Professor 2004
 A set of notes for his Managerial Economics course put together by Dr. Elterich and Martin Nota, a graduate student from Slovakia.

Web Site: <http://www.udel.edu/FREC/REEP/index.html>

Graduate Students and Theses Supported at the University of Delaware

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| Okenka, Radavon | Graduate Student from Slovakia | |
| Thesis: Customer Satisfaction and Credit Card Delinquencies. | | 2001 |
| Kuklish, Jaime I. | U.S Graduate Student | |
| The Role of Exports in the Economic Growth of Slovakia | | 2001 |
| Slovinska, Jana | Graduate Student from Slovakia | |
| What Explains the High Percentage of Agricultural Land in Slovakia Managed by Cooperatives | | 2003 |
| Nota, Martin | Graduate Student from Slovakia | |
| Estimation of the Slovak Beveridge Curve Using Regional Data | | expected Fall 2005 |
| Szombathova, Slavka | Graduate Student from Slovakia | |
| | | expected Fall 2005 |

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REPORT ON THE PLANNING TRIP

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On October 2 through October 6 1999, Dr. Gempešaw and Dr. Ilvento traveled to Slovak Agricultural University (SAU) in Nitra to meet with the reciprocal agreement partners and plan out the first year of the program.

Goals of the Visit:

Secure support from administrators from SAU
Develop a collaborative relationship between the Project Directors at both universities
Plan the process for visits for both universities
Interview prospective candidates (Professors and graduate students) from SAU to the University of Delaware
Discuss opportunities to address goals three and four of the project

Goal 1: Secure support from administrators at SAU. During the visit we met with the Rector Okenka to secure SAU administrative support for the project. We also met with Dean Gozora and Vice-Dean Bandlerova. During both visits the administrators expressed strong support for the program and its goals. We also discussed interest in a seminar for administrators and department chairs in late May or June to discuss decentralization, management styles, and faculty governance (Goal four of the project). The SAU administrators were very interested in the seminar and pledged to assist in setting it up and requesting the attendance of administrators.

Goal 2: Develop a collaborative relationship between the Project Directors at both universities. Peter Fandel is the Project Director at SAU. We met with Dr. Fandel over the course of our visit to discuss timing of visits, strategies of including graduate students, a plan of work for visitors from each university, and the proposed seminar for administrators. The relationship with Dr. Fandel is a continuing one from a previous grant and the level of cooperation is very high. Dr. Fandel arranged the meetings with administrators and with potential visitors from faculty and graduate students.

Goal 3: Plan the process for visits for both universities. Presentations were made to faculty and graduate students concerning the goals of the program and the process for selecting visitors. Those that were interested in visiting the University of Delaware were requested to submit a one-page description which included:

- The contributions you could make to this project
- The topics you could co-teach or present in seminar
- The research you are interested in
- The time of year you would prefer – January or June/July

Goal 4: Interview prospective candidates (Professors and graduate students) from SAU to the University of Delaware

The following faculty and graduate students submitted a proposal.

Slovakia Faculty

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|--------------------|--|
| Fáziková, Mária | Department of Regional Development |
| Pokrivcak, Jan | Department of Economics |
| Horská, Elana | Department of Management and Marketing |
| Bartova, Lubica | Department of Statistics and Operations Research |
| Bielik, Peter | Department of Economics |
| Marišová, Eleonóra | Department of Law |
| Nagyová, L'udmila | Department of Management and Marketing |
| Madarova, Ludmila | Department of Foreign Languages |
| Legesse, Debebe | Department of Economics |
| Zentková, Iveta | Department of Economics |
| Senbet, Tesfu | Department of Management and Marketing |
| Fandel, Peter | Department of Management and Marketing |

Slovakia Graduate Students

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|-----------------|---|
| Dubecova, Ivana | Department of Regional Development |
| Dvořák, Marek | Department of Law |
| Chrenka, Peter | Department of Management and Marketing |
| Beno, Milan | Department of Economics |
| Felsen, Marian | Department of Statistics and Operational Research |

Interviews were then set up for all those who submitted a proposal. Based on the proposals and the interviews the following people were invited to participate in the reciprocal visits:

January 2000 Visit

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| Ivana Dubecova | Department of Regional Development |
| Elena Horská, | Department of Management and Marketing |
| L'udmila Nagyová | Department of Management and Marketing |

July 2000 Visit

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| Peter Fandel | Department of Management and Marketing |
| Milan Beno | Department of Economics |
| Eleonóra Marišová | Department of Law |

We also decided that visitors from the University of Delaware would be Dr. Joshua Duke and his graduate student in February 2000 and Dr. Joachim Elterich in April 2000. Dr. Duke will teach a course in environmental law and Dr. Elterich will teach a course in production economics.

Goal 5: Discuss opportunities to address goals three and four of the project. The final goal of the planning trip was to begin the discussion on strategies for project goals three and four (listed below).

3. Curriculum review and development - UD will evaluate the success of SAU's past curriculum updates and make suggestions for continued improvements. SAU will introduce to UD faculty a five-year curriculum concept that leads to a combined undergraduate/graduate major.

4. Administrative development and modernization - UD will advise SAU as to budget decentralization and faculty governance, workload, and evaluation; SAU will discuss with UD the SAU process for selecting university administrators.

It was decided that we would explore the Fourth Project Goal this year through a seminar for administrators. We secured support from the SAU Project Director and SAU administrators. The general idea for the seminar was to provide a two day retreat to explore issues of decentralization, leadership styles, faculty governance, and faculty evaluation. The details of this seminar were worked out in the months following the planning trip. The tentative schedule for the seminar would be in June 2000.

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Based on the planning trip of October 1999 the following visitors and experiences were scheduled for the first year. This report provides an overview of each of the visits, including who the participants were, the purpose of the visit, the schedule of the visit, and key learning experiences.

Slovak Agricultural University January 2000 Visit

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| Ivana Dubecova | Department of Regional Development |
| Elena Horská, | Department of Management and Marketing |
| L'udmila Nagyová | Department of Management and Marketing |

Slovak Agricultural University July 2000 Visit

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|-------------------|--|
| Peter Fandel | Department of Management and Marketing |
| Milan Beno | Department of Economics |
| Eleonóra Marišová | Department of Law |

University of Delaware Spring 2000 Visit

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| Dr. Joshua Duke | Assistant Professor, Department of Food and Resource Economics | Taught a course in Environmental Law |
| Ryan Jost, | FREC graduate student | |
| Dr. Joackim Elterich | Emeritus Professor, Department of Food and Resource Economics | Taught a course in Production Economics |

University of Delaware Summer 2000 Visit

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| Dr. Thomas Ilvento | Associate Professor, Department of Food and Resource Economics |
| Dr. Conrado Gempesaw | Vice Provost for Academic Programs |
| Dean John Nye | Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources |
| Provost Mel Schivilli | Provost of the University of Delaware |

SLOVAK AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY JANUARY 2000 VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE**Ivana Dubecova**

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The first three guests from SAU came in January of 2000 for a one month stay. The purpose of the visits were to build an international experience, enhance teaching skills, provide opportunities for scholarly growth, and to build collaborative research projects. The schedule for the January 2000 visits are given below. We enrolled all three visitors in a week-long Problem Based Learning seminar (PBL) at the University of Delaware (paid for by Food and Resource Economics). The seminar was geared toward providing strategies and insights into using problem based learning techniques in university teaching. The PBL seminar included strategies, the use of the web as an interactive tool, Power Point Presentations, grading strategies, and other issues relating to problem based learning in the classroom. The participants provided a department seminar on *Present Agricultural Policy in Slovakia and Structural Changes within the European Integration Tendencies*. They also presented lectures in a Winter session course, FREC 150 010 Economics of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The first visit was very much a learning experience from UD's perspective. A key insight was the value of the research facilities at the University of Delaware, in particular the library facilities. The department provided library access to the visitors including the ability to check out books, a photo-copy card with \$50 of value for each of the visitors, and the purchase a text book of their choice for each of the visitors. The latter two expenses were provided from department funds. We also learned not to over-schedule the time of the visitors, but rather allow them time to experience the campus, use the facilities, and to meet with faculty and students.

Scheduled of January 2000 Visit

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| Jan. 11 | PA Farm Show, Harrisburg, PA | Leave at 7:30 |
| Jan 10-14 | Problem Based Learning Seminar | 9:00 to 4:00 |
| Jan 18 | Federal Reserve Trip to Philadelphia | Leave at 9:00 |
| Jan 20 | Department Seminar | 3:00 |
| Jan 21 | Fish Farm trip to Aberdeen MD | Leave at 1:00 |
| Jan 25 | Wall Street Trip to New York | Leave at 6:45 |
| Jan 27 | Trip to Princeton, NJ | Leave at 8:00 |
| Jan 31 | Lecture for FREC 150 | Elena Horská and Ludmila Nagyová |
| | Marketing and International Trade | |
| Feb 2 | Lecture for FREC 150 Regional Development | Ivana Dubecova |

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE SPRING 2000 VISIT TO THE SLOVAK AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY**Dr. Joshua M. Duke and Jost P. Jost, Research Assistant**

In February, Dr. Joshua M. Duke (assistant professor in Food and Resource Economics) and Ryan P. Jost (masters student and research assistant) visited the Slovak Agricultural University (SAU) from the University of Delaware.

Goals of the Visit

1. Teach Dr. Duke's Environmental Law and Policy class
2. Develop a collaborative relationship between visitors and SAU faculty
3. Begin research on resource and environmental property rights issues in Slovakia

Procedures and Accomplishments

Dr. Duke joined the Department of Law at SAU as a Visiting Associate Professor. Dr. Duke taught his class, Environmental Law and Policy, in English to fifteen undergraduate students in their third or fourth year of study. There were also five auditors. Of the twenty students, fourteen were Slovak, two were French, and four were Romanian. The class met for twelve hours per week for three weeks. Dr. Duke also had substantive contact with students outside of class.

The class was successful. As the attached syllabus shows, the students learned the basic tenets of U.S. environmental law from a text. More importantly, each student completed an individual research project on an environmental conflict. The student research papers are attached as a separate document.

Mr. Jost acted as class liaison. Mr. Jost assisted Dr. Duke in preparing lecture material, discussed class material with students outside of class, and gave a guest lecture on his thesis research.

From two visits to large agricultural operations and from interactions with the students and faculty at SAU, Dr. Duke was able to begin to articulate areas of future research study in Slovakia. Slovakia is just beginning to establish the institutions necessary for the government to make effective natural resource and environmental policy in a market economy. Of particular interest is the limited activation of the market for Slovak land. Identifying the causes of the inefficiencies in this market will be the research goal for the July visit. Dr. Duke and Professor Marisova will be collaborating on this project.

Note: Supplemental Materials for course and publication can be found in Appendix B.

Dr. Joackim Elterich Visit

Dr. Elterich has been involved with the Slovak Agricultural University since the early 1980s. During this period he has repeatedly taught a course in Managerial Economics at SAU. The course covers issues of market demand, supply and demand curves, factors of production, the role of capital, and issues involved in the transformation to a market economy. Dr. Elterich provides a unique perspective to this course given his long standing relationship with SAU and his international experience. This course is highly valued by the faculty and students at SAU because of the course content and the knowledge and experiences of the instructor. The course outline is included in the Appendix C of this report.

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE VISIT, SUMMER 2000 TO THE SLOVAK AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY IN NITRA

Part of this project is for administrators from each university to discuss strategies for administrative development and modernization, focusing on such topics as budget decentralization, faculty governance, workload and evaluation, the role of the university in service and outreach, alternative strategies in undergraduate and graduate degree, and alternative ideas in selecting university administrators. In June of 2000 a group from the University of Delaware traveled to the Slovak Agricultural University in Nitra. The purpose of the visit was to recognize the value of this collaborative effort, to share ideas on faculty governance and university management, and to build collaborative efforts for the future. Key discussions took place in a two day seminar of the U.S. participants along with the Rector and Deans of SAU. The seminar used a Learning Style Inventory as an opening discussion mechanism, recognizing the ways in which various disciplines and administration view problems. Administrators from UD and SAU presented ideas on university funding, faculty governance, and the organizational structure of higher education in both countries.

Slovakia Seminar

June 17-21, 2000

Nitra, Slovak Republic

June 17 Arrival in Vienna
June 18 Reception Dinner for Provost Melvyn D. Schiavelli
June 19 Seminar
 Introductory Remarks and Welcome
 Rector Okenka
 Provost Schiavelli

 Summary of the Relationship between SAU and UD
 Vice-Provost Gempesaw

 Learning Style Inventory
 Dr. Ilvento

 Presentation on Organizational Structure of Higher Education in the U.S.

 Perspectives on the U.S. System from:
 Perspective from the Provost
 Perspective from a Dean
 Perspectives from a Department Chair

 Organizational Structure in Slovak Republic Universities

 Perspectives on the Slovak Republic System from:
 Perspective from the Rector
 Perspective from the Dean
 Perspectives from Department Chair

June 20 Seminar Continued
 The Case for Budget Decentralization at the University of Delaware
 Provost Schiavelli

 Problem Solving Exercise

 Case Study for group discussion

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The second group of visitors to the University of Delaware arrived on July 5, 2000. The purpose of the visits were to build an international experience, enhance teaching skills, provide opportunities for scholarly growth, and to build collaborative research projects. The schedule for the July 2000 visits are given below. We enrolled the two professors in a four day seminar in best practices for faculty development at the University of Delaware (paid for by Food and Resource Economics). The seminar was geared toward providing strategies and insights into strategies to improve teaching and research by faculty. Milan Beno, a graduate student, began a self-taught series of exercises to use SAS (Statistical Analysis System). This effort was enhanced by getting Milan a computer account at the university and through the assistance of Dr. Pesek. The participants provided a department seminar on *Legal Regulation of Land Ownership and Land Lease, Efficiency of Farms of Various Legal Structures, Efficiency and Productivity of Agri-Businesses in Slovakia*. Dr. Peter Fandel attended the Annual Meeting of the American Agricultural Economics Association in Tampa, Florida (paid for by Food and Resource Economics).

As with the first group of visitors, the department provided library access to the visitors including the ability to check out books, a photo-copy card with \$50 of value for each of the visitors, and the purchase a text book of their choice for each of the visitors. The latter two expenses were provided from department funds.

Scheduled of July 2000 Visit

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| July 8 -12 | Best Practices in Faculty Development | Fandel, Marisova |
| July 10-15 | SAS Tutorial | Beno |
| July 16 | Picnic at the Provost's House (6:00 PM) | All |
| July 17 or 18 | Visit to Longwood Gardens | |
| July 24 | Visit to USIA in Washington Ilvento, Elterich) | (Fandel, Marisova, Beno, |
| July 25 | Downstate Trip | |
| July 26 | Senator Biden Breakfast and visit to DE State Fair | All |
| July 28 | Department Seminar - dinner at the Tannians | All |
| July 30 - Aug. 2 | AAEA Annual Meeting | Fandel |

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This report provides an overview of each of the visits scheduled in 2001, including who the participants were, the purpose of the visit, the schedule of the visit, and key learning experiences.

Slovak Agricultural University January 2001 Visit

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| Rektor Imrich Okenka, Csc. | Rector of the Slovak Agricultural University |
| Dean Vladimír Gozora, Ph.D | |
| Peter Chrenka, graduate student | Department of Management and Marketing |
| Pavol Toth, graduate student | Department of Economics. |

Slovak Agricultural University July 2001 Visit

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| Dr. Maria Fazikova, Associate Professor | Department of Regional Studies |
| Marian Felsen, graduate student | |
| Marek Dorvak, Assistant Professor | Department of Law |

University of Delaware Spring 2000 Visit

Joachim Elterich, Professor emeritus
Jamie Kuklish, FREC Graduate Student
Francis X. Tannian, Professor emeritus
Thomas W. Ilvento, Chair
Scott Malcolm, Assistant Professor

SLOVAK AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY JANUARY 2001 VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE**Imrich Okenka**

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In the second year we invited the Rector and Dean for a visit to continue discussions on faculty governance and the role of the university. The Rector and Dean participated in a Chairs Workshop along with visits with the President of the University of Delaware, the Provost, and the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. We also included visits to the Center for Demographic Studies and Survey Analysis, Continuing Education, and the Longwood Graduate Program to discuss various educational and service strategies at the University of Delaware.

The January visits also included two graduate students for a 30-day visit. The purpose of the visits were to build an international experience, enhance teaching skills, provide opportunities for scholarly growth, and to build collaborative research projects. The students were given leeway to build a scholarly study at the university and use the resources of the computer facilities and the library. Each student was also given instruction in SAS. The schedule for the January 2001 visits are given below. The graduate students participated in a department seminar entitled, *An Examination of the Structure of Graduate Education at the Slovak Agricultural University in Nitra*

and the University of Delaware: An Example Using the Thesis Topic of the Preparation of the Slovak Agricultural Enterprises to Join the European Union

The department provided library access to the visitors including the ability to check out books, a photo- copy card with \$50 of value for each of the visitors, and the purchase a text book of their choice for each of the visitors. The latter two expenses were provided from department funds.

Scheduled of January 2001 Visit

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| Jan 6 | Arrive in Philadelphia, |
| Jan 7 | Lunch with Ilvento Dinner at Elterich's house |
| Jan 8 | Check in to Foreign Student Office Dinner with Duke |
| Jan 9 | Chairs workshop 9:00 to 1:00 Meeting in the President's Office Meeting with Dean Ginzberg Dinner with Bobby and Clavel Gempesaw |
| Jan 10 | Meeting with Center for Demography and Survey Research Meeting with Richard Fisher in Continuing Education Dinner at John and Gloria Nye's House |
| Jan 11 | Meeting with Longwood Garden Director |
| Jan 12 | Visit to Washington to visit with staff in Senator Biden's Office |
| Jan 16 | Depart for Slovakia from Philadelphia. Okenka and Gozora |
| Feb 5 | Department Seminar, Toth and Chrenka |
| Feb 6 | Depart for Slovakia from Philadelphia, Toth and Chrenka |

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE SPRING 2001 VISIT TO THE SLOVAK AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

During the Spring of 2001 five visitors from the University of Delaware traveled to Nitra. Dr. Elterich taught his Managerial Economics course in the Spring. Jamie Kuklish, a Food and Resource Economics Graduate Student, traveled to Nitra to assist Dr. Elterich in his course and to build a Slovakian experience to help place a context to her M.S. thesis on the role of trade in the Slovakian economy. Dr. Rhonda Hyde was unable to travel during spring 2001, so Dr. Scott Malcolm went in her place to teach a course in Operations Research.

In addition Dr. Thomas Ilvento and Dr. Francis Tannian (Emeritus Faculty) traveled to Nitra to begin discussions to build a regional development project with our counterparts in Nitra. The goal of the visit was to further discuss the use of a regional data base for problem solving in regional development issues. As part of this visit we discussed this idea with U.S. Embassy officials, faculty in the department of regional development, and two mayors in Slovakia (Mayor of Nitra and Mayor of Komarno). The visits with Slovakian Mayors was very insightful. Our discussions focused on the value of

university-based applied research to help cities deal with economic development problems. This type of partnership, which is fairly common in the U.S., had very little experience in Slovakia. The mayors were open to this approach, but also wary. They had very little additional funds to help support project from the university.

Dr. Joackim Elterich Visit

Dr. Elterich has been involved with the Slovak Agricultural University since the early 1980s. During this period he has repeatedly taught a course in Managerial Economics at SAU. The course covers issues of market demand, supply and demand curves, factors of production, the role of capital, and issues involved in the transformation to a market economy. Dr. Elterich provides a unique perspective to this course given his long standing relationship with SAU and his international experience. This course is highly valued by the faculty and students at SAU because of the course content and the knowledge and experiences of the instructor. The course outline is included in the Appendix C of this report.

Scheduled of Spring 2001 Visit

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| March 29 | Elterich departs |
| March 30 | Elterich arrives in Vienna |
| April 2 - May 4 | Elterich Class begins |
| April 5 | Kuklish, Jaime (graduate student) departs from Philadelphia |
| April 18 | Tannian, Ilvento, depart from Philadelphia |
| April 20 | Meet with US Embassy officials in Bratislava (Gregory Orr) |
| April 23-25 | Visit with Rector Okenka and Dean Gozora |
| | Visit with Mayors - possibly Nitra and Komarno |
| | Discuss future visits of REEP program |
| | Visits with previous REEP Visitors |
| April 26 | Ilvento and Kuklish depart |
| April 30 | Malcolm Course starts |
| May 4 | Elterich course ends |
| May 5 | Tannian departs |
| May 26 | Malcolm course ends |

**SLOVAK AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY JULY 2001 VISIT TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE****Maria Fazikova**

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The second group of visitors to the University of Delaware in 2001 arrived on July 1, 2001. The purpose of the visits were to build an international experience, enhance teaching skills, provide opportunities for scholarly growth, and to build collaborative research projects. The schedule for the July 2000 visits are given below. Key activities included the frequent and directed discussions on a regional development project involving a web-based information system for planning. This followed the discussions and activities of the Spring UD visit to Nitra. Marian Felsen secured a graduate assistantship in civil engineering at UD As with previous participants, we provided opportunities for visitors to begin a self-taught series of exercises to use SAS (Statistical Analysis System). The participants provided a department seminar on their research interests.

As with other visitors, the department provided library access to the visitors including the ability to check out books, a photo-copy card with \$50 of value for each of the visitors, and the purchase a text book of their choice for each of the visitors. The latter two expenses were provided from department funds.

Scheduled of July 2001 Visit

July 2 Arrival to Philadelphia
July 3 Visit with Dr. Ilvento about schedule
July 4 Fireworks at UD
July 6 Dinner at Jock and Martha Elterich's house
July 9 Begin training in SAS Felsen and Dvorak
July 12 Trip to Washington D.C.
July 19 - 28 Delaware State Fair
July 27 Department Seminar
August 2 Depart for Slovakia

Reciprocal Educational Exchange Between The University of Delaware and Slovak Agricultural University

REPORT ON THE THIRD YEAR, 2002

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This report provides an overview of each of the visits scheduled in 2002, including who the participants were, the purpose of the visit, the schedule of the visit, and key learning experiences.

Slovak Agricultural University January 2002 Visit

Peter Szovics, Assistant Professor.

Slovak Agricultural University July 2002 Visit

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| Dr. Anna Bandlerova, Professor and Vice-Dean | Department of Law |
| Lubica Bartova, Associate Professor Operations Research | Department of Statistics and Operations Research |
| Peter Fandel, Associate Professor | |
| Elenora Marsova, Associate Professor | Department of Law |

University of Delaware Spring 2002 Visit

Thomas W. Ilvento, Chair
Richard Bacon, Director of Agricultural Education
Sara-Beth James, Graduate Student
Laura Csboth, Undergraduate Student
John Pesek, Assistant Professor

SLOVAK AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY JANUARY 2002 VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

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In the second year only one visitor came to the University of Delaware. In the uncertainty following September 11 several scheduled visitors decided to delay their visit to UD.

The sole January visitor was Peter Szovics. Dr. Szovics built a customized program taking advantage of the resources at the University of Delaware. Dr. Szovics built a customized program to learn SAS, participated in a problem based learning course, and a Micro-Soft Office Products course and visited a poultry operation. He conducted a department seminar on his research.

The department provided library access to Dr. Szovics including the ability to check out books, a photo- copy card with \$50 of value, a computer account and the purchase of a text book of his choice to take home. The latter two expenses were provided from department funds.

Scheduled of January 2002 Visit

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| January 3 | Arrival to Philadelphia | |
| January 4 | Visit with Dr. Ilvento about schedule | |
| January 6 | Dinner at Tibor's house | |
| January 7 | Attending Learning by Applying New Technology Seminar at UD | |
| January 9 | Meeting with Josh Duke | |
| January 10 | Dinner at Ilvento's | |
| January 11 | Pierson Hall Seminar on Micro-Soft Office Products | |
| January 14 | Meet with Hastings | |
| January 15 | Dinner at Jock and Martha Elterich's house | |
| January 16 - 22 | Trip to Mexico City to visit a colleague | |
| January 28 | Department Seminar | |
| February 1 | Visit to RASP Farms to see a poultry operation | |
| February 2 | Leave for Philadelphia at departs at 6:05 PM | Return home |

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE SPRING 2002 VISIT TO THE SLOVAK AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

Originally, Dr. Elterich was scheduled to teach his Managerial Economics course but was unable to travel due to hip replacement surgery. The course was rescheduled for Fall 2003. Dr. Rhonda Hyde was also scheduled to teach Operations Research but was unable to travel during spring 2002.

During the Spring of 2002 four visitors from the University of Delaware traveled to Nitra, Dr Tom Ilvento, Dr, Richard Bacon, Sara-Beth James (graduate student) and Laura Csboth (undergraduate student). This visit was changed to due to other personnel not being able to travel. Dr. Ilvento and Bacon agreed to conduct a seminar on Problem Based Learning approaches in the classroom and on Agricultural and Technology Education. Ilvento and Bacon also discussed the use of SAS in their UD graduate program and the recent success of a Statistics Certificate Course as an outrea course at the University of Delaware. SAU had recently entered into an agreement with SAS (Statistical Analysis System) to use their software. SAS is a powerful database and statistical software that is used by many companies to manage data. As a result of these discussions we arranged a later visit of Dr. John Pesek from UD to teach a five day seminar in SAS in June, 2002. Dr. Bacon used this trip to begin discussions with the Agricultural and Technology Education program in SAU and to visit a local secondary school. We hope to use these contacts to develop future collaborations.

Dr. John Pesek visited SAU in June 3-7 to teach a seminar in SAS.

Scheduled of Spring 2002 Visit

April 5 Pick-up in Vienna

Meet with Dean Gozora
Dinner with Rector Okenka

April 6 A trip to Budapest

April 8 Meet with Peter Fandel to update project
Meet with rector Okenka
Depart for Rackova Dolina, High Tatras

April 10 Visit to Cheese manufacturing processor

April 11 Seminar on agricultural education and problem based learning:

Dr. Thomas ILVENTO and Dr. Richard BACON
doc.PhDr. Emilia Fulkova, CSc

Mgr. Silvia Pokrivcakova, Dept. of Agricultural Education
Visit to local High School Agricultural Education Program

Reception for REAP participants

April 12 Meet with Ladislav KABAT, Lubica BARTOVA and Beata STEHLIKOVA and talk about opportunities in SAS

Dr. Thomas ILVENTO meet with Magdalena Lacko-Bartosova, Ondrej Debreceni and Alojz Kubek at School of Agronomy to discussed visit

April 14 Return to Delaware

May 30 Pesek departs for Slovakia
June 3 SAS workshop begins
June 10 SAS workshop is completed

SLOVAK AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY JULY 2002 VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

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Scheduled of July/August 2002 Visit

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| July 1 | Arrival to Philadelphia | Bandlerova and Bartova |
| July 2 | Visit with Dr. Ilvento about schedule | Bandlerova and Bartova |
| July 4 | Fireworks at UD | |
| July 5 | Lunch w Vice-Provost Gempesaw and Dean Ginzberg | Bandlerova |
| | Trip to Lancaster | Bartova |
| | Meeting with Dr. Valents, Dinner at Elterich | |
| July 9 | Meeting with Duke and Slovinska about Land Use | Bandlerova |
| July 10 | Lunch with Dean Morgan, Blue and Gold Club | Bandlerova and Bartova |
| July 15 | Bandlerova departs for airport | |
| | Innovations in General Education Workshop | Ilvento and Bartova |
| July 16 | Innovations in General Education Workshop | Ilvento and Bartova |
| July 17 | Trip to Longwood Gardens | Bartova |
| July 22 | Fandel and Marsova arrive in Philadelphia | |
| July 23 | Lunch with Hoffman and Miller from Economics | Barova, Fandel, Marsova |
| July 23 | Meeting with Duke and Slovinska about Land Use | Marsova |
| July 24 | Department Seminar | Bartova |
| | Inequality and Poverty | |
| July 25 | Trip to Washington, D.C. to visit Cochran Program | Marsova, Bartova, Fandel |
| July 25 | Marsova begins Cochran Program at MSU | |
| July 28 | AAEA Meeting in Long Beach, CA | Fandel and Ilvento |
| July 30 | Bartova departs for Slovakia | |
| July 31 | Fandel and Ilvento return from Long Beach | |
| August 10 | Marsova returns from Michigan | |
| | August 20 | Fandel and Marsova depart for Slovakia |

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Due to travel restrictions and anxieties from September 11, 2002, Reciprocal Educational Exchange Between The University of Delaware and Slovak Agricultural University was extended for one additional year. Even so, it was difficult to arrange additional visits because of general concerns about travel on both sides. This report provides an overview of the visits scheduled in 2003, including who the participants were, the purpose of the visit, the schedule of the visit, and key learning experiences.

Slovak Agricultural University July 2003 Visit

Jozef Repiský, Associate Professor

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Patrik Rovný, Ph.D. Student

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Jural Cheben , Ph.D. Student

Economics and Management

Pavol Schwarcz, Ph.D. Student

Economics and Management

Slovak Agricultural University September 2003 Visit

Elenora Marsova, Associate Professor

Department of Law

University of Delaware Spring 2003 Visit

Scheduled faculty were not able to visit

University of Delaware Fall 2003 Visit

Joachim Elterich, Professor emeritus

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Goals of Visit

- Meet with faculty and graduate students to discuss research and teaching interests
- Participate in department functions;
- Further their own research through scholarly activity.

The department provided library access to the visitors including the ability to check out books, a photo- copy card with \$50 of value, a computer account and the purchase of a text book of his choice to take home. The latter two expenses were provided from department funds. During this visit the guests did not present a department seminar due to the their personal interests of visiting faculty on campus and the time of year.

Scheduled Dates

July 15 Arrival in Washington
 Pickup by Ilvento, return to Newark
July 16 Visit with Dr. Ilvento about schedule
 Visit with Elterich
July 17 Dinner with Elterich – Repisky
July 23 Dinner at Ilvento's
July 25 Day trip to Baltimore
July 28 to Visitors meet with faculty in Business, Finance, and Economics to discuss courses
August 8
August 12 Dinner at Jock and Martha Elterich's house
August 13 Sussex County Farm and Field Day
August 14 Depart for Slovakia

The department provided library access to the visitors including the ability to check out books, a photo- copy card with \$50 of value, a computer account and the purchase of a text book of his choice to take home. The latter two expenses were provided from department funds.

SLOVAK AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY SEPTEMBER 2003 VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE**Elenora Marišová**

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Goals of Visit

- Meet with faculty and graduate students to discuss research and teaching interests
- Attend a thesis defense of Jana Slovinska, What Explains the High Percentage of Agricultural Land in Slovakia Managed by Cooperatives
- Further her own research through scholarly activity.

The department provided library access to Dr. Marisova including the ability to check out books, a photo- copy card with \$50 of value, a computer account and the purchase of a text book of her choice to take home. The latter two expenses were provided from department funds. During this visit the guest did not present a department seminar due to the her prime interest in assisting a MS thesis defense for a former Slovakian student. Dr Marisova served on Jana Slovinka's thesis committee for the thesis: What Explains the High Percentage of Agricultural Land in Slovakia Managed by Cooperatives.

Scheduled of September 2003 Visit

September 14 Arrival to Philadelphia
September 15 Visit with Dr. Ilvento about schedule
September 16 Meet with Duke and Slovinska
September 19 Meet with Duke and Slovinska
September 23 Jana Slovinska's Thesis Defense
September 25 Depart for Slovakia

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE OCTOBER 2003 VISIT TO SLOVAK AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY**Dr. Joackim Elterich Visit**

Dr. Elterich has been involved with the Slovak Agricultural University since the early 1980s. During this period he has repeatedly taught a course in Managerial Economics at SAU. The course covers issues of market demand, supply and demand curves, factors of production, the role of capital, and issues involved in the transformation to a market economy. Dr. Elterich provides a unique perspective to this course given his long standing relationship with SAU and his international experience. This course is highly valued by the faculty and students at SAU because of the course content and the knowledge and experiences of the instructor.

**The Department of Food and Resource Economics
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
University of Delaware**

The Department of Food and Resource Economics carries on an extensive and coordinated program of teaching, organized research, and public service in a wide variety of the following professional subject matter areas:

Subject Matter Areas

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| Agricultural Finance | Natural Resource Management |
| Agricultural Policy and Public Programs | Operations Research and Decision Analysis |
| Environmental and Resource Economics | Price and Demand Analysis |
| Food and Agribusiness Management | Rural and Community Development |
| Food and Fiber Marketing | Statistical Analysis and Research Methods |
| International Agricultural Trade | |

The department's research in these areas is part of the organized research program of the Delaware Agricultural Experiment Station, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Much of the research is in cooperation with industry partners, other state research stations, the USDA, and other State and Federal agencies. The combination of teaching, research, and service provides an efficient, effective, and productive use of resources invested in higher education and service to the public. Emphasis in research is on solving practical problems important to various segments of the economy.

The department's coordinated teaching, research, and service program provides professional training careers in a wide variety of occupations in the food and agribusiness industry, financial institutions, and government service. Departmental course work is supplemented by courses in other disciplines, particularly in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the College of Business and Economics. Academic programs lead to degrees at two levels: Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science. Course work in all curricula provides knowledge of tools and techniques useful for decision making. Emphasis in the undergraduate program centers on developing the student's managerial ability through three different areas, Food and Agricultural Business Management, Natural Resource Management, and Agricultural Economics. The graduate program builds on the undergraduate background, strengthening basic knowledge and adding more sophisticated analytical skills and business capabilities. The department also cooperates in the offering of an MS and Ph.D. degrees in the inter disciplinary Operations Research Program. In addition, a Ph.D. degree is offered in cooperation with the Department of Economics.

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