

L. Jeleček's report on his activities as a ESEH regional representative for Czechia and Slovakia in 2010–2011

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Unlike the countries of Western Europe and North America the environmental history has been developed in Czechia and Slovakia (to a lesser extent at least,) notably in disciplines such as historical geography, climatology, landscape ecology, historical land-use, archaeology (particularly the medieval and of new age one), and environmentalism. Recently there has been a significant and welcomed change in the both countries historiographies, i.e. increase of research of topics related more or less to EH themes. In that progress has been playing an important role Section for Historical Geography and Environmental History of the Czech Geographical Society (founded in 2003, member of ICEHO) and its cooperation with the Commission for Historical Geography at the Institute of History, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (common projects, seminars etc.). As for Slovakia meanwhile rather on the level of cooperation with individual researchers than with scientific bodies. The Internet journal for historical geography and environmental history Klaudyán (<http://www.klaudyán.cz>) has been facing with deficiency of manuscripts. It was caused by situation in which authors prefer publishing either in impacted journals mainly in abroad, or in Czech or Slovak scientific journals involved in special governmental board created directory, which guarantees them obtaining of special assessment points they have the same purpose as proper impacts. Many Czech historical geographers and environmental historians have been also involved in the processing of voluminous national "Landscape Atlas of the Czech Republic", Prague 2009. Since mid-2009 year considerable effort we devote to prepare the 15th International Conference of Historical Geographers to be held in August 6–10, 2012 in Prague, Charles University Faculty of Science, which will take place at the same building like 2nd ESEH IC in 2003. This conference will be the first ICHG held in the post-communist state (for more info see <http://www.ichg2012.cz>). The conference LOC chairman is Pavel Chromý, whom we are nominating to the duty of the ESEH regional representative for Czechia and Slovakia for the ongoing Leoš Jeleček.

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