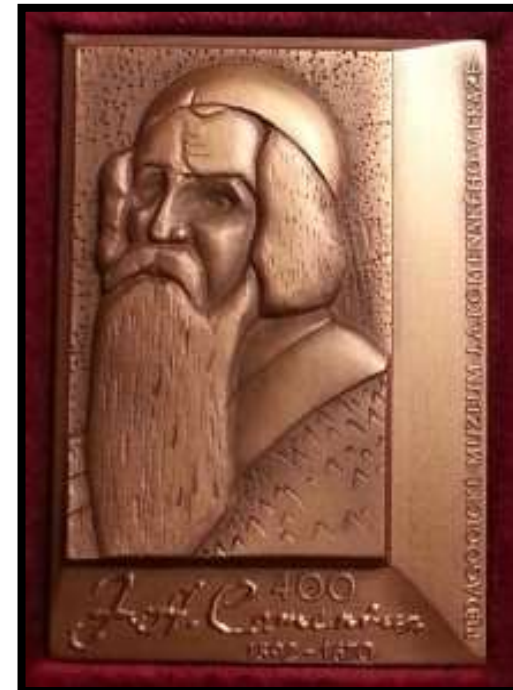


2017 Conference of The Comenius Academic Club

PROGRAM

Friday, June 23, 2017

- 2:00 pm** **REGISTRATION**
- 2:45 pm** **OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**
- 3:00 pm** **AMERICA 2017**
Moderator: Vlado Šimko, State University of
New York, USA
- 2017 US Healthcare Reform?***
Leslie D. Hirsch, Saint Peter's Healthcare System,
New Jersey, USA
- US Higher Education in the Trump Era: Chaos
or Continuity***
Barron Boyd, Rhodes College, Tennessee, USA
- 5:45 pm** **COMENIUS MEDAL AWARD**
Markéta Pánková, National Pedagogical Museum
and Library of J.A. Comenius, Prague, Czech
Republic
- 6:00 pm** **OPENING OF THE EXHIBIT**
***From the Czech Silver Thaler to the American
Dollar***
Petr Vorel, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic
- 6:30 pm** **RECEPTION - MEMBERS ONLY**



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Saturday, June 24, 2017

- 9:30 am** **NEW TRENDS IN BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY AND SMART MATERIALS**
Moderator: Karel Raška, Jr., Rutgers University and Saint Peter's University Hospital, New Jersey, USA
- Symmetry - A Blueprint for Nature*
Josef Paldus, University of Waterloo, Canada
- Structure and Dynamics of Polycarbonyl Bodies*
Ivan Raška, Charles University, Czech Republic
- 11:00 am** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:30 am** *Host Targeted Drugs: A New Antiviral Paradigm*
Thomas E. Shenk, Princeton University, New Jersey, USA
- Titanium Dioxide Nanotubes: Versatile Material for Applications*
Jan Macák, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic
- 1:00 pm** **LUNCH BREAK**
- 3:00 pm** **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CLUB - MEMBERS ONLY**
- 4:30 pm** **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**
Evaluation of Higher Education and Funding of Science in the Czech Republic
Moderators: Jiří Málek, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic
Jiří Drahoš, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague
- 6:30 pm** **CONFERENCE BANQUET**

Sunday, June 25, 2017

- 9:30 am** **INTEGRATION, DISINTEGRATION AND CONSOLIDATION IN THE HISTORY OF CENTRAL EUROPE**
Moderator: Jaroslav Pánek, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague
- Conditions for Integration of Central Europe at the End of the Middle Ages*
Petr Vorel, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic
- Habsburg Monarchy - An Attempt of Dynastic Integration of Central Europe*
Jaroslav Pánek, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
- 11:00 am** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:30 am** *New Era Nationalism and Problems of Co-Existence*
Zdeněk David, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC, USA
- Transformation of Central Europe in the 20th Century*
Delia Popescu, Le Moyne College, New York, USA