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Toto číslo vexilologického zpravodaje **vexiINFO** má jiný obsah než čísla předchozí. Je věnováno účastníkům XVII. mezinárodního vexilologického kongresu v Kapském městě. Proto je hlavní text napsán v angličtině a tento sloupek naopak česky.

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### KDO JE KDO V ČESKÉ VEXILOLOGII

Hlavní část zpravodaje tvoří hesla, která jsou věnována českým vexilologům. Obsahují základní biografická data a uvádějí jejich vexilologické aktivity.

### VEXILOLOGICKÉ SPOLEČNOSTI V ČESKÉ REPUBLICĚ

Článek přináší základní informace o českých vexilologických společnostech - pražském Vexilologickém klubu a královéhradeckém Středisku vexilologických informací.

### VLAJKY ČESKÝCH VEXILOLOGICKÝCH SPOLEČNOSTÍ

Sloupek popisuje vlajky českých vexilologických společností.

# WHO IS WHO IN CZECH VEXILLOLOGY

In this special issue of **vexiINFO** you can read information about vexillology in the Czech Republic. Articles are created on the basis of entries from the Vexillological lexicon which was issued at spring this year.

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## Baar, Vladimír

Born 25 May 1953 and graduated in Geography at the Komenský University in Bratislava (Slovakia). Lives in Havířov (Northern Moravia) and is employed as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Ostrava (Northern Moravia). Wrote a two volume booklet on Czech symbols for pupils (Státní a zemské symboly v Českých zemích, 1993). Two of his manuscripts, Barevný svět vlajek (The Colour World of Flags), in Czech, and Velká encyklopedie vlajek (The Great Book of Flags), in Slovak, still seek a publisher. Interested mainly in state and regional vexillology and heraldry.

## Brožek, Aleš

b. 22 May 1952 and graduated in Chemistry from the Institute of Chemical Technology in Prague. Lives in Ústí n.L. (Northern Bohemia) and is Director of the State Research Library. Founding member of the Czech Vexillological Society, its first Secretary and Editor of its periodical *Vexilologie* (1972-1975, 1983 to the present). Has written more than 200 articles on flags, prepared colour flag plates for the 6th volume of the encyclopedia *Malá československá encyklopedie* (Small Czechoslovak Encyclopedia, 1987), actualized the book *Flags of the World* by N. Smith and translated it into Czech in 1996. A member of the Heraldry Commission of the Czech Parliament (actively participated in the process of adopting the new symbols for the Czech Republic) and a designer of several Czech municipal flags. Interested mainly in computer aided vexillology and compiling flag bibliographies (his yearly lists were published in *Flaggenmitteilungen* in 1988-1992 and in the *Flag Bulletin* since 1993). He delivered lectures at the ICV in Vienna, Madrid, Oxford, Barcelona, Zurich, and Warsaw.

## Černý, Karel

b. 6 June 1953 and has been living in Plzeň (Western Bohemia). He is engaged in the employment office in Plzeň. He has been publishing the yearly *Zápisník vexilologie* since 1994 where he brings newspaper cuttings and short articles on municipal flags. He occasionally writes articles on flags to regional newspapers and designs municipal flags for the region of Western Bohemia. He is interested in state and national flags.

## Česák, Josef

b. 3 June 1921, commercial engineer fluent in many foreign languages. Now retired, he lives in a village in Czech Paradise (Eastern Bohemia). His passion for philately gave cause for his interest in flag symbolism. His contacts with W. Smith lead to the foundation of the Czech Vexillological Society. Thanks to numerous articles he published in *Vexilologie* and in foreign flag periodicals he gained recognition for the development of the Czech vexillology and is called the "Father of the Czech Vexillology". Co-author (with J.Tenora) of a multilingual dictionary (Terms and Stylistic Constructions Used in Vexillology, 1990).

## Exner, Petr

b. 1 May 1950 and graduated with a degree in Economy at the University of Economics in Prague. Lives in Hradec Králové (Eastern Bohemia) and is the Head of automation department of the University of Pedagogics there. A member of the Czech Vexillological Society since 1975 and a member of its board responsible for congresses since 1995. He founded the Flag Data Centre and publishes *vexiINFO*. He compiled (together with J.Tenora) a manual of vexillology (*Vexilologický lexikon*, 1996) and organized the 1st Czech National Vexillological Congress in Hradec Králové in 1996. He is an author of Czech Vexillological Pages on the Internet. Specializes in computer aided vexillology. He took part at the ICV in Zurich.

## Fojtík, Pavel

b. 18 December 1954 and graduated from the Faculty of Film and Television in the Academy of Arts in Prague. He lives in Prague as a script-writer and director of documentary films. A member of the Czech Vexillological Society since 1972, a member of the board since 1973, a member of the Heraldry Commission of the Czech Parliament since 1996. Author of the so called *Vexillological Letters* (an irregular supplement to *Vexilologie*) and of a *Survey of Changes in the Territory of the Former Soviet Union*. Regularly contributes to *Vexilologie* and produced a documentary film *Symbols of the Czech Independence* (1993). Co-author of a book *Státy a území světa* (States and Territories of the World, 1996). Interested in the history of state and regional symbols as well as in Czech vexillology.

## Klimeš, Roman

b. 2 November 1948. He left Czechoslovakia in 1976 and has been living in Germany where he studied slavistics and political sciences at the University in Bonn. A founder of the World Vexillological Research Institute (1992) which publishes loose-leaves with data on new flags and arms under the title *Flaggen, Wappen und Siegel* (since 1986). Delivered lectures at the ICV in Madrid, Barcelona, Zurich and Warsaw. He is interested in flags, arms and seals of the Baltics, the region of the Pacific and Czechoslovakia. He regularly contributes to *Vexilologie* and other flag periodicals.

## Louda, Jiří

b. 3 October 1920. A world-famous heraldist and a member of the Czech Vexillological Society since 1972. Wrote several heraldry books which were translated into German, French and English. Author of a book *Flaggen und Wappen der Welt von A-Z* (1972) containing his key to flag determination. A member of the Heraldry Commission of the Czech Parliament since 1991, author of the drawing of the Lesser and Greater Arms of the Czech Republic and of the Czech Presidential Flag. Designed many dozens of municipal arms and flags and regularly contributes to *Vexilologie*.

## Martykán, Jaroslav

b. 14 July 1948 and graduated with a degree in Economics at the University of Economics in Prague. Works for the export company Škodaexport in Prague. A member of the Czech Vexillological Society since 1972, a member of its board since 1976, editor of *Vexilologie* (1975-1983) and Vice-President since 1995. He is interested in state, municipal, sport and other flags and banners used in the territory of the Czech Republic. He

wrote a series of articles on the flags of the heads of the states and of sport clubs for *Vexilologie*. He took advantage of his official journey to Turkey for writing some articles on the history of Turkish flags. He took part at the ICV in Zurich.

## Mucha, Ludvík

b. 29 June 1927 and graduated from the Faculty of Philosophy and History of the Charles University. Read lectures on cartography and mathematical geography at the Faculty of Natural History in Prague where he lives. He wrote numerous professional articles and has been a member of some foreign geographical societies. His work on the geographic book *Celým světem* (1958) gave cause to his interest in vexillology. He wrote articles on this subject for the geographic magazine *Lidé a země* and he founded the Czech Vexillological Society with its readers in 1972. He has been President of this society since that time. After entering into relations with foreign vexillologists he elucidated Czech vexillology to the world. He wrote a book *Flags and Arms of the World* in 1975 which appeared in three Czech editions and four more English ones. He is a co-author (with heraldist K. Liška) of the book *Klíč k našim městům* (Key to Our Towns, 1979) which dealt with seals, flags and arms of Czech district towns. He prepared colour flag plates for the 3rd volume of *Ilustrovaný encyklopedický slovník* (Prague 1982) and wrote entries for some dictionaries and encyclopedias where the word "vexilologie" appeared for the first time. He designed a flag for the town of Ivančice and uses a book plate made by the Czech heraldist Zd.M.Zenger which expresses Mucha's relation to the Czech Vexillological Society.

## Svoboda, Zbyšek

b. 20 November 1932 and graduated in History (history of Czechoslovakia and in general) from the Faculty of Philosophy of the Charles University in Prague. He administered the collection of flags, uniforms and awards in the Army Museum in Prague in 1960-1995. He specialized mainly in the period of the late 18th century and the 19th century. He is a founding member of the Czech Vexillological Society and a member of its board since 1972. He prepared the *Czech Vexillological Terminology* (1973) and designed the flag of the Czech Vexillological Society (1975). He wrote a number of articles on the army flags and on the history of the Czechoslovak state symbols. He is the author of three vexillology books: (*Československá státní a vojenská symbolika*, 1991, *Naši vojáci v zahraničí*, 1994, *Czech state and military symbols*, 1996). He is a member of the Heraldry Commission of the Czech Parliament since 1991 and designed several dozens of municipal flags. He participated in the creation of new laws on Czechoslovak and Czech symbols and state awards. He actively took part in the campaign for keeping the Czechoslovak state flag as a symbol of the Czech Republic in 1992. He was called an authorized expert in vexillology, uniformists and phaleristics in 1992.

## Tenora, Jiří

b. 19 March 1929 and graduated from the University of Economics in Prague. In 1972 he moved to Berlin (Germany) where he was engaged in data processing, in organizing and teaching until his retirement. He became involved in vexillology in 1979. His main interests are state and regional flags, army flags and ensigns. He is a co-author (with J. Česák) of a multilingual dictionary (*Terms and Stylistic Constructions Used in Vexillology*, 1990) and (with P.Exner) of a manual of vexillology (*Vexilologický lexikon*, 1996). Two his manuscripts (*Das grosse Buch der Flaggen der DDR* and *Die Welt der Flaggen - die Flaggen der Welt*) still seek a publisher. He published a complete series of articles on the symbols of the German Democratic Republic in *Vexilologie* and a theoretical paper on the standardization of flag information for *Vexilla Belgica*. He contributes also to other flag periodicals. He runs a flag center entitled *Das Flaggenkabinett* which regularly produces leaflets on new flags under the title *Das Flaggenkabinett informiert...* He wrote a paper for the ICV in Melbourne and delivered lectures at the ICV in Barcelona, Zurich and Warsaw.

## Turek, Eva

b. 27 May 1941 and graduated in Art History from the Purkyně University in Brno. She left Czechoslovakia in 1969 and has been living in Sweden. She is head of the State Collection of Trophies at the Army museum in Stockholm. She wrote some articles on flags for the *Meddelande*, the yearly of Armémuseum. Together with the Director of the museum she wrote a lecture for the congress in Zurich. She attended the ICV at Zurich and read another lecture at the ICV in Warsaw. Her main interests are old army flags with the connection to the State Collection of Trophies.

# VEXILLOLOGICAL SOCIETIES IN CZECH REPUBLIC

## VEXILLOLOGICAL CLUB

The Czech Vexillological Society which uses the name Vexilologický klub (Vexillological Club) was initialized in 1971. The first dialogues on its legal existence were conducted with the House of Culture for the 3rd district of Prague in spring and the preparatory committee met for the first time on 20 November 1971. The society was established on 29 January 1972 when L. Mucha was elected President, A. Brožek Secretary, J. Česák, J. Hlaváček, P. Hlaváček and Z. Svoboda members of the board. Vexillological Club joined FIAV in 1991.

The activity of the society is concentrated on keeping records of flags and banners used in the Czech Republic, promoting vexillology in the public and publishing professional articles in its periodical *Vexilologie*. Members of the society undertook a research in Czechoslovak municipal flags and flags of Czechoslovak sport teams and the results appeared in *Vexilologie*.

The periodical *Vexilologie* has been published regularly since the establishment of the society. The number of issues has reached 104. Its contents can be found on the Internet. There are also two irregular publications of the society: *Vexilological Letters* and *Vexilokontakt*. The latter is produced with the help of the Flag Data Centre.

## FLAG DATA CENTRE

The Flag Data Centre (FDC) was established by Petr Exner in Hradec Králové (Eastern Bohemia) in March 1994. The FDC is interested in research of proper ways how to exploit computers in vexillology. The FDC collects all types of vexillological meta-information (i.e. information about information) from indexes of *Vexilologie*, *Flaggenmitteilungen* and other flag bulletins. This information is further spread out by the FDC.

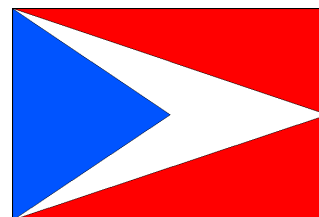
Between 1994 and 1995 27 issues of one-page INFORMACE with actual information on vexillology were published. Since 1996 a bimonthly bulletin *vexINFO* has been delivered to all concerning vexillologists. The FDC has prepared some issues of *Vexilokontakt* for the Vexillological Club in Prague. They deal with new flags and coat-of-arms of the republics of the former USSR, of the present republics of the Russian Federation and with other news from the Internet.

The FDC acted as an organizer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Czech National Vexillological Congress on Vexillology, held in Hradec Králové in May 1996. The other partners were the Vexillological Club of Prague and the Museum of Eastern Bohemia in Hradec Králové. Since summer 1996 Petr Exner has managed the Czech Vexillological Pages on the Internet (<http://web.vsp.cz/cvp/start.htm>). The latest publication of the Flag Data Centre is Vexillological lexicon, Part I prepared in cooperation with Jiří Tenora from Das Flaggenkabinett Berlin. It was published this year.

## FLAGS OF THE CZECH VEXILLOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

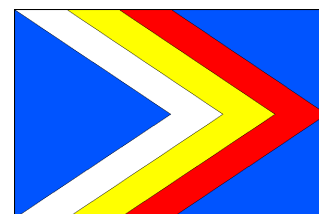
There are two vexillological societies in the Czech Republic.

### VEXILLOLOGICAL CLUB

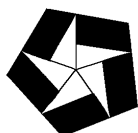


The Club's flag was adopted on 6 March 1976 and consists of a red field (2:3) charged with a white triangle extending to the fly. Another blue triangle is laid on the white one. Its top extends to the half of the length of the flag. Author of the flag Zbyšek Svoboda designed also the emblem of the Vexillological Club by modification of the flag.

### FLAG DATA CENTRE



The flag of the FDC is blue with three V-shape fields in colours of the town of Hradec Králové. V's are for vexillology, publishing and computers (*Vexilologie*, *Vydavatelská činnost a Výpočetní technika* in Czech). The logo of the FDC consists of five stylized flags with flagstaffs in a pentagon. Five flags symbolize five continents (Eurasia, America, Asia, Africa and the Antarctic) over them flags fly. The logo exists only in black. Both symbols were designed by Petr Exner.



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