

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Conference **FOUR HUNDRED YEARS OF THE SOUTH SLAVIC PROTESTANT REFORMATION**, organized on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the publication of the first complete South Slavic Bible and the first South Slavic grammar, commemorated the birthday of one of the smallest Slavic national cultures to be generated by the Protestant Reformation. The Conference focussed on the case of Slovene cultural evolution, singular and unique in its own right, yet sufficiently typical in the evolution of Slavic national cultures through the centuries. This Slovene model seems to be almost paradigmatic in respect to the existential dilemmas which have accompanied the growth of small languages and cultures in the past, and in which small languages and cultures find themselves hopelessly locked in modern multilingual societies today. The Proceedings of this Conference are an official record of the discussion of these problems, by scholars from several disciplines representing Slovene studies on both sides of the Atlantic. We are grateful for this cooperation.

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