

FROM THE PRESIDENT

There are at least three good reasons for the existence of a society dedicated to promoting the study of a culture of a linguistic microcosm in a language of international communication: to foster interest in that culture outside its native realm; to generate scholarly research into that culture; and to integrate the results of that research into broader scholarly syntheses and panoramas. It is these objectives which have guided the Society for Slovene Studies during the first ten years of its existence, and it is by them and their record alone that one may measure the Society's accomplishments.

On the other hand, at its tenth anniversary, an association such as the Society for Slovene Studies can be proud of more than a list of papers, speakers, and publications. Much more significant is its very life, its self-generating and spontaneous vitality, as it were. In the state of things as they are, the Society for Slovene Studies today represents Slovene studies in the scholarly world here and abroad. The distinction with which it performs this calling derives in no small measure from the profile it has developed as a professional association, wholly and unqualifiedly dedicated to scholarship.

It is clear that the Society for Slovene Studies owes its existence and achievements to the idealism of its members. Thanks to the generous sacrifice of their time and efforts, their moral, intellectual and financial support, the Society has been able to progress toward fulfillment of its program. We acknowledge this noble generosity with gratitude.

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