

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY FOR SLOVENE STUDIES

- April 18, 1973 The "Slovenia Today" panel at the joint meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, and the American Association for South Slavic Studies in New York provides the occasion for an informal gathering of researchers working on topics in Slovene studies. Plans are made for organizing a scholarly society which would facilitate the exchange of information and disseminate the results of ongoing research through meetings and publications. Rado L. Lencek (Columbia University) and Toussaint Hočevar (University of New Orleans) are invited to serve as organizing chairman and secretary pro tempore, respectively.
- November 1973 The first issue of the Society for Slovene Studies *Newsletter* carries responses to a questionnaire sent out in May, confirming the need for a formal organization dedicated to the promotion of Slovene studies. The list of those prepared to join the Society consists of 33 academics from the United States and abroad and 4 persons in other occupations.
- December 1973 The Constitution of the Society for Slovene Studies is adopted by members.
- May 1974 The following officers are elected by mail ballot. President—Rado L. Lencek. Executive Council—Toussaint Hočevar, Bogdan C. Novak, Carole Rogel, Rudolph M. Susel. For the position of the Secretary-Treasurer the Executive Council elects Toussaint Hočevar, with Carole Rogel serving as acting secretary during his 1974/75 sabbatical leave.

- May 4, 1974 The first Annual Conference of the Society, sponsored jointly with the Midwest Slavic Conference and held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, is dedicated to a survey of research opportunities for Slovene studies in Anthropology, Geography, History, Literature, and Social Sciences.
- October 1974 The Columbia University Institute on East Central Europe assumes sponsorship of the Society's publications for such period that the Society's administration will be based at Columbia.
- June 1975 The first volume of *Papers in Slovene Studies* (New York, 1975), edited by Rado L. Lencek, is published. The distributor is the League of Slovenian Americans, Inc., New York, which financed the printing of the volume.
- October 1975 Publication of the first issue of the Documentation Series (R. L. Lencek, *American Linguistics on Slovene Language: A Comprehensive Annotated Bibliography, 1940-1975*).
- October 8-11, 1975 For the first time the Society sponsors panels at the AAASS National Convention, meeting in Atlanta, GA.
- January 1976 The number of members in good standing reaches 83. By the vote of the membership, articles III and IV of the Constitution are amended, introducing sustaining membership and making the editor of the *Papers in Slovene Studies* an ex officio member of the Executive Council.
- February 7, 1976 The Internal Revenue Service recognizes the Society as a tax-exempt educational association. Donors may deduct contributions to the Society as provided in section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. Moreover, bequests or gifts are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes.

- October 8, 1976 By unanimous decision of the Board of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies the Society is granted affiliate status with AAASS. This assures the scheduling of two sessions at AAASS national conventions and publication of notices in the *AAASS Newsletter*. For the purpose of listing and statistical surveying of contributions by area, the *Slavic Review* will henceforth classify contributions in Slovene studies under "Slovenia." This decision is announced at the annual business meeting of the Society held concurrently with the AAASS National Convention in St. Louis.
- December 1976 Contributions to the Society's Printing Fund are solicited with a view to assuring continuous publication of *Papers in Slovene Studies*. The first to respond with sizeable donations are Joseph M. Bernik (\$250), Frank J. Lausch (\$200), Rado L. Lencek (\$135), Boyan Ribnikar (\$30), and Hilary I. Rolih (\$100).
- January 1977 Stefan Slak assumes the editorship of the Society's *Newsletter*, which is developing into a mini-journal. In addition to organizational news and reports on current research in Slovene studies, the *Newsletter* contains shorter articles, notes, book reviews and bibliographic surveys.
- October 14, 1977 At the business meeting held during the AAASS National Convention in Washington, D.C. a committee is formed for the purpose of evaluating the adequacy of existing Slovene language teaching materials and preparing additional materials. Members of the committee are William W. Derbyshire, Adele Donchenko, Rado L. Lencek, and Joseph Paternost.
- May 1978 Adoption of bylaws governing the Society's Printing Fund.
- October 13, 1978 The business meeting of the Society is held in conjunction with the National Convention of the AAASS in Columbus, OH. A one-sheet

Society for Slovene Studies Letter containing organizational information is to be issued on an occasional basis.

January 1979

The Executive Council extends an invitation to serve on the Editorial Committee of *Papers in Slovene Studies* to the following: Henry R. Cooper, Jr., Eric P. Hamp, Toussaint Hočevar, Rado L. Lencek, Tom M. S. Priestly, Carole Rogel, Gerald C. Stone, Rudolph M. Susel, and Irene P. Winner.

March 1979

Papers in Slovene Studies and *SSS Newsletter* are merged into a biannual publication *Slovene Studies: Journal of the Society for Slovene Studies*. Henry R. Cooper, Jr. (Northwestern University) assumes the editorship of the new journal.

April 1979

Papers in Slovene Studies, 1977 (New York, 1978), edited by Rudolph M. Susel, assisted by Toussaint Hočevar and Carole Rogel, is distributed to members. External distribution is in the hands of Slavica Publishers, Inc., Columbus, OH.

June 1979

The first issue of *Slovene Studies: Journal of the Society for Slovene Studies* is distributed to members and subscribers.

Fall 1979

In collaboration with the Society, the Association for the Study of Nationalities publishes "The Carinthian Slovenes" symposium issue of *Nationalities Papers* (Vol. VII, No. 2, pp. 125-155). The symposium papers were read at the 1978 National Convention of the AAASS in Columbus, OH. The issue is distributed to members of the Society.

June 1979

The Society institutes a new service to gather and disseminate scholarly information on Slovene Americans. Overall coordination of the project is in the hands of Rudolph M. Susel.

- April 1981 In response to numerous requests for back issues, the complete *SSS Newsletter* (1973-1978) is reprinted (issues 1-11 and Index, 238 pages).
- July 1981 The last volume of *Papers in Slovene Studies, 1978* (New York, 1981) is distributed to members. It includes a table of contents for all four volumes (1975-1978). The editor is Henry R. Cooper, Jr.
- October 1982 The first issue of *Slovene Studies: Journal of the Society for Slovene Studies*, in its enlarged and typeset format is distributed to members and subscribers.
- November 1982 Amendment of Article III of the Constitution which would open the Society's membership to persons having interest in any aspect of culture dealing with Slovenia and Slovenes is submitted for membership vote by mail ballot. James C. Davis, who chaired the panel "The Slovenes of Friuli-Venezia Giulia" at the October AAASS National Convention in Washington, D.C., is invited by the editor of *Nationalities Papers* to edit the contributions presented by the panelists, for a planned symposium issue.