

## **Events:**

- **(09/2021) The IX. International Moravian Conference – preparations**



Based on the decision of the Moravian n.h.a. committee, preparations were launched for the IX. Moravian International Conference, which is scheduled for September 24-26, 2021 in Suchdol nad Odrou. The main topic of the conference is "**300th Birth Anniversary of David Zeisberger, the apostle of the Indians**". Other 13 jubilant Moravian brothers will also be mentioned. A slightly limited conference design is expected due to coronavirus measures. The program and any restrictions will be further specified and an invitation with a detailed program will be published at the end of July 2021. More information about the planned conference can be found on this page: [http://www.moravian.cz/History\\_EN.aspx](http://www.moravian.cz/History_EN.aspx)

- **(08/2021) Visit from Herrnhut**



Benigna Carstens from Herrnhut in Germany, pastor and member of the UF directorate, visited Suchdol nad Odrou and took part in the regular Moravian meeting on August 16, 2021 in the Museum of the Moravian Brethren. Accompanied by the chairman of the association, Daniel Říčan, she also visited other memorable places in Suchdol. We learned a lot from her about the current events in Herrnhut. The next morning she set out on a five-day bike ride along the Via Exulantis.

- **(07/2021) Temporary closure of the museum**

From Friday, July 16 until Sunday, July 18, 2021 the Museum of Moravian Brethren will be temporarily closed due to holiday leave.

- **(06/2021) Working activities in Herzogwald**



On Saturday, June 12, several members of the Moravian association organized a teamwork in the place of the vanished village of Herzogwald (in Czech Herčivald, Lesy) near the village of Dvorce in the district of Opava. From 1890 there had been a congregation of the Unity of Brethren, the only one in Moravia at the time. A bench for tourists was built on the roadside, where the information board and the memorial established by the Moravian assoc. are located. In the former cemetery of the Unity of Brethren, which until recently was completely desolate, fallen branches were cleared and the bushes that grew on the site of the former entrance gate were removed. A fallen cross was also erected at the end of an alley in the cemetery site. The cemetery was measured and a plan of the presumptive original layout of the individual graves was designed. The grave of the last preacher Wilhelm Schulz has already been identified (he died in 1945) and natives from the village living in Germany are helping to identify other places. The restoration of the writing on the monument dedicated to the village was carried out by the company Kamenictví Vítkov on the initiative of the Moravian association.

- **(05/2021) Reopening the Museum**

The Museum of Moravian Brethren in Suchdol nad Odrou has been open to the public again since May 24, 2021. The visitors are kindly asked to keep hygienic conditions given in connection with the covid-19 epidemic and to follow instructions of the museum guides. Please respect the operation mode for museum's visits, presented on [http://www.moravian.cz/Muzeum\\_EN.aspx](http://www.moravian.cz/Muzeum_EN.aspx), too. We thank you for your understanding.

- **(03/2021) David Zeisberger - Apostle of the Indians - 300 years birth anniversary**  
(2. 3. 1721 Suchdol n.O. - 17. 11. 1808 Ohio)



In the building called "Horní dvůr" (Upper Court) in Suchdol nad Odrou, one of the the most important personalities of Moravia was born 300 years ago - David Zeisberger. He was one of those who created the history of the "New World", of America, in his time. A descendant of an old Unitas Fratrum family line, from which the whole family left their large estate under religious persecution and emigrated to Herrnhut and later to America. He lived to be 87 years old, of which he lived for fifty-three years hard life among his Native American brothers as a missionary of the Moravian Brethren. He founded 11 mission settlements, he was the author of Native American dictionaries and linguistic publications. Writers like Karl May and J. F. Cooper drew themes for their adventure books about the Delawars, the Mohicans and the Iroquois mainly from his diaries. He himself is a novel template in many publications. For this anniversary, the Moravian association will place a commemorative wreath and a poster on the birth house of David Zeisberger.

A more detailed report on his life and work can be found, for example, at this link:

[http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/zeisberger\\_david\\_5E.html](http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/zeisberger_david_5E.html)

- **(03/2021) Annual Membership Meeting 2021**



The annual membership meeting of the Moravian n.h.a. took place on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6 p.m. in the Museum of Moravian Brothers in Suchdol nad Odrou, this time in online mode. Fourteen members took part in the meeting. The session was chaired by the chairman of the association Daniel Říčan. The resolution of the last annual meeting of 2020 was audited and reports on activities of the company in the past year, as well as cash and audit reports were given. Three new members were accepted last year, the Moravian History Association has a total of 60 members now. Last year, progress was made in the "Via exulantis" and "Růžový palouček " projects, the preparation and printing of publications continued. Adjustments were also made to the Park of the Moravian Brethren and in the museum. The coronavirus epidemic was particularly adverse in the long-term closure of the Museum of Moravian Brethren and in substantial restrictions of the autumn commemorative events for the anniversary of J.A.Comenius.The meeting presented the planned activities for 2021, divided into seven long-term projects, including research, regional and promotional projects. In conclusion of the meeting a final resolution summarizing the tasks for this year, was passed and approved.

- **(12/2020) Publication of another issue of Moravian bulletin**

In December 2020, the Moravian Newsletter No. 55 was published, which describes commemorative events in Suchdol nad Odrou on the occasion of the 350th anniversary of the death of J. A. Comenius. The new issue of the periodical was prepared by the chairman of the Moravian assoc., Daniel Říčan. For this anniversary, the association in cooperation with a team of co-organizers prepared a project containing 6 events for the public. Due to measures to covid-19 epidemic, some actions could not be fully implemented. However, it is possible that they will still take place, because the commemorative events will continue freely until 2022 (430 years since the birth of J.A. Comenius). You can see this issue of the newsletter on the website [www.moravian.cz](http://www.moravian.cz) under the tab "Historical Studies" or at this link:

[http://www.moravian.cz/attachment/55\\_Zpravodaj\\_2020.pdf](http://www.moravian.cz/attachment/55_Zpravodaj_2020.pdf)



- **(12/2020) Preparations for the issue of a new publication on Johann Teltschik**



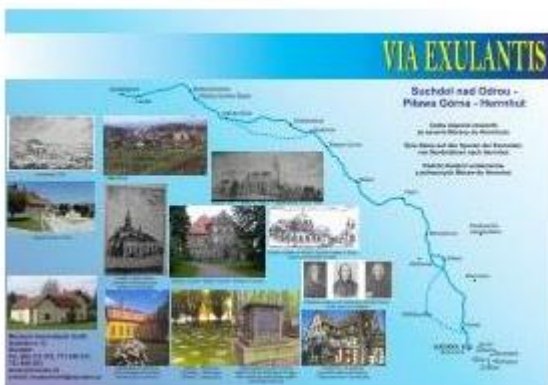
The Moravian assoc., in cooperation with the British Province of The Moravian Church, is preparing a new publication on Johann Teltschik. The book will contain reports on his missionary work and church planting in England and Ireland from 1739 to 1764, as well as historical contexts concerning his family and place of origin - Suchdol nad Odrou. The authors of the individual chapters are Lorraine Parsons (London, Great Britain), Sarah Groves (Gracehill, Great Britain) and Daniel Říčan (Suchdol n.O., Czech Republic). Language corrections and translations took place in November and December 2020. During the first quarter of 2021, the publication is expected to be printed in three languages: Czech, English and German.

- **(11/2020) Planned extension of the Herzogwald project**



The vanished village of Herzogwald near the place of Dvorce (Hof) lies in today's district of Opava. From 1890 there was a congregation of the Unity of Brethren, the only one in Moravia at the time. The Moravian association started working here in 2014 and placed a memorial and information board near the place of former house of worship. There are also other memorable places there, such as the former cemetery of the Unity of Brethren. The Moravian assoc. is currently preparing a broader project with a view to several years, which shall reveal the history of the village and the Brethren's congregation and to create a place of tourist interest too. The collaborator on the project is Karl-Heinz Körper from Berlin, whose family lived in Herzogwald until 1946.

- **(10/2020) Publication of another issue of Moravian bulletin**



In October 2020, the Moravian Newsletter No. 54 was issued, which focuses on the mapping expedition of the Via Exulantis route realized in the summer of 2020. The author of the report on the journey of participants in the mapping expedition is Jáchym Pantálek, the leader of the Via Exulantis project. You can see this issue of the bulletin on the website [www.moravian.cz](http://www.moravian.cz) under the tab "Historical Studies" at the end of the relevant page or by clicking on this link: [http://www.moravian.cz/attachment/54\\_Zpravodaj\\_2020.pdf](http://www.moravian.cz/attachment/54_Zpravodaj_2020.pdf)

- **(10/2020) Temporary closure of the Museum**

Due to the exceptional measures regarding the coronavirus, from October 12, 2020 the Museum of Moravian Brethren in Suchdol n.O. will remain closed until further notice. Moravian n.h.a. thanks those interested in visit for understanding.

- **(09-10/2020) Commemorative events in Suchdol nad Odrou on the occasion of the 350th anniversary of the death of J. A. Comenius**



**Sunday, September 20, at 3 pm** - Worship service in the Forest church.

**Sunday, September 27 at 4 pm** - "The Pilgrim's Journey, or Return of Comenius" - a composed program from the work of J.A. Komenský.

**Saturday, October 3, at 4 pm** - Public reading from Comenius, will be recited by influential people of public life.

**Saturday, October 10, at 4 pm** - Lecture: Dr. Friedrich Goedeke - "Comenius as a reformer".

**THE LECTURE IS CANCELED**

**Sunday, October 11, at 10 am** - full-day celebration of "Comenius' Heritage in Suchdol n.O." in the Evangelical Church.

**THE WHOLE PROGRAM IS CANCELED**

**Saturday, October 17, at 8:30 am** - sightseeing tour - "Forest churches and monuments to Comenius in the neighbourhood".

**THE PROGRAM IS POSTPONED**

In addition to school activities, two exhibitions on the topic will also be opened.

This year's celebrations do not focus on Comenius' biography, but on his ideas, which are profoundly relevant to the present.

**We kindly ask visitors to the events to comply with the currently valid hygiene measures and to respect the instructions of the organizers.**

- **(07/2020) Publication of new Moravian bulletins**

In July 2020 the Moravian bulletin number 52 was published, which describes Moravian activities in the last year. Moravian bulletin number 53 has been published too and it is dedicated to the XI. workshop for the school pupils in the Museum of Moravian Brethren in 2020. Both editions (in Czech language) are published on the website [www.moravian.cz](http://www.moravian.cz) in the tab „Historical studies“ at the bottom of the page or by clicking on the following links:

[http://www.moravian.cz/attachment/52\\_Zpravodaj\\_2020.pdf](http://www.moravian.cz/attachment/52_Zpravodaj_2020.pdf)

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- **(07/2020) Mapping of the Via Exulantis**



In the period June 29th - July 4th 2020 a group of seven Moravian members and sympathizers carried out a journey to Poland and Germany to make a more detailed map of the Via Exulantis' route for tourist and pilgrimage purposes. The participants of this expedition made the tour by means of cars, bicycles and walking. They have mapped an essential part of the route, made new contacts with several institutions and sympathizers and also met some old friends - supporters of this project. The team was led by Daniel Říčan, the chairman of the Moravian Association and Jáchym Pantálek, the Via Exulantis Project's manager. The records that have been made during the journey shall be helpful to find the best trail of the journey and board and lodging facilities. The report from this trip and photos from it are on the following links:

[http://www.moravian.cz/attachment/54\\_Zpravodaj\\_2020.pdf](http://www.moravian.cz/attachment/54_Zpravodaj_2020.pdf)

<http://www.moravian.cz/attachment/Zprava%20o%20mapovaci%20expedici%20Via%20exulantis.pdf>

- **(06/2020) Workshop in the Museum of Moravian Brethren**



On June 22-24, 2020, the XI. workshop for the school pupils took place in the Museum of Moravian Brethren in Suchdol nad Odrou. The participants were 7 children aged 12-15 years. Besides working in Museum, in the Park of MB and in the Forest Church, the action was focused thematically also on numismatics, archeology and the 350 years' anniversary of J.A.Comenius. The programme was conducted by Moravian members Daniel Říčan and Jáchym Pantálek.

- **(05/2020) Reopening the Museum**

The Museum has been reopened to the public again. The visitors are kindly asked to keep hygienic conditions given in connection with the covid-19 epidemic and to follow instructions of the museum guides. Please respect the operation mode for museum's visits too.

- **(03/2020) Temporary closure of the Museum**

Due to the exceptional measures regarding the coronavirus, the Museum of Moravian Brethren in Suchdol n.O. will remain closed until further notice. Moravian n.h.a. thanks those interested in visit for understanding.

- **(02/2020) Annual Membership Meeting 2020**



The Annual membership meeting of the Moravian n.h.a. took place on February 17th 2020 at 6 p.m. in the Museum of Moravian Brethren in Suchdol nad Odrou. Thirteen members and one guest participated in the meeting. The session was presided over by Daniel Říčan, the chairman of the association. At first checking of the previous 2019 annual meeting resolution's fulfilment was carried out and then a report on Moravian activities in the last year was given, as well as annual accounts and account audit reports. Three new members have been accepted during the last year according to the message and now the Moravian History Association consists of 57 members. It was also reported that the annual museum attendance number



reached 1117 visitors in 2019. Election of committee members of Moravian for the next period of 4 years took place too and there were the current committee members Daniel Říčan, Lubomír Kuc and Daniel Valchář suggested and approved subsequently. As a result of another vote, Mr.Jáchym Pantálek became the financial auditor for the next period again. Daniel Říčan introduced the Activity plan of Moravian for 2020 being divided into six longrange projects, including research, regional and promotional projects. In conclusion of the meeting a final resolution was passed and approved.

- **The presence at the Museum opening in Pilawa Górna**



On Friday, January 31st, a festive opening of Museum of Moravian Brethren will take place in Pilawa Górna (former Gnadenfrei, Poland). A group of several Moravian members being led by Daniel Říčan, chairman of the Moravian association, will take part in this event.

- **(12/2019) Advent and Christmas at the Museum of MB**



On Sunday 7.12.2019 from 3 p.m. a „St. Nicholas Day’s afternoon“ including The Christmas tree lighting ceremony will take place in Suchdol n.O. The programme including a refreshment will be arranged by the municipal Culture centre. The Moravian assoc. will contribute to this programme too by organizing a sale action concerning Christmas Moravian stars and other outdoor and indoor decorations, also books suitable as Christmas presents. This will be arranged in front of Museum of MB. A projection of DVD „Moravian Brethren from Suchdol“ is being planned too.

Attendees are invited to Advent Concert Series in the Evangelical church too :

- II. Sunday 8.12.2019, 5 p.m. - choir Ondrášek,
- III. Sunday 15.12.2019, 5 p.m. - choir Skřivánek,
- IV. Sunday 22.12.2019, 4 p.m. - ensemble Corda Magico.

- **(11/2019) Public lecture in the Museum of Moravian Brethren**



On Thursday, November 21st at 6 p.m. a lecture will be given by Jáchym Pantálek, member of Moravian n.h.a. The lecture will take place in the Museum of Moravian Brethren in Suchdol n.O. and it will concern the Jáchym's stay in the USA and Norway this year. All visitors are welcomed.

- **(09/2019) Divine Service in the Forest Church of Martin Schneider**

Traditional mid-September devine Service in the Forest Church of Martin Schneider near Suchdol nad Odrou will take place on Sunday, September 15th, 2019 at 3 p.m.The Service will be led by Vladimír Pír, minister of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren in Suchdol nad Odrou.

- **(09/2019) A planned visit from Germany**



During a coach tour of Kuhländchen region a group of visitors from Germany will also come to Suchdol nad Odrou on Friday, September 6th, 2019, in the afternoon. Moravian assoc. is charged to show the guests round the township Suchdol. Among others, a guided tour of the historical Protestant church is supposed to be done.

- **Another pilgrimage on the Via Exulantis**



On Tuesday, August 13th, a talk with the married couple of Křištofs takes place concerning their pilgrimage to Herrnhut which they have made. The place of the meeting is the Museum of Moravian Brethren in Suchdol n.O. The married couple Petra and Pavel Křištofs from Valašské Meziříčí became significant supporters of the Via Exulantis project. On July 27 th they set out for a journey, following the Moravian exiles' way from Suchdol n.O. to Herrnhut. They try to find the most favourable route and as many night quarters possibilities as possible, around which a net of services shall be developed. Before the Křištofs leaving some members of Moravian assoc. took part in a meeting with the couple at the Museum of Moravian Brethren. The address of Petra's blog where you can watch advancement of their journey is as follows :

<https://askvpetra.wixsite.com/website>

- **(07/2019) Participation in the Memorial meadow "Pink field" Celebration**



The Moravian association received an official invitation to participate in the Memorial meadow "Pink field" Celebration near Litomyšl which takes place on July 7th 2019 at 2 p.m. This celebration is held every year with the participation of significant personalities of public and church life. On behalf of the Moravian assoc. Daniel Říčan, the chairman of Moravian, will take part in the celebration. This event is organized by the Society of Friends of the Pink field memorial, with which the Moravian assoc. has set up a co-operation for the project for establishing a memorial meadow "Pink field" near Suchdol n.O.

- **(06/2019) Workshop in the Museum of Moravian Brethren**



On June 24-26, 2019 a workshop for the school pupils will take place in the Museum of Moravian Brethren in Suchdol nad Odrou. The participants – children aged 12-15 years – will have an opportunity to learn something about the history of the Moravian Brethren and also about the activities of Moravian assoc. We suppose that their volunteer work will contribute to the upkeep of the Museum site and to improvement of some expositions. The programme will be conducted by Moravian members Daniel Říčan and Jáchym Pantálek.

- **(06/2019) The presence at the congress of compatriots**



Two Moravian members, living in Germany, Prof.Ulf Brossmann and Dr.Horst Schinzel, attended the congress of association of Sudeten compatriots (SDT) in Regensburg from June 6th to 9th 2019. The purpose was among others also to present the activities of Moravian assoc. and to introduce the history of the Unity of the Brethren and its heritage as a fact important not only for Czech but also for German history.

- **(05/2019) A way to Herrnhut alongside Via exulantis**

At the occasion of the conference “Barock und dennoch schlicht” a group of four Moravian members (Daniel Říčan, Jana Říčanová, Lukáš Martin and Jáchym Pantálek) visited Herrnhut in the period 24 May – 27 May 2019. Besides visiting sights and studying archives (Berthelsdorf, Museum of town H., cemetery, quarry, archive, visit to Dr. Meyer) four books for Moravian library were received and two publications were bought. By using a car for the way from Suchdol n.O. to Herrnhut, visits to some significant places of Via Exulantis were made possible (in Poland : Stolec, Pilava Górna – meeting at the mayor’s office, Dzerżonów – visit to Mr.Kordasiewicz, Swidnica). In this way some personal contacts have been restored or even gained newly and further possibilities for development of Via Exulantis project have been considered.

- **(03/2019) Annual Membership Meeting 2019**



The Annual membership meeting of the Moravian n.h.a. took place on March 18th 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Museum of Moravian Brethren in Suchdol nad Odrou. Thirteen members and one guest participated in the meeting. The session was presided over by Daniel Říčan, the chairman of the association. At first checking of the previous 2018 Annual meeting resolution’s fulfilment was carried out and then a report on Moravian activities in the last year was given, as well as annual accounts and account audit reports. It was reported that the annual museum attendance had risen up to 1400 visitors in 2018. Mr. Daniel Valchář was elected to become the third Moravian committee member, as the previous committee member Mr. Zdeněk Valchář had died in 2018. As a result of another vote, Mr. Jáchym Pantálek became the financial auditor, whose position had become loose before that. Daniel Říčan introduced the Activity plan of Moravian for 2019 being divided into six long-range projects and other projects of promotional type. In conclusion of the meeting a final resolution was passed and approved.