

PREDGOVOR

Podobno kot ob svoji desetletnici,* je Inštitut za geografijo univerze v Ljubljani tudi ob svoji petnajstletnici pripravil 10. in 11. marca 1977 leta simpozij z delovnim naslovom »Socialnogeografski aspekti obmejnih območij Slovenije«. Na simpoziju je 16 njegovih dolgoletnih in mlajših sodelavcev poročalo o raziskovalnih rezultatih proučevanja socialnogeografskih problemov v obmejnih območjih naše republike ob italijanski, avstrijski in madžarski meji. Ob simpoziju je bila v prostorih Zemljepisnega muzeja pripravljena razstava kart in publikacij.

Simpozija se je udeležilo okrog 40 geografov, čestitke in pozdrave pa so izrekli: dr. Miroslav Sič, predsednik Geografskega društva Hrvatske, dr. Mitko Panov v imenu komisije za znanstveno delo Zveze geografskih društev Jugoslavije in Geografskega društva Makedonije, dr. Vladimir Bračič, rektor Univerze v Mariboru, dr. Karl Šiškovič, direktor Slovenskega raziskovalnega inštituta v Trstu in mgr. Andrej Kranjc v imenu Inštituta za raziskovanje krasa v Postojni, prisotna pa sta bila tudi akademik dr. Gorazd Kušej kot predstavnik SAZU in dr. Anton Žun, prorektor Univerze.

Zbornik o simpoziju je uredil dr. Mirko Pak. Previde v angleščino je opravil mgr. Franc Slivnik.

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PREFACE

Similarly to the manner in which the Institute of Geography, at the University of Ljubljana, marked the tenth anniversary of its research activity,* the Institute of Geography — on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary last year organized a special symposium on "Socio-Geographical Aspects of the Border Region of Slovenia", held on March 10th and 11th, 1977. At this Symposium 16 of the Institute's senior and younger fellows presented reports on the research results obtained in the study of the sociogeographical problems in the border regions of our republic along the Italian, Austrian, and Hungarian borders. The Symposium was enriched by an exhibition of maps and publications, held in the Geographical Museum.

About 40 geographers attended the Symposium, while congratulatory letters and greetings were sent in by: Dr Miroslav Sič, President of the Geographical Society of Croatia; Dr Mitko Panov, on behalf of the Commission for Scientific Work, at the Association of the Geographical Societies of Yugoslavia; Dr Vladimir Bračič, Rector of the University of Maribor; Dr Karel Šiškovič, Director of the Slovene Research Institute in Trieste; and by Andrej Kranjc, M. A., on behalf of the Institute of Karst Research in Postojna. The Symposium honoured with their presence also academist dr Gorazd Kušej as a representative of the Slovene Academy of Science and Arts and dr Anton Žun, prorector of the University of Ljubljana.

The present volume, which brings the material submitted at the Symposium, has been edited by Dr Mirko Pak. Translations into English are by F. Slivnik, M. A.

Dr Mirko Pak

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