INVITATION
4th Slovak-Czech historical-geographical conference

Matthias Bel and his contemporaries: works, texts and contexts

Organizing institutions:
Matthias Bel University Research Center, Dpt. of Historical Sciences and Central European Studies of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia

and

Historical Geography Research Centre, Institute of History of the Czech Academy of Science in Prague, Czechia

Date:
November 11, 2020 (Wednesday) at 9.00 (presentation from 8.30)

Venue:
Room Z 03 (on the ground floor), Faculty of Arts, University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Námestie J. Herdu 2, Trnava, Slovakia

Working languages of the conference:
Slovak, Czech, English, Russian

Scope and themes of the conference:
The work of M. Bel Notitia Hungariae Novae historico-geographica (hereinafter referred to as Notitia) represents a patriotic synthesis, more precisely the historical topography of Hungary (in a broader sense also of Slovakia) of the Baroque period. This specific feature of Bel's work, which was published between the years 1735 and 1742, is important for various fields of humanities and natural and social sciences.

Researchers in Slovakia or abroad have dealt with the life and work of this representative of the Enlightenment from different points of view. The
main focus of the research have been Bel's publishing activities, pedagogical and religious activities and probes to selected works of this author.

Key topic of the conference is a perspective of historical-geographical and other (e.g. philological, ethnological or cultural-geographical) aspects of Notitia. Contributions about the work of Bel's collaborators (e.g. S. Mikovini) or on patterns and pendants of historical topographies in Hungary (A. Bonfini, S. Timon) and abroad (B. Balbín, M. Vogt, J. Schaller and others) are also welcomed.

Lecturers can also present the results of their research outside the main topic of the conference, i.e. basic or applied research in the field of historical geography with emphasis on specific problems, directions (trends) and perspectives of the discipline.

**Important information:**
1. The event will take place only if the measures related with the COVID-19 pandemic will be loosened.
2. The conference is **one-day starting at 9.00 (presentation of participants from 8.30); end at about 16.00.**
3. Please indicate the participation, title, abstract (max. 1,000 characters) and keywords of the paper in the attached application, which must be submitted electronically until **September 20, 2020** to the email address david.jablonsky@ucm.sk.
   Note: Send the application even if you plan to attend the conference without presenting the paper.
4. Participation and presentation at the conference are free of charge.

**Conference professional guarantor:** prof. RNDr. Peter Chrastina, PhD.

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