

# INVITATION

## 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Mikovíni) 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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