

[volunteerism]

volunteers can donate one day for žilina

The first Our Žilina event will be held on May 22-23, 2009. Volunteers can register and give a helping hand to various activities supporting NGOs in Žilina or the town as such. The deadline for registration via www.nasazilina.sk is **May 19**.

ngos can register for the our bratislava volunteering day

The Our Bratislava volunteering days will take place on June 12-13, 2009. Now NGOs can suggest the activities for volunteers, who will make Bratislava nicer, cleaner and more open to those who need special care or help. NGOs can submit their proposals for activities until May 4, 2009. More information in Slovak [is available here](#).

[foundation grants and programs]

results of the kia motors grant program – let's make life better in the žilina region

In the first year of the employees grant program of the Kia Motors Slovakia Found in Pontis Foundation, total 16 597 € will be distributed. From this amount, which is equivalent to half million SKK, 14 non profit project will be supported, which will be implemented in the Žilina region. Various projects were selected in this first year of the grant program. Those selected included: environmental projects, projects of cultural heritage protection, or support for disabled groups and mobility support. More information about the results of this grant program in Slovak [is available here](#).

[corporate responsibility]

6th international conference on corporate responsibility and workshop starting with corporate responsibility

On May 13 and 14, the Pontis Foundation and the Business Leaders Forum will organize the VI. Annual Conference on Corporate Responsibility and the workshop Starting with Corporate Responsibility. The morning part of the conference will focus on the current financial crisis, which is the buzz word of today. The afternoon part will be dedicated to brand and corporate responsibility and business ethics. More information about the program, speakers, registration and partners [is available here](#).

[via bona slovakia]

via bona slovakia 2008 winners received awards in 10 categories

The names of the winners were presented by the Pontis Foundation at a festive gala evening in Hotel Bonbón in Bratislava on April 2. Besides the two Main Awards – traditionally given separately to large corporations and to small/medium enterprises – new categories were added this year to evaluate individual aspects of CSR and corporate philanthropy. More information about the winners [can be find here](#) or on www.viabona.sk.

short videos about the winners of via bona slovakia 2008

On our web page you can also find short videos about the winners of Via Bona Slovakia 2008. Videos are in Slovak and [you can find them here](#).

upcoming events

April 28

In Bratislava, we will co-organize the **March of Solidarity and Discussion about the situation in Cuba**.

May 4

Deadline for **NGOs to submit their proposal of activities to be included in Our Bratislava volunteering days**.

May 13

Starting with Corporate Responsibility Workshop.

May 14

The key topic at the **6th International Conference on Corporate Responsibility** will be the economic crisis and its impact on CR activities.

May 19

Deadline for **volunteers to register to attend the Our Žilina volunteering days**.

ongoing

We regularly publish **news from our target countries** on our web pages. Get all the news [here](#).

[cuba]

join the march of solidarity and come to a discussion about cuba on april 28, 2009!

The Pontis Foundation and the organization People in Peril invite you to come and join the March of solidarity with the Cuban movement Ladies in White (Damas de Blanco). The march will start **at 5 p.m. on April 28, 2009** from Námestie slobody, Bratislava. After the march, we would like to invite you to a Discussion about Cuba with Pedro Pablo Alvaréz Ramos. The discussion is planned for **6.00 p.m.**, in Kafé Scherz, Partizánska 2. More information is [available here](#).

[belarus]

new analysis about the rights of minority shareholders in belarus

The Pontis Foundation is pleased to present the latest analysis of the Belarus Public Policy Fund Series, dealing with the topical issue of the protection of the rights of minority shareholders in Belarus. The Belarusian stock market has been virtually frozen for the past 10 years. The re-start of privatization may now give a new boost to the Belarusian economy. Current Belarusian legislation lacks the norms necessary for the protection of the rights of minority shareholders. The [analysis is available here](#).

scholarships for belarus

In the third issue of our newsletter for students and academics we publish current information about scholarships possibilities for Belarusian students studying or willing to study in bachelor's, master's or PhD programs in universities abroad. Belarusian graduates and professionals may also find opportunities for enriching their experience. The newsletter [is available here](#).

[serbia and the balkans]

roundtable on experiences with social dialogue in valjevo, serbia

The Pontis Foundation in cooperation with its partnership organization Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence organized on March 25, 2009 the roundtable in Serbian town Valjevo on the topic Social Policy Reform and experiences with social dialogue. The speakers on the roundtable were Vladimir Ateljevic, the advisor to the Serbian Director of the EU Integration Office, Martin Hostak from the National Union of Employers from Slovakia and Zoran Stojiljkovic from the Faculty of Political Science of Belgrade University. More information about this round table [is available here](#).

[development aid education]

we have extended the competition also for student studying abroad

The Pontis Foundation has decided to extend the Best Essay Competition on the topic of development aid to all university students with Slovak citizenship studying in Slovakia and also abroad. The winner of the competition will receive an interesting first prize – a 3-week internship at the Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the UN in Geneva, Switzerland. Submitted essays have to reflect current academic trends, elaborate actual problems of development aid and contribute to the discourse about the establishment of Slovak development aid. Essays must be in Slovak and must be submitted no later than May 24, 2009. More information on the competition (in Slovak) is available at www.nadaciapontis.sk/esej.

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