

**[ about pontis foundation ]****pontis foundation has new address**

From November 1, 2009, the Pontis Foundation resides in its new premises. As of December 2, 2009 the address of new premises become Pontis Foundation's new official and invoicing address. New address is **Zelinárska 2, 821 08 Bratislava, Slovakia**.

**pontis foundation's statement on human rights day - december 10th**

One of the goals of the Pontis Foundation is to enforce foreign policy of Slovakia and the European Union based on values of democracy, human rights and solidarity. On the occasion of Human Rights Day on December 10<sup>th</sup>, Pontis Foundation annually evaluates foreign politics of our country. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14542>

**[ great country ]****great country collected more than 4 400 eur in one month**

On November 17, 2009 Pontis Foundation launched a new donor portal – Great country. The program presents ideas of 51 non-governmental organizations. With a small financial donation contributing to the realization of these projects, we can help change the face of Slovakia, make it nicer, more educated, human, cultural and active. To this day, individual donors supported these ideas by altogether 4 429 €.

**bazaar of various tastes with hewlett-packard slovakia**

Pontis Foundation in cooperation with Hewlett-Packard Slovakia organized an interesting Christmas week. The foyer of the company turned into a bazaar where non-governmental organizations sold Christmas decorations, cooked toddy and sold marvelous strudel cakes. The bazaar served also as a place where NGOs discussed their projects and activities, acquired contact details of volunteers and collected donations to support their activities. They held a theatre play here and spread joy. Employees of HP supported the NGOs by a total sum of 1 171 €. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14556>

**[ corporate philanthropy and corporate volunteerism ]****550 books from accenture employees**

Employees of Accenture managed to collect 550 books for three non-governmental organizations. „There are many collections of toys, but there are also many people who have books at home. That is why we have decided to organize a collection of books,” says the initiator of the collection Nina Javilak from Accenture. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14587>

**[ foundation grants and programs ]****positive energy for sport 2010 – grant giving program of zse**

Foundation fund of Západoslovenská energetika at the Pontis Foundation announced the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the grant-giving program Positive energy for sport. The aim of the program is to support construction and reconstruction of outdoor sport grounds in order to make them usable all-year-round in the Bratislava, Trnava, Nitra and Trenčín regions. A total sum of 100 000 € will be allocated from the fund for this purpose.

**mobility – employees' grant giving program of kia motors slovakia**

Pontis Foundation in cooperation with Kia Motors Slovakia s.r.o. are announcing the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the employees' grant giving program - Mobility. Activities of the project must concentrate on disabled persons and young people or have to focus on safe traffic and infrastructure building.

**[ upcoming events ]****January**

**We will issue a job offer to strengthen our team – a coordinator for projects educating on development aid.**

**January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**We will launch the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the Via Bona Slovakia competition, that will award companies for corporate social responsibility and corporate philanthropy**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Deadline for submitting applications for the Dell grant giving program helping raise PC skills.**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Deadline for submitting applications for the grant giving program Kia Motors Slovakia: Mobility.**

**January 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Deadline for submitting applications for the grant giving program of ZSE: Positive energy for sport 2010.**

## **foundation fund of the čsob financial group supports systematic work with families by 30 870 €**

Altogether 45 NGOs applied for support in the program „In order for families to be functional,“ of the ČSOB financial group foundation fund at Pontis Foundation. Five projects were supported from the fund by a total amount of 30 870 €. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14540>

## **thanks to recommendations of the čsob fg employees 22 non-profit projects will acquire financial support**

On October 19, 2009 ČSOB Financial group in cooperation with the Pontis Foundation announced, already for the third time, their employees' grant giving program. Employees of ČSOB have recommended 72 projects of non-governmental organizations for support, which is the most projects so far. 29 875 € was thus allocated from the ČSOB FG Foundation Fund at the Pontis Foundation. 22 non-profit organizations received support up to 2 000 € each. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14524>

## **NGOs can acquire windows 7 through techsoup slovakia**

Microsoft, currently the only donator of the IT technology donors program TechSoup Slovakia, on the occasion of their newly published operational system Windows 7, offers the possibility for NGO organizations to apply for a one-off special technological gift. This offer is valid until January 31, 2010. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14590>

## **[ corporate responsibility ]**

### **business leaders forum has a new president**

Paolo Ruzzini, chairman of the board of directors and General Director of Slovenské elektrárne became the new president of the Business Leaders Forum (BLF). At their annual meeting in Bratislava, members of the BLF also agreed to commit the year 2010 to the topic of climate change, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reporting and to increasing awareness on this topic among the general public. Johnson Controls joined in the BLF membership. more info here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14554>

## **[ development aid ]**

### **oda evaluation in the visegrad four**

The Pontis Foundation is pleased to present ODA Evaluation in the Visegrad Four, a landmark study into the evaluation of Official Development Assistance within the Visegrad Four region. Using the Western Balkans as a case study, Pontis Foundation estimates that the V4 countries have collectively spent over 40 million Euro in aid to the Western Balkans since 2003. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14521>

## **[ belarus ]**

### **scholarships for belarus - latest newsletter of academic opportunities**

The Pontis Foundation published the fourth edition of its newsletter on scholarship possibilities for Belarusian students and academics willing to study abroad. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14578>

## **[ cuba ]**

### **eu and cuba relations under spain eu 's presidency**

Few days before Spain takes over the EU's six-month rotating presidency in January 2010, there are concerns that its Socialist government wants to dismantle the bloc's common position on Cuba. Spanish diplomacy wants to do it in a wrong way and for the wrong reasons, says Milan Nic in a commentary in Brussels-based weekly *European Voice*. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14577>

## [ kenya ]

### **new pontis project in kenya**

In January 2010 the Pontis Foundation and its Kenyan partner organization Youth for Conservation start a new project: "**Slovak cooperation in IT education at Schools in Kenya**". more about the project here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14571> and here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14570>

## [ serbia and western balkans ]

### **analysis of corporate volunteerism in serbia**

The Pontis Foundation's partner organization Smart Kolektiv from Serbia prepared an analysis on the state of corporate volunteerism in Serbia. The goals of this analysis were: to identify the companies which organize and support their employees in corporate volunteering activities, present basic information about the types of the activities, fields of volunteering and ways how companies organize volunteering activities.

more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14550>

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