

### [ about pontis foundation ]

#### **the pontis foundation supports nomination of chinese dissident liu xiaobo for the nobel prize**

Czech and Slovak lawmakers nominated Liu Xiaobo, a leading Chinese dissident sentenced to 11 years in prison, for the Nobel Peace Prize, organizers said Wednesday. Forty Czech lawmakers and 51 Slovak counterparts signed their respective nominations for the Norwegian Nobel Committee, according to organizers in both countries. more here >>

<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14679>

### [ via bona slovakia 2009 awards ]

#### **record 111 nominations are competing for the via bona slovakia 2009 awards**

In the 10th year of the Via Bona Slovakia Awards, the Pontis Foundation received a record of 113 nominations. The evaluation committee will evaluate 111 nominations. Two nominations – projects of Západoslovenská energetika, a.s. this year's general partner of the awards - were excluded from the evaluation process.

Západoslovenská energetika is the General Partner of the 10th annual Via Bona Slovakia Awards. Partners include DLA Piper and U. S. Steel Košice. Partner of the Award for Innovative Solutions to Social Inclusion is Slovak Social Development Fund. Partner of the gala event is Bratislava Culture and Information Centre (BKIS). Media partners are Euractiv.sk, SITA, The Slovak Spectator, Stratégie, Trend, Webnoviny.sk and Zodpovednepodnikanie.sk. more here >>

[www.viabona.sk](http://www.viabona.sk).

### [ great country ]

#### **we have first successful projects!**

The Great country individual donor program has its first successful project. The creative workshops Majáčik have obtained the necessary amount of money for their project. Six more projects have fundraised the minimum of finances necessary for their launch. You can now support projects of non-profit organizations also by using Visa, Visa Electron, MasterCard and Maestro credit cards. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14756>

### [ foundation grants and programs ]

#### **opportunity for the young to improve their pc literacy**

The Dell grant giving program helps to improve PC skills. The Dell foundation fund at the Pontis Foundation will support 10 organizations that concentrate on educational trainings and courses in information technology for the youth. The Dell foundation fund at the Pontis Foundation will allocate a total sum of 23 000 EUR for this purpose.

#### **96 refurbished computers from accenture will help non-profit organizations and schools**

Accenture regularly replaces its computer technology with new one. This time, they decided not take the old technology to the waste dump but invest the time of some of their employees to clean the software of each one of the computers so that they can be further used by non-profit organizations and schools.

#### **13 future entrepreneurs have participated at the already third course for the deaf**

The Pontis Foundation in cooperation with Foundation Integra and the Slovak Association of the Deaf organized, for the third time already, a course for the deaf *How to start a business*. 13 deaf participants from the whole of Slovakia learned the basics of marketing, accounting and communication with clients in Nový Smokovec. Many of them have encountered these issues for the first time. Therefore, the role of the interpreters, who translated the whole course into sign

### [ upcoming events ]

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
We will announce the 2nd year of the Competition for best essay on development aid

**February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
The first meeting of the new work group Climate change of the Business Leaders Forum takes place

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Deadline for submitting applications for the support of young journalists and experts in Serbia

**March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Gala evening - awarding winners of the Via Bona Slovakia for the year 2009

**May**  
International conference on corporate responsibility in Bratislava

**June 18th -19th**  
Our Bratislava – an event of corporate volunteering

**September 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Our Žilina - an event of corporate volunteering

language, was essential. T-mobile Slovakia supported these trainings through its own foundation fund at the Pontis Foundation. more here >>

<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14708>

### [ business leaders forum ]

#### **inadequate business environment is an obstacle in sustainability**

More than a third of managers of big companies admit that immediate financial goals are a higher priority. This comes from the new research of the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) and Enel. The outcomes of the research were presented on February 8<sup>th</sup> in Rome, at the event on the Day of sustainability. The topic was Business, as we (don't) know it. Beata Hlavčáková, executive director of the Business Leaders Forum and program director at the Pontis Foundation represented Slovakia at the event. more here >>

<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14755>

### [ serbia and the western balkans ]

#### **first call for proposal for support from the slovak - serbian eu enlargement fund**

The Pontis Foundation (Slovakia) and the Center for Democracy Foundation (CDF) (Serbia) are accepting applications for financial support in the first Call for Proposal for researchers and organizations from Serbia to undertake research projects on the topics of Serbia integration to EU. more here >>

<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14667>

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