

[about pontis foundation]**a project of the pontis foundation was nominated for the european enterprise award 2010**

Our Bratislava – a program of corporate volunteering realised for the fourth time now by the Pontis Foundation in cooperation with Engage, was *nominated for the European Enterprise Award 2010*. Altogether 326 projects from European countries took part in the competition. Our Bratislava was shortlisted among 53 projects nominated in five categories. more here >>

<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14834>

pontis is looking for a suitable candidate to fill the position of advocacy officer

The *Advocacy Officer* will manage communication with various subjects for the Pontis Foundation and will prepare new projects for the foundation. The deadline for applications for this position is April 5th 2010. The start day at the position is in May/June 2010. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14831>

[via bona slovakia 2009 awards]**the via bona slovakia award 2009 is in its second round of evaluation**

In this anniversary 10th year of the award, its jury evaluated altogether 111 nominees, which was a record number. *41 nominees* made it to the second round. A jury will name winners of individual categories at a group evaluation. Winners of the award will be announced at a ceremonial event at the P.O. Hviezdoslav Municipal theatre in Bratislava on March 30th 2010.

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. or here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14789>

[great country]**create your group of donors and we will pay you for it!**

The Pontis Foundation appealed to all of the non-profit organizations that are a part of the *Great Country* program. The foundation will award a grant of 2 000 €, 1 000 € and 500 € to three of the organizations which receive the most donors for their projects in the course of the following 4 months, that is until July 31st 2010. visit the Great Country here >> <http://www.dobrakrajina.sk>

[corporate responsibility]**the 7th international conference on corporate responsibility will also be with a marketplace for company solutions**

Make use of the unique opportunity to meet the biggest experts on corporate responsibility. The conference that is taking place on May 13th 2010 and will focus on the following topics: *Changes – risk or opportunity for new products and services?* and *Responsible communication and transparency = increased value of a company?*

The conference is organized by the Pontis Foundation and the Business Leaders Forum in cooperation with the monthly Stratégie. Orange Slovensko is the general partner of the conference. Other partners of the conference are: Philip Morris Slovakia, Slovenské elektrárne, member of the Enel group and Stredoslovenská energetika, member of the EDF group. CSR Europe is the expert partner of the conference. Its media partners are: The American Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic, EurActiv.sk, Hospodárske noviny and Trend. more here >>

<http://www.blf.sk/conference2010>

[upcoming events]

March 30th
Gala evening -
awarding winners
of the Via Bona
Slovakia for the year
2009

May 13th
International
conference
on corporate
responsibility
in Bratislava

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

September 17th –
18th
Our Žilina -
an event
of corporate
volunteering

[corporate volunteering]

the our bratislava event will take place for the fourth time in june

The corporate volunteering event *Our Bratislava* is entering its fourth year. On June 18th and 19th 2010 employees of companies in Bratislava will have the opportunity to show their fellowship and donate their time and work for a good cause and public well-being. Companies can apply to participate at this event as well as register the activities in which they will help until March 31st 2010. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14798>

[foundation grants and programs]

internet portal darca.sk brings new paperless on-line granting in one place

The Pontis Foundation developed a new internet based solution for granting through portal *Darca.sk*. In addition to a simplified granting process, portal brings information on philanthropic activities of companies. Visitors of *Darca.sk* can find actual grant programs and offers for in-kind donations will also be available. The new portal also allows to measure the effectiveness of grants and donations. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14825>

the zse foundation fund will support construction of another 20 sport areas in western slovakia

The grant giving program of the *Západoslovenská energetika* foundation fund at the Pontis Foundation - *Positive energy for sport* will support the construction and reconstruction of another 20 sport areas in Western Slovakia. A total sum of 100 000 EUR from the fund will be awarded. In the five years of the program's existence 83 sport areas have received financial support, adding up to almost 530 000 EUR.

the johnson controls bratislava foundation fund will support three elementary art schools in the bratislava region

The Johnson Controls Bratislava foundation fund at the Pontis Foundation will support *three elementary art schools* in the Bratislava region through its grant giving program *Young artists are helping*. Each of the schools will be supported by 1000 EUR. With this money they can realize an educating project for young people, purchase tools and material for painting or cover expenses connected with visiting exhibitions. Moreover, three students whose works seemed most appealing to the jury will receive vouchers worth 200 EUR.

kia will help improve mobility in the žilina region

The Pontis Foundation will distribute 39 000 EUR from the Kia Motors Slovakia foundation fund as a part of its employees grant giving program *Mobility*. This is twice the amount given away last year. 22 projects focused on developing mobility in the Žilina region will be supported.

[cuba]

wife of a cuban political prisoner calls out to slovakia: please, don't forget about us!

On March 17th in a phone call, the Pontis Foundation expressed its support to the Cuban movement *Ladies in White*, which was getting ready for their annual protest march through Havana on the next day. On Wednesday, March 17th, their protest was disrupted by a violent attack of hundreds of organised supporters of the regime and members of the secret police (non-combat state security). On Thursday, March 18th they remembered the 7th anniversary of the mass imprisonment of 75 Cuban dissidents and civil activists from the whole island. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14839>

pontis foundation appeals to the eu to return the topic of political prisoners into the centre of political dialogue with cuba

One of the political prisoners from the spring 2003 imprisonments - Orlando Zapata died at the age of 42 in Cuba after he held a hunger strike for 85 days to protest against the cruel, inhuman and undignified way political prisoners are treated in Cuba. The Pontis Foundation warns that due to the state of deep economic crises the country is in, the Cuban regime is no longer capable of

guaranteeing the survival of its political prisoners. more here >>

<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14772>

slovak parliament held a minute of silence for the deceased political prisoner in cuba

After the reaction of the Pontis Foundation to the death of the political prisoner in Cuba, deputies of the Slovak parliament decided to pay tribute to the Cuban prisoner Orlando Zapata by holding a minute of silence on Tuesday, March 2nd.

more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14833>

[kenya]

pontis preparatory trip to kenya brought new computer laboratory to regional high school

The Pontis Foundation and Youth for Conservation, Kenya launched a computer lab (20 computers and 2 printers) in Moi High School in Rukanga, Kasigau.

more information here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14815>

[development education]

knowledge makes change! new project of development education

In March, the Pontis Foundation started to implement a new project *Knowledge makes change! Strong co-operation between NGOs and academics in promoting development among politicians and public.* Organisations of three European countries – Slovakia, Poland and Cyprus are working on the project. The project is planned for three years. It was financially supported by the European Union, from the EuropeAid funds. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/12595>

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