

[about pontis foundation]**the pontis foundation underwent another tax inspection without any problems**

On March 23, 2010 the Tax bureau Bratislava II finished its financial inspection of the Pontis Foundation on its premises. The inspection was aimed at auditing the VAT declaration. The results of the inspection show that the Pontis Foundation keeps records on VAT for the given period in accordance with the law and its tax receipts fulfill all legal requirements. more here >>

<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14909>

the nobel prize committee confirmed having received the nomination of liu siao-po for the peace prize

In our newsletter from February we informed about the initiative of Slovak deputies and public personalities, which took place at the end of January 2010, to nominate the Chinese dissident Liu Siao-po for the Nobel Peace Prize. On April 7th, in a letter, the Nobel Prize committee confirmed having received the nomination. In the year 2010 the committee registered 237 nominations for this prize. The name of this year's Nobel Peace Prize Laureate will be made known in October. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14923>

[via bona slovakia 2009 awards]**winners of via bona slovakia 2009 receive awards in 11 categories**

Winner of the Main Award for Large Corporations for comprehensive approach to corporate responsibility became VÚB, a.s. In the category for small and medium enterprises Honorable Mention for development of employees' education and responsible approach to employees was awarded to the software company ESET, s.r.o. Winners of the other categories include: Accenture, s.r.o.; Anasoft APR, a.s.; Hewlett-Packard Slovakia, s.r.o.; Skanska Group in the Slovak Republic, SLOVNAFT, a.s.; T-Mobile Slovensko, a.s. and Toyota Motor Slovakia, s.r.o. Honorable Mention for Media Contribution in furthering CSR and corporate philanthropy in Slovakia was awarded to Mária Grebeňová – Laczová, reporter of Slovak Radio.

Západoslovenská energetika was the General Partner of the 10th annual Via Bona Slovakia Awards. Partners included DLA Piper and U. S. Steel Košice. Partner of the Award for Innovative Solutions to Social Inclusion was Slovak Social Development Fund. Partners of the gala event were Bratislava Culture and Information Centre (BKIS) and Vivent Production. Media partners were Euractiv.sk, SITA, The Slovak Spectator, Stratégie, Trend, Webnoviny.sk and Zodpovednepodnikanie.sk. more here >> <http://www.viabona.sk/english>

reports on the via bona prize 2009 also on tv markiza

Watch a report on the Via Bona Slovakia 2009 that TV Markiza aired in its evening news on March 31, 2010 here >>

http://tvnoviny.sk/bin/video.php?media_id=2143623

[great country]**we are starting to clean a water spring below the pajštún**

The Pajštún walkway and ruins is another project we were able to fundraise the minimum finances necessary to launch its realization. The project is organized by the civic association Pajštún. To launch the initial activities of the project they needed a minimum of 1000 EUR. This sum was collected mainly from cheques donated mostly by the inhabitants of Borinka. more here >>

<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14942>

employees of hewlett-packard slovakia contribute to the program great country also through their benefit plus program

HP Slovakia decided to support activities of non-profit organizations and enable its employees to contribute to five chosen projects of the Great country program.

[upcoming events]

May 13th
International conference on corporate responsibility in Bratislava

May 17th
Deadline of the 2nd year of the competition: best essay on development aid.

May 31st
Deadline of the PricewaterhouseCoopers employee grant giving program: Helping hand.

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

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

Employees of HP Slovakia can donate a voluntary amount from their benefit points which are a part of their employee benefit program Benefit Plus. The Great country program was included in the Benefit Plus program at the end of March and to this day employees of HP Slovakia donated 90 EUR from it. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14943>

[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>

[corporate volunteering]

our bratislava: suggest your own voluntary activity

Participate in the Our Bratislava event on June 18-19, 2010 and suggest activities by which volunteers could contribute to Bratislava becoming a more beautiful, cleaner and agreeable town to those who need help. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14946>

[foundation grants and programs]

techsoup slovakia offers a special drawing of gifts twice in a year – until June 30th

The TechSoup Slovakia program allows only one application for technological gifts from Microsoft in 12 months. Now it is possible to file a special second application for a gift until June 30, 2010. Other conditions of Microsoft remain unchanged. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14945>

another 11 hearing-impaired people received 45 329 eur from t-mobile slovensko to establish their businesses

T-Mobile Slovensko in cooperation with the Pontis Foundation, Foundation Integra and the Slovak Association of the Deaf supported self-employment of another eleven deaf people. Each one of them will get assistance when establishing their own self-employment business of up to 3 320 EUR. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14944>

employees of pricewaterhousecoopers can recommend projects for support from the grant giving program helping hand

The Foundation fund PricewaterhouseCoopers at the Pontis Foundation accepts applications for support of various types of projects through its employees until May 31, 2010. The grant support for a project's realization can be up to 1 500 EUR.

28 doctors in third world countries acquire mobile connection

The Slovak branch of the company Accenture donated through its Foundation fund at the Pontis Foundation 28 mobile telephones with chargers to the St. Elizabeth University of Health and Social Sciences. The school will use these phones for its projects realized abroad, doctors working in developing countries – Kenya, Ethiopia, Southern Sudan, or Zambia will make use of them. Having connection among each other will help the doctors' work faster and save more lives.

[belarus]

new policy paper on prospects of belarus-ukraine relations at the regional level

The paper analyses possible forms of cooperation between Belarus and Ukraine, taking into account their geographical, historical and cultural links. The regions of Homel (BY) and Chernichiv (UA) serve as an example for inter-regional and cross-border cooperation. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14865>

[development education]

students can once again win an internship in geneva with an essay

Slovak university students studying in Slovakia or abroad can obtain an interesting internship at the Permanent mission of the Slovak republic to the UN in Geneva, in Switzerland. All they need to do is sign up until May 17, 2010 for the second year of the competition: best essay on development aid, which is organized by the Pontis Foundation. more information in Slovak here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/esej>

[serbia and the western balkans]

22 000 euro for 6 projects of young serbian researchers and journalists

The selected projects gained the support within the first call of the grant-oriented project "Experience of Slovakia for Serbia's integration in the EU – grant program for young analysts and journalists" implemented by the Pontis Foundation in cooperation with the Serbian Center for Democracy Foundation. The second call is to be announced in the autumn 2010. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/12595>

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