

[about pontis foundation]**nominations for via bona slovakia open**

For the twelfth time Pontis Foundation is going to give awards to the companies with the best projects in corporate social responsibility and corporate philanthropy. Entrepreneurs and companies can send their nominations up until February 16th, 2012. The Via Bona Slovakia 2011 awards will be assessed by an independent commission consisting of reputable experts from business, media and the non-governmental sector. You can read more about Via Bona Slovakia 2011 here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/17072>

[grant program]**heart for children: we are helping children from disadvantaged backgrounds**

Donors taking part in the charity project Heart for Children have already helped 11 children with disadvantaged backgrounds. Newspaper Nový Čas and the Pontis Foundation created a charity program running from last September. At the end of the year 2011 the program had peaked in ceremonial gala broadcasted by TV JOJ where 760, 645 Euro was raised. The Pontis Foundation receives applications from Slovak families daily and evaluates them very carefully. Every application is assessed by a special commission that decides what kind of support that child. You can find more information here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/17071>

[corporate responsibility]**the entrepreneurs from orava and liptov attended seminars on corporate responsibility**

In January, the Pontis Foundation continued organizing seminars on corporate responsibility for small and medium enterprises - this time in Orava and Liptov regions. The Pontis Foundation organizes seminars within the project frame, ReSmes - Responsible Small and Medium Enterprises in Slovakia in association the National Agency for Development of Small and Medium Enterprises and with the Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry in various Slovak cities. The project is funded by the European Union. The last seminars will take place in February in Malacky, Lučenec and Handlová. For more details click here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/17088>

[democratization and development education]**submit your papers to the international scientific development and democracy**

The Pontis Foundation and the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University in Bratislava will be conducting the International Scientific Conference on Development and Democracy on May 3rd 2012. This will focus primarily on contemporary trends in the field of International Development Cooperation. The main objective of the conference is to encourage an exchange of research results, ideas and experiences among researchers, policymakers and development practitioners. Experts can submit their papers, which will not only be presented during the conference, but will also be part of a publication issued by the Pontis Foundation. For further information please click here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/17070>

[cuba]**pontis foundation and people in peril condemn the death of Cuban prisoner**

Pontis Foundation and People in Peril were saddened and alarmed by news of the death of Cuban political prisoner Wilman Villar Mendoza, dying last Thursday from pneumonia. Dissident went on hunger strike to protest his unjust imprisonment since last November. The Pontis Foundation and People in Peril strongly ask for

[upcoming events]

**February 8, 2012
Seminar for SMEs
in Malacky**

**February 12, 2012
Opening computer
labs in Rukanga,
Kenya**

**February 14, 2012
Seminar for SMEs
in Lučenec**

**February 15, 2012
Seminar for SMEs
in Handlová**

**February 16, 2012
Closing nominations
for Via Bona
Slovakia 2011**

the release of political prisoners and better conditions for the dissidents. They have also appealed to international community not to lose sight of their objectives by accepting the false measures that the Cuban Government has implemented with regards to regime changes and the release of prisoners. These people remain imprisoned in Cuban penitentiaries in awful conditions. You can read more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/17076>

we inspire belarusian entrepreneurs to become responsible

Belarus endeavors to achieve economic integration in Europe, accompanied with adherence to European entrepreneurial standards. Implementation of corporate social responsibility principles is required from growing number of significant companies in Europe as well as their suppliers. It is for this reason that the Pontis Foundation teaches and inspires Belarusian managers, making sure that their business activities have a positive impact on employees, the environment and the communities they operate in. For more information please click here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/17078>

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