

The Cyrillo-Methodian anniversary in 2013 will be a great event

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In the Czech Republic, the celebrations will be launched at Velehrad this July, during the traditional Days of the People of Goodwill. It is Velehrad, which is the historical place connected to the mission of Cyril and Methodius. That is why it is the center of the celebrations. Further on, there will be two international conferences in Prague and at Velehrad. %The first one will deal with the state-political importance of Cyril and Methodius in the 9th to 18th century; the other will focus on the importance of the missionaries for the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, said Jaroslav Ÿebek from the Institute of History, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. The conferences will take place in spring 2013 and they will be supplemented with exhibitions taking place in Brno, Prague, Olomouc, Zlín and at Velehrad. On regional levels, other projects are being prepared, like e.g. educational workshops, lectures, tourism products or competitions for children and youth with an international scope.

A unique project is the preparation of the full length film %Cyril and Methodius . The Apostles to Slavs+, which will map the lives and work of the Slavonic missionaries. Its premiere is scheduled for March 2013.

In the present, also the presence of Pope Benedict XVI at the Days of the People of Goodwill at Velehrad in July 2013 is under negotiation.

The aim of the celebrations of the 1150th anniversary of the arrival of the missionaries to our territory is to establish a general awareness of Cyril and Methodius, of the contributions of their mission in the sphere of culture, religion, writing, education and the like. %The celebrations cannot be perceived as only religious because the missionaries also stood at the beginnings of our statehood. The celebrations cannot be only Czech or Moravian because the Cyrillo-Methodian mission played a role in the history of the majority of Slavonic nations+, added Prof. Petr Pi ha, the author of the book for children about Cyril and Methodius, %Slyzte slovo a zpívejte píse +(Hear the word and sing the song).

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