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***About János Esterházy in the context of a Central European dialogue –
Conference and a round table discussion in Esterházy's homeland, Nitra***

Programme:

5th March 2014

- 10.00 Opening ceremony. Place: Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra, Faculty of Central European Studies, Slovakia
 - Welcome speech by Zoltán Zilizi, representative of the organizer, The Living Zobor Region Civil Organization
 - Welcome speeches of the auspices: Csaba Gy. Kiss, Chairman of the Scientific Council of European Network Remembrance and Solidarity (Warsaw), Csaba Balogh, ambassador of Hungary in Bratislava and František Mikloško
 - and by Attila Komzsík, the dean of the Faculty of Central European Studies

- *Lectures of the conference*
Place: Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra, Faculty of Central European Studies, auditorium D2
 - 10.30 – 11.20
Moderator: Andrej Tóth (Silesian University, Opava)
 - Arkadiusz Adamczyk (Jan Kochanowski University, Kielce, Poland): János Esterházy and Jozef Beck as architects of "The Third Europe". The last effort of geopolitical reconstruction of Middle-East Europe before the Second World War
 - László Szarka (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest): The Autonomy Policy of Esterházy in the Context of the first Vienna Award
 - Imre Molnár (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Budapest): Intermediary role of János Esterházy between the Hungarian and Slovak politicians of his era

 - 11.30 – 12.30
Moderator: Tibor Žilka (Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra)
 - Ondrej Podolec (Institute of the Slovak National Memories, Bratislava): János Esterházy in the Slovakian Parliament
 - István Janek (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest): János Esterházy's activities to mediate between the Hungarian and Slovak governments between 1939-1942, and the Jewish question
 - Ján Mitáč (Institute of the Slovak National Memories, Bratislava): Horthy's Hungarian minority policy in the context of János Esterházy's attitudes

 - 12.40 – 13.50 lunch

 - 13.50 – 14.50
Moderator: Ondrej Podolec (Institute of the Slovak National Memories, Bratislava)
 - Andrej Tóth (Silesian University, Opava, Czech Republic): János Esterházy in archival sources of the first Czechoslovak Republic
 - Dariusz Rogut (Jan Kochanowski University, Kielce, Poland): Fate of the political elites of Central and Eastern Europe in the Soviet gulags
 - Ferdinand Vrábel (Bratislava): The role of minister Srobár in changing the judgement against Esterházy – two letters of Esterházy János from 1949

- 14.50 – 15.00 break
- *Round table discussion*
 - 15.00 – 16.00
 - Moderator: Zoltán Zilizi
 - Participants:
 - Martin Hetényi (Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra)
 - Pál Csáky
 - István Kollai (Hungarian Institute, Bratislava)
 - Ondrej Podolec
 - Imre Molnár
 - Imre Lebovits (Holocaust survivor, Budapest)
- Conclusion
 - 16.10