Call for Papers – 2017 Pittsburgh Conference

Theme: Industry and our Immigrants

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI) will hold its 16th Genealogical and Cultural Conference at the Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh International Airport Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. The dates are Wednesday October 18 through Saturday October 21, 2017.

On October 18, 1918 Czecho-Slovakia Independence was declared by Tomas Garrigue Masaryk.

Topics appropriate to this conference are numerous. Shown below is a list of potential subject matter:

- Computers in Genealogy (family tree programs, family web sites, etc.)
- Genealogy (Beginning, ethnic specific, US, European, traditional, on-line)
- History of ethnic settlements, religious groups, churches, fraternal organizations
- Immigration history, Emigration history (push-pull factors), Military history
- Austro-Hungarian Empire history, 20th century history, prehistoric history
- Language (conversational, meanings / origins of surnames and place names, transcription)
- Folk art, Folk music, Folklore, Folk dance (lecture or hands-on training)
- Modes of Transportation (in homeland, passenger ships, trains, steam boats, etc.)
- Ethnic press, newspapers, periodicals, newsletters
- Research institutions, Collections, museums
- Traditions (holidays, life-cycle, etc.)

The information required from speaker candidates includes: a title, a half to one page summary for each presentation, and a speaker bio of no more than one page. We encourage speaker candidates located outside of the Pittsburgh metropolitan areas to submit more than one paper, because of the costs of travel and lodging to bring in speakers.

Speakers selected for the conference will receive a complimentary admission that includes Friday and Saturday lunches, syllabus, and a free vendor table. A travel allowance of 35 cents per mile or airfare, whichever is less, and lodging at the Hyatt Regency hotel will be provided to out of area speakers for three or more days based on their individual speaking schedule. CGSI will ask speakers for permission to record their presentation(s) so that we can share some or all of the presentation on the Members Only section of our website.

If you require a speaking honorarium, please clearly state your requirements. The CGSI puts on a very high quality program, while attempting to maintain a reasonable registration rate for the public, and so honorariums could have an impact in the selection process.

If you have an interest in speaking or know someone who would be an appropriate speaker in Pittsburgh, please forward this information to them or contact Paul Makousky, Conference Chair at:
PaulMCzech@comcast.net or by US mail at 8582 Timberwood Road, Woodbury, MN 55125-7620. A copy of this Call for Papers will also be posted on the CGSI website at: www.cgsi.org

Papers are due by May 31, 2016 and shall be mailed or e-mailed to Paul Makousky at the address above.

Selections will be made by August of 2016. (Yes, 14 months prior to the Conference!)

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