



BETTER CITIES FOR BETTER LIFE

INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 28 - 29 2013

In Prague on 23rd May 2013Dear Mr. **Milan Broža**,

Let me address you with an invitation to participate in and a polite request from the United Nations to become a patron of the international conference which we are preparing to be held in Prague on 28th and 29th November.

In September 2012, the ceremonial gala evening took place in Prague where the awards of the international competition GOLDEN DECIBEL - Décibel d'Or were given. The jury consisted of 72 experts from 13 countries and they selected candidates for the awards from hundreds of registered projects. Personalities from 11 European countries and Israel took part in the award ceremony. The general patron of the international competition was the Minister of Environment, Tomáš Chalupa.

Already during negotiations of the jury, there were opinions initiating a global approach to reducing noise in the environment and proposals for spreading the air pollution issue. In the ceremonial gala evening on 27th September 2012, it was decided to organize a representative international conference aiming at the state of the air pollution and noise in cities.

It is the year 2013 and each of us realizes that the price of human life is and will be always priceless, and also that a human life is determined especially by the environment we live in. For most people, regardless of their political orientation, religious belief or place on the planet, the health is the most important life value. Nevertheless, many of us do not realize risks connected with the living in big world cities. Every day, we are exposed to air pollution and high levels of noise in such extent which deteriorates the life quality of urban population alarmingly.

We are confident that it is needed to repeatedly warn of these risks and to solve the issue in an active way. In 2003, the group of first eight big European cities with the European Commission and the WHO for Europe tried this, but after 10 years, the situation is much worse and no conceptual and coordinated effort resulted from the Berlin premiere.

For this reason we chose the name of the conference *Reducing noise and air pollution in cities to improve the health of the population*, with the motto **BETTER CITIES FOR BETTER LIFE**, and after ten years we want to achieve realistic goals. Not only that this year, it will be 10 years since the Berlin conference was held but the year 2013 is announced by the European Commission to be the year connected with the struggle for a better air.

Furthermore, we believe that just the United Nations is the best partner for such projects of which participants will be mayors of capitals of EU members and candidate cities, and about 70 cities outside the EU (i.e. New York, Moscow, Rio de Janeiro, Cairo, Beijing, Shanghai, Tokyo, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem). This happens especially in the situation when more then ever we are aware of how much lifestyle diseases exist, how much urban citizens' lives are shortened due to the effects of the pollutants and how many of us die early and unexpectedly. These factors are undoubtedly associated with the quality of the environment, which is crucial for the survival of future generations. Because what else than the preservation of the natural environment we live in, and the global, sustained and intensive protection will allow our children to live a high-quality and rich life.

We expect the participation of departmental commissioners, as well as representatives of the WHO. The Association of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic showed interest in the participation of 120-150 mayors of Czech and Moravian towns and villages.

We discuss the co-organization of the capital city of the Federal Republic of Germany with the Mayor of Berlin, Klaus Wowereit.

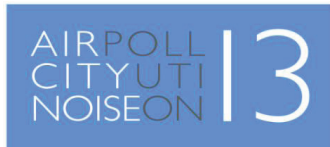
The First Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Karel Schwarzenberg, provided us with his patronage and diplomatic corps for intensive negotiations on the participation of representations of cities from all over the world.

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I only mention some of the present co-organizers:

- Charles University in Prague, Environment center, represented by the Director, **Prof. RNDr. Bedřich Moldan, CSc., dr.h.c.**
- Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Medicine, represented by the Chairman of Czech Society of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery of the Czech Medical Association of Jan Evangelista Purkyně, **Prof. MUDr. Viktor Chrobok, CSc., Ph.D.**
- Czech Technical University in Prague, Faculty of Transportation Science, represented by the Dean, **Prof. Dr. Ing. Miroslav Svítek** (The conference will be the part of the celebration of the 20th anniversary of Faculty of Transportation Science)
- Czech – Israeli Chamber of Trade, represented by the Vice-President of the Chamber, **RNDr. Petr Beneš**
- Interparliamentary Friendship Group the Czech Republic – Israel, represented by the Vice-Chairman of Interparliamentary Friendship Group and the MP, **Ing. Hana Orgoníková**
- JNF Jewish National Fund in the CR, represented by the President, **JUDr. Michal Pacovský**
- International Association for Geographic Information System (GIS), represented by the Vice-President, **Prof. RNDr. Milan Konečný, CSc.**
- Police of the Czech Republic, Traffic Police Service (originally represented by the Director **plk. Ing. Leoš Tržil**)
- Central Car and Motorcycle Club of the Czech Republic, Member of Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile, represented by the President, **JUDr. Oldřich Vaníček**
- Czech Chamber of Architects, represented by **Akad. Arch. Petr Fuchsa**
- Associations of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic, represented by **Pavel Drahovzal**.

We look forward to the personal meeting in which we will familiar you with the details of the program and along with you we will contribute to the ensuring of organizational and content professionalism in the process of the realization as well as the prestige of the international project within the Czech Republic. The host city of the project will be our capital of Prague.

Let me attached the resolution of the Berlin conference from November 3 and 4, 2003.

Dear Mr. Michal Broža, on behalf of all organizers, thank you for your support and I look forward to your reply.

I assure you with my deepest respect,

Ivo Vaněk

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Thematic goals of the conference:

1. the presentation of solutions to problems of noise and air pollution in big cities of the participants of the conference,
2. the creation of the expert body which, based on experience and the knowledge of science, will work out a concept of the methodology how to reduce noise and air pollution in big cities (in the structure of a nation – continent – world),
3. the creation of the body for coordination how to reduce noise and air pollution in the countries that will show interest in it (in the structure of a nation – continent – world),
4. the agreement with the European Commission on the support of efforts to reduce noise and air pollution in big cities in the EU member states that will participate in the project of coordinated action,
5. the agreement with the representative of states out of EU on the cooperation in the process of reducing noise and air pollution in big cities.

Draft of specialized sections of the conference:

The opening plenary session of the conference – the development of the environmental strain of big cities (10 years of history since the conference of big cities in Berlin 2003)

1. an air pollution and noise – two basic pollutants in big cities at present,
2. a development of air pollution and a noise exposure in big cities,
3. an effect of air pollutants exposure, noise and air pollution on human health (ENT, cardiology, psychiatry, pulmonary, neurology etc.),
4. directing of legislation regulating noise and air pollutants, monitoring of major pollutants,
5. the technology for reducing environmental air pollutants and noise (road transport, railways, aviation, industry),
6. ways reducing environmental strain of big cities – clean mobility (cycling, electromobility, CNG and LPG mobility etc.),
7. effects of noise and air pollution on local plan and its modification,
8. clever cities.

The final plenary session of the conference – the approval of memorandum (requirements of cities representatives) for the scientific and politic representation

The ceremonial gala evening for 1100 guests will be dedicated to disadvantaged people affected by noise and air pollution.

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