

• Visegrad Fund

# SLOVILCO

Meeting of the stomics V 4







## History of stomic meetings

Stomic meetings originated in Moravia and Poland. It was a small border contact between Moravian and Polish stomics within the border area. In 2005, Moravian and Polish stomics also invited Slovaks to attend a meeting organized by the Ostrava ILCO club at Hřčava. This was symbolic place, because the borders of the three participating countries meet there. It was June 30, 2005 and since this meeting we meet regularly under the name “Trojstretnutie” (Fourmeeting). This years meeting is 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting will take place in Poland next year. It is a meeting of disabled people with the same diagnosis. They can exchange their experience, because they have the same health problems, similar diagnoses and they use the same medical devices. They have the same manufacturers of stomic medical aids, but different social policy options in these states.





## Resumption of SLOVILCO history.

Doc. MUDr. Augustín Prochotský, CSc., to whom the life and problematic of the ostomates is very close because he has been meeting them daily at his workroom, has been trying to solve their health and sometimes social problems too. He took initiative and was founder of the first ILCO club of ostomates on Slovakia and all over slovakian organization of ostomics. He initiated at 17<sup>th</sup> March 1988 that took place the constituent member meeting of the first ILCO club of ostomates in Bratislava and together with first ILCO clubs in Slovakia. Herewith has been starting the era of the care of ostomics on the base of spontaneity at Slovakia. Together with another specialist as follows like: Mr. Konečný PhDr, Mr. Prof. Černý, Mr. Doc. MUDr. Paška, Mr. Prof. MUDr. Horňák, Mr. MUDr. Lúčan PhDr, Mr. MUDr. Korec, they have been managing, aiming, regulating and directing the activity of ILCO Club at Slovakia, have been promoting and aiding to make sphere of action for realization of its activities.

Aid, chiefly by material means has been provided by the firm ConvaTec (Bristol Myers Squibb Company), Mr. Andrew Adams, latter Mr. Ing. Libor Urban and Mr. Ing. Ivan Vančo. The fact of the growth of ILCO club of Ostomates in Bratislava encouraged the ostomics in other Slovak towns. So grow by degrees ILCO clubs in Trenčín, in Košice, Nové Zámky, Martin and in the following towns. The activities of these clubs caused the need for coordination of theirs activity and necessity of mutual informedness at all slovakian level.

At the meeting which took place on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1991 in Bratislava (hotel Javorina), the representants of already existing ILCO clubs disputed about foundation of covering organization for ILCO clubs with all over slovakian activity. This meeting was successful, there was approved all over slovakian organisation SLOVILCO. Regulations of the organisation „SLOVILCO“ were enregistered by the Home Office of SR at 19-11-1991 and this day is considered as the day of creation of Association SLOVILCO. All over Slovakian Organisation of Ostomates work under common title Slovak Ostomy Association – SLOVILCO. This Association joins 29 Ilco clubs of ostomics in the frame of Slovak republic and generates the conditions for foundation further ILCO clubs. Lasting mission and main aim of Slovak Ostomy Association is to provide subservience to the ostomics, innovate or gain better quality of their lifes and better re-integration in to the family and social life. Slovak Ostomy Association – SLOVILCO is a part of World Ostomy Association (IOA) and European Ostomy Association (EOA).



## **Polish stomics society POL Ilko**

Type of organization: Foundation

The organization was founded in 1987 under the name of Society for the protection of people with stoma POL Ilko. Since 2008, the organization exists under the name of the Polish stomics society POL Ilko. The organization is affiliated with EDA and IOS. The company brings together 40,000 patients with stoma in 20 regional offices.

The main aims of the association:

- Provide help and support for stoma patients, their families and to patients with lower urinary tract disease
- Raising awareness of digestive system diseases, including cancer
- Inform about the possibilities and methods of diagnosis and treatment
- Wake up and deepen social sensitivity in different environments, inform people about stomies and support the idea of helping people

An important element of POL Ilko is volunteering. Helping people who have or will have a stoma is the responsibility of any such organization.

The specificity of this volunteer work is that people with stomies must work well in everyday life. This, of course, is not an easy task, and unfortunately it is difficult to find willing and responsible people.

POL Ilko is involved in various projects for the promotion and prevention of cancer and campaigns in public schools. It is also one of the founders of an organization that supports other cancer patient organizations, forming a common policy and representing patients in negotiations with public institutions. POL Ilko is also a member of the ECPC.

The company is involved in organizing a World Stomic Day celebration every three years, which is the first weekend in October. These celebrations have been held since 1993 and the idea is to educate and consolidate people with stomies. The idea of prof. Gerhard Endlert was an effort to prevent the exclusion and isolation of stomics all over the world. At these meetings, doctors and nurses are actively involved and work with patients. The last celebrations were held on 02-04 of October 2015 under the motto of "Many stories, one voice". A commemorative event was organized in Kielce, which celebrated the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the regional





## **Czech ILCO foundation**

Local organizations of stomics in the former Czechoslovakia were created in the mid-80s. This was mainly because there were serious defects in the Communist regime in securing stomic devices and distributing them. The stomics has tried to correct these defects. After 1989 there was improvement. Fall of the border with Western Europe has shown that stoma care is not only a free supply of medical aids, but a comprehensive system of pre-operative and postoperative care, involving also skilled workers. These workers, mainly stomanurses, did not exist until this time in Czechoslovakia. Examples were the countries where stomic care was at a higher level than in our country.

It is clear that the needs of all stomics living in the territory of Czechoslovakia are not in the hands of local stomic organizations and that it will be necessary to create a nationwide organization. This organization could represent our stomics in international organizations, negotiate with government authorities about the needs of stomics and promote their needs and mediate contacts with manufacturers of stomic medical aids.

The pulse for the establishment of a national stomic association came from doc. MD. Tomáš Skříčka, who was a specialized coloproctologist with experience in the care of stomics abroad. In 1992, a preparatory council was formed from the two clubs in Brno, which wrote the statutes, and on 2 December 1992 the Czech ILCO was registered. It was a voluntary association of stomics in Czech republic registered as a separate legal entity with humanitarian focus.



On the occasion of the 1st World Stomic Day, which was held on Saturday, 2 October 1993, representatives of most of the 13 existing clubs met and established a national stomics organization under the name of the Czech ILCO.

Altered statutes, on the basis of which the association was registered by the Ministry of the Interior on 15 October 1993 were adopted. At the same time, the application was filed with the IOA. The members of the committee were representatives of individual clubs. The seat of the association was in Brno and we have agreed that a closer committee will meet every month. The whole committee meets once or twice a year. Petřivalský fundation published a newsletter ILCO Spravodaj for stomics in Czech republic and Slovak republic. This newsletter became the main information tool.

Thanks to close cooperation with Slovak association SLO-VILCO, good relations between stomics from the northern Moravia and Poland have been established.





## **The history of the Hungarian ILCO Association.**

The Hungarian ILCO Association was founded in 1980. The secretary of the Swedish ILCO Association Suzanne Bergström, a Hungarian origin, helped to establish it.

In 1980, in the Somogy county, they published an ad in which they invited all stomics. 120 stomics arrived at the first, the founding meeting. ILCO's Hungarian association was based on the pattern and assistance of the west.

In 1983 in Pécs, Budapest XIII. and in the town of Kecskemét, new ILCO clubs were established, which together with Kaposvárský club founded National Association of Hungarian ILCO Clubs on August 28, 1983.

The clubs were founded by volunteers. Each club searched for doctors and nurses at a local hospital in the surgical department.

The number of clubs has reached 44. Since 1985, the Association has been a full member of the International Ostomy Association (IOA) In 1987, there are already 10 clubs operating in the country.

Since 1989, the association has a new name Magyar ILCO Szövetség, the Hungarian association ILCO based in Kaposvár. From the beginning until 2007, Horváth Gyula was a chairman and he is still an honorary president. From 2007 to 2012 he was followed by Somogyvári Imre, and from 2012 until today Dr. Nagy András.

The aim of the association is to provide special psychological and physical care for the people with stomia who are trying to find help in the association. We try to spread advanced rehabilitation methods, to visit sick people as necessary, to prevent and to promote the timely detection of this disease. Three basic pillars of modern medicine: prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.

ILCO is working on prevention and rehabilitation, helping the state to perform tasks that it would not be able to do.



# Program Štvorstretnutia stomikov Visegrad V4

## Program of Fourmeeting of stomics Visegrad V4

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

12:00 – Arrival of participants (check-in)

13:30 – Lunch

16:00 – Cultural performance

18:00 – Dinner

19:30 – Meeting with dance party

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017

08:00 – Breakfast

09:00 - Meeting of the delegates (contributions of each V4

country

Workshop of using medical aids, social laws of each

country

13:00 – Lunch

15:00 – Workshop of searching common solutions and outles

18:00 – Dinner

19:30 – Meeting with dance party

**Lectures** : Ing. Marie Ředimová ( Czech ILCO )

Doc. RNDr. Pavel Kreml, CSc. ( Czech ILCO )

PhDr. Anna Surovcová, CSc.

Imre Magyarfalvi ( Magyar ILCO )

Andrzej Piwowarski ( Polilco )

Ján Čačko ( SLOVILCO )

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017

08:00 – Breakfast and check-out of the participants

*Stomics from Czech republik, Hungary ,  
Poland and Slovak republik say than you*



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