



Dear Colleagues,

The Institute of Contemporary History, Prague, together with the National Museum, Prague, and the Czechoslovak Documentation Centre, Prague, requests the pleasure of your company at the international conference,

'THE PAST IS THE BATTLEGROUND OF OUR CONTEMPORARIES'

organized to mark the eightieth birthday of the founder and first director of the Institute of Contemporary History, Vilém Prečan.

The conference will take place at Czernin Palace, Prague, on 24 and 25 January 2013. The proceedings will be divided into five blocks reflecting Prečan's life-long professional interests: the Second World War, Slovakia, Czecho-Slovak relations, political exile, opposition and dissent, and the building of the discipline of contemporary history in Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic.

The papers will be given by leading specialist from several countries in Czech, Slovak, and English; simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

We shall be delighted if you join us in the celebration of Vilém Prečan's birthday.

Oldřich Tůma, Director, Institute of Contemporary History
Michal Lukeš, Director, National Museum



Conference participants are kindly asked to register using the simple system at the Conference website:
<http://www.konference.usd.cas.cz/>

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For the Conference programme and up-to-date information, please visit the Institute website:
www.usd.cas.cz