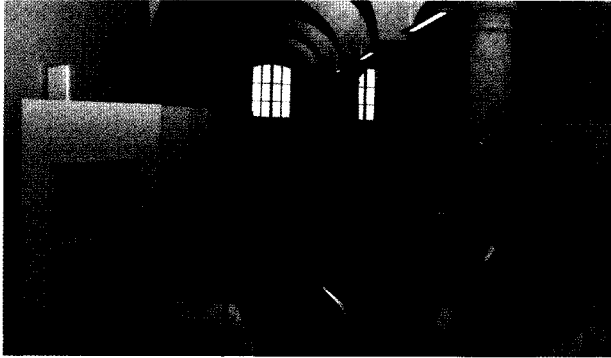


Canada in pictures

Scenic Beauties of Western Canada and Totems of Indigenous People is a title of the exhibition organized in cooperation with Association of Friends of Canada and RCI, particularly thanks to Mr. Stanislav Dvořák who initiated the whole concept. During the Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver Brno citizens had the opportunity to learn about other things than just sport in this country. Her Excellency Canadian Ambassador Valerie Raymond and the Mayor of the City of



Brno Roman Onderka took this exhibition under their auspices and personally inaugurated it with public attendance.

Czechs emigrants who have found a new home in Canada after fleeing communism are the authors of the beautiful pictures of nature and totems. There are also natives of Brno among them – Ivan, Drahomíra and Tomáš Neveselý.

The exhibition was well received by public either as a reminiscence of their visit to this amazing country, inspiration to travel or as an enjoyment of beautiful sceneries.

Launch of the MINIWASTE project



The MINIWASTE project was approved by the European Commission in July 2009. It is a pilot project for home composting in Žebětín city district; its implementation was launched in January 1st 2010. As part of the project home compost bins for organic waste will be placed to local homes. Implementation of the pilot project will test technical and economic possibilities of home composting with the aim to be eventually used also in other areas of the city of Brno. Partners of the City of Brno for the project are: Rennes Métropole (France), ACR+ (Belgium), Cemagref (France) and

LIPOR (Portugal). In connection with the launch of the project representatives of the agglomeration Rennes Métropole who had presented the Miniwaste project and the issue of composting in France visited Brno in February 2010. A meeting of technical specialists followed after the opening conference in France which was attended by political representatives, experts and press.

Beside work meetings, the specialists had the opportunity to visit various organic waste collection centers and to learn about the role of a compost specialist. Compost bins will be loaned to the Brno citizens for free during August and September. At the same time various demonstration and dissemination activities will be organized. **The project will receive financial support from the Community programme LIFE+ of the European Commission in the amount of 1,550,400 CZK.**



Europe faces domestic violence

In connection with the FemCities Network conference “Women change Europe, Europe changes Women” held in May 2009 Brno became involved in preparations of a project which deals with domestic violence. Participating cities in the project which focuses on education of experts in this area are Almelo (Netherlands), Carnikava (Latvia), Chorzów (Poland), Iserlohn (Germany), Leuven (Belgium) and Satu Mare (Romania). Key project topics are educational programmes for victims and offenders, interdisciplinary cooperation of police, judicature and social work, gender roles and their impact on affected families, work with families, particularly with women and children, and

cooperation and training of policemen. Beside joint meetings aiming at acquisition and transfer of international experience, web pages and inventory of good practice will be created within the project. The project will be launched in September 2010 and will receive support from the community programme of the European Commission in the amount of 280,000 CZK.



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