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Executive President visits Bratislava between 25 – 26 April 2003

The 10^{th} International Tennis Tournament of Journalists of Visegrad Four Countries (Czech Republic, Poland, Slovak Republic and Hungary) was organised between 23 – 27 April 2003 in Bratislava / SLOVAK REPUBLIC (SR). The cooperation of the 4 countries is actualised significantly through the coming integration into the European Union. Thus, these countries are interconnected in their endeavour to reach the same goals – the accession to the EU.

Main patrons of the event were His Excellency Rudolf SCHUSTER – President of the Slovak Republic and Mr. Alexander KWASNIEWSKI – President of the Republic of Poland. Among the patrons were ambassadors of the concerned countries – such as Mr. Rudolf SLÁNSKY Ambassador of the Czech Republic in the SR, Mr. Csaba GYORFFY Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary in the SR, Mr. Jan KOMORNICKI Ambassador of the Republic of Poland in the SR – and numerous high-ranking officials.

His Excellency President Rudolf SCHUSTER gave an official reception in honour of the participants in his residency and on the 26th April he honoured the Tennis Championship with his active presence.

The 70 year-old President and his permanent tennis partner – the well known heart specialist head surgeon – played two-way competition with the Polish-Hungarian journalist team. The match lasted more than an hour and the President with his tennis – mate defeated the mixed journalist team in a very close fight. The periodic heavy wind just made the contest harder.

Sporting events organised by the WORT Agency have already turned into tradition and they became an inseparable part of the efforts aiming at establishing close relations among the natural cultures of the 4 countries. Mr. Kamil KRIZAN – Leader of the WORT Agency, and Chief Organiser of the Tennis Tournament invited Prof. George POPPER, GCKM – Executive President of IBSSA to participate at this event as honorary guest.

During the program the Executive President of IBSSA introduced the activities of the association to President Rudolf SCHUSTER, who expressed his satisfaction with the high level of the Italian Sportivo & security Magazine. His Excellency Rudolf SCHUSTER handed over a presidential silver plaque to Prof. George POPPER and to those, who played tennis with him.

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