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**PITT IN SLOVAKIA IN SUMMER 2008**

**4-WEEK SLOVAK PROGRAM TO BE HELD IN MODRA**

An agreement between the University of Pittsburgh and Comenius University will be signed this Fall for a new four-week intensive beginning or intermediate-level Slovak language program in Slovakia beginning in the summer of 2008. The new program, to be held in Modra from July 21-August 15, will include three weeks of intensive language study followed by one week of guided travel within Slovakia.

The program in Slovakia is a sequel to the six-week, six credit intensive Slovak Summer Institute, held at the University of Pittsburgh from June 9 through July 18, 2008. Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Intensive Slovak will be offered in Pittsburgh. These courses are open to students of any age, including juniors and seniors in high school, undergraduate and graduate students, as well as to persons of any age not currently enrolled in a college or university. Partial and full scholarship aid is available. The Pittsburgh classes meet Monday through Friday from 9:00-3:00 for six weeks. Ten college credits are awarded for completion of both the Pittsburgh and Slovakia components.

The Slovakia 6+4 program includes a three day trip to Trencin, Zilina, Martin, the High Tatras (Srbske Pleso), Vlkolinec (skanzen), Demanova (cave), Banska Bystrica and Banska Stiavnica. Day trips to the Male Carpaty, Modra Harmonia – Cerveny Kamen castle and museum, and to Bratislava are also included.

The Slovak Summer Institute and Slovakia 6+4 program is part of the University of Pittsburgh's East European Summer Language Institute. Other languages offered include Bulgarian, Croatian, Hungarian, Polish, Russian, Serbian and Ukrainian. Study abroad programs in Russia, Bulgaria and Poland are also offered

For further information and applications for the 2008 Slovak Summer Institute, contact Christine Metil, Slavic Department Summer Programs, University of Pittsburgh, 1417 CL. Pittsburgh, PA 15260, call (412) 624-5906, or visit the website at <http://sli.slavic.pitt.edu/>