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X/13 WORLD - PHILOSOPHY CONGRESS OPENS

VIENNA, SEPT. 2 (CNR/RFE SPICAL/KOSTRBA) - ABOUT 3,000 PHILOSOPHERS FROM 65 COUNTRIES ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PART IN THE FOURTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY WHICH OPENED IN VIENNA TODAY;

THE CONGRESS IS SPONSORED BY AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT DR. FRANZ JONAS, VIENNA ARCHBISHOP DR. FRANZ CARDINAL KOENIG, THE AUSTRIAN EDUCATION MINISTER DR. THEODOR PIFFL-PERCEVIC AND UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF VIENNA UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR LEO GABRIEL.

THE CONGRESS, WHICH CONCLUDES 9TH SEPTEMBER, WAS EXPECTED TO DISCUSS MORE THAN 1,000 CONTRIBUTIONS, THESES AND LECTURES.

THE CONGRESS' SECRETARIAT SAID INVITATIONS TO ATTEND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY 41 BULGARIAN, 36 EAST GERMAN, 16 YUGOSLAV, 54 POLISH, 44 RUMANIAN, 160 SOVIET, 91 CZECHOSLOVAK AND 20 HUNGARIAN PHILOSOPHERS.

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY MORNING THAT ONLY 14 POLISH PHILOSOPHERS - OUT OF 54 INVITED - REGISTERED WITH THE CONGRESS SECRETARIAT AND IT SEEMS THAT THE OVERALL NUMBER OF EAST EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS WILL BE LESS THAN EXPECTED.

THE CONGRESS AGENDA WILL BE DEALT WITH IN PLENARY SESSIONS AND COLLOQUIA AS WELL AS IN SECTIONAL GROUPS.

AFTER THE OPENING OF THE CONGRESS IN THE VIENNA STATE OPERA AT 1000 HRS ON MONDAY, THE LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS WERE TO START AT 1500 HRS IN A COLLOQUIUM ON MARX AND CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY.

IN ADDITION TO SPECIALIZED GROUP-LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS, THE MAIN PLENARY SESSIONS WILL DEAL WITH FOLLOWING TOPICS: (TUESDAY) SPIRIT, WORLD AND HISTORY, (WEDNESDAY) FREEDOM, RESPONSIBILITY AND DECISION, (THURSDAY) LANGUAGE, SEMANTICS AND HERMENEUTICS, (FRIDAY) PHILOSOPHY AND IDEOLOGY, (SATURDAY) PHILOSOPHY AND NATURAL SCIENCE.

THE COLLOQUIA HAVE ON THE AGENDA HISTORY OF THE ORIGIN OF MARXISM; EGGEL AND MARX; SCIENCE AND IDEOLOGY IN MARX; THE HUMANISM OF MARX; BRENTANO; THE PHILOSOPHICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND THE PHENOMENOLOGICAL MOVEMENT, WITTGENSTEIN; THE VIENNA CIRCLE AND THE ANALYTICAL PHILOSOPHY; DEONTIC LOGIC AND ITS IMPORTANCE FOR ETHICS AND RIGHT; THE MEANING OF SYNTHESIS IN INTEGRATIVE THINKING WITH REGARD TO HOLISTIC STRUCTURES; CYBERNETICS AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF TECHNICAL SCIENCE; ON TIME; THE NATURE OF MAN AND THE PROBLEM OF PEACE.

IN ADDITION, MISCELLANEOUS THEMES WILL BE DISCUSSED IN 13 SECTIONS, AMONG THEM THE PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION, LAW AND MORALS, PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL ORDER, THE PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION WITH REGARD TO PROBLEMS OF THE PRESENT TIME, RESEARCH IN THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY.

SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT AS ESTABLISHED BY PLATON, AUGUSTINUS, KANT, LEIBNIZ, HEGEL AND THE FAR EAST PHILOSOPHIES.

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