

**JOSIP JURAJ STROSSMAYER:
JUGOSLAVISM, ECUMENISM, EUROPE**

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General Information:
International conference:
Josip Juraj Strossmayer –
Jugoslavism, Ecumenism, Europe.

Date: April 28-30, 2005.

Place: Institute of Slavic Philology,
Croatian, Serbian and Slovene
Department,
Jagiellonian University,
Cracow, Poland.

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The Croatian, Serbian and Slovene Department of Jagiellonian University is organizing the international conference *Josip Juraj Strossmayer: Jugoslavism, Ecumenism, Europe*, which will take place in April 28-30, 2005 in Cracow, Poland. The conference aims to put a multidimensional light on one of the outstanding, though variously estimated, figures of Croatian culture in the 19th century. Strossmayer, who died in May 1905, was the Catholic bishop of Djakovo in Slavonia, on the Croatian border between the East and the West, and was respected and honoured by his Orthodox neighbours as a predecessor of contemporary ecumenism. He was also a politician and outstanding patron of culture, the originator of the idea of a Croatian Tuscany, according to which all the South Slavs should be integrated on the basis of cultural co-operation. This idea was an essential alternative to projects for a Greater Croatia and Greater Serbia. It was meant to be a chance for political emancipation of the nations of the region and to assure them a suitable place among all the European nations.

The official language of the conference is Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian; plenary sessions are planned. There is a conference fee – 80 Polish Zloty (PLN), which equals about 18 Euro, all expenses for accommodations (between April 27th and 30th) are covered by the organizers. Post-conference proceedings will be published as a book.

Each presentation should not exceed 20 minutes, as one of the most important points of the gathering will be a discussion about the Bishop himself and his accomplishments (parts of the discussions will also be published).