

- d) giving lectures to students in Nitra University and/or hosting the lecturers from Nitra in VUDPaP seminars in order to present their scientific work
- e) facilitate with Diploma Theses of students (on the part of VUDPaP experts)

Hristo has been always open to the new ideas. In some moment I sent him an e-mail inviting him to meeting of Section for Education, Slovak Commission for UNESCO, where we would discuss the potential development of the Centre for Advancement of Roma Children Education, serving for the Central and East European countries. The response came very soon, simple and positive: „*Dear Dagmar, thank you for the information and I will try to help in every possible way*“. Well, this is typical Hristo. Never refused an invitation, never said „I can not“ and never let people down. He has been always searching for the solutions.

I always admired his great enthusiasm, diligence and ardour for a good matter. But most of all I admire his friendliness, frankness and humanity. He is a wonderful model for other Roma people to follow and reach their goals.

On behalf of his round anniversary, let me wish to Hristo firm health, much joy, success and a huge personal satisfaction from his research, publication and scientific work.

Mnoga ljeta, Hristo !

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Dr. Kyuchukov is someone that anyone involved with social justice would want to know. The plight of the Roma is systematically and unabashedly perpetuated in a culture of silence, evasion, and cover-up. Dr. Kyuchukov's body of work sheds light on the unfortunate and ongoing plight of the Roma. A plight that, I am sorry to say, in order for contemporary Roma to experience an improved quality of life - a severe drop in prejudices and abuses - the world at large, most importantly those among us who are non-Roma, must do what we can to situate ourselves as watchdog activists scrutinizing the political and social scene in order to cripple the violations of human rights involving the Roma.

Dr. Kyuchukov's contribution toward preserving and honoring the Romani culture and language is evident in the classes he teaches and the books he writes. My life is much richer for knowing Dr. Hristo Kyuchukov. I am proud to count him as more a brother than just a friend.

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