Dear colleagues and friends,

Since beginning of the Czech Oral History Association’s existence an important part of our agenda is to support organizing of the joint meetings among Czech oral history community members. With great success these co-organized meetings were held in České Budějovice (2009), in Nečtiny by Pilsen (2011) and in Pardubice (2013). The sense of every bi-annual meeting is not only to publicize different project results and outputs but also to discuss common theoretical, methodological, ethical and legal issues of oral history domain. As very friendly venue for having the next COHA conference it seems to be the city of Ostrava, an urban place with long industrial and academic tradition located on several borders (state, national, regional, ethnical, language, cultural etc.). It is also a silent witness of several ruptures and continuities in the past and present.

The Czech Oral History Association and Faculty of Arts, University of Ostrava are warmly inviting the Czech and foreign guests for a participation in 4th COHA Conference organized under the auspice of the dean of Faculty of Arts, University of Ostrava, prof. Aleš Zářický:

*On the Borders between Past and Present. Perspectives of Oral History.*

The conference will be held between 19th and 20th March, 2015 in Faculty of Art, University of Ostrava. Welcomed are conference papers based on oral history methodology and research related to these topics:
Oral history theory and methodology
Memory studies and oral history
Using of oral history in regional history and trans-national research
Education and oral history
Oral history in contemporary economic and social history research
Environmental history and oral history

The official conference languages are Czech (Slovak) and English. The conference’s plenary session part will be simultaneously translated (between Czech and English and vice versa).

The Organizing Committee is planning to publish selected papers in peer-reviewed collective monograph. The important dates and previewed schedule are following:

Deadline for submitting participation proposals: **January 15, 2015**
Announcement of accepted papers: **End of January 2015**
Publishing first draft of conference program: **February 2015**
Deadline for submitting complete texts of papers: **June 20, 2015.**

Please send your proposals as electronic attachment to e-mail directed to the e-mail address: Gabriela.Martinikova@osu.cz and in CC to czechoralhistory@gmail.com.

The organizers are authorized to make a selection of conference papers (to program and to collective monograph). The conference fee will be paid on site during registration in the amount **250 Czech crowns** (or 10 EURO). The fee includes costs of conference materials, coffee breaks and a contribution to the preparation and publishing of collective monograph. COHA members and University of Ostrava students and academics are free of charge. The latest news will be distributed immediately to participants on their indicated e-mails and they will be also published on Department of History’s¹ and COHA’s² websites.

We kindly invite you for the participation and we hope to see you in Ostrava!!!

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Doc. PhDr. Petr Popelka, Ph.D. (Director, Department of History, Faculty of Arts, University of Ostrava)

¹ http://ff.osu.cz/khi/
² www.oralhistory.cz
Conference Committee, responsible for scientific and organizing part of the event:

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