

Servare et Manere Annual Report 2020



Profile

Servare et Manere is a Slovak unincorporated association founded in 2010 in the Podhorie village and is currently based in Žilina. The name of the association is composed of two Latin words "*servare*" = save and "*manere*" = preserve. Servare et Manere is an organisation founded with the purpose of knowledge, protection and renovation of the cultural heritage of Slovakia.

The main goal of the association is to promote cultural and historical sights on the territory of Slovakia. Servare et Manere adopted its coat of arms and flag in 2010 and since November 27, 2016, they were registered in the Heraldic Register of the Slovak Republic under the signature HR-W-324/2016. Since 2018, after founding the international project called The Tree of Peace, the main role of Servare et Manere is the promotion of the activities related to the development of peace and friendship on the international and domestic levels.

The Tree of Peace is already successfully implemented in **16 countries**. The main goal of the project is to promote a message of peace by planting a Tree of Peace on every continent.



Tree of Peace

The Tree of Peace project is an international and strictly apolitical project created on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. The idea of the project is based on the fate of Ondrej Sobola who died on the Russian battlefield in an unknown place. His story inspired Marek Sobola, the author of the project, to memorialize the soldiers who died during the two world war conflicts in unknown places and were buried without their names or identities. There is probably no country in the world that does without a war victim or an unknown soldier.

The Tree of Peace project was established on September 28, 2018. The main idea of the project is a Message of Peace. The project has its official logo, which contains the dove – the general symbol of peace that is associated with the tree – the main feature of the project. The project is implemented as a voluntary and community service by Servare et Manere, Slovak unincorporated association. The official motto of the Project is: “Let’s make love the lifeblood of this world”. The Tree of Peace officially represents the Slovak Republic under the brand “DOBRY NÁPAD SLOVENSKO – GOOD IDEA SLOVAKIA” that represents Slovakia at home and abroad. The project is supported by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic. The project is currently taking on another dimension. All of us should behave responsibly to the current global situation caused by the pandemic of the new COVID-19 coronavirus. The Tree of Peace is also a Tree of Understanding – Tree of Life.

Since 2020, the planting is linked with the current global situation and Trees of Peace are dedicated not only to the memory of the world war disasters but extend also to the memory of natural disasters. We cannot forget the victims of the current COVID-19 pandemic.





EVENTS OF 2020

January 1

Establishment of two new Servare et Manere awards

As the responsible organization for the Tree of Peace project, non-governmental association Servare et Manere can recognise important personalities who treasure peace, freedom and mutual understanding and acknowledge the importance of initiatives which serve to enhance the welfare of everyone in society. Servare et Manere honors all those who have made a special contribution to the promotion of idea of understanding between people uniting of nations and preservation of nature. There are currently three awards:

1. The Tree of Peace Memorial Plaque (*established in 2019*)
2. The Memorial Medal of Tree of Peace
3. The Friend of Peace

Memorial Medal of Tree of Peace

Servare et Manere expresses the gratitude by awarding a Memorial Medal of Tree of Peace, which may be granted to personalities, who are personally involved in planting, or people and governmental or non-governmental organizations who have made a contribution to spreading ideas of understanding and union among nations, as well as have made a contribution to the spreading and implementation of the project. This award is also given for significant environmental merits leading to sustainable development of human society and use of natural resources. It is the only and at the same time the highest award that can also be awarded in memoriam. The number of laureates is limited to 60 people including organizations. Laureates are included in a special register. The Memorial Medal of the Tree of Peace is awarded usually on 28 September, on the anniversary of the establishment of the project, or in exceptional cases. The Medal is struck from copper and its diameter is 40 mm and the ribbon is 38 mm wide. The award is divided into men's and women's variant. The laureate can be awarded by the Medal in a Special class with rubies for an exceptional merit. Post-nominal initials placed after a laureate's name: PMSP.

Friend of Peace

Friend of Peace is an honorary title and honourable mention of Servare et Manere. By receiving this title and award, personalities express a formal support for the international project the Tree of Peace in the country of their birth. This honour may also be associated with exclusive Patronage over the Project in a particular country. Good ideas and projects need the support of strong friends. The number of laureates is not limited. Laureates are included in a special register. The Friend of Peace is intended only for living persons and cannot be granted to an organization.



Memorial Medal of Tree of Peace, obverse and reverse





April 1

The beginning of 2020 was marked by a worldwide coronavirus pandemic. Servare et Manere issued an official statement:

*Your Royal Highnesses, dear Excellencies, Ambassadors,
distinguished Partners, Colleagues and all Friends of Peace!*

In the light of current difficult circumstances, we were forced to take a decision to call off the Tree of Peace Planting Ceremonies that were planned for April, May and June 2020. We are optimistic and believe that we will manage to implement the planned plantings in Germany, Republic of Ireland, Cyprus, Turkey and Uzbekistan in the second half of 2020. We plan to extend the message and idea of our international project to the honour and memory of the victims of natural disasters. We also want to commemorate the victims of the current infectious disease called COVID-19 with our Tree of Life and Tree of Solidarity.

This statement is valid until further notice. We believe in happy ending!

Dr. Marek Sobola
CEO of Servare et Manere

May 29

First COVID-19 Tree of Peace in the world

Vysoká nad Kysucou, Slovakia. In the area of the Roman Catholic Church of Saint Matthew the Apostle was planted the first “COVID-19 Tree of Peace” in 2020. The well-known complications caused by coronavirus COVID-19 disease caused a worldwide collapse and restrictions, which also affected the international project called Tree of Peace. In 2020, the pandemic postponed already planned and confirmed tree plantings in Ireland, Germany, Cyprus, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Saint Helena Island. In Liechtenstein, the tree will be planted “at a distance” only with the participation of local partners. With the gradual recovery of the economy, a significant milestone was the planting of the first Tree of Peace in 2020. This tree planted in Vysoká nad Kysucou has a special name that reflects the current global situation: “COVID-19 Tree of Peace.”



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June 4

The Fifteenth Tree of Peace

Liechtenstein, Schaan. The fifteenth Tree of Peace was planted in Liechtenstein. This morning the State forest service of Liechtenstein came to the headquarters of International Commission for the Protection of the Alps called CIPRA International and brought the linden tree (*Tilia platyphyllos*). They also planted it into the soil. The tree grows in Schaan, the largest municipality of Liechtenstein by population. This tree was planted “at a distance” only with the participation of our Liechtenstein partner which is CIPRA International. The well-known complications caused by coronavirus COVID-19 disease caused a worldwide collapse and restrictions, which also affected the international project called Tree of Peace.





In 2020, Servare et Manere awarded its awards to various personalities of cultural, social and political life from around the world.

Tree of Peace Memorial Plaque

Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. Plaque N° 003 (Awarded on April 16, 2020. The Plaque on behalf of Servare et Manere was handed over in the Yellow Palace – Det Gule Palæ – on September 29, 2020 to hands of Mr. Henning Fode, Private Secretary of Her Majesty the Queen by His Excellency Mr. Miroslav Wlachovský, the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the Kingdom of Denmark).

Memorial Medal of Tree of Peace

Mr. Ross P. Marine, Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic to the Midwest USA, Kansas City. Medal N° 001 (September 28, 2020).

Friend of Peace

List of 2020 Laureates:

Ms. Dagmar Havlová Veškrnová, former First Lady of the Czech Republic, actress and founder of the VIZE 97 Foundation. Madam Havlová is also the Patron of the project for the Czech Republic (2020).

HI and RH Markus Habsburg-Lothringen, great-grandson of Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria and a member of the Tuscan line of the House of Habsburg (2020).

Ms. Farah Pahlavi, former Shahbanou of Iran (2020).

His Eminence Soane Patita Paini Cardinal Mafi, Bishop of Tonga. Cardinal Mafi is also the Representative of the project for Tonga (2020).

His Majesty King Simeon II of the Bulgarians (July 7, 2020).

His Majesty Kiingi Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII, the current Maaori King in New Zealand (September 30, 2020).

His Excellency Sir Iakoba Taeia Italeli CMT, GCMG, former Governor-General of Tuvalu (October 8, 2020).

December 1

Medal of Merit for Slovak Diplomacy

Servare et Manere is the exclusive supplier of the highest departmental award of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic (MFAaEA SR) called the Medal of Merit for Slovak Diplomacy. The award is awarded by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and is awarded to persons for extraordinary merits in building diplomacy of the Slovak Republic, significant contribution to the fulfillment of foreign policy goals of the Slovak Republic, development of relations with the Slovak Republic or for spreading the good name of the Slovak Republic abroad. The artistic author of the medal is herald Marek Sobola together with diplomat Ľubomír Rehák, who is also the author of the idea of this award. The realization of the medal was created in cooperation with the Kremnica Mint, a state-owned enterprise. PhDr. Igor Graus, PhD., the founder of the scientific faleristics in Slovakia, praised the design and execution of the award as an excellent deed and an example worth following. Servare et Manere supplies the MFAaEA SR complete sets of women's and men's versions of the award, including decorative boxes (etui), boards for decrees and blank decrees. The very first medals in history were awarded by the Minister to the selected laureates on 1 December 2020 and handed over on 5 December 2020 by Ambassador Ľubomír Rehák at ground of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in London.



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

January 1 – December 31, 2020

Account balance as at 31 December 2020		17,72 €	
Cash status as at 31 December 2020		181,02 €	
Receipts		6676,00 €	
Expenditures		8522,00 €	
Receipts and Expenditures			
Expenditures		Receipts	
Kremnica Mint, Slovakia	7199,60€	Belá village, Slovakia	450 €
Stonemasonry „Buček“ Slovakia	288 €	Gmina Trzyciąż, Poland	400 €
Printing services and printing blocks	336,13 €	Embassy of Slovakia in London, United Kingdom	210 €
Others	698,27 €	Embassy of Slovakia in London, United Kingdom	5536,72 €
Final total	8522,00 €	Others	79,28 €
		Final total	6676,00 €
ECONOMIC RESULT as at 31 December 2020		-1846 €	
Payment of the financial deficit from 2019 by the founder		2655,05 €	

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