

Invitation to participate in the two-day international symposium
on the life and work of **Baroness Adelma von Vay**

öCall for Papersö



Dear Madam / Sir,

KUD Logos publishing house recently published the Slovenian translation of the book *Spirit, Power, and Matter*, originally published in 1870, written by the then 29-year old Baroness von Adelma von Vay (1840-1925), from Slovenske Konjice (Gonobitz). The text was written as a piece of automatic writing, therefore without her conscious interference and free will. The book's first edition was sold out immediately after its publication and soon became popular reading material among various esoteric and occult circles worldwide. Nine editions in German language followed and English translation was published in two editions.

The author of this unusual book is interesting not only as a writer of occult texts, but also as a great humanitarian, who selflessly helped both the rich and the poor with her healing abilities. News about her healing powers had spread rapidly and soon requests for her assistance came from all over Europe, Russia and America.

Although at the time Baroness Adelma von Vay enjoyed world fame, until recently her life and work were practically unknown in Slovenia. That is why the **Institute for the Study of Christian Tradition** and the **Municipality of Slovenske Konjice** decided to organize a two-day international symposium dedicated to the life and work of this extraordinary woman to complement the publication of the translation of her fundamental work.

The symposium will be held on 3 and 4 December 2012, at two locations:

1. Day one at the National University Library in Ljubljana and
2. Day two at the frie monastery near Slovenske Konjice.

All interested are cordially invited to attend the symposium with their contributions.

The organizers would like to collect the widest possible range of topics covering different aspects of the life and work of Baroness Adelma von Vay. The symposium will be divided into three main themes:

1) Biography and history: this section covers papers that highlight her cultural and historical background, her life and social role in Slovenske Konjice and Mali Ločinj (where she spent considerable time in her holiday villa) and her friendship and lively correspondence with famous spiritualists and occultists of the time, and particularly with famous Slovenians (Jurij Humar, Carolina Ipavec, etc.).

2) Philosophical system in the book *Spirit, Power, and Matter*: the purpose of this section is to gain detailed analysis of complex conception of the world and man's place in it, as given in the book *Spirit, Power, and Matter*. Therefore integral as well as partial interpretations of selected chapters are welcome. Particularly desirable are original interpretations of complicated laws of numbers, mystical mathematics and geometry that accompany each chapter, as well as general parallels with other thinkers and spiritual traditions of the time.

3) Occultism and healing: the third section is reserved for papers, covering her thought in the perspective of spiritualism and theosophy, since she played a pioneering role in this area within the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy. Her personal contacts with some influential figures in modern history of Western occultism, such as Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, Henry Steel Olcott, Annie Besant and many others, theosophists and spiritualists of her time, could be researched in this context. Contributions which deal with various aspects of parapsychological phenomena, as for example, automatic writing and xenolalia/xenoglossia are welcomed as well. Also, in this section we would like to include anything that is related to her life-long dedication to the field of alternative medicine, especially homeopathy and magnetism.

All papers which focus on other aspects of her rich life and work, but cannot easily fit into the three mentioned categories, are of course equally welcomed.

Each individual contribution is given twenty minutes in the symposium and four pages (generally not exceeding 30.000 signs with gaps) in the Almanac that is to be published after the symposium.

If you would decide to participate in the symposium, please confirm your participation as soon as possible, by sending your address and the indicative title of your paper to the contact e-mail address below.

Contributions will be peer-reviewed and approved by the executive board of the Institute for the Study of Christian Tradition.

Contact address for papers notification and additional information is:

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Please, send this invitation to your friends, who might be interested to actively participate in the symposium.

Sincerely,

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and
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