

## Peace Road 2022 A-CZ-D Report

The second UPF Peace Road Star Trek to the 1330m high Three Country Corner, A-CZ-D, was a great success! There were more participants, more music, more flags, more songs, more speakers, more VIPs and more weather...

My wife and I were given the main responsibility to organize everything this time. All the more we were aware of the importance of the number two, a second public event of this Peace Road series to the border triangle. That is why we concentrated especially and laid conditions in advance. At the second time always the most impossible things happen...

We experienced pretty much all-weather conditions. Rain and thick fog when we set off, but the closer we got to the finish, the drier and brighter the weather became. The notorious Bohemian wind pushed the clouds aside with great force and the beautiful blue sky and sun came out.



Also, the event and especially the weather conditions reminded us a lot of Father Moon's second big public performance in 1976 in the U.S.A. - Yankee Stadium Rally – amidst a strong storm, the Go World Brass Band played "You are my sunshine" until the storm subsided and the sun came out. We didn't have a storm, but at the beginning of the climb we had rain and total thick fog.

So we also started our gathering on the mountain with "You are my sunshine". Dr. Juraj Lajda led with eloquence through the almost one-hour program. There was a beautiful flag ceremony with the flags of Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Korea and Europe. The flag bearers walked in a large circle and then shook hands.



A lady from the Czech Republic read the prayer for peace by Francis of Assisi. Extraordinarily moving, rich in content and disciplined, the 10 invited speakers all addressed different aspects of peace, living together, reconciliation and forgiveness,

peaceful coexistence, and also super adhered to the requirement to speak only one to three minutes.

Speakers were, in order:

Dr. Juraj Lajda - UPF Czech Republic

Peter Haider - UPF Austria

Karl-Christian Hausmann - UPF Germany

Florian Stögmüller - Deputy Mayor Schwarzenberg Upper Austria

Dr. Catriona Valenta & Tae-Sun Shin-Waldner - Women's Federation Germany

Renate Amesbauer - Women's Federation Austria

Erika Lajdová - UPF Czech Republic spoke the Assisi Peace Prayer

Yoo Jae Hon - Association of all Koreans living in Europe

Paek Young-Woo - former mayor of Incheon

Dr. Dieter Schmidt - UPF President of Central Europe Region



In between, there were always songs to sing. We sang a lot on the mountain. The cool 4-man GoWorldBrassBand always animated us to sing along unplugged with heart-warming songs.





A special focus of this year's Peace Road at the border triangle was the unity of North and South Korea - overcoming the separation of the hostile brothers. There were 10 VIPs from Korea who came especially for this happening. They were two professors, a former congressman (from the Blue House in Seoul), a successful businessman and the former mayor of Incheon. All with their wives, so 5 couples. This Peace Road at the border triangle deeply touched the hearts of the Korean guests. They often had tears in their eyes. You have to imagine, people from Flensburg, Hamburg, Berlin, Giessen, Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Nuremberg, Munich, Vienna, Linz and Prague - that is from three countries - and something like this come in faraway Europe and wish for the unity of North and South Korea!!!! And they send positive vibrations and prayers to Korea from high up on a mountain!



The border triangle is also a success story. Three hostile nations, especially Germany and the Czech Republic, have been living peacefully together again for decades.

Then, of course, a big highlight for the Korean pilgrims was the Three-Country Corner Monument itself. Because where else in the world can you go through three countries within one minute without border formalities, turnpike, show passport??? This time we could almost have swum to each country...



No Korean can travel to a neighboring country on foot, by bicycle or by car. They always need a ship or a plane.

All the VIPs came from Incheon, where the famous McArthur Landing took place. At the monument directly in front of the McArthur statue in the park, the UPF founders, Father and Mother Moon, built a Holy Ground for the city in the 1960s.



The VIPs were like siblings. We held a Peace Road After Party with them before they left... They placed a big article in Incheon's most popular newspaper about their participation in the tri-country Peace Road.



In conclusion:

We are very grateful especially for the great prayer support of the brothers and sisters nationwide, because everything worked out very well. There was no problem, nothing happened, and all participants returned home healthy. God has helped us so much.

We are grateful for the great support of the co-organizers Dr. Juraj Lajda (UPF Czech Republic) and Maria Pammer (UPF Upper Austria). Also grateful for the many young people who came this time. We were especially happy about that, because they were easily half of the more than 100 participants.

A total of 118 courageous and peace-loving participants came to the remote striking place between the Bohemian Forest, the Bavarian Forest and the Mühlviertel. Of these, 40 were from the Czech Republic, 36 from Germany, 32 from Austria and 10 people from Korea.



Stefan & Jae-Sook Schmid





## 독일·체코·오스트리아 한인회, 현지인 등 120여명 참가

세계행복나눔재단·대한사랑경인본부 등서 해외원정 동참

세계평화와 남북통일을 기원하는 ‘2022 독일 피스로드 (Peace Road)’ 행사가 6월 25일 오전 보헤미아산맥 뉘른발트 정상에서 개최됐다.

유럽한인회(총회장 유제현)가 주관한 이번 행사에는 독일, 체코, 오스트리아 등 3개국에서 지역 한인회 회원과 현지인 등 120여명이 참가했다. 한국에서는 세계행복나눔재단(의장 백석두), (사)대한사랑경인지역본부(본부장 한태일).

이날 유제현 유럽한인회 총회장은 “6·25전쟁 72주년과 남북 긴장이 심화되는 시점에 개최돼 통일을 기원한 이번 행사에 현지인들의 관심이 집중됐다”면서 “동유럽의 피스메이커들에게 지구상 마지막 분단국의 실상과 평화통일을 염원하는 메시지를 전달하게 됐다”고 말했다.

Augsburg한인회 백재숙 회장의 남편인 스테판 세미드 (Stefan Schmid) 씨는 인사말에서 “하루속히 한국도 독일처럼 통일되어 지구촌 평화의 길이 막힘없이 이어지기를 소망한다”고 말했다.

3개국 대표의 인사말에 이어 백석두 의장은 “자유민주주의의 수호는 세계인의 평화와 행복에 기여할 소중한 가치”라며 “한반도의 평화적인 통일이 하루빨리 이루어지길 바란다”고 말했다.

이날 ‘손에 손잡고’, ‘우리의 소원’을 우리말과 영어로 합창해 한인 참석자들은 눈시울을 붉혔다고 한다.

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120 participants at a meeting of Germans, Czechs, Austrians, a Korean association and local people at the border triangle. We Koreans felt like lucky people as we received a very warm welcome. On June 25, 2022, the World Peace Road for the Unity of North and South Korea was held at the border triangle of Bohemian Forest, Bavarian Forest and Austria Forest.

Mr. Je-Hon Yoo spoke about the situation in our homeland Korea, which is still tense for 72 years. The participants of the peace rally very much wish for the unity of North and South Korea and are committed to it. Korea is the only country in the world that is still divided. We are very grateful to have heard the speakers working for peace, as they touched all of us deeply in our hearts. Jae-Sook Paek, chairman of the Korean Association Augsburg, as well as her husband Stefan Schmid also wish for a quick reunification of North and South Korea. They emphasized that the Peace Road should lead everywhere and thus connect all countries. The former mayor of our city, Mr. Young-Woo Paek, spoke among other things about the four most important pillars that a democratic world and thus the whole world needs: Happiness, Love, Freedom and Trust. We 10 Korean participants wish UPF a quick achievement of its goals.

During the last part of the program on the mountain, we all sang, hand in hand, the song "Urie sowonun Tongil", first in Korean and then in English. For the first time in our lives we heard the English version, and all the Korean participants had tears in their eyes.

Prof. Tae-II Han