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**Privileges of the hospes communities
on the territory of Croatia
during the Middle Ages**

**Hospes Communities in Croatia
during the Age of the Árpád Dynasty**

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Hospes, Hospes Communities

- **Meaning of the word ‘hospes’**
 - **Origin**
 - **Castle system**
 - **Legal status**
- **Hospes communities or bourgs**

Privileges and ‘ius regium’

- **Meaning of the word ‘privilege’**
 - Document
 - Individual right
 - Systems of Hóman, Fügedi, László
- **Privileges and ‘ius regium’**
 - Giving a privilege, donations
 - Content of the privilege
- **‘Arenga’ and ‘ius regium’**

Usual privileges of the hospes

- **Three-legged system**
 - **Jurisdiction ('villicus')**
 - **Economic privileges**
 - **Further rights and duties**
 - **Military privileges**
 - **Religious privileges**
 - **Privileges concerning succession**
 - **Etc.**

Hospes communities in Croatia

- Verőce / Virovitica – 1234, 1248
- Zágráb / Zagreb – 1242, 1266
- Szamobor / Samobor – 1242
 - Petrinia / Petrinja – 1240
- Jasztrebarszka / Jastrebarsko – 1257
 - Petrinia / Petrinja – 1240

Verőce, 1234

- ‘Colomannus rex et dux tocius Sclauonie’
- Freedom of devise (siue cognatis suis, siue pro remedio anime)
- Villicus ‘cum iuratis’ = jurors (12?)
- No horses and carts to the monarch
- No ‘zolumoa’ (everything that has to be given to the banus/bán of Croatia)

Verőce, 1248

- **‘Maria regina Hungarie’ (queen consort)**
- **Reference to the hospes of Segesd**
 - Segesd was an estate of the queen
- **Special duties in favor of the queen**
- **→ special legal status, subject to the queen consort**
- **Exact enumeration of borderlines**

Szamobor, 1242

- Reference to a former privilege given by 'king' Kálmán and to that of Petrinia
- Oath is required as evidence
- Freedom of devise
- No services to the banus
- The banus pays a hundredfold compensation for causing damages
- Free election of their priest
- Corroboratio (re-affirmation)
- 'Datum in uilla Wereuze'

The privilege of Szamobor



Jasztrebarszka, 1257

- Reference to the privileges of Petrinia and Szamobor
- No tilt/duel (only oath and witnesses) as evidence
- Freedom of devise
- No services to the banus
- The banus pays a hundredfold compensation for causing damages
- Free election of their priest

- Corroboratio (re-affirmation) is missing
- ‘Datum in ...’ is missing

Zágráb, 1242

- Havoc of the Tartars
 - Fortress on the mountain ‘Grech’
- They are obliged to fortify the settlement
- Reference to the consent of the banus
- No tilt/duel (only oath and witnesses) as evidence
- Military units, bed and board to the monarch
 - Half of those to the prince of Slavonia (if he is descendant of the monarch)
- Services to banus – only when he is inducted
- Totally free of services for 5 years



- If they sustain robbery or latrocinny, the lord of the territory is obliged to pay compensation or to capture the offender
- Freedom of devise
 - Personal estate: free
 - Real estate: wife or other relatives in the community
- If no heir
 - 2/3 to the church and indigents
 - 1/3 to the community
- Catalogue of crimes and punishments
- ‘Datum apud Vereucha’

Zágráb, 1266

- **Fortification was finished**
- **Content of the former privilege**
 - Further crimes and punishments
 - No military services
- **Re-affirmation of the donations**

Thank you for your attention!