

Jiří Moskala  
J.N. Andrews Medallion Recipient



This morning the recipient of the John Nevins Andrews Medallion is Jiří Moskala, a man whose lifelong contributions and dedication to research in the field of theology has distinguished him among his colleagues.

Moskala completed his BA from Comenius Faculty of Protestant Theology in 1976. He went on to complete a Master of Theology in 1979, also obtaining two doctorates in the following decade: Doctor of Theology in 1990 from Comenius Faculty of Protestant Theology and Doctor of Philosophy from Andrews University in 1998.

He served as a youth director for the Czecho-Slovakian Union in the 1970s and from 1979 until 1990 he served as a pastor in the Czech Republic. During this time, Moskala also taught Old Testament and systematic theology. By 1990, Moskala was the principal of the theological seminary in Prague. He also began teaching full-time at the seminary in 1990. While in the Czech Republic, Moskala served as director of both the education and health departments.

Since the beginning of his service at Andrews, Moskala has served in various capacities. He has been a contract teacher, an associate professor, director of the MDiv program, professor of Old Testament exegesis and theology, chair of the Department of Old Testament and now dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

In addition to teaching dozens of courses over his time at Andrews, Moskala has volunteered his time to his church, school and community. He has been a Sabbath School teacher for almost 20 years, served as a deacon, is a member of the Shabbat Shalom Committee and serves as president of the Adventist Theological Society. He also currently serves as the vice president for Global Outreach for the Adventist Theological Society and is a current member of the SDA Bible Commentary Board and associate editor of the SDA International Bible Commentary.

Moskala is a prolific writer, having published seven books since 1994. Additionally, he has published more than 115 scholarly articles in various journals and periodicals, contributed more than 45 chapters to various books, authored four encyclopedia articles, written four book reviews in academic publications and authored almost three dozen newsletter articles. Over the years he has presented more than 115 of his scholarly papers and delivered more than 300 sermons at Bible conferences, evangelistic series and revival meetings.

He was recognized for his profound contribution to the area of biblical research with the Andrews University Faculty Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activity for the 2000–2001 school year. Most recently, he received the 2012 Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research Award.

Moskala enjoys listening to classical music, visiting art and archaeological museums, hiking, swimming in the world's crystal-clear waters, and reading books on a variety of topics. He is married to Eva Moskalova. They have three daughters and two sons, all married, and four grandchildren.

For his leadership in theological education on a global level and his vision for centering mission for the church in deep biblical understanding, the faculty of Andrews University is proud to present Jiří Moskala with the John Nevins Andrews Medallion.

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