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CZU Welcome Centre for International Scholars Newsletter



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE WELCOME CENTRE!

We would like to inform you about upcoming events and give you some tips for life on the CZU campus and in Prague in general. Therefore, the **Welcome**

Centre is launching a Newsletter!

We hope that you enjoyed the holiday season and began the New Year with joy and health. We wish you all the best for 2023, lots of success in your research career, and happiness throughout the year.

You can always visit us if you need support with visas, immigration, tips on life in Prague, or any other services.

We are here to make your life in the Czech Republic easier.

We hope that the Newsletter will be useful to you and we will see you at our events.

All the best from Mirka, Martina and Ranjodh



Last year, we had a chance to organize a number of events such as a trip to Pilsen, stroll in Pruhonice Park, a concert in Rudolfinum, a boat trip in Prague or Yoga lectures. We had even our first trip abroad, to <u>Dresden!</u> The demand was so high that we went twice. Moreover, for the first time in the history of the Welcome Centre, we had a weekend trip in <u>South Moravia</u> with an intensive program including a visit to the Mendel University Gardens. Towards the end of

the year, we visited a beautiful city <u>Český Krumlov</u>, and in December an Openair Folk Museum in **Přerov nad Labem** with a Christmas exhibition.

The last event of the year was a <u>Christmas Gathering</u> where we all met and experienced Czech traditions while enjoying some Christmas specialties, creative workshops and singing carols.

Overall, the year was busy for the Welcome Centre, we served more than **280** researchers from **60** countries and organized **34** events since the foundation of the Welcome Centre in August 2020.

We would like to thank all of you for attending the events and for trusting us while we are dealing with issues you are encountering in the Czech Republic

CZU WELCOME CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS



CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

We are going to try cross-country skiing in Krušné hory. If it's your first time, don't worry, we will ski on flat ground and go really slow so that everybody can join us and enjoy it.

If we have any energy left, we will also visit the spa city of the emperors and the

kings – Teplice in the afternoon.

Please keep in mind that we have two possible dates and we will choose the exact date based on snow and weather conditions.

Sign-up: the trip is currently full, however, let us know if you would like to be added to the waiting list

Cost: approximately 1000 CZK including transfer and ski equipment

When: 11. 2. 2023 or 25. 2. 2023

Where: Krušné hory



LANGUAGE COURSE AT THE WELCOME CENTRE

Would you like to start learning the Czech language for everyday life in Prague? We are pleased to invite you to the Czech language course which will take place from February to May in the CZU Welcome Centre! The course will be focused on practicalities and basic conversation topics. There will be two levels of groups of 4-6 participants.

More information will be sent by email soon.

Sign-up here: https://forms.office.com/e/rGYPt4EMmU

Cost: 2000 CZK - 2800 CZK depending on the participation

When: February to May, every Wednesday from 16:00 - 17:00 (intermediate),

17:00 - 18:00 (beginners)

Where: CZU Welcome Centre



TAXATION IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC - WEBINAR

The Welcome Centre would like to invite you for a specialized webinar with a certified tax advisor Ing. Pavel Kure. During the webinar, we will talk about tax returns, deductibles, tax domicile and you will have an excellent opportunity to ask questions to clarify your issues.

The webinar will be conducted via MS TEAMS, and a link will be sent to all registered participants.

Sign-up here: https://forms.office.com/e/M2G9EnqE1E

Cost: Free

When: 2. 2. 2023, 10:00

Where: MS TEAMS

EVENTS IN PRAGUE



Jazz Concert by Pasquale Grassi

Pasquale Grassi is an Italian guitarist who will be performing with his trio consisting of Pasquale Grasso (guitar), Mathias Allamane (bass), Jason Brown (drums) at Jazz Dock.

Date: 19. 1. 2023

Venue: Jazz Dock, Janáčkovo nábřeží 2,

Praha

Price of tickets: 350 CZK for standing, 500

CZK for seats

Link to the event:

https://fb.me/e/348NcFBau

21st Austrian Ball

Experience a traditional Viennese Ball in Prague at Žofín Palace with your partner.

Dance your heart out till the morning.

Professional assistance available for inexperienced guests to help take part in the quadrille.

Date: 20. 1. 2023

Venue: Palác Žofín, Slovanský ostrov 226,

110 00 Praha 1

Price: check the price list

Link to the event:

https://www.ballderoesterreicher.cz/en/en





Mowgli Puppet Show for kids 3 - 10 years

An adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's famous *Mowgli* performed with puppets. For those unacquainted, Mowgli is the story of a young baby estranged from his family at birth and literally raised by wolves in the jungles of India.

Date: 28. 1. 2023

Venue: Vozovna, Za Žižkovskou vozovnou

2687/18, Prague
Price: 80 CZK
Link to the event:

https://kcvozovna.cz/8292/maugli/

Yoga with the Integration Centre Prague

Do you want to relax after a long day at work? Come to a yoga class that will be led in the center of Prague by Martina! The classes are led in English. Anybody can join

- no need for previous experience with yoga

- this class is really for anyone who wants to practise yoga and meet new people.

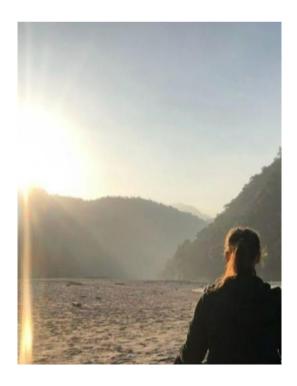
Date: 19. 1. 2023 and 26. 1. 2023

Venue: Scout Institute at the Old Town Square: Staroměstské nám. 1/4, 110 00

Staré Město (room MINUTA)

Price: free Link to the

event: https://fb.me/e/7lx0HKohp



NEW TEAM MEMBER



This is Ranjodh, our new team member. Ranjodh is a language specialist originally coming from India. He speaks 7 languages and is fluent in Czech too! He is going to help the Welcome Centre mostly with communications while studying at Charles University.

Welcome to the team!

MORE NEWS



CZU - EURAXESS SERVICE CENTER

The Czech University of Life Sciences has become part of the European network **EURAXESS – Researchers in motion**, and has thus been included among 600 service centers operating in 42 European countries. The EURAXESS organization was founded by the European Commission to support the mobility of scientific researchers and at the same time to strengthen scientific cooperation between Europe and the world.

The CZU EURAXESS Service Center operates at the Welcome Center for International Researchers and offers a range of comprehensive services to scientists and their families moving to the Czech Republic. For example, it provides them with help and assistance from the initial preparatory stages in their

home countries to their arrival in a new environment in the Czech Republic. It helps to find suitable accommodation, assists in processing visas, work permits and offers assistance in solving problems associated with staying abroad. Researchers and their families have access to the national center EURAXESS Czech Republic, where they have the opportunity to get a lot of practical information related to, among other things, professional development, employment and funding. CZU is now part of the national center EURAXESS Czech Republic, which actively cooperates with the European Commission as a support platform for organizations and research centers.







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