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## CZU Welcome Centre for International Scholars Newsletter



### GREETINGS FROM THE WELCOME CENTRE

Spring is approaching and flowers are blooming, so it is time for news 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.

In this Newsletter, we would like to announce the launch of the **Welcome Centre International Club!** In the Club, you will have an excellent opportunity to

participate in the planning of events and as well as share knowledge and network.

April is a very important month of the year because of **Easter (Velikonoce)**, don't forget that there is a public holiday on Good Friday - **7. 4.** and Easter Monday - **10. 4.**

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

*All the best from Mirka, Martina and Ranjodh*

## WELCOME CENTRE INTERNATIONAL CLUB



We would like to inform you that the Welcome Centre is launching the **Welcome Centre International Club (WCIS)**. WCIS is a research community of international employees and their families at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague.

**WCIC** fosters networking and social interactions of members with the local community.

**WCIC** aims to organize educational, cultural, recreational and welfare programs for the benefit of members and their families.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Club shall be open to all International Scholars and Researchers who are working or studying at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague and their family members in the Czech Republic. Membership will be extended to an individual who holds formal university qualifications and is principally employed in a scientific and technological research capacity. It also includes managers engaged in the planning and management of research. Trainees of Research Programmes, research-based post-doctoral fellows or students pursuing postgraduate studies at the CZU, will be considered for membership as well.

### **ADVANTAGES OF THE MEMBERSHIP**

- Access to the WCIS events and excursions
- Participation on running of the Club and organization of the activities
- Sharing and exchange of knowledge
- Networking opportunities

*If you would like to become a member of the club, please sign-in [here](#).*



Since the beginning of the year, we organized several cultural and informative events. We started the year by visiting the [Czech National Theatre](#) to watch the opera the Bartered Bride. In February, we continued with a practical webinar focusing on **taxation in the Czech Republic**. At the same month, we also launched two regular events, the [Czech language courses](#) for beginners and intermediate levels and a **Language Café** where participants can practice different languages. In March, we embarked on a trip to the most famous spa city [Karlovy Vary](#) and we also visited the medieval castle Loket.

***We would like to thank all of you for attending the events!***

## CZU WELCOME CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS



### CAREER SEMINAR AT CZU

We would like to invite you and your family members for a career seminar ,**How to apply for a job in the Czech Republic**‘ on Wednesday **5th April, from 12:00 – 13:00**. The seminar will be led by a **EURAXESS** specialist Zuzana Maršálová at the buffet of the **Faculty of Tropical Agriscience** (ground floor).



During the one-hour seminar, we will cover various topics related to the work process in the Czech Republic, including:

- **Types of residence permits**
- **Introduction to the Czech labour market**
- **Tips on writing a CV and cover letter**
- **Preparation for the interview**
- **Self-employment**
- **Types of work agreement**

**Sign-up:** <https://forms.office.com/e/yAZPRi5Cag>

**Cost:** Free

**When:** 5. 4. 2023, 12:00 - 13:00

**Where:** Buffet of the Faculty of Tropical Agriscience



### **LANGUAGE CAFE IN CLUB C**

We would like to invite you to Welcome Centre International Club's monthly event: the **Language Café**.

Language Café is an event that encourages multilingualism in general and aims to motivate international scholars and researchers to take interest in languages.

Our goal is to engage participants in fun discussions about topics related to people's experiences with multilingualism and language learning. Previous knowledge of Czech isn't required as native speakers will be present and you can talk to the natives in your target language as well.

**Sign-up here:** <https://forms.office.com/e/U1DYYyaSi9>

**Cost:** free

**When:** 12. 4. 2023, 18:00

**Where:** CZU Club C



### TOUR OF THE PRAGUE GARDENS

Would you like to discover the most famous gardens in Prague? We are happy to invite you to a tour in Prague with the local tour guide Jiřina Posledníková starting. The tour will start at the Royal Garden and lead you through Prague Castle to the Vrtba Garden. After the tour, you can join us for a drink at a pub or café nearby.

**Sign-up here:** <https://forms.office.com/e/X656VetriN>

**Cost:** the tour guide is sponsored by the Welcome Centre, however, you will need to pay for the entrance to Vrtba Garden (120 CZK)

**When:** 16. 4. 2023, 15:00 - 18:00

**Where:** meet in front of the Royal Garden



### ACTIVE WEEKEND IN JANOV NAD NISOU AND LIBEREC

We are pleased to invite you for a weekend in the North part of the Czech Republic, Janov nad Nisou. As the nature in the region is beautiful, we will hike in the surrounding mountains and visit one of the local towers in Bedřichov. We will visit the exhibition of large collection sets of glass, costume jewelry, coins, medals and plaques in Jablonec nad Nisou and explore the city of Liberec and the local botanical garden. We will spend the night in the CZU cottage in rooms for four people and use public transportation during the whole trip.

**Link to the CZU accommodation:** <https://janov.v2.czu.cz/cs>

**Sign-up here:** <https://forms.office.com/e/JWUPCmTJYn>

**Cost:** Approximately 1 300 CZK (including accommodation, common dinner and breakfast, transportation and entrance to the museum, botanical garden and tower). The price and programme is subject to change.

**When:** 13. 5. - 14. 5. 2023

**Where:** Janov nad Nisou, Jablonec nad Nisou, Bedřichov and Liberec

EVENTS IN PRAGUE





### **Justin Adams & Mauro Durante Concert**

Justin Adams and Mauro Durante Concert at Palác Akropolis on 21st of April at 19:30 with tickets ranging from 300 to 550 CZK.

**Date:** 21. 4. 2023

**Venue:** Palác Akropolis, Prague 3

**Price of tickets:** 300 - 500 CZK

[Link to the event](#)

### **PENTHEA - Falconry, breeding, ornithology, animal rescue and education**

A 2-hour tour of our animal centre & breeding station including direct contact with 14 species of both European and exotic birds of prey and 10 owl species as well as introduction to the art of falconry & Feeding and flying with the most impressive birds

**Date:** Book in advance

**Venue:** 650 CZK

**Price:** Penthea, Prague 12

[Link to the event](#)







### Model Train Sets Exhibition for kids

Typical Czechoslovak and Czech train sets will be on display, from the local to the express train to the heavy freight train. There will be models of steam and engine locomotives and models of motor cars and units.

**Date:** from 19. 4. 2023 to 23. 4. 2023

**Venue:** National Museum of Agriculture

**Price:** 180 CZK adults, free entrance for kids

[Link to the event](#)

### Easter workshops at the Museum of the Public Transport

The Museum of the Public Transport invites you to Easter workshops, egg painting and *pomlázka* making. The event will take place in the courtyard of the museum, in case of bad weather, tents will be set up. Admission to the outdoor event is free.

**Date:** 7. 4. 2023, 9:00 - 17:00

**Venue:** Muzeum městské hromadné dopravy v Praze 6

**Price:** free

[Link to the event](#)





## EASTER IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Easter in the Czech Republic is a fun time. Many traditions are still observed and practiced, especially in villages, and different regions may have their own Easter traditions and customs.

The week preceding Easter is called **Holy Week**. The first important day for Christians is **Ash Wednesday**, which commemorates Judas' betrayal, or bad deed. The name ash stems from the tradition of sweeping ashes from the chimney on that day. It is a cleaning day, but we should not get upset as one superstition says that a grumpy face could then return every Wednesday of the year. You should eat some spinach, cabbage or nettle salad on **Green Thursday** to stay healthy all year round. On **Good Friday**, the sounds of the bells were replaced with various rattles or clappers, small and big, attached to wheelbarrows. Good Friday is also the day of mourning over Jesus' death and a day of strict fasting. **Holy Saturday** is a day of silence and expectation. **Easter Sunday** is a day of preparations for **Easter Monday**. Girls paint, color and decorate eggs if they haven't done so already, and boys prepare their *pomlázka*! Every household had to have a set table with some Easter stuffing, a ram cake or cross bun, and Judas buns.

## EASTER MONDAY

The origin of the **pomlázka** tradition (*pomlázka* meaning both the whip and the tradition itself) dates back to pagan times. Its original purpose and symbolic meaning is to chase away illness and bad spirits and to bring health and youth for the rest of the year to everyone who is whipped with the young pussywillow twigs. Boys would whip girls lightly on the legs and possibly douse them with water, which had a similar symbolic meaning. An Easter carol, usually asking for an egg or two, would be recited by the boy while whipping. The girl would then reward the boy with a painted egg or candy and tie a ribbon around his *pomlázka*.

**Happy Easter! Veselé Velikonoce!**



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