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NEWSLETTER JULY 2023



We hope that you are enjoying the warm weather! 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.

Since April, we organized several cultural and informative events. In April, you had a chance to learn more about the Czech labour market during the seminar on [How to apply for a job in the Czech Republic](#). In the same month, we explored [Prague Gardens](#) with an excellent professional guide and we also visited the [UNESCO Pruhonice Park](#) in June. Every month we organize a **Language Café**, where you can learn a little bit of Czech and practice different languages.

🎉 **CONGRATULATIONS to the graduates of the Czech Beginners and Intermediate Language Course with the Welcome Centre!** 🎉

We are looking forward to seeing you at the new Czech courses that will be opened in the new semester.



All the best from Mirka, Martina and Ranjodh

MEET OUR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHERS

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RORAI PEREIRA MARTINS-NETO

In spring, we kick-started the new series focusing on life of CZU International Researchers in the Czech Republic **MEET OUR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHERS**.

Watch the video about Rorai from Brazil and his experience at CZU and in the Czech Republic: <https://youtu.be/J1t3Y81XYYs>

🌲 Rorai is currently a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague working with airborne LiDAR data and a novel LiDAR multispectral prototype combined with machine learning and computer vision methods for monitoring the health status of Czech forests 🌲

Rorai P. Martins-Neto has a Ph. D in Cartographic Sciences from the Faculty of

Science and Technology at São Paulo State University, Brazil. In addition, Rorai has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Forest Engineering, both in Brazil as well. Rorai has a variety of ongoing research interests, including the application of photogrammetric and remote sensing techniques for forest inventory, management and conservation purposes, and the analysis and development of models using optical and LiDAR sensors for inferring variables in forests environments using machine learning techniques. Rorai teaches and enjoys the transfer of knowledge that comes from working with students. He finds that teaching helps keep his knowledge base current and up to date.

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CZU WELCOME CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS



KARLŠTEJN CASTLE

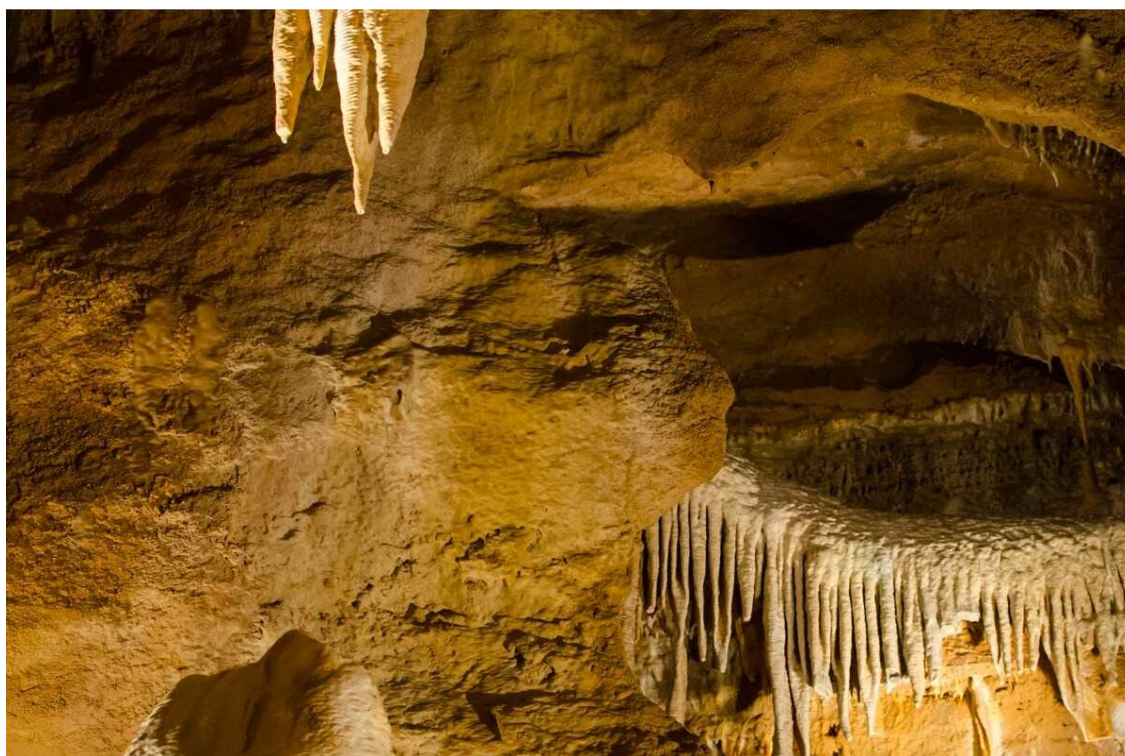
We are pleased to invite you to one of the greatest castles in Europe and the most famous castle in the Czech Republic, **Karlštejn!** On **Saturday 29th of July**, we will take a train and start a day in the village of Mořinka where we will listen to interesting facts about local historical landscaping and development. After a few kilometres of walking, we will have lunch and continue to the Karlštejn Castle where we will uncover the secrets of the 14th-century fortress, which was built to protect the Crown Jewels, and follow in the footsteps of King Charles IV on a guided tour. Also, we will have extra time to visit the Karlštejn village and enjoy our free time with a cup of coffee or beer from the local minibrewery.

Please sign-up until 14th of July: <https://forms.office.com/e/DUjCgpTcaf>

Cost: 450 CZK including public transportation and guided tour of the castle

When: 29. 7. 2023

Where: Mořinka and Karlštejn



KONĚPRUSKÉ CAVES

Join us for a trip to one of the greatest caves in Europe and the most famous cave in the Czech Republic, **Koněpruské caves on 26th August**. The tour begins with the entrance in the wall of the old quarry, leads through cave

corridors through several domes on the middle floor and ends on the upper floor. A number of interesting places near the caves are connected by the Zlatý kůň educational trail, which leads from the exit of the cave over the top of the Zlatý kůň and through abandoned quarries back to the parking lot at the caves.

Sign-up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/Hy6aWbj4uR>

Cost: 450 CZK including public transportation and entrance to the caves

When: 26. 8. 2023

Where: Koněprusy



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/vk1g10cHR7>

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

When: 23. 9. - 24. 9. 2023

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



CZECH LANGUAGE COURSES IN THE NEW SEMESTER

After the successful first batch of the **Czech language courses at the Welcome Centre**, we are pleased to announce the opening of the **new and follow-up Czech courses** in the new semester. Due to small groups, it will be practical and tailored to your daily life needs in the Czech Republic.

“The Czech classes are excellent. The teacher is very patient with my low level of knowledge, and happy to explain things as many times as necessary.”

Luke Beesley from UK - beginner's course

We will inform you via email with detailed information and a possibility to sign-up before the start of the semester.

9 TIPS ON SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN PRAGUE



Summer has finally made its way to Prague so it's about time to give you **9 tips** on what to do in Prague in summer and how locals spend summertime in Prague!

1. Pedal Boats on the Vltava River

With the first sunrays, locals rush to the river to [rent Prague pedal boats](#) and pedal the weekend away on the river. It's quite neat as you're in a very different setting. The scenery is beautiful and the water is calming.

2. Náplavka

[Náplavka](#) is a wide pedestrian area running along the riverbank (Rašínovo nábřeží) where most of the riverside action is. **There are markets along the bank every Saturday morning (8am to 2pm) as well as countless events during the weekend** and throughout the week too – both day and night.

3. Prague Parks

Prague fortunately is not just filled with concrete and beautiful buildings, but also with greenery. Lazying out in Prague parks belongs to one of the best things to do in Prague in summer and it's what many locals do on the weekends. **Some of the most favourite parks are Stromovka, Letná, Havlíčkovy Sady, Riegrovy Sady.**

4. Prague Islands

Prague has several islands and they all have one thing in common – they are all very green and pleasant on hot summer days! **Střelecký ostrov** is the most central of the islands. There's a restaurant and even an occasional party boat anchored there. A small obstacle course for kids provides some entertainment for families.

5. Biking / Roller blading

Prague is unfortunately not a very bike-friendly city but **there are some paths along the river that are nice.** Sporty locals go there to run, cycle, roller blade and walk with kids and dogs. It's quite fun but you mustn't mind crowds.

6. Summer Cinema

There are several places where you can watch movies outside, enjoy the atmosphere and it's, therefore, no surprise that an increasing number of summer cinemas keep springing up! **Good spots are** [Kasárna Karlín](#), [Žluté lázně](#), [Manifesto Smíchov](#), [Kino Pláž](#).

7. Prague Beer Gardens

We Czechs love to spend summer days and warm evenings just sitting around in beer gardens with friends. In Prague summertime, the gardens with pleasant shade from trees are of course the most desired ones. **Good beer gardens are in** [Riegrovy Sady](#), **Stromovka** and [Letná Park](#).

8. Prague Festivals

There's a lot happening in Prague in summer! Prague Summer Festivals range from food to music to modern circus festivals. There's a handy updated list of upcoming events in Prague [here](#) on Prague City Tourism site.

9. Prague Swimming Pools

There are quite a few places to refresh in Prague during summer too. Here are some pools you can head to, both natural and artificial:

[Podolí, Prague 4](#): loved by locals but always full when the weather's nice and warm.

[Petynka, Prague 6](#): slightly off the beaten path, it gets quite empty during the workweek.

[Divoká Šárka, Prague 6](#): Located in the wilderness of a nature reserve, Divoka Sarka swimming pool is not for the faint hearted. Because of the water temperature!

NEW TEAM MEMBER



I am **Nur Aka**. I was born and raised in Türkiye, İstanbul. I'm a senior year student at İbrahim Çeçen University. I'm studying English translation and Interpreting. Last year I was in Poland for Erasmus and while in Poland I got a chance to meet new people and to explore some countries in Europe. After graduation, I plan to be an academician and I believe that hard work brings success.

Nur will undertake her internship at the Welcome Centre and spend summer with us.

Welcome to the team!



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