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## Welcome Centre for International Scholars

NEWSLETTER JULY 2024



We hope that you are enjoying the summer time! We would like to update you on our past and upcoming events, as well as share some tips for life on the CZU campus and in Prague.

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

As you may know, the Welcome Centre has its own website with useful information, FAQ section and News. You can check it below.

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## RELOCATION OF THE CZU WELCOME CENTRE

You all probably know by now that we have moved to **the Rectorate building** (the 1st floor, offices number 105 and 106).

**To ensure that we can provide you with the best assistance possible, please note that all appointments must be scheduled ahead of time.**

We look forward to continuing to support and welcome international scholars to CZU in our new base.

*Alena, Martina and Mirka*



# Campus Map



## A LOOK BACK TO OUR ACTIVITIES



### April: A Month of Historical Exploration

### **Castle District Tour**

On April 6th, the Welcome Centre for International Scholars led researchers and PhD students through the Castle District (Hradčany). Starting at Pohořelec, the tour passed Strahov Abbey, Petřín Hill, Loreto, and Nový Svět, ending at Prague Castle with the changing of the guards. Our guide, Jiřina Posledníková, enriched the tour with fascinating historical insights.

### **Old Town Hall Tour**

On April 28th, CZU researchers toured the Old Town Hall and its Astronomical Clock, guided by Alena Drebitková Malá. Participants explored historical halls, underground passages, and enjoyed the view from the Old Town Hall Tower

## **May: Embracing Sports and Nature**

### **CZU Sports Games**

On May 16th, the Czech University of Life Sciences held its Staff Sports Games. The Welcome Centre participated in the 10-kilometer Tourist March, enjoying the scenic beauty and nearly perfect weather around the university.

### **Dolní Morava and Jeseníky Mountains Excursion**

From May 25th-26th, we embarked on a weekend trip to Dolní Morava and the Jeseníky Mountains. Highlights included crossing the Sky Bridge, hiking to Praděd, and visiting the spa town Karlova Studánka and the Paper Factory Velké Losiny. The excursion combined thrilling experiences with social activities

## **June: A Vibrant Community Celebration**

### **7th Annual Garden Fes**

On June 15th, the Czech University of Life Sciences hosted the 7th Annual Garden Fest, uniting alumni, students, staff, and the local community. The Welcome Centre hosted a stand for international scholars, offering games and delicious international snacks. We hope you enjoyed this look back at our recent activities. Stay tuned for more exciting events and opportunities to connect and explore!

## **OUR UPCOMING EVENTS**

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## PRAGUE GUIDED TOUR

Join us for an unforgettable **Prague Guided Tour this August**. Stay tuned for more details and a sign-up link, which will be sent to your email soon. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!





## SEMINAR ON THE CZECH CULTURAL CUSTOMS

**Have you ever wondered how much to tip at a restaurant or what the customs are when visiting a Czech home?** Join us for a seminar in cooperation with the Integration Centre Prague, addressing everyday etiquette and customs in Czechia. Led by Ms. Roksolana Fedorenko, who previously enlightened us on healthcare, this seminar promises to provide valuable insights into daily life in the Czech Republic.

The seminar will take place in September, the date to be confirmed.



## 2ND INTERNATIONAL GARDE PARTY

Enjoy the last days of summer at our annual International Garden Party! **We warmly invite you and your family to join us for a day of fun and cultural exchange.**

We will fire up the grill, so bring your favorite grillables and a dish or beverage that represents your country. This will allow us to savor diverse flavors and cuisines from around the world. Also, there will be games for everyone to enjoy!

The party will take place in September, the date to be confirmed.

## EVENTS IN PRAGUE

### PRAGUE FOLKLORE DAYS

**WHEN:** July 18 to July 21 2024

**WHERE:** Old Town, Wenceslas and Republic Squares

The annual international meeting of folk groups in Prague runs over four days on open-air stages. Amateur folk groups travel from many countries to present their own style of folklore. On Saturday afternoon there is a parade through the Old Town.

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## BOHEMIA JAZZ FEST

**WHEN:** July 9 to July 16 2024

**WHERE:** Royal Gardens (Prague)

The Bohemia Jazz Fest is an annual event drawing in musicians from America and European countries. The show travels around Czechia, with 1 day allocated to Prague. Enjoy free open-air jazz at Prague Castle's Royal Gardens.

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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### THE UNIVERSITY ELECTRONIC WALLET (UEP) PAYMENT FUNCTION HAS BEEN TERMINATED

**The card will continue to be used to enter buildings, access printers, and prove employee status at CZU.** It is possible to pay for meals in the university canteen, buffets, and restaurants with a meal voucher card, cash, or personal payment cards.

### FREE ACCESS TO THE LABOUR MARKET

On July 1st 2024, a government regulation came into force, which introduces free access to the Czech labour market for citizens of the following nine countries: **Australia, Japan, Canada, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States of America, Israel.** Citizens of these countries are not required to obtain any kind of employment permit (i.e., work permit, dual



employee card, intra-corporate transfer card, blue card) to be employed in the Czech Republic.

**ATTENTION!** Free access to the labour market does not provide foreigners with the right to reside in the territory of the Czech Republic. It is still necessary to apply for a residence permit according to standard procedures.

## CHANGE OF THE DRIVING LICENCE IN CZECHIA

A foreigner can exchange their valid foreign driving licence for a Czech driving licence if they intend to stay here for more than 6 months. Also, **you can only exchange your foreign driving licence for a Czech one if your current one complies with the requirements.** Otherwise, you will have to take driving lessons and pass the exams in order to apply for a Czech driving licence.

### Driving schools for foreigners in Czechia

Contact the Welcome Centre at [welcome.centre@czu.cz](mailto:welcome.centre@czu.cz) for assistance.

## REPORTING CHANGES

### **EU Citizens**

You or your family member are required to report any changes in travel and personal documents, loss or theft of travel/personal documents or residence permit to the Foreign Police.

You must report a change of a travel document within **15 working days** of the new document being issued.

### **Non-EU Citizens**

You or your family member are required to report any changes in travel and personal documents, loss or theft of travel/personal documents or residence permit to the Foreign Police.

You must report a change of a travel document within **3 working days**. Report the change only after it has taken place.

For more information visit [Reporting changes - Ministry of the interior of the Czech Republic](#)

Contact Mirka Perst [perst@rektorat.czu.cz](mailto:perst@rektorat.czu.cz) for assistance.

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