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Welcome Centre  
for International Students

## Welcome Centre for International Scholars

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024



2nd International Garden Party

Dear Scholars,



We hope you had a wonderful and restful summer, filled with new experiences and opportunities to recharge. **As the new academic year begins, we are excited to welcome both returning and new scholars to our vibrant international community.** Whether you're resuming your research or just starting your journey with us, we're here to support you every step of the way. We are here to assist you with **residence permits, accommodation, health matters, and family relocation.** Additionally, we organize cultural **events, seminars, and Czech language courses** to enhance your experience.

In this newsletter, you will find information about our **upcoming events**, highlights of **events in Prague**, and **important information regarding legal residency** in the Czech Republic.

Enjoy the reading!

Warm regards,

*Mirka, Martina and Alena*



**A LOOK BACK TO OUR ACTIVITIES**





Here's a quick look back at some of the exciting events we've organized recently:

### **CZU Researchers' Outdoor Adventure (August 11, 2024)**

In August, our researchers took a break from their labs and enjoyed a refreshing outdoor adventure to **Senohraby**. The group embarked on a scenic hike through a serene forest, explored medieval ruins, and enjoyed the beautiful Sázava River, often called the "Golden River." Activities included **swimming, paddleboarding, canoeing, and relaxing by the riverside**. Families, especially children, had a great time learning new skills and making memories in the sun.

### **2nd International Garden Party (September 20, 2024)**

September saw the return of our much-anticipated International Garden Party at the Suchdol Community Garden. Scholars and their families from diverse backgrounds came together for an afternoon of cultural exchange, food, and fun. **Participants shared traditional dishes and beverages from their home countries, while the Welcome Centre**

**provided a delicious BBQ.** Attendees also enjoyed traditional Czech sweets like blueberry and plum cakes. The event fostered community spirit with games for adults and kids, and everyone left with new connections and fond memories.

### **Seminar: Everyday Survival Tips in Czechia (October 3, 2024)**

In October, we hosted a practical and engaging seminar led by Ms. Roksolana Fedorenko from the Integration Centre Prague. Attendees learned valuable tips on navigating life in the Czech Republic, from **restaurant etiquette and waste sorting to understanding local customs and dealing with authorities.** The seminar was not only informative but also a great opportunity for participants to sample traditional Czech snacks like koláče and chlebíčky while learning essential tips for daily life.

**We also launched our Czech language courses for this semester. We wish all participants the best of luck in their journey to mastering Czech!**

## **OUR UPCOMING EVENTS**



### **BOHEMIAN PARADISE & CASTLE KOST TRIP**

On 12th October, we will embark on an exciting autumn adventure through some of the Czech Republic's most picturesque landscapes and historical treasures. This day trip will take us to **Castle Kost and the stunning Bohemian Paradise (Český ráj)**, renowned for its unique sandstone rock formations and breathtaking views. Get ready to explore these fascinating sites and enjoy a memorable day surrounded by nature and history.

The trip is now fully booked. Thank you for your interest. If you didn't secure a spot this time, don't worry—there are more exciting adventures coming up soon.





### ONE-DAY TRIP TO KUTNÁ HORA

Join us on **16th November** for a fascinating trip to Kutná Hora, a **UNESCO World Heritage site** rich in history and architectural beauty. We will explore the famous **Sedlec Ossuary (Kostnice)**, the **stunning St. Barbara's Cathedral**, and **delve into the town's silver mining** past with a tour of the medieval silver mines. Don't miss this chance to experience one of the Czech Republic's most iconic historical destinations!

More information coming soon to your e-mail!



### FESTIVE EVENING WITH THE WELCOME CENTRE

Christmas may still seem far away, but we're already preparing for some festive fun! **Mark your calendars for our Christmas party on 6th December**, where we'll celebrate the season together with good food, drinks, and plenty of holiday cheer. Stay tuned for more details, and get ready to kick off the festive season with us!

## EVENTS IN PRAGUE

### PUMPKIN EXHIBITION

**WHEN:** 11. 10. - 3. 11. 2024

**WHERE:** Botanical Garden

Visit the Botanical Garden for a unique pumpkin exhibition inspired by the **Mexican Día de los Muertos!** Enjoy stunning pumpkin displays, creative workshops, and Halloween festivities. **Special entrance fee for CZU employees: just 1 CZK!**



## INFO



## SIGNAL FESTIVAL

**WHEN:** 10. 10. - 13. 10. 2024

**WHERE:** Various locations in Prague

The 12th edition of the Signal Festival presents immersive art installations exploring the theme of "Journey." Experience innovative works by renowned artists as they transform iconic Prague sites with light and sound.

## INFO

## CHRISTMAS MARKETS

**WHEN:** Starting 30. 11. 2024

**WHERE:** Old Town Square, Wenceslas Square, Náměstí Míru, Prague Castle, Havelské Tržiště, and Kampa

Experience the enchanting Christmas markets in Prague, starting November 30! Stroll through beautifully decorated stalls offering festive crafts, delicious food, and warming drinks. Enjoy live performances





and traditional holiday music while soaking in the magical atmosphere of the city.

## FOREING EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR STAY IN CZECHIA?

Foreign employees and their family members at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CZU) can rely on a dedicated point of contact for all matters related to their stay in the Czech Republic. CZU Welcome Centre for International Employees/Euraxess Service Centre is available to provide guidance and support.

#### When to Contact Welcome Centre:

- **Family Invitations:** Need to invite family members to join you in the Czech Republic? We can help you with the necessary procedures and paperwork.
- **Change of Purpose of Stay:** Planning to change your reason for being in the Czech Republic? Welcome Centre can assist you in understanding the requirements and completing the necessary formalities.
- **Extension of Stay:** Need to extend your stay in the Czech Republic? We can provide information on the process and help you with the application.
- **Any other Issue Concerning Your Legal Stay**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Valid Passport:** Regardless of any changes, it is imperative that you always possess a valid passport.
- **Reporting Changes:** Any changes to your personal information, such as your name, address, or passport number, must be reported to the relevant authorities (OAMP or foreign police) within a few days. We will assist you with the procedure.
- **Expiration Date:** Please note that the expiration date on your residence permit does not necessarily determine the legal length of your stay in the Czech Republic.
- **Purpose of Stay:** It is crucial to adhere to the purpose of stay for which your residence permit was issued.
- **Information on the Ministry of Interior and Foreign Police Department's website:** These websites do not always have an accurate and up to date information.
- **Contact Mirka Perst, J.D. for Assistance** – She is committed to helping foreign employees at CZU navigate the complexities of living and working in the Czech Republic. Don't hesitate to contact her at [perst@rektorat.czu.cz](mailto:perst@rektorat.czu.cz) for any questions or concerns related to your stay and scheduling an appointment.

**By staying informed and seeking timely assistance, you can ensure a smooth and hassle-free experience in the Czech Republic.**

**For more information you can also check our website. If you haven't done so, please fill in our registration form [here](#).**



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