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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



WELCOME TO OUR SPRING NEWSLETTER!

As we step into the fresh energy of spring, we're excited to share the latest updates and happenings with you. This edition brings you all the essential information for making the most of your time in Prague and the Czech Republic, from upcoming events to opportunities to connect with the community.

We hope your start to 2025 has been fulfilling, and we look forward to helping you continue to thrive in your professional and personal pursuits this season.

This semester, we launched another season of the **Czech language classes**, we visited the **Jewish Quarter Josefov** in Prague and **ŠKODA Factory together with Stará Boleslav**. Stay tuned for various cultural events, seminars, and activities designed to enrich your experience here. We can't wait to meet you at our upcoming gatherings and make the most of what spring has to offer!

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Mirka, Martina and Alena

OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

EASTER TRIP

Open air Museum
CZU

12th



PROGRAMME

Open-air Museum in Kouřim

- Explore traditional Easter exhibitions.
- Enjoy insightful commentary on Easter traditions from an expert guide.
- Discover the museum's folk architecture, representing various regions of the Czech lands.

ČZU Castle in Kostelec nad Černými Lesy

INFORMATION

When

Saturday, 12th April, departure from CZU at 8:00

Where

EASTER TRIP

Join us on a special Easter trip on **April 12th** for a cultural and historical day exploring Czech Easter traditions and CZU heritage!

WHEN: Saturday, April 12th, departure from CZU at 8:00 AM

WHERE: Open-air Museum in Kouřim & CZU Castle in Kostelec nad Černými Lesy

COST: 200 CZK (includes guided tours, a private bus is sponsored by the Welcome Centre)

We'll explore Easter exhibitions in Kouřim's Open-air Museum and visit the CZU Castle, including the new Lesarium exhibition on Czech forests.

Limited spots available – register by **April 2nd:** [Registration Form](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!

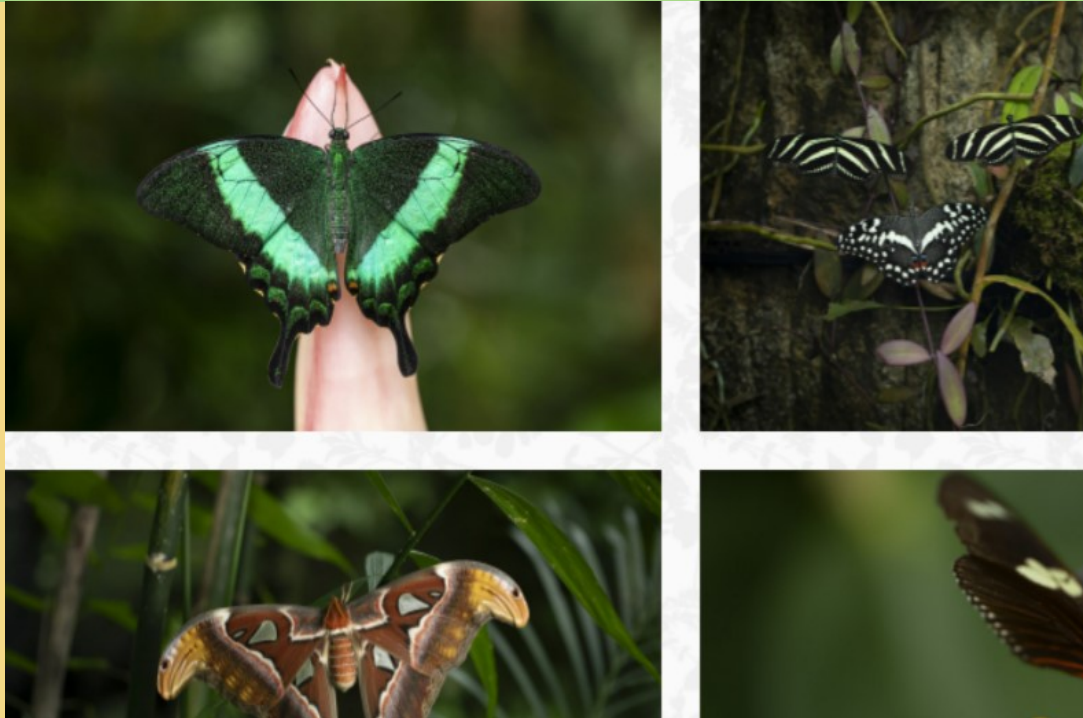


LANGUAGE CAFÉ

From April, the International Club will once again start organizing the monthly Language Café, hosted by Martina and Alena from the Welcome Centre. It's a chance to practice your Czech in a relaxed setting while enjoying lunch or coffee together. **You can come and join us for a fun time together even if you are not taking the Czech**

language courses and it is your first encounter with the language, there is no need to sign up.

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL AT 12:00 IN THE PEF CAFETERIA!



TROJA CHATEU AND THE PRAGUE BOTANICAL GARDEN

We'll take a ferry across the Vltava river, walk to Troja, visit the Troja Chateau, have lunch in the Botanical Garden, explore the Fata Morgana greenhouse with its butterfly exhibit, and end with a drink at the St. Claire's Vineyard.

WHEN: Saturday, **April 26th**, departure from Podbaba

WHERE: Vltava River, Troja Chateau, Botanical Garden (Fata Morgana), and St. Claire's Vineyard

COST: 1 CZK entrance to the Botanical Garden (Lunch at your own expense)

Register by **April 20th:** [Registration Form](#)



EURAXESS 20TH ANNIVERSARY!

On behalf of the EURAXESS Czech Republic team, you're warmly invited to join celebration of the 20th Anniversary of EURAXESS Czech Republic at a special networking cocktail event!

Mark your calendar for **April 24**, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at **Werichova vila**, U Sovových mlýnů 501/7, 118 01 Praha 1 – Malá Strana.

Enjoy a welcome speech, cut the anniversary cake, and connect with fellow members of the EURAXESS community.

Reserve your spot by clicking here: [Registration Link](#)

EVENTS AT CZU AND PRAGUE

PRAGUE EASTER MARKETS

WHEN: 5. 4. - 27. 4. 2025

The Prague Easter Markets are open daily **from 5th April to 27th April 2025**, including every day of the Easter weekend. The main Easter markets are held at the **Old Town Square (Staroměstské náměstí)** and **Wenceslas Square (Václavské náměstí)** in the centre of Prague.



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CZU EASTER MARKETS

WHERE: CZU Campus (between the Recotrate and Aula)

WHEN: 15. 4. - 16. 4. 2025 (10.30 - 16:00)

You can look forward to Easter decorations, flowers, and refreshments. In addition, there will be Easter workshops where you can braid a whip, paint an egg, decorate a flowerpot or make your mossarium.



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CZU STAFF SPORT'S DAY

WHEN: 15. 5. 2025

WHERE: CZU Campus

CZU will be hosting its traditional **Staff Sports Games** this year, a beloved social-sporting event that brings together university staff for a day of fun and fitness. The Welcome Centre will traditionally join the **non-competitive Tourist March** that invites participants to explore the scenic beauty surrounding the university.



CZU MISS AGRO

WHERE: CZU Campus

WHEN: 13. 5. 2025

The Miss Agro Festival is one of the largest open-air festivals in the Czech Republic, attracting over 10,000 visitors annually. The festival features a mix of the Miss and Strong Man competition and live performances by Czech and Slovak bands. This event is organized by CZU students and alumni.



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SPRING IN PRAGUE



Prague in spring is nothing short of magical. The city awakens with vibrant blossoms and heavenly scents, turning every corner into a picturesque scene. From delicate cherry blossoms to fragrant magnolias, spring brings the city to life like no other time of year.

Here are some of the best places to see specific blooms and experience the beauty of Prague's spring:

1. Cherry Blossoms (Sakura) – Mid to Late April

One of the most iconic spring sights in Prague, the cherry blossoms are truly spectacular. For the best sakura displays, head to:

- **Újezd Tram Station:** This area near the Petrin Hill offers a beautiful sakura-lined street.
- **Chotkovy Sady Tram Stop:** A less crowded spot, perfect for a peaceful walk surrounded by blooming cherry trees.

- **Jiřího z Poděbrad Metro Station:** For a quieter experience, check out the sakura trees around this area..

2. Magnolias – Early April

Magnolia trees bloom in early spring, adding a majestic touch to Prague's gardens. Some of the best spots to see magnolias are:

- **Vojanovy Gardens:** A peaceful oasis right in the heart of Prague, just a short walk from the Charles Bridge, where you can enjoy the sight of magnolias alongside free-roaming peacocks.
- **Waldstein Garden:** Located near Prague Castle, this beautiful garden is a great spot for photos, with both pink and white magnolias in bloom.
- **Strahov Monastery:** The huge magnolia tree at the entrance of the monastery is a must-see and offers a great backdrop for your spring photos.

3. Lilacs and Rhododendrons – Early May

The sweet fragrance of lilacs fills the air in early May, and the vibrant colors of rhododendrons follow close behind. For a stunning display:

- **Vojanovy Gardens:** Along with magnolias, these gardens are home to a beautiful collection of lilacs and other early bloomers.
- **Waldstein Garden:** Also a fantastic spot for lilacs and rhododendrons, especially as the weather warms up and flowers come into full bloom.

4. Best Overall Spring Spots for a Stroll

If you're just looking to soak in the beauty of Prague's spring, these spots are perfect for leisurely walks:

- **Petrin Hill:** Not only great for sakura and magnolia blossoms, but also home to a variety of other trees like almonds, apple, and

cherry trees. It's the perfect location for a spring picnic or a relaxing afternoon.

- **Troja Castle Park:** With its vast grounds and beautiful castle, this park is ideal for enjoying the many spring blossoms, including sakura, magnolias, and tulips.
- **Vinohrady District:** Famous for its stunning late 19th-century architecture, this area also features some lovely garden spots, particularly near **Namesti Miru**, where you'll find flowering magnolias.

IMPORTANT UPDATES AND REMINDERS

UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL SIGNATURES

Please remember to update your email signature to the university's standard format. You can find the updated signature template and instructions on the Intranet.

How to update:

1. INTRANET

Go to Intranet: **Dokumenty** → **Vzory a Šablony ČZU** → Emailový podpis v angličtině

2. OUTLOOK

Go to Outlook: Select **New Email** → From the Insert section of the ribbon, select **Signature** → **Signatures** → **Select New**, type a name for the signature → **Edit signature** → select **OK**

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HOLIDAYS IN APRIL AND MAY

April:

- **Good Friday (Velký pátek)** – April 18, 2024
Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.
- **Easter Monday (Velikonoční pondělí)** – April 21, 2024
Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ with family gatherings and folk traditions.

May:

- **Labor Day (Svátek práce)** – Thursday, May 1, 2024
Honors workers' rights and achievements.
- **Victory Day (Den vítězství)** – Thursday, May 8, 2024
Marks the end of WWII in Europe and the surrender of Nazi Germany.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Residency Permits & Work Permissions

- All inquiries related to **residency permits** should be directed to **Mirka Perst, J.D. at perst@rektorat.czu**.
- **Check the validity** of your passport and residency cards to ensure they are up to date.
- If you are planning to **end your employment contract**, please contact **Mirka Perst, J.D. at perst@rektorat.czu** in advance.
- In case you are planning to leave Czechia, please check [this checklist for departure](#) and contact us in case you need assistance.

2. Work Permissions for Researchers

- Please note that **researchers** working on scientific research **do not have permission to work outside of CZU**, except in the case of working in other **90 approved research institutions** within the Czech Republic.



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