

Preliminary programme  
17th CESAER General Assembly and Seminar  
26-28 October 2006  
Prague, Czech Republic

hosted by



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IN PRAGUE

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Czech Republic

## Introduction

Dear CESAER members,

The Czech Technical University in Prague and CESAER are very pleased to welcome you to CESAER's 17<sup>th</sup> general assembly and seminar on „*Universities and Doctorate Programmes in Engineering*“.

This meeting is one of the events organized here to celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of higher technical education in the Czech lands, and will be held on the premises of the university that traces its own roots back to January 1707, when Emperor Josef I of Austria issued a decree in which he ordered the Czech General Estates to establish an engineering school in Prague. The tradition of scientists meeting in Prague goes back much farther than that: the first university was established in here well over 650 years ago, in the times of Charles IV. In the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Prague retains its ability to inspire the scientists who come together here.

The theme of the meeting, „*Universities and Doctorate Programmes in Engineering*“, is important and controversial in an age when Humboldtian ideas are often condemned as “elitist” and too far removed from the production process and from the market place.

The programme for the meeting includes lectures on international dimension of research projects which include PhD students, excellent results and products, and building of spin-offs. In some of these areas, participants are likely to find considerable common ground, while in others we will be on territory where scientists, educators and other stakeholders respectfully disagree with each other.

## Programme

### Thursday, 26 October 2006

Venue: Rectorate CTU - room 448, Zikova 4, Praha 6-Dejvice

- 10:00 Management Committee Meeting
- 12:30 Buffet Style Lunch at Rectorate
- 14:30 Board of Directors Meeting
- 19:00 Reception at Bethlehem Chapel  
Address: Betlémské náměstí, Praha 1  
Tel.: +420 224 248 595

### Friday, 27 October 2006

Venue: Faculty of Electrical Engineering, CTU - room 309, Technická 2, Praha 6-Dejvice

CESAER Seminar “Research Universities and Doctorate Programmes in Engineering” (open to CESAER members and CVUT guests)

Chairperson: Prof. Miroslav Vlcek

- 09:00 Welcome (Prof. Havlicek, Rector CTU Prague)
- 09:15 Introduction to the seminar (Prof. Miroslav Vlcek, Vice-Rector, CTU Prague)
- 09:30 The viewpoint of LERU on doctorate programmes (speaker to be confirmed)
- 10:00 PhD in engineering (Johann-Dietrich Wörner, CESAER President)
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 The viewpoint from industry (Dr. Andrew Dearing, EIRMA on behalf of ERT)
- 11:30 A spin-off from PhD research to a new company (Dr. Miroslav Svitek, CTU Prague)
- 12:00 Discussion
- 12:30 Buffet lunch at the university
- 13:30 From a PhD on Medical Optics to an academic work environment (Dr. Lise Randeberg, Trondheim)
- 14:00 Support structures for off-shore wind turbines (Dr. Jan van der Tempel, Delft)
- 14:30 Break
- 15:00 From a PhD on car safety to a job in the Ferrari F1 racing team (Dr. Carlo Miano, Maranello, Italy)
- 15:30 From a PhD on communication engineering to a research management position in Nokia (Dr. David Soldani, Espoo, Finland)
- 16:00 Round table discussion and preliminary conclusions
- 16:30 End of Meeting
- 19:30 Gala Dinner at Kaiserštejnský Palác (Kaiserstein Palace)  
Address: Praha 1 - Malá Strana, Malostranské náměstí 23/37  
Tel: +420 257 533 759 – a bus will bring you from the Hotel Diplomat to the Kaiserstein Palace at **19h00** and back at approximately 22h30.

### Saturday, 28 October 2006

Venue: Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, CTU - room 17, Technická 4, Praha 6-Dejvice

- 08:30 General Assembly
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:30 Excursion
- 17:00 End of Programme

## Useful info

- **Meeting venue**

Czech Technical University in Prague  
Rectorate of CTU  
Zikova 4  
166 36 Praha 6

- **Registration**

- Registration desk will operate on Thursday, October 26, next to the room 448, Zikova 4, Praha 6-Dejvice from 12h00.
- Registration desk will operate on Friday, October 27, next to the lecture hall 309, Technická 2, Praha 6-Dejvice

- **Contact numbers CTU International Office (Rectorate CTU) and CESAER**

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- **Accommodation**

- On line registration on CESAER web site as from September 2006. Mrs. Lieve Coninx is handling all registration and accommodation bookings. The university guesthouse as well as Hotel Diplomat are situated within walking distance from the meeting venue.
- 2 types of accommodation are selected. Rooms are reserved from 25 to 29 October. Prices are stated per room per night and breakfast is included. All accommodation must be paid for by the guests upon departure from the hotel. The options are:
  1. **Masaryk dormitory:**  
“Masarykova kolej”

Thákurova 1, Praha 6

Tel.: +420 233 051 111

Fax: +420 233 051 112

- double rooms single use at 950,- CZK (+/- 34 Euro)
- apartments
  - 1 person: 900,- CZK
  - 2 persons: 1300,- CZK
  - 3 persons: 1500,- CZK
- More info on <http://www.studenthostel.cz/>

## 2. Hotel Diplomat:

CZ-160 41 Prague 6

Evropská 15

Tel.: +420 296 559 111

Fax: +420 296 559 215

- standard double rooms for single use at 115,50 Euro per room per night breakfast incl.
- standard twin rooms (for 2 persons) at 115,50 Euro per room per night breakfast incl.
- <http://www.diplomathotel.cz>

## ▪ Transportation

Masaryk Dormitory and Hotel Diplomat are within walking distance of CVUT campus. Public transport is recommended from and to the airport and to the city centre: Metro station and bus stop "Dejvicka" are close to the campus. More information is available in the survival guide on <http://www.cvut.cz/current-students/survival-guide>.

Please note that we do not foresee a special bus for the CESAER group to take you to the reception on Thursday. However, clear instructions for use of public transport will be provided upon arrival.

## ▪ Social programme

All members and partners are cordially invited to the reception, lunches and gala dinner (free of charge) and to take part in the group excursion on Saturday. Please indicate your own and your partner's participation including his/her name on the registration form.

- Companions programme on Friday afternoon in Prague city centre: visit to the Mucha museum (Art Nouveau), Coffee and Cake at Cafe in Municipal House (Art Nouveau) and shopping (Crystal Glass etc.)  
Meeting point: lobby of the Hotel Diplomat at 14:00 on Friday, October 27.
- The excursion on Saturday 28/10 is a guided walking tour through the city of Prague.  
Meeting point: lobby of the Hotel Diplomat at 14:30 on Sat., October 28.

## ▪ Currency conversion 1 Euro = approx. 28 ck.

## ▪ Tourist information: you can consult the web sites below to learn more about the city of Prague and to find the location of the university and the hotel.

- <http://www.prague.cz/>
- <http://www.praha-mesto.cz/>
- [http://www.hot-maps.de/europe/czech\\_republic/prague/homeen.html](http://www.hot-maps.de/europe/czech_republic/prague/homeen.html)
- Public transport : <http://www.dpp.cz/en/index.htm>