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Prague, December 5, 2012 – The Charles University Faculty of Mathematics and Physics in Prague is organizing the first year of a competition film festival for young filmmakers as part of the celebration of its 60th anniversary. The aim is to motivate primary school pupils and secondary school students and raise their interest in mathematics, physics and computer science (computer animation and graphics). Entries – amateur films concerning the above-mentioned fields – can to be sent in as of December 15th. The winning films will be announced during a two-day festival in mid-June 2012 in Prague-Troja.



"The competition festival is meant to not only support amateur production of short films in the fields of mathematics, physics and computer science, but mainly to show that science can be interesting and fun," the head of the organizing

team Martin Vlach says. Between December 15th 2011 and April 29th 2012, students of Czech and Slovak primary and secondary schools, amateur as well as professional filmmakers, can send in their competition entries. Those can be for instance recordings of an unusual experiment or phenomenon, feature films as well as animated documentaries. "There are no limits to imagination. The primary criteria are originality, invention and factual correctness," Vlach says.

- Entries may be registered exclusively via the <u>festival's official website</u> and registration is free. By mid-May 2012, the programme committee will select 30 films which will be screened during the two-day festival on June 15 and 16. They will compete in the following categories: Best Film, Author's Input, Institution Prize, Young Scientist Award and Viewer' Choice. The festival will also feature debates with professional filmmakers and accompanying evening music programmes.
- Admission to the festival is free.
- You can find more information about the event on the <u>festival's official website</u> and the <u>Facebook profile of the</u> <u>Faculty of Mathematics and Physics' FilmFest</u>.
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