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# President Awards Two Charles University Scientists With State Decorations

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## Prezident udělil státní vyznamenání. Dvě patří vědcům z Univerzity Karlovy

On the anniversary of the foundation of Czechoslovakia, October 28, 2010, President of the Czech Republic, Professor Václav Klaus, awarded 22 distinguished personalities with state awards. Among the recipients of the Medal of Merit were Professor Jaroslav Nešetřil from the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics and Professor Milan Šamánek from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Faculty of Medicine.

The president awarded the Medal of Merit, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree to **Professor RNDr. Jaroslav Nešetřil, DrSc.**, for contributions to the country in the field of science.

Professor Nešetřil is an eminent Czech mathematician and a faculty member at the Charles University Faculty of Mathematics and Physics. He is a world-renowned expert on combinatorics, and also works in the fields of algebra and theoretical computer science. Having served as the head of the Department of Applied Mathematics, he is now the director of the Institute of Theoretical Computer Science.

He has done research and taught at many of the world's top universities and research institutions and is the author of an extensive body of scientific work for which he has received numerous prestigious awards.



The president awarded the Medal of Merit, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree to **Professor MUDr. Milan Šamánek, DrSc.**, for contributions to the country in the field of science. Professor Šamánek is an outstanding Czech expert on child cardiology and cardiac surgery. Since the 1950's, he has focused on innate heart diseases in children. He founded and was a long-time director of the Child Cardiology Centre at the Motol University Hospital. He has educated several generations of pediatricians at the Faculty of Pediatrics (later 2<sup>nd</sup> Faculty of Medicine) and published hundreds of papers in the field. He is a member of national and international academic associations and has been awarded numerous awards in science.

