Charles University in 2018

In defiance of time

The editorial team of the Forum magazine is publishing its summary of the past year for the second time. Last year’s summary paid tribute to the largely unsung and unseen staff at the Rectorate without whom the university could not function. This year Forum magazine decided to pay tribute to a dozen significant personalities on the Czech scientific scene. Once again a non-traditional method was chosen to profile them.

?We did not photograph the scientists at work, but instead we asked them to give us a glimpse of their private lives and asked them what they enjoy and are interested in during their free time outside of work,’ explained Forum editor Petra Köpplová.

Anti-doping across Europe
Sports administration at an international level demands above all a good knowledge of sports ethics and law as well as a good command of languages. For this reason, six top European universities, including Charles University, have teamed up to train leading sports managers.
For those interested, Charles University’s Faculty of Physical Education and Sport offers international Masters programme courses in Sports Ethics and Integrity.

Jan Palach Week
2018 marked the 49th anniversary of Jan Palach’s self immolation in protest against the Soviet-led occupation of 1968. Charles University paid it's now traditional homage to Palach’s self sacrifice with a series of events, lectures, and screenings which took place during the so-called Palach Week.
Dream realised at Social Science faculty

Almost 20 years after its foundation, Charles University's Faculty of Social Sciences has been given its own insignia. Up till now, students at the faculty have had to take their entrance and graduation oaths using insignia 'borrowed' from the university's Philosophical Faculty.

The new insignia were unveiled at a celebratory evening at the Karolinum attended by social science students as well as students from the journalism department of Václav Moravec. Moravec was one of the main initiators of a collection aimed at paving the way for the faculty to asset its separate identity under the slogan ‘Let’s swear with our own insignia.’ The collection was launched in the Spring of 2017 using the Hithit portal and thanks to its success the 20 year old dream of the former dean, Professor Miloslav Petresek, has been fulfilled.
Tomáš Zima was inaugurated for the second time as Rector of Charles University at an official ceremony in the large chamber of the Karolinum. Personalities from the Czech political and social sphere were present as well as newly appointed Vice-Rectors, Deans, and Vice-Deans.
Lift off for paternoster

One of the symbols of the Faculty of Law at its impressive site in the centre of Prague - a paternoster lift - resumed normal service from March 14. Use of the almost 80-year-old paternoster was interrupted in 2005 due its poor technical state. Repairs eventually dragged out over 13 years with the work completed thanks to a public collection.

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Charles University celebrates 670th anniversary

For the general public, Charles University’s Open Doors day is the most appreciated event from of the university’s annual birthday celebrations. During the celebrations to mark the 670th anniversary of the university’s foundation, 2700 visitors took up the offer of guided tours around the university’s most significant and historic sites.

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St. Wenceslas Rotunda wins Europa Nostra prize

In June, an international panel of experts recognised the careful restoration and conservation work carried out on the St. Wenceslas Rotunda, an 11th century chapel which disappeared for centuries. It was eventually rediscovered under Charles University’s Faculty of Mathematics and Physics during reconstruction work in 2004 after experts for more than three centuries had believed it had totally disappeared. Conservation work since its rediscovery was recognised with a third place in the Europa Nostra 2018 awards for the most popular heritage sites.

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Charles University map on UNESCO list

A map depicting the 16th century Ottoman siege of the island of Malta, which forms part of the collection of the Faculty of Natural Sciences, has been included in UNESCO’s Memory of the World list of documentary treasures. The unique map found its way as the 16th item on the worldwide heritage list of cartographical treasures.
St. Wenceslas Rotunda wins Europa Nostra Heritage Award. #congratulations

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Eights success in Prague competition

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Exhibition – 100 years - 100 Items - 100 Stories
Charles University made its contribution to the 100th anniversary of the founding of Czechoslovakia with a unique exhibition called 100 Years – 100 Items – 100 Stories. Each of the chosen exhibits represented one specific year from the 100 years of Czech and Slovak history since 1918. Visitors themselves were asked to choose an exhibit to represent the year 2018.

Foundation documents
Charles University obtained two precious written records from a private collection dating back to 1347 which mark the agreement for university education to be launched in Prague. These key documents were until now missing from the university collection and will now form a key part of its written heritage.

17 Golds in 17th games
Charles University students won 17 gold medals in this year’s 17th Czech Academic Games.
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Charles University Innovations Prague

Charles University has acquired from a private collection two rare documents of extraordinary importance not only for the
history of the earliest days of our alma mater, but also the history of our country and education in general. These two unique documents, dated to 1347, testify that consent was granted to establish a university in Prague. The two documents in question are the original copy of a letter by Pope Clement VI. and a notarial act.

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Charles University Prague

The University became the first in the Czech Republic to create a daughter company tasked with the practical use of
new innovations and technical know-how. With this move, Charles University finds itself in the select company of
the likes of Oxford University, the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium) and the Federal Technical University in Zurich.

Rector Tomáš Zima expressed the hope that the step would prove an inspiration to other Czech universities.

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Wader research on Science cover
Faculty of Natural Sciences doctoral graduate Vojtěch Kubelka was featured on the cover page of the international journal Science in recognition of his research focusing on the affect of climate change on the life cycle of wading birds. His research mainly concentrates on bird nest.

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Karolinum před a po. Už 50 let navštěvujete budovu Karolina ve stávající podobě. Ptáte se, jak to tu vypadalo předtím? Odpověď najdete u recepce na Ovocném trhu hned vedle nově odhalené busty profesora Oldřicha Starého, který byl klíčovou osobou při rekonstrukcích a v roce 1968 otevřel novou budovu. #charlesuniversity #unikarlova #karolinum #keepcunigreatuni #charlessupportyou #newbuild #reconstruction #cuni #prague #oldtown #newtown #celebration #centerofprague

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