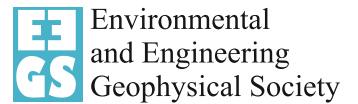


# Crossing the boundaries



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# IGSC 6 Prague - Crossing the Boundaries

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague Geophysical Society, SEG, EAGE, EEGS and Czech Association of Geophysicists, I would like to invite you to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> International Geosciences Student Conference, which shall be held at the Faculty of Science in Prague, Czech Republic, on the 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

The idea of bringing the conference to Prague has been on the table for quite a while. We were sure it would be a great idea to bring it here, into the heart of Europe. We consider Prague as a very attractive destination for potential participants and our *alma mater* has a strong tradition in organizing prestigious scientific events. Our faculty is well-known because of our students; we have extraordinary research topics and very interesting student environment.

Our department deals with various aspects of geoscience. We consider a multidisciplinary approach crucial. Hence our idea is to bring together the best students of all Earth sciences, not only geophysicists. Our idea is **crossing the boundaries** between all of the geoscience branches, bringing them together and giving them a chance to share their latest research or case studies in a friendly and dignified manner. At our faculty, in the heart of Europe, we want to cross the boundaries between Oil&Gas Geophysics, Near-surface Geophysics and General Geology.

The **6<sup>th</sup> IGSC Technical Program** will incorporate the best presentations from our students, keynote lectures, top-class domestic and world researchers' talks, soft – skills presentations, workshops or short courses in four following areas: **Resources for our Future, Engineering and Environmental Problems, Geohazards, Applied and Fundamental Research.**

Under any circumstances, a perfect conference must have something more than just a good technical program, especially when a student conference is under discussion. It is necessary to prepare unconventional social program and accompanying activities. **The Icebreaker** will bring together all the participants in the charming auspices of the Prague Botanical Garden which offers quiet and cozy place for chilling out and meeting people. During the **Gala Party**, you will have the opportunity to view our city from an unconventional perspective – from the board of a cruise boat on the Vltava River. During **field trips**, you will see the most interesting geological features of Prague and the Czech Republic.

We want to incorporate healthy lifestyle in the social program as well. Various sport activities shall be the part of the program as well.

We invite you to Prague from the bottoms of our hearts. Let's make the 6<sup>th</sup> IGSC in Prague a unique and unforgettable event. Come to the heart of Europe and cross the boundaries that lie ahead of us.

With warm greetings,

Jaroslav Jirku, General Chairman of 6<sup>th</sup> IGSC

# The City

Prague is the capital and the largest city of the Czech Republic. Situated in the north-west of the country on the Vltava River, the city is home to about 1.24 million people; its larger urban zone is estimated to have a population of nearly 2 million.

Prague has been a political, cultural, and economic center of central Europe with waxing and waning fortunes during its 1,100-year existence. Founded during the Romanesque and flourishing by the Gothic and Renaissance eras, Prague was not only the capital of the Czech state, but also the seat of two Holy Roman Emperors and thus also the capital of the Holy Roman Empire.



*Panoramic view of the Charles Bridge and Prague Castle*

It was an important city to the Habsburg Monarchy and its Austro-Hungarian Empire and after the World War I, it became the capital of Czechoslovakia. The city played major roles in the Protestant Reformation, the Thirty Years' War, and in the 20<sup>th</sup> century history, during both World Wars and the post-war Communist era.

Prague is home to a number of famous cultural attractions, many of which survived the violence and destruction of the 20<sup>th</sup> century Europe. Main highlights include the Prague Castle, the Charles Bridge, the Old Town Square, the Jewish Quarter, the Lennon Wall and Petřín hill. Since 1992, the extensive historic center of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic, which used to be joined with Slovakia until the two separated into distinct sovereign states in 1993.

The city boasts more than ten major museums, along with numerous theatres, galleries, cinemas, and various historical exhibits. A modern and efficient public transportation system connects the city. Moreover, Prague is home to a wide range of public and private schools, including the Charles University. In 2011, it was the sixth-most-visited city in Europe. Prague was ranked fifth in the TripAdvisor world list of best destinations in 2014.

# The Venue

The main part of the conference will be held in the main building of the **Faculty of Science at Albertov 6**. The Albertov campus is one of the main student centers in Prague as well as in the country as a whole. Many famous faculties are located here, i.e. First Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Math and Physics, Faculty of Science. The Czech Technical University in Prague also has a building here.



*Central lecture hall VG*

The whole campus area is an ideal place for gathering students from all around the world. It is right in the city center, very easily reachable by the public transportation. Despite the position in the heart of the city, the surroundings are calm and green. The Vltava River is not far from here, about 10 minutes' walk.



*Central building of the Faculty of Science in Prague, Albertov 6*

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