The 15th International Conference of Historical Geographers will be held in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic (EU), located “in the heart of Europe”. Prague was founded in the late 10th century almost in the centre of Bohemia, i.e. the western part of Czechia/Czech Republic.

The conference will take place at Charles University in the main building of the Faculty of Science situated in downtown Prague.

The conference is organized under the auspices of Prof. Dr. Václav Hampl, Rector of Charles University, Prof. Ing. Dr. Jiří Drahoš, President of the Academy of Sciences of the CR, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tadeusz Siwek, President of the Czech Geographical Society.

The international conference of historical geographers arose from a meeting of Canadian and British historical geographers held in Canada in 1975. Four subsequent meetings held in Britain, Canada and the USA were called “CUKANZUS” conferences. They increasingly attracted scholars from other countries, especially from Europe. This progress inspired the organizers of the sixth meeting, held in 1986 in Baton Rouge, U.S.A., to name it the Sixth International Conference of Historical Geographers. Since then these conferences have been held under this new title every three years in different parts of the world. The Prague conference is historically the first to be held in a post-communist country. It will be open to all historical geographers and scholars using historical (or spatial) approaches, and also to scholars in the related disciplines of geography, history, environmental history, landscape ecology, etc.

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The Prague conference will be held from 6th to 10th August 2012 (with post-conference excursion from 10th to 13th August).

The Faculty of Science of Charles University in cooperation with the Institute of History, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, v. v. i., and the Section for Historical Geography and Environmental History of the Czech Geographical Society are responsible for local organization.

The five-day program will consist of the presentation of papers and posters, excursions and social events.

We intend to encourage the participation of young scholars and post-graduate students, as well as researchers using multidisciplinary approaches.
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IMPORTANT DATES
First circular: 30 June 2011
Submission of abstracts: 31 December 2011
Second circular: 31 January 2012
Acceptance of papers: 28 February 2012
Early registration: 31 March 2012
Conference program: 30 June 2012
Post-conference excursion: 10–13 August 2012