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▶ Opening a new chapter in the story of Prague Congress Centre

Dear readers,

This April, Prague Congress Centre celebrated 45 years since its founding, and in the same year we are reaching another major milestone – construction is beginning on the long-awaited new Exhibition Hall. It is therefore only fitting that I open my introduction to this new issue of the magazine by expressing my great joy at the beginning of a new era in the history of Prague Congress Centre.

Within the next three years, we can all look forward to new multifunctional facilities and a modern public space in the surrounding area. With 5,000 m² of net exhibition space, the new Exhibition Hall will open up entirely new possibilities for hosting major international congresses and conferences accompanied by extensive exhibitions, allowing Prague to aspire to a place among the world's top three congress destina-

tions. You can read more inside the magazine, where we also present the first visualisations of the project.

I would like to share another recent achievement with you – we have become the first conference centre in the Czech Republic to be awarded the internationally recognised ISO 20121:2012 certification for sustainability management systems. At the same time, we have prepared our first comprehensive Sustainability Report for 2025, which also represents our commitment to ensuring that Prague Congress Centre remains a place where moments matter – and where the values and impact created by those moments continue to benefit society as a whole.

On the following pages, you can read about the major congresses, social events and cultur-

al programmes that have taken place here over the past six months. One event that certainly deserves special mention is the presentation ceremony of the Czech Lion Awards. We are delighted that this prestigious gala evening has found its “new home” with us.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you enjoy reading the pages that follow.

Yours sincerely

Ing. Lenka Žlebková, MBA
Chief Executive Officer
and Chair of the Board of Directors



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Official pick-up point for the Olympic collection

Before departing for the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy, the Czech Olympians paid us another visit. Just as we did two years ago (ahead of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games), we once again became the official pick-up point for the Olympic collection for Czech athletes.

Prague Congress Centre has long-standing ties to the Olympic movement – the Czechoslovak Olympic Academy was founded here in 1987, athletes have gathered here over the years, received awards and attended Olympic balls hosted at the Centre. We are delighted that our successful partnership with the Czech Olympic Committee continues.

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Vyšehrad Ice Rink proves a success once again

During the winter months, the promenade on the north terrace of Prague Congress Centre once again hosted a winter ice rink with panoramic views of Prague, available to active visitors and companies alike. As last year, interest among skaters was high – children from Prague nursery and primary schools came to skate, while many companies organised teambuilding events on the ice with us. The programme featured a range of sporting and cultural events, including skate hire and a heated marquee serving refreshments. The ice rink forms part of the Art District Vyšehrad project, which is bringing everyday social life back to the area around the Centre and creating spaces for active leisure.

Temporary parking restrictions and how to reach us

Due to ongoing reconstruction work at Prague Congress Centre, the number of parking spaces on the premises is temporarily limited – the P+R car park has been closed since 7 May 2026, and parking on the South Terrace will also be closed from 29 June 2026. We recommend that visitors to cultural events use public transport, especially Vyšehrad metro station on Line C, which is located right next to the Centre. Thank you for your understanding.

Building upgrades bring greater comfort

We are continuing to renovate and modernise our spaces. What improvements have the past few months brought?

- > We are improving both the acoustics and design of rooms used by our clients. New acoustic cladding made from recycled material has recently been installed in the Terrace 2A area.
- > We have added new furniture to the social spaces for greater guest comfort during events – sofas, coffee tables and designer chairs.
- > New floor coverings have been laid in back-of-house event areas and offices.
- > Another four escalators in the public area have been replaced with more modern, energy-efficient models.
- > We are continuing resurfacing work on the underground road at Prague Congress Centre. Following the reconstruction of the ramp down to the second underground level, work is now continuing on the access road. Barriers will be added alongside the technical equipment, and the walls will be repaired and repainted.
- > A new lift, noise-reduction measures and a refurbished air-handling unit have been installed in the operational back-of-house area.
- > We have installed another LOKNI drinking fountain in the public areas of Prague Congress Centre. You'll find it in the foyer on the first floor.

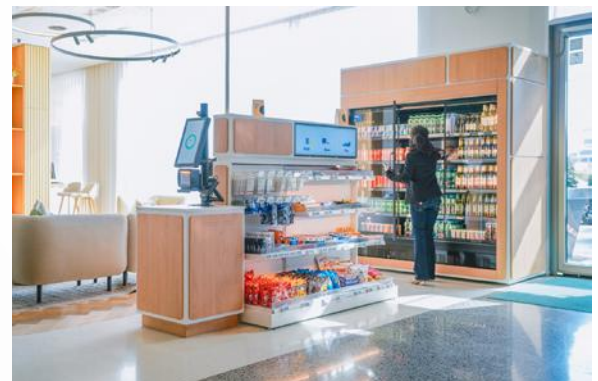


Award for our corporate magazine



Our in-house magazine Let's Meet! has won an award in the CZECH TOP 100 competition in the category of best in-house magazine for customers. We see this award as positive feedback on the magazine's overall concept – from its content and design to its production – and as motivation

to work on future issues with the same care and dedication. The award was accepted by Roman Sovják, Sales and Marketing Director, and Jiřina Lamsfus, PR and Marketing Specialist.



New self-service Grab & Go Store

A new self-service Grab & Go Store by Wundermart has opened at the Holiday Inn Prague. Whether you're a guest staying at the hotel or dropping by for a meeting or business dinner, the Grab & Go Store is open 24/7. Savoury and sweet treats, drinks and small essentials are available whenever you need them, day or night. So do pop in!

Coming up at the Prague Congress Centre

Calendar of selected events

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31. 5. 2026 Czech Dance Masters

At the end of May, our venue will be buzzing with the excitement of one of the biggest dance competitions in the Czech Republic. Every year, Czech Dance Masters brings together thousands of dancers from across a range of styles – from street dance and contemporary to show dance – on a single stage. Audiences can look forward to energetic performances brimming with creativity and precise choreography, as well as the electrifying atmosphere that only a live audience and the performers' enthusiasm can create. The event is not only a showcase of talent and hard work, but also a celebration of movement, music and the joy of dance.

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For a current
overview of events,
see here



5. 6. 2026 Vogue Summit 2026

How do strong fashion brands with a long-term vision come into being? And how does the fashion world intersect with business, technology, culture and science? These and other questions will be addressed at Vogue Summit – an exclusive conference on Fashion, Business and Beyond, focusing on how the fashion industry is evolving into a broader creative and economic ecosystem. Speakers will include the founders and leaders of major brands, designers, entrepreneurs and fashion icons such as Aňa Geislerová and Daniela Peštová.

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11.-13. 6. 2026 UEG Summer School

This prestigious European educational programme in gastroenterology, organised by United European Gastroenterology, is coming to Prague. This intensive three-day event offers practical workshops and hands-on training led by leading experts in the field, who will share the latest insights from clinical practice and digestive system research. UEG Summer School is designed primarily for young doctors and trainees looking to strengthen their skills, expand their professional network and find inspiration through meetings with top colleagues from across Europe.

16.-18. 6. 2026 Kaseya Connect Europe

In mid-June, we will welcome a major European conference for IT and technology services professionals. The event brings together around 1,500 industry professionals and offers a varied programme of intensive workshops, expert talks, practical training sessions and networking opportunities. Participants will have the chance to meet leading figures and experts, share experience, discover new solutions and draw inspiration from trends that are moving the technology sector forward.

26.-29. 6. 2026 World Ophthalmology Congress

Prague Congress Centre will host one of the world's largest professional gatherings in ophthalmology – the 40th World Ophthalmology Congress, organised by the International Council of Ophthalmology. This prestigious congress is one of the oldest and largest medical events of its kind and will welcome thousands of ophthalmologists, researchers and specialists from around the world. The programme includes extensive scientific sessions, panel discussions, interactive workshops and an exhibition of the latest technologies and approaches in eye care. It is a unique opportunity to share knowledge, build professional contacts and discover the latest trends in eye care and vision diagnostics.

31. 8.-1. 9. 2026 Events Club Forum

At the end of August, we will become a centre of inspiration and business connection for MICE professionals – meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions. The three-day programme is designed to give participants maximum opportunities to make new contacts, share experience and discover trends in event management, while also presenting Prague as an attractive destination for corporate and congress events. The three-day programme is designed to offer participants maximum opportunities to network, share experiences and discover trends in the event management sector, whilst showcasing Prague as an attractive destination for corporate and conference events.

4. 9. 2026 Brian Cox – Emergence World Tour

A live show by British professor Brian Cox, renowned science populariser and author of numerous successful television series and books. Brian Cox is known for his ability to make even complex concepts in physics and cosmology accessible to a wide audience, and his Emergence World Tour combines captivating visuals with fascinating insights into the universe and the natural world. The event promises an inspiring evening for everyone who loves science, discovery and breathtaking visual experiences.

6.-10. 9. 2026 International Symposium on Chromatography

The International Symposium on Chromatography (ISC) is one of the oldest and most prestigious symposia dedicated to chromatography and separation techniques. The conference has been held every other year since 1956. The event offers an extensive programme of expert lectures, poster sessions and specialist seminars, alongside international exhibitions of instrumentation and applications, providing an ideal platform for researchers, academics and specialists from around the world to meet and exchange knowledge. The main focus is on the latest trends, technologies and applications of chromatography in the pharmaceutical, environmental, food and healthcare sectors.

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Prague becomes a global centre of science: The INSAR 2026 Congress highlights new approaches to understanding autism

In April, leading international experts in autism research gathered at Prague Congress Centre. Over four days, the prestigious annual congress of the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) 2026 offered an extensive professional programme featuring lectures and discussions on research, the latest findings and studies, as well as new ways to improve the lives of people on the autism spectrum. “Prague Congress Centre exceeded our expectations in several respects,” says INSAR Executive Director Chalise McClaran in the interview.

> Why did you choose Prague and Prague Congress Centre for your annual congress?

The INSAR Board selected Prague in early 2023 as part of a long-term strategy to hold meetings in different regions around the world and strengthen global engagement. Prague stood out as an easily accessible European hub with extensive experience in hosting international scientific congresses. Several board members also had personal experience attending events at Prague Congress Centre, which strengthened our confidence in both the venue itself and the city. However, Prague is not only about logistics – it offers a unique combination of history, intellectual tradition and an environment that encourages meaningful exchange between researchers from around the world. For the global scientific community, accessibility, safety and the ability to foster collaboration are essential. Prague meets all these requirements, while Prague Congress

Centre provides the infrastructure needed for an event of this scale.

> Could you briefly introduce the congress keynote speakers?

INSAR 2026 featured three keynote speakers whose work reflects both the depth and continuing development of autism research. Dr. David Mandell (University of Pennsylvania) opened the conference with a lecture looking back at 25 years of research into services for people with autism, while also outlining the future direction of the field, particularly in improving systems of care and their real-world impact. Dr Damian

Milton (University of Kent) focused on the concept of the “double empathy problem”, which has fundamentally reshaped perspectives on communication between autistic and non-autistic people and has important implications for both research and practice. Dr Angelica Ronald (University of Surrey) closed the conference with a lecture on genetics and early development, showing how gradual individual discoveries contribute to a more nuanced understanding of autism throughout life.

> Which topics from the programme could also appeal to the wider public?

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➤ Prague became a centre for global scientific debate and interdisciplinary collaboration, helping to advance understanding of autism and opportunities for support.





Although part of the programme was highly specialised, many of the topics discussed have clear relevance beyond the scientific community. Topics included the experiences of families and caregivers, with increasing emphasis on sensitive approaches to support; digital health and technology, including the use of video and audio analysis to better understand manifestations of autism; genetics and large-scale population studies refining our understanding of autism across entire populations; and employment opportunities and adult life, an area that is receiving growing attention. At the same time, strong emphasis was placed on global perspectives and inclusion – ensuring that research reflects diverse communities and real-life conditions. Rather than presenting a single “major breakthrough”, the conference demonstrated how the field as a whole is moving towards more interconnected, practical and inclusive approaches to understanding and supporting people on the autism spectrum.

> How satisfied were you with the services provided by Prague Congress Centre?

Prague Congress Centre exceeded our expectations in several respects. The Congress Hall is ideal for the main programme and keynote lectures, as it offers both sufficient capacity and the technical facilities required for a large

international audience. Equally important is the overall layout of the building, which enables participants to move around smoothly, reduces overcrowding and increases comfort during parallel sessions. The foyers on the second floor also proved to be a major advantage. They provide a natural space for networking while also offering views over the city that enhance the overall experience without distracting from the professional programme.

Another benefit is the abundance of natural daylight throughout the building. At a conference that spans a number of days, this is a factor that significantly influences how participants move through the venue and how well they are able to concentrate. Combined with the capacity of nearby hotels, convenient public transport links and on-site services, Prague Congress Centre was perfect for our needs.

Overall, the congress was a great success. We welcomed a large international audience, with participants arriving from more than 75 countries, and the programme ran smoothly throughout the week. The feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive. Everyone was very satisfied with your services – the Prague Congress Centre team was approachable, professional and exceptionally helpful throughout every stage of the event. Once again, we would like to thank you for your cooperation in organising INSAR 2026.

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Other major congresses in 2026

PBP World Meeting 2026 23. - 26. 3. 2026

In late March, we hosted another major international event – the World Meeting on Pharmaceuticals, Biopharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Technology. This prestigious conference is one of the key events in pharmaceutical sciences and drug development. It brought leading experts from academia and industry to Prague to share the latest insights into the development of dosage forms, modern technologies and the future of pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Congress of the European Psychiatric Association 28. - 31. 3. 2026

The EPA Congress, held by the European Psychiatric Association, brought four days of inspiration, exchange and new perspectives on mental health to Prague Congress Centre. Hundreds of experts from around the world shared scientific findings, practical experience, new approaches to treatment and open discussions on the future of mental healthcare.

European Congress of Endocrinology 9. - 12. 5. 2026

In May, we welcomed a major international meeting of experts in endocrinology. The European Congress of Endocrinology (ECE) is one of the most important events in its field, bringing doctors, scientists and researchers from around the world to Prague. The programme presented the latest findings on hormonal disorders, innovative approaches to treatment and current research trends.



Pavel Habarta

Deputy Director for Technical Operations

After years of preparation, one of the company's largest investments since its establishment is now under way – construction of the new Exhibition Hall, together with the refurbishment of the southern garages. This investment is comparable in scale to the renovation and completion of the administrative building ahead of the IMF meeting. For me personally, the challenge lies in co-ordinating the work of the main contractor with all ongoing operations, other investment projects and the expansion of the existing building services.

It is worth remembering that our operations include office tenants, a hotel with 254 rooms and a restaurant operating around the clock, parking areas running in five different modes, one-off events with thousands of delegates, the kitchen and logistics facilities of the largest catering company in the Czech Republic, a car rental service, a BMW showroom and service centre, a university, the city's data centre, Hardware Lab and much more. In a few years' time, the entire complex will be completely different – more modern, more refined, more energy-efficient and more welcoming for clients and local residents alike.

Petr Bláha

Senior IT Infrastructure Specialist

I am responsible for ensuring that our IT infrastructure is secure, stable and ready for both day-to-day operations and demanding events. The key focus of my work is the security, reliability and development of an environment that must perform both in the everyday running of the organisation and at events with high connectivity requirements. As part of my role, I also support cooperation between divisions and departments across Prague Congress Centre in the preparation and delivery of events and other activities. Coordination between individual teams is essential for the smooth operation of our technologies. Here, IT is not a separate discipline, but a natural part of a whole that must work precisely, reliably and at exactly the right moment.

One important project is the planned generational upgrade of the Wi-Fi infrastructure in summer 2026, which will bring higher performance, better coverage and greater operational stability – all essential for events with specific connectivity requirements. My work also involves modern technologies such as the VxRail platform, which supports higher availability and more efficient infrastructure management.

»» Where people connect? Here. ««



Kamila Alblová

Operations and Parking Manager

I see managing two different yet closely interconnected areas – operations and parking – as a professional challenge that requires constant coordination, prioritisation and decision-making on an operational basis. I place strong emphasis on teamwork, clear communication and the ability to respond to changing situations both in day-to-day operations and during major events.

One example was the Czech Lion Awards gala evening, which required very precise coordination between parking, the operations control centre and other departments involved. It was essential to ensure that the broadcast vehicles arrived smoothly at precisely scheduled times so that technical preparations could be completed without a hitch. At the same time, parking focused on organising spaces for technical crews, especially lighting technicians, in a pre-agreed location that met their technical needs. The entire process took place in close cooperation with colleagues from electromechanics and building management, while the control centre coordinated vehicle movements and communicated with organisers in real time.

Martin Stránský

Fire Chief

The professional fire brigade unit at Prague Congress Centre helps ensure the safe running of every event held here. A team of 30 firefighters working across four shifts looks after the safety of visitors, who often number in the hundreds or thousands. Each shift is always staffed appropriately, with additional personnel deployed when necessary depending on the nature and scale of the event.

The service includes fire patrols, checks of escape routes, supervision of fire safety systems and overall monitoring of the situation in the building.

Most of our work takes place behind the scenes, but it is an essential part of every event. Thanks to our systematic preparation, experience and a well-coordinated team, we can ensure that everything runs smoothly and without a hitch. Safety is not what you see. It's what works.

Helping with care and compassion

Prague Congress Centre is a long-standing partner of the Jedlička Institute, the oldest Czech institution for children and young people with physical disabilities. We are delighted that, as part of our Christmas gathering with clients, we were once again able to bring joy to those who need it most.

We donated a cheque for CZK 100,000 to the Jedlička Institute Foundation. Each guest at the event received a charity pin and a card reading “You have donated one hour of personal assistance” as a small thank-you for their good deed. We would like to thank the Jedlička Institute Foundation, our wonderful neighbour in Vyšehrad, for many years of co-operation, and we look forward to many more to come.



← The cheque was presented by PCC CEO Lenka Žlebková



↑ Tomáš Břejcha, Marketing and ESG Manager, accepted the certificate on behalf of Prague Congress Centre from Lukáš Holub, CEO of certification company LL-C (Certification)

We have obtained international ISO 20121:2024 certification

After more than a year of intensive work, Prague Congress Centre has reached an important milestone – we have obtained certification under the international ISO 20121:2012 standard for sustainability management systems in the events sector. This achievement confirms that sustainability is firmly embedded in our organisation’s day-to-day operations, communication and strategic management.



Sustainability Report 2025

We are increasing efficiency, reducing our environmental impact and supporting our employees. We contribute to social and charitable projects, cooperate with the city and support local initiatives. We focus on global challenges such as climate sustainability and responsible resource management. You can read our full ESG Report by scanning the QR code.



No Foot No Stress Ball: Limits exist only in the mind

Of all the spring events held at Prague Congress Centre, the evening of 27 March stood out for its exceptionally strong atmosphere. Our halls came alive with the 2nd No Foot No Stress Representative Ball. An evening of elegance, great music, and above all a powerful message: limits exist only in our minds.

This social evening, open to people with disabilities and their loved ones, once again showed that what matters is not difference, but shared experience. On the dance floor, professional dancers met

those proving that courage and the desire to dance are stronger than any barriers. Music and dance brought the guests together, regardless of whether someone danced seated or with a prosthetic limb. Music for the evening was provided by the Moondance Orchestra led by Martin Kumžák, while Radka Fišarová and Bořek Slezáček hosted the event.

The No Foot No Stress Ball is not just a social event, but a gathering with real meaning. And we are proud to have been part of it.



↑ For the second time, the social evening proved that dance has no limits



Open House Prague Festival 2026

The Open House Prague Festival 2026, culminating over the weekend of 23 and 24 May, will once again open up more than 100 buildings and spaces across Prague that are not normally accessible to the public. And Prague Congress Centre will be one of them.

This year's edition, held under the patronage of First Lady Eva Pavlová, is attracting not only Prague residents, but visitors from across the Czech Republic. They will have a unique opportunity to explore historic palaces, modern office buildings, technical sites and architectural icons that are otherwise closed to the public. The festival connects diverse worlds of architecture and presents Prague in unexpected contexts. Don't miss this opportunity – architecture is not merely the backdrop to our everyday lives, but a living part of the city that is worth discovering.

»» Where unique moments happen? Here. ««



Construction begins on the new Exhibition Hall

Modern architecture, state-of-the-art technology and maximum flexibility

The Board of Directors of Prague Congress Centre now consists of three members. Its Chair is the long-serving Chief Executive Officer, Ing. Lenka Žlebková, MBA, while Ing. Petr Dukát has been appointed Vice-Chairman of the Board and Deputy Director for Finance. The third member is Ing. Pavel Habarta, who is responsible for Technical Operations. In the interview, we spoke with all three about the company's future direction and, above all, the construction of the new Exhibition Hall, which, after years of preparation, has finally moved fully into the construction phase – also thanks to the change in the company's ownership structure.

➤ **The City of Prague is now the sole owner of Prague Congress Centre. How has this change benefited you?**

Lenka Žlebková: Above all, this change has enabled us to unlock further investment in the development of Prague Congress Centre and, by extension, the city's wider congress infrastructure. We

had already been a partner of the City of Prague before this ownership change. However, we can now fulfil our role even more effectively – not only within the congress industry, but also as a strategic institution capable of assisting in crisis situations, as was the case, for example, with the Regional Assistance Centre for

↑ Visualisation of the new Exhibition Hall

Ukrainian Refugees (KACPU) and the vaccination centre previously operated in our premises.

Thanks to this change, the company can now implement long-prepared investment projects, including construction of the new Exhibition Hall and the revitalisation of the North Terrace. At the same time,

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the City of Prague gains not only an important social and cultural venue, but also the opportunity to fully realise Prague's potential as one of the world's five most attractive congress destinations.

> After the slowdown caused by the Covid pandemic, Prague Congress Centre is thriving once again. How would you evaluate the past five years?

Lenka Žlebková: The past five years have been exceptionally successful for Prague Congress Centre. Not only have we seen significant revenue growth, but we also succeeded in restoring our strong international reputation. Thanks to the confidence placed in us by the Czech state, we secured the prestigious contract to host political meetings during the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union. At that time, approximately 2,400 leading political representatives from across Europe visited the Centre. Over the course of six months, we organised these events to the highest standard, including stringent security measures. These projects were significant for us not only in terms of prestige, but also because of their economic contribution. We closed 2022 with record profits, exceeding even the results achieved before the Covid-19 pandemic.

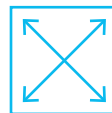
The trust we gained, together with the security and IT infrastructure we developed, continues to generate further major international and political events. At the same time, we undertook a number of initiatives in the field of sustainability, and we are now one of the leaders in this segment in Central Europe.

> How successful was 2025 in financial terms?

Petr Dukát: Once again, it was an extremely successful year for us. Our revenues exceeded the already very successful results of 2024, and we can confidently say that 2025 was a record year. Total revenues reached almost CZK 750 million. We also achieved an almost 50% increase in profit. However, this result was significantly influenced by the release of a provision for the new Exhibition Hall amounting to almost CZK 50 million.

> What are your expectations regarding the construction of the new Exhibition Hall?

Lenka Žlebková: Construction of the new Exhibition Hall is crucial not only to enable the further development of Prague Congress Centre, but also for strengthening Prague's position as a major global congress destination. It will allow us to host prestigious international events that we previously had to turn down due to limited capacity. We have a long track record of successfully attracting large and important congresses, but capacity limitations have restricted us in some cases. This is precisely why we decided to build the new hall and revitalise the surrounding area, including the North Terrace. The development will also include partial modernisation



PCC venue capacity increased by 5,000 m²

of the existing spaces, such as stage technology. This will enable us to open the venue to new types of events while offering modern, technologically advanced and sustainable facilities.

> According to the ICCA international congress rankings, Prague is currently the fifth most sought-after congress destination in the world. Can we therefore assume that the new hall will strengthen Prague's position even further?

Lenka Žlebková: Yes, the benefits for Prague and the Czech Republic as a whole will be significant. Large international events generate a strong multiplier effect that positively impacts not only the city budget, but also the national economy. In addition to their economic benefits, congresses and conferences also have wider professional and social significance – they strengthen Prague's international prestige, foster partnerships and interdisciplinary cooperation, and support the development of science, research and innovation.

> So what kind of facilities will the new multifunctional hall offer?

Pavel Habarta: The new hall will expand Prague Congress Centre by approximately 5,000 square metres of net exhibition space. It will be possible to divide this space into five sections, enabling exhibitions, conferences and gala evenings with round-table seating for up to 1,500 guests. We are already seeing demand from around fifteen of the world's most important congresses, all of which are waiting for the new hall to be completed. At the same time, the hall will also host cultural and social events for the wider public.

It also provides an opportunity to design the systems ensuring indoor environmental comfort in a coordinated and technologically integrated way – not only for the new hall, but for the existing buildings as well. This includes, for example, the cascade cooling system, which we plan to design to serve the current Prague Congress Centre building, including the requirements of all tenants, the Holiday Inn Prague hotel, part of the Business Centre Vyšehrad building and the new Exhibition Hall. The cascade system will

What you can look forward to from 2029

- > Total exhibition space of more than 21,000 m²
- > Total capacity of up to 15,000 delegates
- > Capacity for gala dinners and major social events: up to 1,500 guests
- > Up to five sections enabling flexible layouts tailored to event requirements
- > Everything in one place: seamless delegate flow and efficient logistics

consist of four units providing cooling in line with operational requirements. We will be able to cool all fully occupied areas simultaneously, even at the height of summer, while maintaining reserve capacity in the event of outages. At the same time, we aim to achieve further energy savings through the use of an additional modern unit connected to the cooling tower. Similar synergies can also be achieved in heating, water distribution, electricity supply and other systems.

> How much will the construction of the hall cost, and who will fund it?

Petr Dukát: The construction of the hall is expected to require investment of approximately CZK 1.35 billion. This is one of the largest development projects in PCC's 45-year history. I am proud to say that we will finance most of the project from our own resources – in other words, we are not simply holding out our hand to our shareholder, nor are we using a bank loan. It is true that our sole current shareholder, the City of Prague, has provided us with funding for development projects, including the new hall, which we greatly appreciate. However, these funds cover only around 20% of the new hall's budget. The remainder comes from PCC's business activities.

> What are your expectations regarding the return on investment?

Petr Dukát: It's very difficult to determine the exact return on investment, as it consists of a number of factors – from the direct commercial benefit of the events



↑ Pictured (from left): Pavel Habarta, Petr Dukát, Lenka Žlebková

held here to the multiplier effects associated with large numbers of visitors. The improvement of public space in this location is also significant. Nevertheless, the calculated payback period is 20 years, which is an excellent figure for a project of this kind with a wider public benefit.

Pavel Habarta: From an investment perspective, it should be emphasised that the construction of the hall itself certainly does not mean that other investments will stop, or that renewal and repair projects will be put on hold. Last year, investments totalled CZK 185 million, and this year – partly already in parallel with the con-

struction of the hall – investment will reach a record CZK 205 million. What's more, this does not include further investments by our clients – for example, the OMV filling station is due to be refurbished this summer.

> What specific changes are planned around the building?

Pavel Habarta: We wanted our surroundings to serve not only our clients, but ordinary Prague residents as well. The North Terrace, with its view of Prague Castle, will therefore gain a bistro, a viewing tower, water features and a much-needed lift to the

Signing of the contract for the construction of the New Exhibition Hall

At the end of April 2026, we signed a contract with construction company GEMO a.s. for the construction of the new Exhibition Hall and the related refurbishment of the garages. This moment represents far more than just a formal step. It marks another milestone bringing us closer to the completion of this exceptional project.



More space. More options. More moments.

The new hall will provide the capacity Prague has long lacked – expanding Prague Congress Centre's facilities by approximately 5,000 square metres of net exhibition space, which can be divided into five sections. This will create new spaces for hosting exhibitions, conferences and gala evenings with round-table seating for up to 1,500 guests. The centre's development projects also include the refurbishment of the garages, further improvements to the energy efficiency of the Business Centre Vyšehrad building, new stage and theatre technology in both of the largest auditoriums, and the revitalisation of the public space surrounding the centre.

The architectural design was created by OCA studio in collaboration with architect Josef Pleško's CMC studio. The architects placed emphasis not only on new, modern elements that respect the brutalist architecture of the existing Prague Congress Centre building, but also on sustainability. The winning design is the result of an international architectural competition held in 2017 and was ready for implementation as early as 2020, before the project was halted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The foundation stone will be laid in June 2026, with completion expected within three years.



You can view a visualisation of the new Exhibition Hall here.

→ A shaded seating area will be created beneath the new hall



metro, making access easier for parents with pushchairs and people with disabilities – of whom there are many in this part of the city due to the proximity of the Jedlička Institute and Vyšehrad. The aim is to create new facilities for visitors and Prague residents, who can look forward to better barrier-free access to Vyšehrad metro station, as well as a new viewing tower with views of the historic city centre.

On the south side, extensive surface works will be carried out. These will improve logistics within the site and, above all, access to the new hall, including a completely new and robust signage system, as well as new greenery, space for community gatherings and outdoor seating, a café at the entrance to the new hall, increased electric vehicle charging capacity and more. Personally, I'm looking forward to the shaded area beneath the new hall, where people will be able to sit and enjoy a coffee.

► How were environmental considerations and sustainability taken into account in the project?

Pavel Habarta: The project has been designed to meet the LEED Gold sustainable building certification standard. For example, the new building will feature a retention tank for rainwater use and will help expand green areas around Pankrácské náměstí. Low-carbon buildings and LEED Gold certification are now almost synonymous with smart, energy-efficient and healthy indoor and

outdoor environments. That's what we wanted from the start. The measures include a sophisticated combination of initiatives, such as selecting suitable and abundant vegetation to reduce the urban heat island effect and restore local biodiversity, using permeable surfaces, supporting alternative zero-emission transport, rainwater management, using materials with a low carbon footprint, emphasising indoor environmental quality, and preserving daylight and views, among others.

► Will the new hall make use of the technology in the existing building?

Pavel Habarta: In general, the existing building systems have sufficient capacity to serve the new hall as well. This includes, for example, heating and cooling supply. As regards cooling, we are consolidating requirements not only for the new hall, but also for part of the Business Centre Vyšehrad building, where we aim to further increase energy savings through a partial transition to mechanical cooling, as well as for the technical facilities of the former T-Mobile data centre. The redesigned cascade cooling system mentioned earlier will therefore be implemented. The air-handling, parking, IT, AV, security and fire safety systems will also need to be integrated. We intend to continue monitoring everything from the existing control centre and to maintain the standby operation of the company fire brigade.

From the Palace of Culture to international renown: Prague Congress Centre celebrates 45 years

Prague Congress Centre is one of the most striking buildings in modern Prague and a key venue for social, cultural and political events. This year marks two anniversaries: 50 years since construction began and 45 years since the grand opening.

Construction began in 1976 and the building officially opened on 2 April 1981 under the name Palace of Culture. It was originally used primarily to host congresses of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, which shaped the public's negative perception of the building at the time. After 1989, however, it underwent a fundamental transformation – not only in terms of its function, but also its overall reputation.

In 1992, the building became the property of the City of Prague, and in 1995 it was renamed Prague Congress Centre. It gradually established itself as a modern, multi-purpose venue for international congresses, cultural events and major political gatherings.

Impressive then and now

The scale of the building remains impressive even by today's standards. It has ten floors, offers up to 70 halls and meeting rooms, has a total capacity of more than 12,000 people and covers an area of approximately 180,000 m². A major milestone came with the renovation at the turn of the millennium, when the interiors were modernised and the complex expanded.

A venue for global events and cultural icons

In September 2000, Prague Congress Centre hosted the Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, putting both its capacity and organisational infrastructure to the test. It subsequently became the venue for many other major international events. In 2002, it hosted the NATO Summit, and in 2009 events connected with the Presidency of the Council of the European Union took place here. For the scientific community, the venue is also associated with the redefinition of the term "planet" – during a meeting of the International Astronomical Union, Pluto was reclassified as a dwarf planet.



↑ Construction of the building, then known as the Palace of Culture, took five years.

Alongside political and professional events, Prague Congress Centre has long played an important cultural role. Elton John, Ringo Starr, David Bowie and Bruce Springsteen have all performed in the Congress Hall. The artworks integrated into the building's interiors are also an inseparable part of its identity. These include, for example, the glass sculpture *Woman with a Dove* and the *Golden Sun* curtain.

Over the course of its 45-year history, Prague Congress Centre has undergone remarkable development. What was originally a functional building associated with the former regime has evolved into a venue of international renown, helping place Prague among the world's five most sought-after congress destinations. Today, it is not only an architectural landmark, but also an important centre of public life in the Czech capital.

Key dates from the history of Prague Congress

- > 1981 official opening of the Palace of Culture
- > 1989 negotiations on the composition of the post-November Czechoslovak governments
- > 1995 establishment of the joint-stock company and renaming to Prague Congress Centre
- > 2000 interior refurbishment and construction of the Business Centre Vyšehrad and the Holiday Inn Prague
- > 2000 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank
- > 2002 NATO Summit
- > 2008 speech by the Dalai Lama
- > 2009 Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- > 2017 refurbishment of the halls and technical infrastructure
- > 2022 Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- > 2026 construction of the new Exhibition Hall

»» Since 2 April 1981, Prague Congress Centre has been a place where culture comes to life, world events unfold and great stories are written. ««

Record-breaking EANO 2025 congress confirms the strength of Czech neuro-oncology and the quality of Prague Congress Centre facilities

Article by: prof. MUDr. Aleksi Šedo, DrSc.

The 20th anniversary congress of the European Association of Neuro-Oncology (EANO) was held last year for the first time in a former Eastern Bloc country – in the Czech Republic, at Prague Congress Centre. The fact that EANO selected the Czech Republic for its anniversary meeting is a testament to the long-standing work of Czech neuro-oncology and its firmly established position within the European landscape. The patronage of Charles University and the City of Prague underlined the scientific and social significance of the event.

The congress welcomed more than 1,600 experts from 80 countries – the highest attendance in EANO's history. The scientific programme offered a balanced perspective ranging from clinical trials to cutting-edge basic and translational research. Particular attention was given to the tumour microenvironment, immunotherapy, personalised medicine and the integration of large-scale omics data into clinical decision-making. As is tradition, the Education Day summarised key developments in the field and reaffirmed EANO's emphasis on the systematic training of young specialists.

International delegates praised the quality of the facilities

Prague proved itself not only scientifically, but also in organisational terms. International delegates repeatedly praised both the quality of the facilities and the atmosphere of the city. One member of the Scientific Committee commented: "Prague



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offered the perfect balance between an intensive scientific atmosphere and historical depth – it was a privilege to discuss the future of neuro-oncology in such an inspiring setting." This feedback confirms that the combination of scientific excellence and cultural context can significantly enhance the overall impact of a congress.

The Neuro-oncology Section of the Czech Oncology Society also played an important role. The active participation of Czech teams in the scientific programme clearly demonstrated that Czech neuro-oncology is regarded as a respected partner among Europe's leading institutions.

Czech neuro-oncology stands on solid foundations

A crucial factor was also the link to the activities of the National Institute for Cancer Research (NICR) – currently the largest academic oncology project in the Czech Republic. It provides long-term support

for the development of translational research, the coordination of clinical and biological data, and the training and support of young researchers. As part of the accompanying NICR symposium, the conference also hosted a working meeting of an international group preparing a COST Action project focused on brain metastases. Under the leadership of Czech and Spanish teams, a network of experts from ten countries was successfully established, together with representatives of key European infrastructures (EATRIS, ECRIN, BBMRI and IARC). The congress also strengthened our position within the EANO and opened up opportunities for further institutional collaboration.

The Prague meeting therefore left its mark not only through attendance figures or the quality of the lectures, but above all through strengthened professional networks, trust and collaboration. It demonstrated that Czech neuro-oncology stands on solid foundations, is capable of organising Europe's most prestigious forum in the field, and can also initiate new projects with pan-European reach.



»» The Prague congress attracted 1,600 experts from 80 countries. ««

The Czech Lion Awards embraced change. The film gala moved to PCC

This year, the prestigious Czech Lion Awards were presented at Prague Congress Centre for the first time. After 12 years, the ceremony moved from the Rudolfinum to our Congress Hall. The new venue opened up new possibilities for the gala evening and delivered a striking visual spectacle both for the audience in the hall and for television viewers.

The organisers of this exceptional event, the Czech Film and Television Academy, were motivated primarily by the venue's capacity. According to the Academy's Executive Director, Tereza Malá Rychnovská, both the number of Academy members and the volume of films and award categories had gradually increased over time. Interest in attending the gala therefore continued to grow beyond the capacity of the Rudolfinum.

Prague Congress Centre proved to be the ideal new host. "We saw it as a tremendous vote of confidence and were absolutely delighted," recalls Roman Sovják, Prague Congress Centre Commercial and Marketing Director, adding: "From the very beginning, we wanted to do everything we could to ensure the event could take place here and that not only the Czech Film and Television Academy, but also film professionals, guests and television audiences would feel at home. It is a great honour for Prague Congress



Three interesting facts about the Congress Hall

- The 615-square-metre stage area is roughly the size of four volleyball courts.
- At the rear of the stage is a high-capacity lift large enough to accommodate a small lorry.
- The hall features a retractable orchestra pit.



Centre to host the Czech Lion Awards. We see it as recognition of our work, our technical capabilities and our long-term efforts to strengthen the role of Prague Congress Centre as a modern cultural and social venue."

The preparations lasted for months

Cooperation between the organisers and Prague Congress Centre was constructive and accommodating from the outset. Preparations for the gala evening, held on 14 March 2026, continued for several



months. "During February, we relocated selected objects and banners both inside and around the building, repainted the stage floor and removed fixed seating to create space for Czech Television's technical equipment," explain our production managers Lucie Křečková and Johana Matunová, who oversaw the organisational arrangements. The technical set-up of the stage then continued around the clock for three days leading up to the event, including the installation of large LED panels. Czech Television stationed its largest outside broadcast vehicle on site, for which we had to allocate sufficient space, while also making our technical infrastructure available for use.

Film stars welcomed by the red carpet

While most events use only one entrance, the Czech Lion Awards required four separate entrances – designated individually for nominees, journalists and other guests. Special attention was also paid to

the exterior appearance of the building, as the ceremony effectively began as the guests arrived and entered the venue. It was therefore necessary to temporarily relocate sculptures from the North Terrace and cover the route to the main entrance with a red carpet.

The awards ceremony itself took place in the Congress Hall, followed by an afterparty in the adjoining spaces, particularly the stunning foyer overlooking Prague. The evening, centred around the future of Czech cinema and the emerging generation of filmmakers, was hosted by stand-up comedian Bianca Cristovao. Several musical guests took to the stage throughout the evening, while Czech Lion statuettes were presented across 24 categories. The biggest winner of the 33rd Czech Lion Awards was Franz, the biographical film directed by Agnieszka Holland, which received four awards in total, although the top category, Best Feature Film, was won by Caravan.



A venue that opens up new possibilities

Prague Congress Centre offers the technical, spatial and operational infrastructure required by today's large-scale cultural events. Its key advantage is the spacious Congress Hall, that can seat almost 2,800 guests and has a vast stage. The hall allows for a more comfortable layout for guests and film crews alike, greater flexibility for camera placement, smoother television production, and more ambitious set design and visual effects.

Prague Congress Centre's technical infrastructure supports the use of advanced projection technologies, combinations of large-format display surfaces and modern LED and LCD solutions, as well as highly precise lighting and sound design. In addition to extensive parking and facilities for outside broadcast technology, another major advantage is the comprehensive infrastructure for live television production, which was also utilised at Prague Congress Centre during the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2022.

Prague Congress Centre exceeded expectations

The new venue not only provided more comfortable seating for several thousand guests, but also enabled a more technically ambitious stage design and television broadcast. The Congress Hall offered more space for the stage, cameras and performers, resulting in a more dynamic and visually striking production. Based on the overwhelmingly positive response, we believe the organisers were convinced by the new home of the Czech Lion Awards and will return again next year.

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The Czech Lion Awards in the Congress Hall took on a more dynamic and visually striking form.



Mireille Mathieu says goodbye to Prague with two energetic concerts

Early March at Prague Congress Centre was dedicated to one of the most iconic figures in French music. Mireille Mathieu returned to Prague with a programme symbolically titled Goodbye My Love Prague – and if this truly was a farewell, it was one that was magnificent, emotional and, given the singer's remarkable age of 79, astonishingly energetic.

For two consecutive evenings, the delighted audience received exactly what it had hoped for – and perhaps even more. The programme featured iconic numbers such as “Mon Credo”, “La Paloma Adieu”, “Une femme amoureuse”, “Santa Maria de la mer” and “Paris en colère” – songs that have defined her repertoire for decades. But this was far more than an evening of nostalgia. Mireille Mathieu filled the Congress Hall with an energy that brought audiences to their feet and reminded everyone why her voice and stage presence have earned worldwide acclaim.

Accompanied by more than a dozen musicians, the concerts combined dynamism with a sense of grandeur and celebration. Each song was crafted with meticulous attention to detail, highlighting not only the singer's unmistakable voice, but also her extraordinary ability to connect with the audience – naturally, elegantly and with sincere gratitude. That gratitude became one of the defining themes of the evening. Prague is one of the cities to which Mireille Mathieu has long returned, and this time it was clear that her bond with the local audience runs deep on both sides. The concerts therefore felt less like a tour stop and more like a personal thank-you to the loyal audience that has followed and supported her for decades.

The artist, who has sold more than 130 million records and performed in more than ten languages, was closing one chapter here – and doing so with her characteristic grace and elegance. The two evenings at Prague Congress Centre were a reminder of the enduring power of chanson and proof that charisma and authenticity never fade.

Paul Simon and three intimate evenings with a legend

In April, the Congress Hall was transformed into a setting for an exceptional and almost intimate musical encounter. American music legend Paul Simon performed three evenings here as part of his A Quiet Celebration Tour, offering audiences a very different experience from what is usually associated with large-scale concerts.

Instead of spectacle, the 84-year-old singer-songwriter chose intimacy, concentration and detail. The programme centred on his Grammy Award-nominated album *Seven Psalms*, which Simon presented as a complete musical work – quiet, meditative and deeply personal. This atmosphere shaped the entire evening. The audience listened with extraordinary attentiveness and respect, which only heightened the emotional power of the individual songs. Alongside his more recent work, however, Simon also performed timeless songs that have defined his career and confirmed his exceptional standing on the global music scene.

According to both audiences and critics, the Prague concerts ranked among the most powerful stops of Simon's tour. Listeners praised not only the musical precision, but also the authenticity and humility with which Paul Simon approached the performances. The prolonged standing ovations were not merely expressions of enthusiasm, but also gestures of respect towards an artist who, even after decades on stage, still speaks to audiences with extraordinary depth.



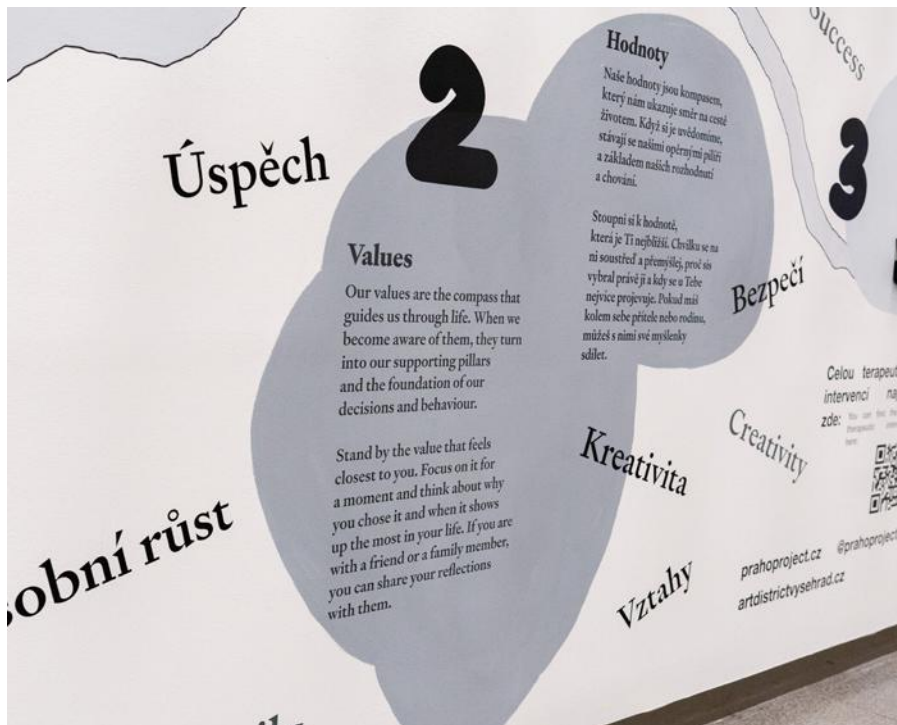


Photo: Alena Dontová

New mural: The Crossroads project continues

A new mural – a large-scale wall painting – has appeared inside Prague Congress Centre, specifically in the lower hall near Entrance No. 5. This therapeutic wall, titled *Where to?*, conceptually follows the outdoor mural beneath the North Terrace.

Pause for a moment and reflect on where we are heading

Like the first mural, the new work was created in collaboration with the non-profit PRAHO! project and forms part of the Art District Vyšehrad initiative, which aims to revitalise the public space around Prague Congress Centre and bring art and culture into the area. The mural was created by Nina Sibinská, whose distinctive artistic language connects the outdoor and interior parts of the project into one cohesive visual concept. While the outdoor Crossroads interacts with the energy and movement of the city, the interior installation invites visitors to pause, slow down and reflect on where we currently stand – and where we are heading.

The individual stops create an imaginary journey linking visual art with personal reflection. Don't expect definitive answers or complicated instructions. Rather, expect impulses, questions and a moment of quiet in the middle of an ordinary day. The installation also features interactive elements that allow visitors to continue the journey online.

The interior Crossroads installation represents another step in developing Prague Congress Centre as a place where culture, public space and personal stories intersect. Next time you pass Entrance No. 5, stop for a moment. You may leave with more than just a visual impression...



Browse our catalogue of artworks

Prague Congress Centre is a unique venue for congresses, conferences, concerts and many other events – but it is also an extraordinary art gallery. The building houses some genuine treasures – nearly 200 works by leading Czech visual artists, sculptors and glassmakers.

Highlights include monumental tapestries, carpets, paintings, glass artworks and stone or metal sculptures, all of which form an integral part of the building's overall aesthetic. A true world-class original is the Sun curtain on the stage of the Congress Hall. Every corner of the building reveals a thoughtful dialogue between architecture and visual art, making Prague Congress Centre not only a functional venue, but also a space of genuine cultural value. All of these works can now be explored in our new digital catalogue of artworks.



» Where art connects? Here. «

Holiday Inn Prague takes its conference facilities to the next level

Holiday Inn Prague has recently refurbished its conference facilities to keep pace with current guest expectations and the standards of an international hotel brand. The modernisation focused on both functionality and the quality of services provided. As a result, the hotel is further strengthening its position as a sought-after venue for business and congress clients.

The refurbishment of the meeting spaces on the first floor has transformed Rooms A, B and D, as well as the adjoining foyer. The result is a modern, airy and technologically advanced environment that meets today's requirements for effective business meetings and prestigious events.

The new layout has increased comfort and versatility

A key element of the refurbishment was the change in layout: the original Room D has become a foyer, while the former foyer now serves as Meeting Room D. The newly created Room D now benefits from natural daylight, significantly increasing comfort. Together with the raised stage, this creates an ideal space for presentations and panel discussions. Natural daylight, combined with a clearly defined presentation area, enhances both audience engagement and the overall flow of the event.

The interconnected meeting rooms A and B now offer a bright, elegant design with an emphasis on participant comfort. Their flexible layout allows the space to be quickly adapted to different types of events – from training sessions and banquets to smaller conferences for up to 120 people.



← One of the most striking changes is the use of natural daylight. New glass partitions separate the individual rooms, creating a sense of visual openness while allowing daylight to pass through the entire floor.

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Technology that reflects current client needs

All elements can be controlled directly via touchscreens in the rooms or remotely via an app. High-quality Bose audio technology, built-in projectors in Rooms A and B, and widescreen mobile TV displays are all available and can be

used flexibly depending on the nature of the event. Particular emphasis was also placed on indoor environmental quality. CO₂ meters and an air quality monitoring system ensure optimal conditions for longer meetings, helping improve concentration and overall participant comfort.

Centralised technology control (LOXONE)

- › Intelligent system for comprehensive AV and lighting control
- › Control via touch panels and a mobile/desktop app
- › Remote management and detailed settings available

Professional projection and display technology

- › Fixed projectors in rooms A and B
- › Option to connect a large-format display
- › Flexibility for different types of presentations

Advanced audio system

- › Wide range of audio connectivity options
- › Bose ceiling speakers
- › Support for up to 4 wireless microphones
- › Bluetooth connection for fast wireless streaming
- › Audio transmission between devices and rooms

Zoned lighting

- › The atmosphere of each event can be adapted using zoned lighting with preset scenes for various types of events, such as presentations, networking and screenings.



The newly created Room D has a raised stage, ideal for presentations and panel discussions.

Congress support options for events in Prague

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Like other leading congress destinations around the world, Prague offers several forms of congress support for a wide range of events held in the city. Find out what support is available and how to apply for it.

Tourism Support Programme

The City of Prague has long supported the development of congress and incentive tourism as an important sector with significant benefits for inbound tourism and the city's international profile. Each year, the Prague City Hall Department of Culture and Tourism announces grant programmes aimed at supporting multi-day association congresses and conferences, as well as multi-day events of national or international significance held within the capital that meet the established criteria and contribute to tourism development.

In 2026, financial support was available for multi-day association congresses and conferences for professional audiences of more than 300 participants, as well as for multi-day events of national or international significance benefiting inbound tourism.

This year, a total of CZK 22 million was allocated to the programme. Provided all conditions are met, recipients may use the funding for venue hire and related services, catering or venue rental for a welcome event presenting Prague as



the host city, or for the promotion of the event both internationally and within the Czech Republic.

Looking ahead to 2027

The 2027 programme is expected to be announced again this summer, with applications opening in autumn. Updates regarding the launch of the programme

↑ Delegates attending congresses can make use of free public transport in Prague.

and application deadlines are also communicated by Prague Convention Bureau through its blog, newsletter and social media channels.

Applicants should bear in mind, however, that since 2019 the City of Prague has not provided support to events using single-use packaging or disposable tableware, as part of its commitment to environmentally responsible practices.

Support for innovation-focused events

In addition to the tourism-focused programme described above, Prague has also provided separate support for innovation-focused events since 2024, in line with the city's Regional Innovation Strategy. For 2026, the city supported nine events through this programme, with total funding approaching CZK 5 million. Eligible events included those focused on innovation awareness and education, as well as fairs, exhibitions and forums in areas aligned with the current Regional Innovation Strategy of the City of Prague (RIS3).

Congress transport passes

Prague's public transport system is renowned for its safety, efficiency and reliability and is one of the best urban transport systems in the world. As a result, it is highly popular with both residents and visitors alike. Prague also offers free public transport to delegates attending international association congresses and conferences lasting three days or more with over 500 participants, provided that at least 20% of attendees are international delegates.

Organisers who can demonstrate compliance with all criteria may apply for congress transport passes through Prague Convention Bureau several months before the start of the confere-

CZK 22,000,000

This year, a total of CZK 22 million was allocated to the programme, which grant recipients may use, subject to meeting the relevant conditions, for the hire of social or congress venues.

nce. In 2025, more than 31,000 transport passes were issued in this way for participants attending 27 events, with more than half of both the participants and the events sharing the same venue – Prague Congress Centre.

A new feature introduced this year is the digitalisation of congress transport passes, further reducing environmental impact and administrative demands for organisers. The validity of the passes has also been extended by two days – one day before the opening of the congress and one day after its conclusion. For other conferences that do not meet the above criteria, Prague Public Transit Company offers a programme of discounted transport passes with a 50% reduction.

Marketing and destination support from Prague Convention Bureau

As the official organisation representing Prague's congress industry, Prague Convention Bureau offers not only assistance

with arranging the support programmes mentioned above, but also a wide range of complimentary services designed to help organisers deliver congresses and conferences in the Czech capital.

These naturally include consultation services – whether relating to local conditions for organising an event, connecting organisers with the right service providers, or arranging site inspections and venue tours tailored to organisers' requirements. Marketing support is also available, helping organisers promote their event free of charge not only through Prague Convention Bureau communication channels, but also in local media, including specialist publications.

Destination support also includes services provided under the Ambassador Program. This programme brings together local congress ambassadors who provide expert patronage for events that may be held in Prague. Thanks to its extensive network of scientific, medical

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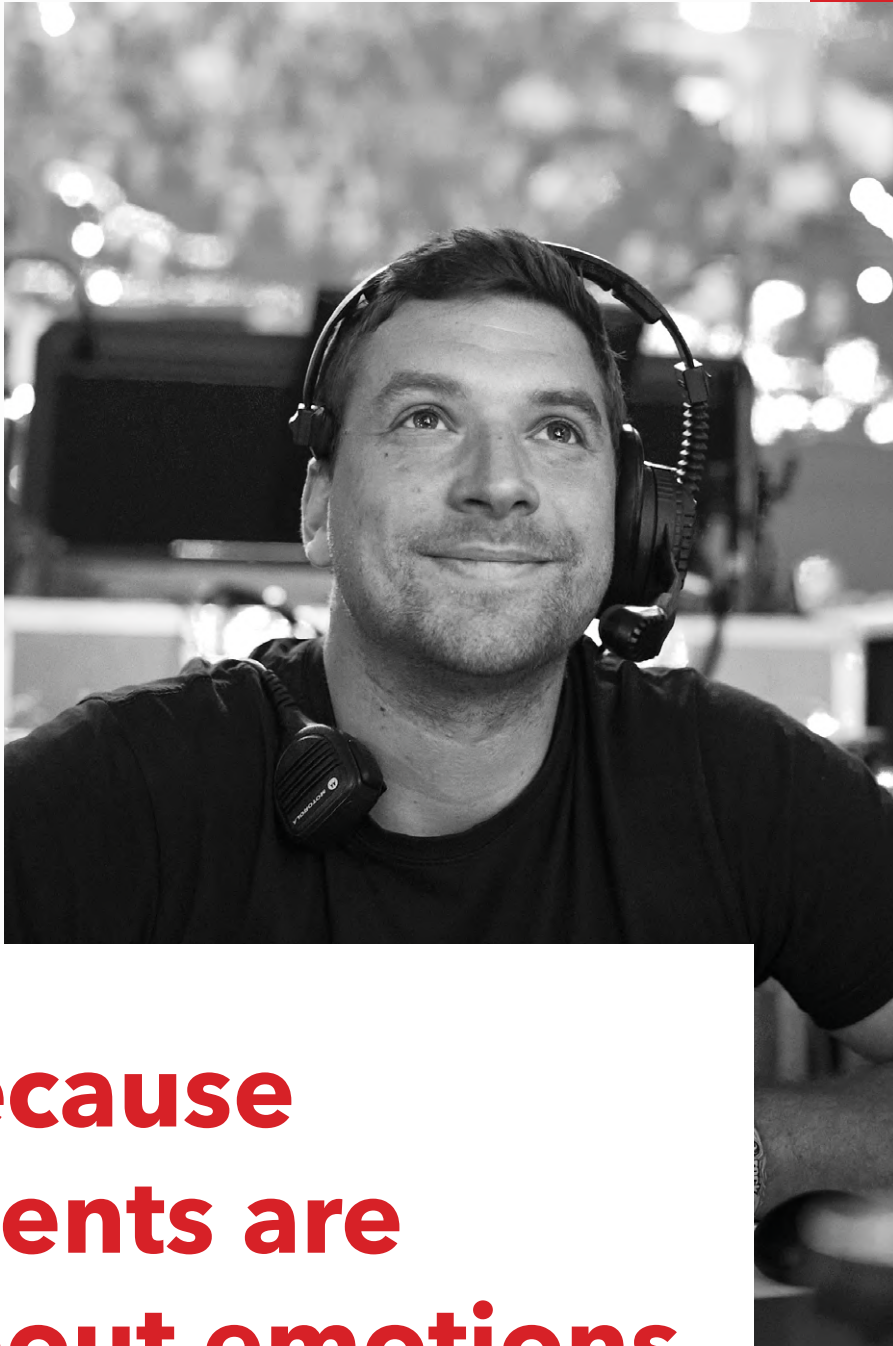
and other experts across a wide range of fields, as well as its cooperation with the Innovate Prague initiative, Prague Convention Bureau can help identify the most suitable congress ambassador for a broad spectrum of specialist congresses and conferences.

Don't hesitate to contact the Prague Convention Bureau team to discuss support options for your event.



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