Quiz Night
30/11/2021

The last social event of this calendar year offered by the CU SWC was Quiz Night. Despite the worsening covid-19 situation, young CU academics were not afraid to meet at a bar in Žižkov to participate in the quiz.

Four teams of four tested their knowledge and logical thinking, imagination and memory. The quiz topics varied from history, geography, politics, celebrities, music, the '70s, stolen monuments to puzzles. It was fun to see that each team member contributed somehow as people have different hobbies and areas of interest. Teams with Italian nationals seemed to have a certain advantage because Italian food was part of the quiz, too. At the end of the Quiz Night, the bonus question pointed out how biased some information sources might be.

More social events are yet to come in the new calendar year. Follow the CU SWC pages to find out more information.

Czech Cuisine Tour
14/10/2021

The guided tour on Czech Cuisine was organised by the CU SWC to give the young Charles University academics and alumni from abroad a chance to learn more about Czech traditional meals and drinks. During the tour, participants from different CU faculties, i.e., the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts, First Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Physical Education and Sport also had the opportunity to socialise and make new contacts with each other.

The tour was launched at Cafe Montmartre, where the academics tasted typical Czech appetisers - Pickled cheese and Pickled sausage ("utopence"). They also learnt about the origin of Czech bread and open-faced sandwiches. The tour then continued to Sisters Bistro, which offered the participants their delicious open-faced sandwiches ("chlebičky"). There was also a discussion among the academics about a typical Czech meal they had tried. Part of the tour focused on Czech pastry tradition, preceded by a short artistic contest on Czech cakes („koláče“). Finally, there was dinner at the Lokál Hamburk restaurant in Karlín, which also provided some insights into Czech Beer tradition. A Signal Festival 2021 light show ended the evening.
CU International Staff Meet-Up
16/9/2021

Young international academics from Charles University got together to hear the Story of Prague.

Despite a torrential rain and low temperatures the young researchers from Bosnia, Brazil, Great Britain, India, Italy, South Korea, Spain, Ukraine and the USA enjoyed the most and less famous Prague sights, stories and legends during a guided tour organised by CU SWC. It was a great opportunity to finally meet in person, get to know each other and share experiences of life and work in the Czech Republic.

The 3-hour long walk was guided by a professional guide Mrs Jiřina Posledníková who took the young academics around the Prague city centre and showed them all the Prague gems such as Astronomical Clock, the Old Town Square, the Old Town streets, the Charles Bridge and its statues. The participants were also told a great many stories and legends about life in Prague in the past. They were introduced to bizarre sculptures of a contemporary Czech artist David Černý and walked around the John Lennon Wall. Exhausted yet gratified tourists enjoyed and deserved a good meal and tasty beer brewed at the brewery restaurant St. Norbert at Strahov Monastery near Prague Castle.